

CLEMENTH ABERCROMBIE 1822

Newspaper article and photograph published in the "Beloit Times" Beloit KS, Aug 21, 1902. Obtained from Mr. Homer T Abercrombie (Great Grandson) 27069 Belvedere Court, Hayward CA 1-16-65. Typed copy sent to me by Patricia Lay. Salmon Idaho

This excellent photograph of Uncle Clem Abercrombie and his great-great grand child, Baby Jones, now ten months old, represents five generations now living. Mr. Abercrombie is a resident of Mitchell County, near Saltville, KS, to which place he moved from the state of GA, about thirty years ago. He has been an industrious farmer, and has amassed considerable property and is comfortably situated on his old homestead near Saltville. He is still active and his face is as ruddy as many a man at fifty. The family tree represented by the picture is as follows: Clemeth Abercrombie Born July 22, 1822, was married to miss Emaline Jones March 4 1841. Their son was William A Abercrombie who was born April 16, 1846; and was married to Miss Elizabeth Brookshire in 1863. Miss Emaline Abercrombie, their daughter was born 1865, and married at 18 to Joseph Shipley. Their daughter, Etta Shipley, was married to W.C. Jones at age of 18, from which union comes, Baby Jones, now ten months old. Uncle Clem, As he is known to all his neighbors, came from a prolific and long lived family. He being one of 13 brothers and sisters. He is the father of 12 children, six boys and six girls. He has 39 grand children, and 38 great great-grandchildren. His wife has been dead several years and sleeps on the hillside at Saltville by whose ride the husband and father expects to rest by and by awaiting the morning of the resurrection in hope of eternal life.

Clemeth Abercrombie was born in the Capt. Abercrombie Militia District, Hall County GA. (1, 16) on July 28, 1822 (2) TO John and Fannie Cavender Abercrombie. (3,4,5). He is one of thirteen brothers and sisters (6) listed as follows:

1. (~abt 1866) Md. Catherine Peck (3,10,11)
2. James () Md. Sarah Step Dec 5 1839 (3,10)
3. Charles (1827-1908) ;Md. Cynthia A Mays Dec 22 1846 (1,4, 7, 8)
4. William (1830-1885) Md. Caroline Blackwell Oct 12 1848 (4,7,9,10,13)

5. Young David (1832-1863) Md. Isabella Johnson (3,11,12)
6. Washington (abt. 1835- 1060's (never married) 1,3
7. Joseph (Abt 1835-1860's) never married 1,3
8. Fanny (abt. 1846-) Md. Jarret Jones Feb 22 1855 1,3,10
9. Andrew J (abt 1846- _ Md. Nancy E Pierce march 10 1866
10. Nancy () md. Jack or AJ Pierce 3,4,10
11. Becky () Md. Baker 3
(Possibly one daughter married J H Glaze, another married John F Roberts)

During the 1840's he purchased four 160 acre agricultural lots in the wild mountainous Penitentiary Cove area surrounding the fertile valleys of Montgomery Creek, in the No. 935 Davis Militia District of Hall County GA, near the Two Run Post Office, which became the Jones Creek District and the No. 1252 Hightower Dist. of Lumpkin County in 1871. The area later became part of the Chattahoochee National Forest and is known as a fisherman's paradise. (11)

He was active in civic affairs, (11) served jury duty in the 1836-1837 and built, Lumpkin County Courthouse, Dahlonega, GA, in 1869 (18) with brothers William and Andrew J, sons William Wiley and John H, and relative John. During the Civil War, at age 41 years six months (Jan 1864) He served as a sub-caroling officer and was exempted from Military service for serving in that capacity. (19)

With the Death of his father John Abercrombie in Dec 1863/jan 1864, Clemeth inherited Approximately \$1384, all of which became worthless upon the defeat of the Confederacy plus nominal amounts, in 1865, and later years as his fair share of the large estate (21)

Clemeth's mother, the former Fannie Cavender, the daughter of Cemenh Cavender (1774-1836) (5,22) Also of Hall County GA (11) had at least one sister Nancy (1823-1912), (5) who married John Barnes (1824-1864) Clemeth apparently was named after his maternal grandfather Cemeth Cavender, as no previous Clemeths can be found in earlier Abercrombie family history.

Between March 5 1869 and Oct 24 1872, Clemeth and Emeline with children William Wiley and family, Joseph martin and wife, Permelia Arveline, Nancy E Jones P. I, Young B., Amanda and Mary Susie; (26) and friends Simons, Pratt's, Gads, and other (27) left Georgia traveled westward, and settled in the new state of Kansas. The Abercrombies homesteaded several parcels of land approximately 14 miles south of Williy Springs (now Beloit) and nine miles northwest of Barnard, in Mitchell County KS. In later years they were joined by sons John H (8,14,25,260 and Andrew J (26) and their respective families. One of the original homesteads, now beside state highway 14, was in later years owned by Mr. Frank Wright, and Mr. Joe Weber. (27) The community of Saltville was established in the same general area near fifth Creek, with the Abercrombie gentleman owning several of the stores, active in local government, and becoming progressive farmers on the rolling plains abundant with buffalo and infested with marauding bands of savage Indians.

(2, 29)

Clemeth's wife, Emaline Jones, was born Nov 17 1824 (2) in GA. (26). They were married in Hall County GA on March 4 1841. (6,29) She later was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lumpkin County, GA (29). She died at Saltville, Mitchell County KS, on Aug 25 1899, in her 74th year of life.

Clemeth, with ruddy complexion, gray hair, and beard, was well liked by his neighbors and friends of Saltville and was know to all as "Uncle Clem". He was an industrious man who amassed considerable property during the 35 plus years of Kansas pioneer farming. (6)

On Nov 17 1907, Clemeth died at the age of 85, and was laid to rest in the Saltville Presbyterian Cemetery beside his wife Emaline. (2) Eleven children (29) of the original 12 children (6) as listed below survived to mourn his death;

Footnotes:

1. Census Records Lumpkin County GA
2. Tombstone engraving, Saltville Presbyterian Cemetery, Mitchell Co. KS

3. information obtained from Joseph EB Abercrombie, Deadwood, SD 1932
4. Lumpkin Co. Ga, records listing original heirs to estate of John Abercrombie-info obtained from Mrs. JD Anthony, Dahlonega, GA, 1965
5. Information obtained from Kader Barnes, relative of Cavender Family, Dahlonega, GA 1965
6. newspaper clipping and photograph of Clementh Abercrombie, Published Aug 21, 1902 in the "Beltoit Times", Beltoit, KS. Obtained from Mrs. Homer Theodore Abercrombie, Hayward, California, 1966.
7. Marriage Records, Hall County, GA
8. Court Desposition, Abercrombie VS Grizzle, Lumpkin Co. GA.
9. Lumpkin Co. GA records listing executor of estate of John Abercrombie --footnote 4 above
10. Marriage Records Lumpkin Co. GA
11. Legal and Public records, Lumpkin and Hall Counties, GA, --footnote 4 above
12. Info obtained from Mrs. WW Johnson, descended from Young Abercrombie, 1965
13. info obtained from Ruby Estelle martin, descendant of William Abercrombie, Dahlonega GA, 1965.
14. Info published in the "Dahlonega Signal" on Feb 1883. Per footnote 4 above
15. info published in "Mountain Signal". Dahlonega, GA on July 8 1958. Footnote 4 above
16. Census records, Hall County GA
17. "History of Idaho" Hawley. Info from Mrs. Annie Ewald
18. Jury List, Lumpkin Co. GA, March 5 1869.
19. Civil War Records, State Archives, Atlanta, GA. Info obtained by- foot note 4 above
20. Doctors Bills and court records, Lumpkin Co. GA. Same as footnote 4 above.
21. Legal Counts of the estate of John Abercrombie-- footnote 4 above.
22. Tombstone Engraving, Cavender Cemetery, Lumpkin Co. GA info obtained from John Abercrombie 1965

23. Newspaper Article published in the "The Daily Times", Gainesville, GA July 1 1959.
24. Surmised from personal research, and combined data.
25. Deed book entry Oct 24 1872, Lumpkin Co. per footnote 4 above.
26. Census Records Mitchell County KS.
27. Info received from Homer Theodore Abercrombie, 1965.
28. Newspaper article published form "Kiowa County Signal" late 1930's/early 1940's info obtained from Mrs. Kitty Lee DeArmon.
29. Newspaper articles published in "Dahlongega Signal" on Sept 15, 1899 see footnote 4 above.
30. School Records, Lumpkin County GA
31. Information received from Mrs. Kitty Lee DeArmon, descendent of William Wiley Abercrombie, 1965.