

Thank you for the letter and the information on our Bourdeaux ancestors and the info on First Families Society. I am interested in the Huguenot Society and the First Families of S.C. At this time, I must obtain the proper documentation.

We have been doing family research since the 1960s, but have not devoted a lot of time on all branches. I was very fortunate to come across a private publication, by Mr. Milton Jackson. He had done a lot of research on his wives ancestors, the Bourdeaux family. As a result of my ad in Gen. Helper, I am in touch with him and have just received a good copy of his works. He also has left a copy in Charleston Library. I will seek his permission to copy the booklet and donate it to several Libraries that we frequent. Also would like to share it with others. It is a well documented piece with footnotes. As far as I know it is not for sale.

Let me share with you my descendency from Jacques de Bourdeaux:

If my records are correct, I descend from Jacques' son Anthoine(Anthony) de Bourdeaux.

Anthony m. Priscilla(possibly Lamb)

Issue: Anthony....James....Martha....Peter....and Daniel....John...
Israel....Isaac...Priscilla...Ann.

DANIEL: b. c 1745 d. c.1815 married 1st, Elizabeth Miller

Issue: Anthony Demelious....Richard
Miller....Daniel,Jr....Eleanor...Priscilla...John Matchett.

ANTHONY DEMELIOUS BOURDEAUX: b. c. 1776 d. 4 Feb 1846 (69 yrs old)
married 1st, Margaret Elizabeth Devane. she was b. c.1790 d. 4 Dec 1833 (43 yrs old).

Issue: Thomas Devane Bourdeaux....Margaret Elizabeth...Mary Jane...and Catherine Ann Bourdeaux. (She is my g-g-grandmother.)

CATHERINE ANN BOURDEAUX: b. 3 Aug 1818 d. 1849, 31 yrs old.
she married RICHMOND TERRELL GORDON, in Lauderdale County MS, on 30 Jan 1845.

Also have enclosed pic of Richmond Gordons three wives final resting place, all in Lauderdale County MS, near Meridian.

I really appreciate hearing from you and look forward to sharing any further information that is found. Would like to know if you have seen Mr. Milton Jacksons material on the Bourdeaux family. He did the research over 10 years ago and as mentioned, for his wife, Renee. Renees' grandmother was a Bordeaux that moved from North Carolina to Arkansas after the Civil War.

Sincerely,



Doug Gordon

Mississippi. The farm lands were being developed and times were very prosperous. When A.D. was five years old, his father was one of the top five producers of farm products in Lauderdale County. His father was Richmond Terrell Gordon.

Suffice it to say that A.D. became accustomed to a "plentiful" and easy lifestyle until he reached the age of fourteen when tragedy hit the family. His father died just as the Civil War was heating up, leaving his third wife with four children and many responsibilities. It was over eight years later before the estate could be settled and divided among the children and widow.

Anthony Demelious Gordon was the grandson of Anthony Demelious Bourdeaux and Margaret Devane. Their daughter, Catherine Ann Bourdeaux married Richmond Terrell Gordon on 30 Jan 1845 in Lauderdale Co MS. A.D.s' mother died when he was only about three years old. Her death was shortly after she gave birth to a daughter, Joannah Eiland Gordon. Joannah lived only about fifteen months. Richmond later was to marry Mary Ann Locket. This marriage produced a daughter, Catherine Ann(Kitty) Gordon. A.D., upon coming of age became his half sisters guardian. Richmonds second wife, Mary Ann died at the tender age of 22. Richmonds third wife was a young widow, Elizabeth Caroline Horne Gaines. She was the widow of Dr. James Strother Gaines, originally from east Tennessee and a resident of Alabama. Dr Gaines died in Mobile of Yellow fever in October 1853. His widow Elizabeth, brought into the Gordon family, two children; John Walter Gaines and Olivia Christine Gaines. John Walter Gaines became an Agent for Southern Express Company. Olivia married Captain John W. Fewell an attorney, statesman and educator of Lauderdale County.

The marriage of Richmond Gordon to Mrs Gaines produced another half-sister to A.D., her name was Eugenia Christine Gordon. Eugenia was born 13 January 1858 in Lauderdale Co.. In 1875 Eugenia married a Benjamin F. Parkes of Lauderdale County.

A.D. Gordon, having been accustomed to being cared for and waited on, took his "handyman" Julius, into the Civil War with him. This was customary in that day and time if the family could afford to have the help. Julius took the last name Gordon and stayed for about two years and earned himself a pension. A.D. served in 2nd Cav. MS as a private in Company "C". He served the duration of the War without major incident or wounding.

On 27 December 1863, A.D. Gordon married Margaret Rebecca Horne daughter of Colonel John H. Horne and Mary McCall Everett of Wayne County MS. Maggie was the young sister of A.D.'s step mother, Elizabeth. Upon their marriage, Col. Horne, gave his daughter 1000 acres of lands near Langsdale MS. There A.D. and Maggie produced fourteen children, two died in infancy and the other twelve grew to be respected and productive citizens.

A.D. can be remembered as an entrepreneur or horse-trader. He bought and sold land, owned a cotton gin; bought and sold timber; was elected to the State Legislature in 1884. Was a Justice of the Peace and a lay-preacher. In November, 1889, A.D., his wife Margaret and three sons Willie, Edward and Henry joined with four others to form the Geneva Presbyterian Church of Matherville MS. Rev. A.B. Coit was appointed by the Presbytery. The Church stands today in excellent condition as a sentinel at the gate of the adjoining cemetery where many of the early settlers of Mississippi are buried.

Children of A.D. and Maggie:

Albert D. Gordon, 1865-1867 died in infancy

Mary Ella Gordon, 1866-1940 married George Washington Mathis, their ten children were: Gordon George; Baby "M" b&d 1887; Lillie Martha; Maggie Carolyn; Minnie Lee; Edward Clarence; Lucille Vivian; George Henry; Virginia Augusta; and A.D. Mathis.

Willie Trotter Gordon, 1868-1910; married Annie Laura Breckenridge, this marriage produced a son and two

Nancy Lucas. They had three sons. Henry Thomas Gordon, Austin Edward Gordon and Devane Douglas Gordon. Henry Snow Gordon may be remembered for his love of flowers and gardening. He raised blemish free peaches, pears and nuts without the use of poisons and spraying. He readily shared the products of his garden.

Anthony Demelious Bourdeaux Gordon, 1874-1914, married Ida Rebecca Moseley, sister to Lulu Mae. They had five children all lived to maturity. Anthony Demelious; Albert B.; Ida Louise; Mary Ella; and Robert Nathan Gordon.

Frank Gordon, 1876-1952, married 1. Lillie E. Everitt, no issue. 2. Edna Slay. this marriage produced five children, one died in infancy. The children were: John Fewell; William Anthony; Margaret Rebecca; Annie Mae and Frank Clifford Gordon. His youngest son, Frank Clifford, married Sarah Catherine Lucas. Mrs Catherine Gordon is a well known historian of Clarke County and has furnished many articles of a historical nature for publication. Mr. Frank Gordons third marriage was to Ollie Palmer, no issue.

Margaret Gordon, 1878-1894 died at young age, never married.

Olivia Mae Gordon, 1879-1967 married 1. George Amos McCarty, no issue; 2. Berry Thomas McCarty, no issue. Although "Aunt Birdie" had no children of her own, she and a sister to Geo. Amos McCarty, Annie McCarty, adopted two children of Hyman Folk McCarty's.

Eugene Parks Gordon, 1881-1960, married Sarah Ann Kennedy they had four girls and a son. They were Helen Edith; Lois Parks; Myrtis La'Claire; Amon Terrell; and Merle Gordon.

Catherine Alice(Kate) Gordon, 1883-1959, married William Oswalt Johnson. Their five children: Earl Brewer; Clara May; Myrtle Laura; John William; and Lela Doris Johnson.

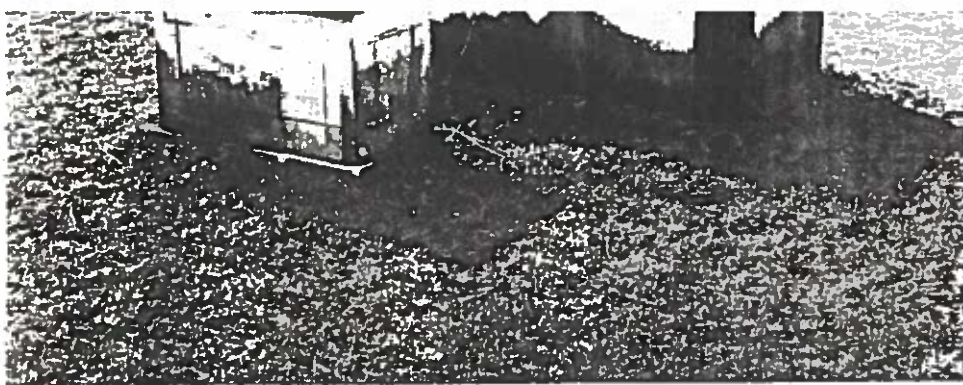
Annie Gordon, 1885-1886 died in infancy.

Leslie Gordon, 1886-1938, married Ola Edna Johnson, a daughter of William Oswalt Johnson. Their daughter Mariam married a Orin W. Andrews. Mariam died in an automobile accident at the age of 25.

Richmond Terrell Gordon, 1888-1949 married Sarah Deborah Journikin. They had three children, Frances Rebecca Gordon, Richmond Calvin Gordon and Berry Thomas Gordon. Frances Gordon Owen, presently living in Quitman has collected names dates and places of over 1500 living and dead descendants of A.D. Gordon and related families. If a descendant is a bit slow in giving out the information, Frances gets into her car and goes for a visit with the descendant and usually comes home with all the details about the family she was seeking. In addition to the Gordon family history, Frances is working on histories of the Owen, Journikin, and Kennedy families. Ms Frances is both Family and Friend.

After his wife died in 1905, A.D. married Miss Josephine Covington of Clarke County. Together they lived in Desoto near the railroad tracks. A.D. knew many of the railroad men and it was a custom for the mail clerk on the train to throw Mr. Gordons mail out of the moving train near his home, here a trusty and faithful Airdale dog would retrieve the mail and bring it to his master. He was never known to have lost a single piece of mail. Miss Josie and her un-married sister Miss Hermione Covington lived with A.D. and cared for him until his death. He is buried in the Covington cemetery near Desoto MS.

Each Family listed as descendants of A.D. and Maggie Gordon have their own stories to tell, including many accomplishments that are too numerous to mention here. Perhaps one young descendant reading this may become interested and ask his or her parents more about the family and thus may start another chapter in a family history. At some point in time we must all say to the young---carry on.



Catherine was FIRST wife of
Richmond T. Gordon and mother
of Anthony Demelius Gordon

Rawson Cemetery, near "Old
Marion" near Meridian MS.

Catherine and Richmond had only
these two children.

Below: ELIZABETH CAROLINE HORNE GORDON b.4 Jun 1832-16 May 1882

Elizabeth was the THIRD wife of Richmond T. Gordon. They had
one child: EUGENIA CHRISTINE GORDON PARKE. Eugenia married a
Benjamin F. Parke. Eliz. also had two children by her first
marriage to Dr. James Strother Gaines. They were John Walter
Gaines and Olivia C. Gaines. Eliz. is b. Rose Hill Cem. in
Medidian MS.



Above: Mary Gordon is looking at the broken
marker of Richmond T. Gordons SECOND wife.
She was MARY ANN LOCKETT she died 19 Nov 1853
"21 yrs, 11 months old" Richmond and Mary
Ann had a dau. CATHERINE ANN(Kitty) GORDON.
"Kitty" Married a Jas. Estes and is buried
in Langsdale MS. Mary Ann and First wife,
Catherine and baby Joannah, plus Richmonds

he lives respected and died regarded

Stop stranger as you pass by
as you are now so once was I
As I am now so must you be
prepare for death and follow me

When death with all his pain drew nigh
sad paled his cheek and dimmed his eye
still not from hope could he be driven
his hope was from the bless of Heaven

JACOB BROWN GORDON was the son of EPHRAIM GORDON. Jacob lived in Lauderdale Co. MS with his wife and three sons. Five children of EPHRAIM lived near Meridian MS ca.1838-1870. they were JACOB, RICHMOND TERRELL GORDON, CHARLES GORDON, PRISCILLA GORDON, ELIZABETH GORDON. Charles married Martha Rebecca Mott; Elizabeth m. Daniel Levi Peavy; Priscilla m. Henry Brannan; Richmond m. Catherine Ann Bourdeaux. Richmond and Catherine Ann were the parents of ANTHONY DEMELIOUS GORDON who married Margaret Rebecca Horne in Wayne Co. MS. One of their fourteen children was HENRY SNOW GORDON, the writers grandfather.

The gravesite pictured is located on a remote hilltop west of Melvin AL near the Clarke Co MS line. The site was the Moody family burial plot. There are about twelve markers, two noted were: Charles Wesley Moody Sep 15,1831-Aug 27,1886; Sarah Ann Blakeney Moody Feb 22, 1826-Jan 11,1892. The story goes that JACOB was returning home from a trip to Gulf Coast on business when he became ill. The Moody family took him in and cared for him until his death about a month later.

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