

The Lacy Family

Lacy Ancestry. Hodie was told by her aunt that Wyatt Lacy was born on January 12, 1867. She stated that he was “born free.” Wyatt’s father descended from one of the three Lacey brothers who came from England to America where they purchased the land south of the Tennessee River that came to known as Lacey Springs. Hodie thought her great grandfather, James, came to America during “slave times.” Hodie’s aunt told her that her grandfather’s mother, Priscilla (wife of James), came on a boat.

Hodie said the 1910 census, District 8 Sheet 11, Enumeration District 111, listed Wyatt Lacy as being 45 years old and a farmer. Wyatt’s household included: Kate (age 47, housekeeper), Cora L. (age 19), Etta P. (age 17), Pearl L. (age 13), Amanda E. (age 12), and Lawrence (age 8). Wyatt’s daughter Cora married Charles Burns (see Charles Burns section).

The 1880 Madison County census lists the members of the James Lacy household. James was Wyatt’s father.

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
James LACY	Self	M	M	MU	40	AL
Prissilla LACY	Wife	F	M	MU	39	AL
Nellie LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	18	AL
Wyatt LACY	Son	M	S	MU	14	AL
Amanda LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	12	AL
Margaret LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	10	AL
Francis LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	8	AL
Thomas LACY	Son	M	S	MU	6	AL
Edith LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	4	AL
Russel LOWE	Other	M	M	B	41	AL
Flora LOWE	Other	F	M	B	29	AL
Anna LOWE	Other	F	S	B	8	AL
Sophia LOWE	Other	F	S	B	6	AL
Matilda LACY	Mother	F	W	MU	60	AL

The 1880 Madison County Census listing the family of James Lacy.

The 1880 census categorized all of the Lacy members of the household of James Lacy as being Mulatto. The census shows James was 40 years old, putting his birth year at 1840. This is consistent with the oral history passed down to Hodie that he came to America during slave times, and the fact that he was classified as “Mulatto.” The last person listed in the census record is Matilda Lacy, who is listed as “mother.” Matilda is categorized as a Mulatto, and being 60 years old at the time of the census, which would indicate she was born in 1820. This would suggest that Hodie’s great grandmother was associated with the Lacey family in Virginia, prior to their move to Alabama.