

Remembering Wyatt Lacy. Hodie obviously cherished the memory of her grandfather. She remembered when he passed away in 1951. She said, “They came to get him in a white coach.” She said he’d lived a long life. She had a copy of his obituary, which stated:

Wyatt Lacy became a Christian in 1887, at Cedar Grove Methodist Church [Mullins Flat]. Later he went to Lakeside. Two daughters are Mrs. Cora Burns, Mrs. Amanda Burns; one son, Lawrence Lacy; 4 sisters and 1 brother, 19 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Royal Funeral Home, with the Reverend Mr. D. G. Toney and the Reverend Mr. J. H. Bridges presiding.

Timmons Ancestry. Hodie’s maternal grandmother, Kate Joiner Lacy, was born February 13, 1864. She died May 10, 1934, nine years after her daughter Etta died (Etta was Hodie’s mother). Hodie said her grandmother Kate had been born a slave. Kate’s mother had “worked in the plantation house.” Hodie also said that her Grandmother Kate’s brothers were Luther Joiner, Alex Joiner, and John Joiner.

Hodie’s naming of her Grandmother Kate’s brothers was the connecting piece that enabled the researcher to identify Kate as Alex Joiner’s sister. During prior interviews, the researcher had learned that Alex had two brothers and their names, but she hadn’t learned about Kate. Another piece was added to the family name chart of the Joiners descended from William Timmons (White) and Luisa (slave). When Kate’s husband, Wyatt Lacy was included beside her on the chart, another piece of information became apparent. The children of Kate and Wyatt Lacy had English ancestors on both sides of the family.

Where Wyatt Lacy Lived

The Parcel Location. On the Army Real Estate Map, the property where Wyatt Lacy lived is shown as C-145. Property to the northwest owned by Francis Horton is shown as C-140. Between these two parcels, a very small parcel (C-142) is shown as owned by Amanda Lightford. The property bordering hers to the north is shown as owned by Sledge Crutcher (C-141). Descendants of the Crutcher name are known to be present in Huntsville today, but the time limitations of this research did not allow for pursuing that line of inquiry.

Property changed hands throughout the years between 1880 and 1941 when the property map was made, but it is speculated that the land between Wyatt Lacy and Francis Horton was in the family because Hodie referred to “up on the hill” as if it were family property beyond her grandfather’s house. She referred to the cemetery up on the hill and noted that babies who died and some other family members were buried there. The closest cemetery is to the west, a niche out of the western boundary of the Crutcher property (C-141). It is listed by the Army as “Unnamed Cemetery.” A very short distance from it, in