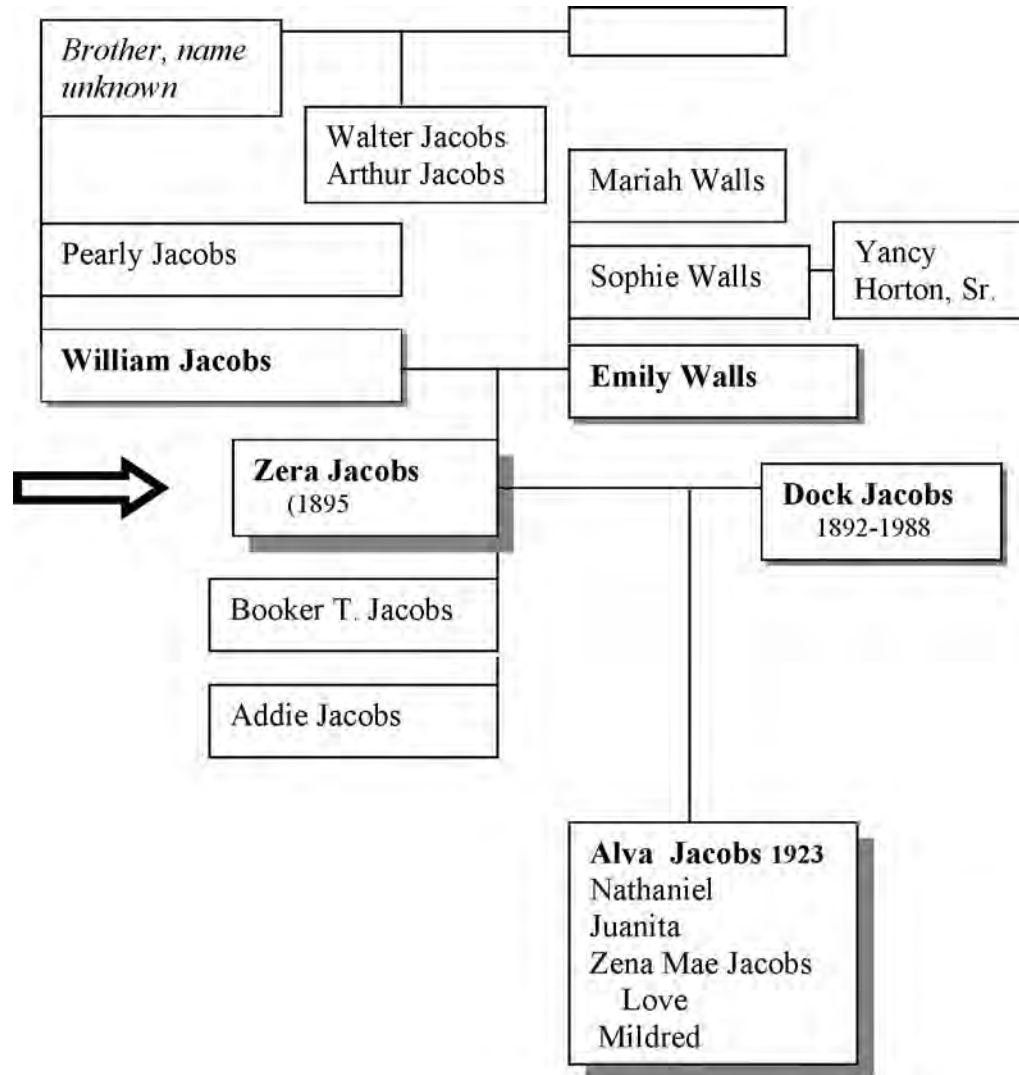


## THE JACOBS FAMILY

The first drawing is the family chart of Zera Jacobs. The second drawing is the chart of her husband, Dock Jacobs. Jacobs was Zera's maiden name as well as her married name. Dock and Zera Jacobs are the parents of Alva Jacobs, whose interview is presented next. The charts were drawn as information was gathered. The researcher sent the charts to a Jacobs family member who had said she would look at them and give feedback, but a follow-up call indicated the person had good intentions but a busy schedule. No further calls were made after the researcher left Huntsville.

### ZERA JACOBS



In looking at the next chart, for Dock Jacobs, notice that the Isaac Jacobs shown was born in 1847. According to historic researcher John Rankin, another Isaac Jacobs was born August 1845, so distinguishing them could be confusing. John says they were cousins—part of a group of Jacobs families from South Carolina that came with matriarch Fanny Jacobs (b. 1778 in SC). Rankin speculates that other Jacobs families were headed by her children who were: Burrell (1801), Unity (1817), Thomas (1801), Isaac (1803), Oliver (1808) and (Rebecca 1807). They were born in South Carolina. All of the above people were listed as “Mulatto,” and Rankin asserts they were free in order to be named on the census records in 1850.