

license (did he ever marry, or have legitimate children) and any other valuable information.

I would also like any information available on his father George Horton, birth/death certificates, property deeds, etc. Census reports list him as being from North Carolina, if that is so, can it be established when he came to Alabama? And I would also like any information on his other, Andrew J.'s siblings.

Amanda's father, Burrill Jacobs is listed on her death certificate and on the 1870 census report as also being from North Carolina; could there be some connection between him and George Horton reaching back to North Carolina?

I sincerely hope that you will be able to help me in this research. Your services have been invaluable in helping me to come this far and I am now very anxious to complete this project.

I am also writing to Mrs. Addie Shavers to enlist her aid as well.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Burns

George Horton's will answered some of these questions. Will Book 1, page 206, shows the Last Will and Testament of George Horton, dated "July A.D. 1856." In his will George wrote [Paragraph 1] that it was his "will and desire" that his three older children, George, William, and James, having property of their own, have no further interest in his estate.

In the second paragraph of his will George Horton said it was his "will and desire" that all his just debts be paid, including "what may be due for two Schollarships [sic] in the North Alabama College at Huntsville, should I die before paying for said Schollarships." In the third paragraph George stated it was his "will and desire" that "my Son, Thomas, who is lame shall have the two Schollarships aforesaid and forty shares of Stock of the Memphis and Charleston Rail Road Company, which I now hold, unless I give them to him before I die."

In the fourth paragraph, George Horton bequeathed the balance of his property of every kind to his wife Mary and his children, Andrew [Jackson], Alfred, Thomas, John, Sara, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Fredrick, and any children born thereafter. This shows that Andrew [Jackson], who has been referred to as "Jack," did inherit from his father; however, the property "of every kind" was divided.

An appraisal of George Horton's property after his death [No. 2221, Probate Court Minute Book No. 6, page 435] provides an extensive list of his property, which includes a Negro girl named Amanda, whose value was listed as \$900.