

WILLIE JOINER HORTON LACY

Interviewed December 2000

Willie Lacy's interview was one of the initial interviews conducted by the researcher six years ago (with a four year lapse before interviewing resumed). In calling that telephone number in June of 2005, the researcher was told Willie had moved to stay with relatives in another state.

Willie Joiner Lacy's Family

Willie Lacy was born March 30, 1914, the daughter of Percy Joiner and Ellen Lacy. Ellen Lacy Joiner died in 1948 when she was "60-some" years old. Her maternal grandmother was Lucy Lacy. The family tree of Lucy Lacy and a photograph of her are presented in the section of Georgia Lacy Lanier. Willie had six sisters (Gussy Noble, Lucille Rooks, Ninelle Brownly, Frostina Hardy, and Lithe Hereford) and five brothers (Roosevelt Joiner, James Joiner, Edward Joiner, Sydney Joiner and Claudie Joiner). The Joiner lineage has been presented above.

Willie's great grandfather, William Timmons, was owner of the Timmons Plantation and her grandmother was his slave. Family members in Willie's line have been shown in heavily outlined boxes on the chart on page 268. Claudie Joiner, the father of Walter Joiner, also has been shadowed for the reader's attention, because the next interview to be presented is one conducted with Walter Joiner. Walter's father and Willie Joiner Lacy's father were brothers. At the time of the interviews, the family chart had not been developed, and the author did not know Willie and Walter were cousins.

Willie's first husband was William Horton. Willie Lacy's second husband was Alvin Leon Lacy. Since Lacy was her mother's maiden name, the interviewer asked if they were related; Willie said they were not. This marriage produced her youngest son, Henry Leon Lacy, with whom she was living at the time of the interview.

Willie's father, Percy (Buster) Joiner owned the parcel shown on the Army Real Estate Map as F-252. It has been established that Percy Joiner, who died in 1977 at the age of 86 (born about 1889) was the son of Alexander (Alex) Joiner and Pearlle Jacobs. Alex Joiner was the son of William Timmons. More in-depth discussion of Percy and the Joiner family is presented in the interview of Walter Joiner.

When Willie Was a Girl

The Horton School. Willie went to Horton School (F-265). Her first husband William's grandfather, Yancy Horton Sr., had donated the land for it. She said she walked to the west from her parents' house about three miles to get to the school in Pond Beat. When the weather was bad, she and her siblings were taken to school in a wagon.