

WALTER JOINER

Interviewed in 2000, 2001, and Feb. 2005

Walter Joiner is the son of Parthenia Wynn Joiner and Claudie Joiner, who was the son of Alex Joiner, who was the son of William Timmons and his slave Luisa (Luisa is said to have had four children by Timmons).

Parthenia was originally from Triana. Her mother was Mary McCauley Burks. Her brother served in the Spanish American War under Joe Wheeler and liked him. He took the name of Wheeler.

Claudie Joiner and Parthenia Wynn Joiner had only two children, Walter and his brother Herbert. After Claudie Joiner died, Parthenia married Connie Horton, who, therefore, became Walter's stepfather. The union brought him a number of stepbrothers who Connie Horton had with his first wife, Mattie: Frank, Everett, George, Ossie, Henry, Louise, Maureen, and William.



Walter Joiner, born in 1920, as a young man.



Walter Joiner in 2004.

Walter said his stepfather, Connie Horton, was the son of Yancy Horton Sr. who lived in Silverhill. Yancy Sr. was born of a slave housekeeper and her master, Jack Horton, who had three children by her. Yancy, Sr. had one sister and one brother. His land and his sister's land adjoined. She married Adolphus (Darphus) Love.

The fact that William Timmons, Walter's great grandfather, was a White plantation owner has been said before, but it is relevant to state it again here, because the Joiners purchased and lived on land that was formerly part of the Timmons plantation. This is where many of them had been born, lived, died, and had been buried. Walter Joiner's heritage is there.

Although Walter Joiner left Huntsville in early 1941, that was not what he had planned to do. He wanted to work on the land of his birth after the army took over the land. He went to the Redstone Ordnance Plant and applied for a job.