

In 1880 the census showed Leeana Pope as head of her own household (husband deceased, divorced, otherwise away from home, or never married in the first place?) at age 21. This census shows that Leeana was born in Mississippi of parents both born in Mississippi. There is only one child in the household in 1880, Laura Ann, age 2, born in Alabama, with her father given as born also in Alabama. No marriage record was found for a Leeana or Leanna of any surname to any groom surnamed Pope in the 1800s per the index posted on-line by the Madison County Records Center. However, it was interesting to note that in 1873 there was a Burwell Pope who married a Frances Kibble, both indicated as “Colored”. There may be some connection to the John Kibble and Leana Pope marriage of 1897, but the exact nature of any such connection is not yet known.

Similar research was done with respect to the tombstone for Mary Lightford:



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