

The 1840 record shows that the Hundleys had 7 Free White males, no Free White females, and 19 slaves. In 1850, the John H. Hundley family in Limestone County had 47 slaves, and all of them were listed in Limestone County (none in Madison County, which was checked). The 1860 slave schedules show that the Hundley family owned 68 slaves prior to the outbreak of the Civil War. J. H. Hundley was shown with 38 slaves in Limestone County, none in Madison County. His son J. Henry Hundley was shown with 3 slaves in Limestone County and none in Madison County. Son William H. Hundley was shown with 3 slaves, all in Limestone County. However, son Orville Hundley was listed as owning 18 slaves, all in Madison County. Orville had married Mary E. Holding in Madison County in 1853, and Mary is thought to have been the daughter of Richard Holding, who owned a plantation where the international airport terminal is now located. In the 1850 census, the Holding family was enumerated in Morgan County, with a daughter listed as “Martha” at age 19. That was probably “Mary Martha” Holding. John H. Hundley married Sarah F. Toney (of the town of Madison area) in 1860 in Madison County. There were two Hundley marriages in Madison County in 1871. One was for Joe Hundley and the other for Jordan Hundley. They may have been brothers and one of them may have been the father of the senior John H. Hundley by an earlier wife, since John H. Hundley was born about 1796 in Virginia. It is interesting to note that in 1860 and 1870 John H. Hundley was shown with the occupation of “Cambelite Preacher / Minister”.

The census images for the Hundley family from 1850 through 1870 (without the slave schedules) are inserted below: