

John S. Barnes & Martha Cannon Timeline

- 1813 **Montgomery Co., TN. William Barnes Sr. & wife Sarah Sanderson** are in records here.
- c1813 **Alabama Territory** (according to John's 1850 census record). **John S. Barnes** born, son of William Barnes & Sarah Sanderson. The initial "S." could be for "Seaborn," as his younger son was named John Seaborn Barnes in 1954. It might be for "Sanderson."
- 25 Nov 1833 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barns** bought 118.95 acres in S24, T25, R6E.¹
- Apr 1834 **Yalobusha Co., MS.** Police Court elections for magistrates and constables: Southeast District: **John S. Barnes** elected constable. NOTE: Another source states southWEST district.
- 28 Apr 1834 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barnes** bought 326.5 acres in S35, T25, R6E.²
- 23 Nov 1834 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barns** bought 79.52 acres in S24, T25, R6E. He also bought 79.53 acres in S25, T25, R6E.³
- Fall 1834 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barnes** made improvement in a building near Water Valley.
- 1834-1835 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barnes** on tax list.
- 28 Feb 1835 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John S. Barns** married **Martha Cannon**, Book A, p. 6, MMR.
- c.1835-1836 **Yalobusha Co., MS. Sarah Jane** born to John and Martha.
- 1836 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barnes**, personal tax rolls, 1 white poll, no blacks
- c.1837/1838 **Yalobusha Co., MS. Rhoda Ann** born to John and Martha.
- 1838/1839 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barnes** sold building improvements to Gabriel B. Ragsdale, in northeast corner of Yalobusha Co. where Water Valley is /OR/ southwest corner of Lafayette Co. adjoining Yalobusha.
- 24 Feb 1840 **Yalobusha Co., MS. Mary Elizabeth** was born to **John S. and Martha (Cannon) Barnes**.
- Dec 1840 John S. Barnes family not in the census in Yalobusha and Lafayette counties, MS.
- 1841 **Yalobusha Co., MS. John Barns**, no land, 1 poll, state tax \$.50; county tax, \$.25.
- 03 Jul 1841 **Cass Co., TX. John Barnes** witnessed James Skinner's conditional certificate for 640 acres in Red River County.

¹ Yalobusha County, Mississippi, tax records online at www.familysearch.org, 1843, Section 2 of 4 sections, p. 11.

² Yalobusha County, Mississippi, tax records online at www.familysearch.org, 1843, Section 2 of 4 sections, p. 12.

³ Yalobusha County, Mississippi, tax records online at www.familysearch.org, 1843, Section 2 of 4 sections, p. 11.

- 20 Sep 1841 **Cass Co., TX. John Barnes** witnessed Calvin Cunningham's conditional certificate for 320 acres.
- 1841-1842 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes's** daughter **Emily Josephine** was born.⁴ (What happened to her is unknown.)
- 04 May 1844 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes** received a conditional certificate and an unconditional certificate for 640 acres of land.
- 03 Feb 1845 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes** received unconditional certificate for 640 acres, 6 miles from town of Linden. File 848 for 294 acres of land.
- 29 Aug 1846 **Cass Co., TX. John Barnes's** name was drawn for December term jury duty.
- 18 Apr 1847 **Battle of Cerro Gordo, Mexico. John Barnes**, a private in Co. I, was slightly wounded. He served in the 7th Infantry under Col. William Selby Harney's First Brigade, in the Second Division, commanded by General David Emanuel Twiggs.⁵
- 13/5 Sep 1847 **Battles of Chapultepec, Garita de Belen, and Mexico City, Mexico. Pvt. John Barnes** was severely wounded. His service was in the 7th Infantry under Col. Bennet C. Riley's Brigade, commanded by General David Emanuel Twiggs.⁶
- Nov 1847 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes's** son **Berry Henderson** was born.⁷
- 19 Oct 1848 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes** had a survey of 346 acres (File 220).
- c. 1848 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes's** daughter **Martha F.** was born.
- 14 May 1849 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes** sold land to Asa Johnson. (294 acres)
- 22 May 1849 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes** had his land surveyed.
- 1850 **Cass Co., TX.** Someone named **Barnes** ran for office (constable) but not elected (the first name of the person is not given in Cass Co. Court house records).
- 29 Mar 1850 **Cass Co., TX. John Barnes** vs. James Waits District Ct. case, Cass Co., TX; judgment that plaintiff may recover all costs. James Waits was a neighbor of Barnes in the 1850 census. [Only the case index survives, so the reason for the lawsuit is unknown.]

⁴ She was identified as Emeline I. or J. in the 1850 Cass Co., TX, census, but notes of Richard Jay Doyle, Jr., grandson of Mary Elizabeth (Barnes) Christman Thomas Garrett Mitchell with information from his mother, Marguerite Estelle (Mitchell) Gray Doyle state that her name was Emily Josephine. Mr. Doyle gave these notes to his daughter, Dianne Doyle Stevens.

⁵ Name from: <http://www.dmwv.org/honoring/cgordo.htm>. The son of Elmira Tennessee (Barnes) Digby, William Seaborn Digby, wrote a letter to the editor of "Frontier Times" magazine in the 1930s, saying that he was a nephew of Seaborn Barnes, and that Seaborn's father, John Burns [sic], was a soldier in the Mexican War. Signed S. W. Digby of Belton, Texas.

⁶ <http://www.dmwv.org/honoring/chapmex.htm>.

⁷ Birth date is from notes of Richard Jay Doyle, Jr., grandson of Mary Elizabeth (Barnes) Christman Thomas Garrett Mitchell with information from his mother, Marguerite Estelle (Mitchell) Gray Doyle. Mr. Doyle gave these notes to his daughter, Dianne Doyle Stevens.

- 09 Aug 1851 **Cass Co., TX. Elmira Tennessee** born to John and Martha.⁸
- 15 Dec 1852 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes's** daughter **Sarah Jane** married **James Skinner, Jr.**
- 17 Feb 1853 **Cass Co., TX.** James Skinner Sr.'s descendants sold land to **John S. Barnes.**
- 05 Mar 1853 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes** sold land to **James Skinner (Jr.)**, same land bought from James Skinner Sr. estate.
- 02 Jun 1854 **Cass Co., TX. John Seaborn**, known as Seaborn, born to John and Martha.⁹
- bef Dec 1854 **Cass Co., TX.** Daughter **Sarah Jane (Barnes) Skinner** died with no known children surviving her.
- 23 Dec 1854 **Cass Co., TX. John S. Barnes's** daughter **Rhoda Ann** married **James Skinner, Jr.**
- 1854 **Cass Co., TX.** This is the first year since Cass Co. was created that John Barnes's name did not appear on the tax list. Instead, **Martha's** name appears for the same property. Thus, John might have died about 1853/1854. This may explain why his patents were never completed.
- 1855-1859 **Cass Co., TX.** Daughter **Rhoda Ann (Barnes) Skinner** died. No known children, but William H. "Billy" Skinner, b. c.1861, might have been her child. James Skinner remarried one or two more times, and Billy could have been a child of a third marriage to an unknown woman. James Skinner married Martha Jane Elizabeth Emily Hill about 1862.
- 1850s/1860s Martha (Cannon) Barnes moved to Handley (now part of Fort Worth), Tarrant Co., TX, with her children. In 1880 her son, Berry Henderson Barnes (known as Henderson) was in the census in Handley (accidentally enumerated twice). The 1860 and 1870 censuses do not exist for Tarrant Co., TX, unfortunately, and the Tarrant Co. courthouse burned in 1878. This makes tracing this Barnes family difficult. Martha's father, Carter Cannon, died in 1875 in Johnson Station (Arlington), Tarrant Co., and probate records for him do exist. Those records refer to the heirs of John Barnes and the heirs of Martha Barnes, so both had died before 1875.
- Bef 1859 **Unknown Co., TX. Mary Elizabeth Barnes** married unknown **Christman.**
- Bef 1865/66 **Unknown location. Unknown Christman** died, perhaps in the Civil War.
- By 1865/66 **Unknown Co., TX. Mary Elizabeth (Barnes) Christman** married unknown **Thomas**, who died before July 1869, perhaps in the Civil War.
- Abt 1865 **Perhaps Tarrant Co., TX.** Daughter **Martha Barnes** married **James Whitten Beall.**

⁸ Her birth date is from an unidentified Texas newspaper, probably in Temple, Texas, "Funeral Will Be Held Today For Mrs. E. T. DIGBY." She died at age 80 at 1 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 Aug 1931, at the home of her son L. Guy Digby, when she "was taken suddenly ill about 9 o'clock Tuesday night." She resided with her daughter, Mrs. D. McKay, 510 North Main Street. She was born in Cass county, Texas, Aug. 9, 1851.

⁹ Birth date and full name are from notes of Richard Jay Doyle, Jr., grandson of Mary Elizabeth (Barnes) Christman Thomas Garrett Mitchell with information from his mother, Marguerite Estelle (Mitchell) Gray Doyle. Notes are in the possession of his daughter, Dianne Doyle Stevens.

- 07 Sep 1865 **Bell Co., TX.** Son **Berry Henderson Barnes** married **Theodocia Phidelia Leatherman** ("Delia").
- 01 Jul 1869 **Brazos Co., TX.** Mrs. **Mary E. Thomas** married **Jeptha N. Garrett**.
- 28 Jan 1869 **Austin Co., TX.** **Elmira Tennessee Barnes** married **Martin Van Buren Digby**.¹⁰
- bef 9 Mar 1874 **Austin Co. or Burnet Co. or Tarrant Co., TX.** Daughter **Martha (Barnes) Beall** died.
- 14 Mar 1878 **Williamson Co., TX.** Mrs. **Mary (Barnes) Garrett**, age 36 (born in 1842), married **James A. Mitchell**, age 46 (born in 1832).¹¹
- 20 Jul 1878 **Round Rock, Williamson Co., TX.** **Seaborn Barnes** was killed by a Texas Ranger. "Seab" was a member of the notorious Sam Bass Gang. Bass was also killed, and the two men are buried together in Round Rock.
- 25 Oct 1883 **Handley, Tarrant Co., TX.** **Berry Henderson Barnes** died. His granddaughter, Pauline Barnes Prescott of Fort Worth, TX, now deceased, told Cecilie Gaziano of Minneapolis, MN, in a telephone call on 19 Apr 1991 that he died of tuberculosis.
- 10 Dec 1908 **Oakland, Alameda Co., CA.** **Mary (Barnes) Mitchell** died and is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery.¹² However, her death certificate stated that she was buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, CA, #8-029871, and records show her in plot 48.¹³ Her name and dates are on daughter Eldo Smith's (Fannie Eldorado Garrett Smith) tombstone in St. Mary's Cemetery.
- 19 Aug 1931 **Austin, Travis Co., TX.** **Elmira Tennessee "Tinnie" (Barnes) Digby**, a resident of Temple, Bell Co., Texas, died.¹⁴

¹⁰ Texas State Library and Archives Commission; Austin, Texas; Confederate Pension Applications, 1899-1975; Collection #: CPA16526; Roll #: 2336; Roll Description: Pension File Nos. 38160 to 38180, Application Years 1921 to 1922. Ancestry.com. Alabama, Texas and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: Texas, Confederate Pension Applications, 1899-1975. Vol. 1-646 & 1-283. Austin, Texas: Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Confederate Pension Rolls, Veterans and Widows. Richmond, Virginia: Library of Virginia. Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940. Montgomery, Alabama: Alabama Department of Archives and History.

¹¹ "Texas, Marriages, 1837-1973," index, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/FX73-JJJ> ; accessed 02 Aug 2014), James A. Mitchell and Mary Garrett, 13 Mar 1878; citing , Williamson, Texas, , reference 2:1JDMQ10; FHL microfilm 1007900.

¹² California Death Index, 1905-1939 [Database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, 2013. Also, "BillionGraves", Index, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KXZ7-SVB>; accessed 01 Aug 2014), MARY MITCHEL.,

¹³ <http://files.usgwararchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/mtvview-m3.txt>

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Her funeral record #107, unnamed funeral home on the photocopy from Billy Blair, p. 292, 19 Aug 1931, gave her cause of death as cerebral apoplexy, left cerebral hemorrhage. Her occupation was "old lady," no religion was specified, her age was 80 years, 0 months, 10 days. She must actually have been 90 when she died. Her parents were given as John S. Barnes and Mary [sic] Cannon, their birthplaces unknown. The bill was charged to D. McKay, who is also shown on the page as Mrs. Victor McKay.