

Uncle JAMES. For under Marion those two sons of ROBERT'S had been together in some close corners.

JAMES II and brother WILLIAM II received the aforementioned grant of land (near present-day Bamberg, South Carolina) in 1816. Though JAMES II was a grown man at the time he must have needed land more than he needed a wife. It is pretty certain that he did not marry until the Dowlings reached Georgia. JAMES II'S mother had been named Rebecca; so had his grandmother Dowling. One would think by looking at Chart 311 that this young man decided to make it three in a row! For about 1826 he too married a Rebecca (her maiden name is unknown; she had been born in the Peachtree State thirty years previously).

In 1833 JAMES II began a twelve year tenure of office as a Justice of the Peace in the 590th Militia District. Four to six years later he took on the additional job of Captain in command of surrounding militia-men whose arms protected the settlers from marauding savages.

After the 1850 enumeration of this Dowling family in Ware County DARLING II, a seventeen year old son, and father JAMES II died. They were probably victims of the dreaded epidemics that periodically invaded the primitive homes of nineteenth century America. Widow Rebecca, age sixty-four, was still living ten years later. (Pierce County had enveloped the old homeplace; and next door, her youngest son, JABEZ JACK was living.)

JAMES II'S YOUNGEST SON, JABEZ JACK, was born in Ware County, Georgia, on August 5, 1838. As have so many other Dowlings, this one would be long-lived, not dying until January 6, 1820. During all his life he was known as JACK Dowling.

JACK married the daughter of Sarah Altman and David Hickox (wife Sarah had been born to those Wayne County pioneers on October 8, 1842; she lived past eighty, dying December 21, 1922. She and JACK are buried in the large cemetery a mile west of Hickox, Georgia.). This wedding took place December 23, 1858, and was witnessed by JACK'S brother AARON and a Harley J. Hickox.

Shortly after Sarah gave birth to twins, JACK was placed on the roll of Captain John T. Wilson's Satilla Rangers (50th Georgia Infantry Regiment). With no man in the house it was imperative that Sarah return to her parents, miles away . . . Early one morning she packed her apron full of clothes for little AARON and EMMA and with a baby in each arm began the long trip through the woods.

A half-century later Sarah delighted in telling her grandchildren

(see Chart 507) about her fear of the wild animals during this journey. Also, how she had to rest so often—nursing the babies—and then taking another tuck in her apron as she plodded onward. Luckily, she arrived safely at the Hickox household.

Husband JACK, however, was almost lost in the fierce fighting that raged to the north. One day he was wounded; as he lay there unable to withdraw, a bluecoat came by and seeing him alive bayoneted him over the ear. After regaining consciousness he was able to crawl back to where others, all wounded, were being loaded on flatcars of an evacuation train. The withdrawing train wasn't able to go far though before it became necessary to abandon it. By this time it was each man for himself; and no sooner had JACK started the third leg of his flight than he realized that he could go no farther. The tattered, grey - clad legs passing him dropped from a throng to a trickle. Then a pair stood before him; what color were they? Dimly JACK could distinguish that they were grey and not blue and that the man was an officer. JACK said later that the thought immediately raced through his mind that this person would offer no help to a mere corporal. But he did . . . and years later in the twilight of Mr. Dowling's life there was only the deep scar of a bayonet over the old man's ear to show for the incident.

JAMES II'S ONLY DAUGHTER, REBECCA, was named for her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Born in 1831, in Georgia, she was the oldest of the four children shown on Chart 311. Nothing more is known of her by the author.

JAMES II'S OLDEST SON, AARON, was a large man. The nephew mentioned above was always known as "Little Aaron." Before father JAMES II left the Salkehatchee area he must have become quite fond of the Rices. Thus Mr. Dowling named his first-born AARON when he made his appearance July 26, 1827, at their Ware County, Georgia, home.

AARON married some twenty-three years later, February 10, 1850. Chart 506 shows the dozen children born to him and Sarah A. Winn. (She was born in Georgia on February 18, 1831, both her parents, Sarah O'Berry and Joseph Jones Winn, being of Georgia birth. Sarah lived until December 27, 1896; AARON, until February 13, 1905. Both are buried at Sardis Cemetery three miles west of Folkston, Georgia.)

When Charlton County, Georgia, was created in 1854, AARON was a member of its first County Board. Three years later he became the first Ordinary that adjoining Pierce County ever had. Of over thirteen Dowling cousins serving the Confederacy from South Georgia he was the