

Notes on Athena Harwell's Family

I first did the Full Sequence MtDNA through FamilyTree DNA in 2015, since I have a direct mother to mother connection with Athena Harwell. So far, I have not had any matches with a genetic distance of 0. I then did Family Finder (atDNA) in 2016, and didn't initially have much luck. I decided to do the atDNA through Ancestry. This is when I discovered the connection with the Davidson family. I also manage my mother's Ancestry DNA account. In addition, I have access to my aunt's (mother's sister) Ancestry DNA.

Hypothesis: Athena Harwell was the daughter of John Harwell and Betsy Davidson. Betsy was the daughter of Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy. Athena has brothers, Elijah Franklin Harwell and James E. Harwell, (perhaps George Dalton Harwell) and sisters, Finny Harwell and Sarah Francis Harwell (perhaps Rhoda Harwell).

I first made a connection with Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy through a "high" DNA match (I always use my mother's DNA) with one of their descendants. Shared matches included descendants of James Henderson White and Josephine White (children of Athena Harwell) and Sarah Harwell (Athena's sister). In addition, there are shared matches with descendants of Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy.

Revolutionary Pension Application for Joseph Davidson

On the 19th day of April 1824, Joseph Davidson age 70, a resident of Pike County Georgia, made application for pension. He enlisted in North Carolina April 20, 1776 and served as a private in Colonel Thomas Polk's regiment commanded by Captain Roger Moore. He served until October 1779 when he was discharged at White Plains, New York. His regiment was in the battles at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, and several other skirmishes.

September 1, 1824, William Hill, Secretary of State for North Carolina, certified that Joseph Davidson was a private in Captain Goodman's Company of the 4th Regiment, and was mustered on the 20th of April 1776 for a term of 2 1/2 years. He was discharged on the 10th November 1778. He also commented that the 4th Regiment was commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk, and Roger Moore was a Captain for a short time in or about the commencement of the war.

In 1824, Joseph Davidson, a resident of Pike County Georgia, stated that he made an application for pension prior to April 19, 1824 through attorney Christopher B. Strong of Putnam County Georgia, and that failed. He again applied through attorney William Gill of the State of Alabama where he lived at the time. It also was denied.

In 1838, Sarah Davidson, of Pike County Georgia, was 77 years old. She married Joseph Davidson in Orange County North Carolina on September 12, 1781. She was around 20 at the time of her marriage. She stated that the British had taken the records of her children's birth during the Revolutionary War. Her husband, Joseph Davidson, died in Pike County Georgia on August 29, 1830. They had resided in Pike County about 7 years prior to his death. Prior to that, they resided in Montgomery County Alabama. Joseph and Sarah were the parents of 13 children. 10 were living in 1838.

In 1838, Isaac Weldon, a resident of Pike County, stated that he became acquainted with Joseph and Sarah Davidson in 1818 when they resided in Jasper County Georgia. The couple then moved to the state of Alabama, and then removed to Pike County Georgia in 1822. I'll talk about Isaac Weldon when I discuss their children.

In 1853, Barbary Weldon, a resident of Merriwether County Georgia declared that her mother, Sarah Davidson, died on March 13, 1941 in Pike County Georgia. Survivors are John Davidson, Polly, who intermarried with Isham Boman, Eleanor who intermarried with Isaac Weldon, Sarah who intermarried with Dread Warren, Margaret Linch who intermarried with Benjamin Linch, Nancy who intermarried with Joseph Warren, the present applicant who intermarried with John Weldon and George Washington Davidson.

In 1854, Unity Peavy, a resident of Merriwether County Georgia, stated that Sarah Davidson was the sister of her late husband, and that Joseph and Sarah Davidson lived within three miles of them in Warren County. She became acquainted with them around 1785 or 1786, and they had around two or three children at the time. She states that she knew all of their children and those surviving are John Davidson, the oldest, then Polly, Eleanor, Sarah, Margaret, Nancy, Barbary, and George Washington Davidson.

In 1855, Gilliam Scogins, a resident of Carroll County Georgia, stated that he knew Joseph and Sarah Davidson for upwards of 20 years before Sarah's death. He named the following children of Sarah Davidson: John Davidson, Polly who intermarried with Isham Boman, Eleanor who intermarried with Isaac Weldon, Sarah who intermarried with Dread Warren, Margaret who intermarried with Benjamin Linch, Nancy who intermarried with Joseph Warren, Barbary who intermarried with John Weldon, and George W. Davidson. I share DNA with a descendant of Martha Ann Scoggins who was born in Georgia 6 Dec 1829. She married John Hamilton Paschal. Martha was the daughter of David G. Scoggins who was born about 1817 in Georgia. She has a brother named Gilliam. Shared matches are descendants of Athena Harwell, Finny Harwell, Elijah Franklin Harwell, and Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy.

Three different people gave the same names in the same order of the children on three different occasions. I'm assuming that they are their birth order.

PLEASE NOTE ***Letter from A.D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator, inaccurately interpreted file information that has, unfortunately, been included in many public trees and websites. In a letter dated March 14, 1935 to The Reverend F. Campbell Symonds, he indicates that Nancy Davidson is the wife of John Weldon, and omits the name of daughter, Barbary Davidson. If you read the actual file, you will find that daughter Barbary Davidson is the wife of John Weldon, and daughter Nancy Davidson is the wife of Joseph Warren. Another example of why you should get a copy of the actual document, if possible.

In 1915, Mrs. M.M. Davies of Atlanta Georgia wrote the Commissioner of Pensions asking for information on Thomas Leverall of Troup Co. Georgia and Joseph Davidson of Pike Co. Georgia. According to Mrs. Davies, she was looking at old papers of her great grandmother, Mary G. Leverall. Her great grandmother had applied for a pension in 1848 on the service of her husband Thomas. She also requested records for Joseph, whose son, Elias, married Lucretia Leverall of Troup County. She states that he died in 1830 in Pike Co. Georgia. I found that Elias Davidson married Lucretia Leverall on 13 Aug 1840 in Harris Co. Georgia. Elias and Lucretia can be found in Troup Co. Georgia from 1850 through 1880 Census. Elias was born in

1813, and died in 1898. Some researchers have his parents as John Davidson and Elizabeth Nichols. Listed in Daughters of the American Revolution members is our Mrs. M.M. Davis. Mary Aldridge Davies, wife of Marvin McTyeire Davies is the daughter of Nathan George Aldridge and Martha Elizabeth Davidson. Her grandparents were Elias Davidson and Lucretia Jane Leverette. Her great grandparents were Thomas Leverett and Jane Dowell, and great great grandparents were Thomas Leverett and Mary G. Griffin. There was no mention of Joseph Davidson. Since M.M. Davies was off by a generation on the Leverett side, perhaps Elias was also, and was the son of Joseph's oldest son, John. She could also have discovered that she was not connected to this Joseph Davidson. She did ask for Joseph Davidson of Pike County, Georgia, but the question is.... How did she get the information? Did a family member tell her that Joseph died in Pike Co. Georgia, or did she see the information on a list of pensioners? The more I research, the more that I think that this is not our John Davidson.

Victor Davidson, Attorney at Law of Irwinton, Georgia, wrote the Commissioner of Pensions on August 17, 1925. He wrote that Joseph Davidson was his great grandfather. He believed that he died around 1852 in Wilkinson County Georgia, but had applied for a pension when he lived in Monroe or Pike County Georgia. Irwinton is the county seat for Wilkinson. In 1927, Victor applied for membership for the Sons of The American Revolution, however, he applied through his mother's family. It did state that he was the son of James T. Davidson and Martha Hogan. I found that James Thomas Davidson was the son of Allen Davidson. I found Allen Davidson in the 1850 Census of Wilkinson County Georgia. Living with him was his father, Joseph Davidson. Victor Davidson was clearly not the great grandson of our Joseph, and Victor probably realized that when he received his letter from Commissioner Winfried Scott dated October 7, 1925.

In 1928, Mrs. I.G. Coleman of Columbus, Georgia requested information of her great great grandfather, Joseph Davidson. She was seeking membership to the DAR. From looking at her signature on the request, it could be T.G. Coleman. I could not confirm Mrs. Coleman's identity in any records. No Coleman was living at the address given in the 1930 Census. I could not find any DAR membership for Mrs. Coleman. There are, however, Coleman men by the name of Isaac and Thomas G. living in Columbus, Georgia.

In 1935, Rev. F. Campbell Symonds wrote the Commissioner of Pensions requesting information on several individuals, including Joseph Davidson of Rowan Co. North Carolina. His request was to know his rank. The commissioner sent him information about our Joseph Davidson. I have looked into the ancestors of Rev. Symonds, and could not find an obvious connection. Perhaps the information was requested for something other than DAR membership.

Biography Of Known Children

John Davidson is referred to as "the oldest" in Joseph Davidson's pension application. Joseph's father was named John, so IF Joseph and Sarah used "traditional" naming practices, this would make sense. We also know that John was still living in 1855. In searching the 1850 Census, the best candidate was John Davison, age 70, who was living with his daughter, Martha Baugh and family in Talledega County Alabama. Since Joseph and Sarah were married in 1781, their oldest child would be very close to 70 years old. Martha married Jonathan Baugh on 29 Jan 1837 in Carroll County Georgia. The 1840 census lists John Davidson, age 50-60, living in Carroll County Georgia. In addition, there is 1 male 5-10, 1 male 15-20, 1 female 5-10,

2 females 10-15, and 1 female 40-50. The 1830 census lists John Davison, age 40-50, living in Carroll County Georgia. In addition, there is 1 male 5-10, 2 females under 5, 1 female 5-10, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 15-20, and 1 female 40-50. I do share DNA with descendants of Martha Davidson and Jonathan Baugh. Our shared matches are descendants of Joseph and Sarah, and Athena, Finny, Elijah Franklin, and George Dalton Harwell.

Mary "Polly" Davidson is mentioned as still living in 1855, however, very few documents were found for Polly. Polly married Isham Boman/Bowman in Oglethorpe County Georgia on 7 May 1804. I was not able to find her in the 1850 Census. In 1796, John Perkins of Hancock County deeded Isham Boman 100 acres on Rocky Comfort Creek in Warren County Georgia. Isham Bowman was a Private in Wimberly's 3rd Regiment of the Georgia Militia during the War of 1812. There is an Isham Bowman living in Gwinnett County Georgia in 1820. There is a female between the age of 26-40 living in the household. Polly would fit in. Georgia Property Tax Digests lists Isham Boman in Pike County Georgia in 1825, 1826, and 1827. Joseph and Sarah were living in Pike County at the same time.

Eleanor/Ellender Davidson first married Joseph Whinery. Joseph died November 7, 1813 while serving in 1st Regiment of Harris' Georgia Militia during the War of 1812. In 1814, Eleanor received a temporary letter of administration for her husband's estate in Putnam County Georgia. It was signed by Eleanor (her X) and Joseph Davidson. As mentioned earlier, Isaac Weldon had mentioned that he first met Joseph Davidson around 1818 in Jasper County Georgia. Although I have found no marriage record, it was probably soon after that Eleanor married Isaac C. Weldon. Isaac and Andrew Weldon became guardians for Emelia Whinery, John Whinery, Martha "Patsy" Whinery, and Joseph Whinery, orphans of Joseph Whinery. An Elijah Harvel witnessed the Meriwether Co. Georgia will of Isaac Weldon. Eleanor and Isaac had a son named Lloyd H. Weldon. It is believed that Bethany Weldon is their daughter. Eleanor is living in 1870 with her daughter, Martha, in Elmore County Alabama. Her age listed is 92. I share DNA with several descendants of Lloyd and Bethany. Shared matches are descendants of Elijah, Athena, and Sarah.

Sarah Davidson was the wife of Dread Warren. Sarah is mentioned in Dread's May 20, 1856 Macon County Georgia will. Also mentioned are children Eli, Eliza (wife of John Robinson), Bray, Catherine (wife of James Allen), Jackson, and Francis. In 1850, she is living in Macon County Georgia. I could not find her in 1860. I did find a message board post with a family tree that gives her death date as 8 Nov 1859, but I have not been able to document this date. The same tree gives Dread's death date as 25 Nov 1857. It appears that Dread is the brother of Joseph Warren who is married to Sarah's sister, Nancy.

Margaret "Peggy" Davidson married Benjamin Linch/Lynch in Putnam County Georgia on 13 Oct 1814. The 1820 Census shows Benjamin Linch as living in Capt. Eli Buckner's Dist., Putnam County Georgia. By 1840, her husband had died, and she was living in Campbell County Georgia. By 1850, she is living in Troup County Georgia with her daughter Elizabeth, age 20. The entry above is William Lynch age 24, probably a son. Elizabeth Lynch married James Gaddy in Meriwether County Georgia on 7 Oct 1851. Margaret is living with Elizabeth and her family in 1860 and 1870. I share DNA with a descendant of Margaret. Shared matches are descendants of Eleanor Davidson.

Nancy Davidson was the wife of Joseph Warren. I found a 2006 archived message about a Joseph and Nancy Warren who are buried at Shiloh Baptist Cemetery, Church Hill, Marion

County, Georgia. Joseph Warren was listed as the only one buried in *History of Stewart County Georgia, Vol. II*, however, when the researcher went to the cemetery, she found that Nancy's information was listed on the back of Joseph's stone. It says, "Nancy, wife of Joseph Warren, Died Dec. 17, 1875, Aged about 77 years." That would make her date of birth around 1798. (I sent the researcher an e-mail on 9/22/16. No answer yet, however, the e-mail address is over 10 years old.) I found Joseph Warren living in Stewart County Georgia in 1840. On the line above was son Bray Warren. Nancy's sister, Sarah, also married a Warren, and named a son Bray.

Barbary Davidson was the wife of John Weldon. I do not have a marriage date. It appears that they lived most of their married life in Meriwether County Georgia. Known children were Eliza born about 1825, Sanford born about 1829, Martha born about 1832, John born about 1834, Joseph J. born about 1838, and Sarah born about 1841. Barbary and John were both living in 1880. John was a son of Isaac C. Weldon and his first wife.

George Washington Davidson married Meriah Mize on 27 Dec 1826 in Pike Co. Georgia. Children born to George Washington and Meriah Davidson were Egbert Christian born about 1827, Simeon born about 1832, Wiley born about 1834, William J. born about 1836, Sarah J. born about 1838, Nancy born about 1840, Mary born about 1842, Dallas born about 1844, and Telina born about 1846, Tilaro born about 1850, and Thomas born about 1853. I share DNA with several descendants of George Washington Davidson. Shared matches are descendants of other children of Joseph and Sarah and Athena, Sarah, Rhoda Harwell, and George Dalton Harwell.

Other Possible Children

Betsy Davidson has been a possible candidate as the mother of Athena and Sarah Francis for quite some time. Harwell researchers have never been able to place John Harvill who married Betsey Davidson with any Harvill/Harwell family. They were married on 20 Dec 1801 in Oglethorpe County Georgia. A daughter of Joseph and Sarah, Polly, was married in Oglethorpe in 1804. The 1800 Census lists several females living in Joseph's household. Betsey certainly fits into this family. There are no other Davidson household in Oglethorpe at that time. A John Harwell of Montgomery County Alabama received land in what is now Lowndes County Alabama in 1823 and 1824. Lowndes Co. was formed from parts of Montgomery County in 1830. The Alabama 1821-1829 Decennary Census Index list a John Harvill of Montgomery Co. in 1824. We know that Joseph and Sarah Davidson lived in Montgomery County from around 1818-1823. Athena Harwell married John S. White in Lowndes County on 22 Dec 1831. Sarah Frances Harwell married Tilman Bailey White on 24 Oct 1833 in Lowndes County.

Joseph Davidson is a possible candidate for a son. IF Joseph and Sarah used "traditional" naming patterns, this name would certainly follow that pattern. Joseph was the name of not only his maternal grandfather, but his father. Joseph Davidson married Elizabeth Weldon in Jasper County Georgia on 1 July 1821. Two of Joseph and Sarah's daughters married Weldon men. Sarah and Joseph spent time in Jasper County Georgia. Joseph and Sarah had a daughter Eleanor/Ellender. In 1840, there is a Joseph Davidson listed a few entries above Margaret Davidson Lynch in Campbell Co. Joseph is listed with his family in 1850 in Harris County Georgia, but died before 1860. Sarah said that 10 of her 13 children were living in 1838. He could have been one of those 10 children who Sarah mentioned in the pension file, but died

before the children were listed by name in 1855. I share DNA with several of his descendants. Shared matches are with those of other descendants of Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy.

1800 U.S. Census Oglethorpe County Georgia

Male	0-9	1791-1800	Joseph Davidson
Male	16-25	1775-1884	John Davidson
Male	26-44	1756-1876	Joseph Davidson
Female	0-9	1791-1800	Sarah Davidson (Dread Warren)
Female	0-9	1791-1800	Margaret Davidson (Benjamin Linch)
Female	0-9	1791-1800	Nancy Davidson (Joseph Warren)
Female	0-9	1791-1800	Barbary Davidson (John Weldon)
Female	10-15	1785-1790	Betsy (Elizabeth) Davidson (John Harwell)
Female	10-15	1785-1790	Polly (Mary) Davidson (Isham Bowman)
Female	10-15	1785-1790	Eleanor Davidson (Isaac Weldon)
Female	10-15	1785-1790	
Female	10-15	1785-1790	
Female	26-44	1756-1876	Sarah Peavy Davidson

This family structure supports the 13 children born to Sarah and Joseph Davidson. There are twelve children and George Washington Davidson, born in 1804 would make 13. IF all of these are their children, there would have to be a situation of a multiple birth, since it indicates 6 girls in a five year period. Betsy would have to be the oldest to make her 16 at the time of her marriage. This would not be that unusual during this time period, however, an error on the census form is also likely. Since we don't have names or relationships, there could also be a niece included. Sarah Davidson stated that she married in 1781. Unity Peavy said that there were 2 or 3 kids by 1785 or 1786. That would probably be John Davidson and at least one girl.

*Those in blue have not been verified.

1830 U.S. Census Pike County Georgia

Male	5-9	1821-1825	
Male	80-89	1841-1850	Joseph Davidson
Female	5-9	1821-1825	
Female	5-9	1821-1825	
Female	20-29	1801-1810	
Female	60-69	1861-1870	Sarah Peavy Davidson

Living with the Davidson's in 1830 was , most likely, either a daughter, daughter-in-law, or granddaughter and her children.

Timeline for Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy

About 1754 -Joseph Davidson was born in probably North Carolina. (Barbary states North Caroline in 1880 Census)

20 Apr 1776 - Enlisted in North Carolina to serve in Captain Thomas Polk's regiment.

Oct 1779 - discharged in White Plains, New York

12 Sep 1781 - married Sarah Peavy in Orange County North Carolina

About 1785 - living within 3 miles of Unity Peavy of Warren County Georgia (Warren Co. was established in 1793 from parts of Wilkes Co.)

25 Sep 1789 - Wilkes Co. Georgia Deed Book G.G. - Davidson, Joseph and wife Sarah to Joseph Peavy, 100 acres on the waters of Ogeechee River agreeable to grant 1785 to said Davidson. (Warren Co. was established in 1793 from parts of Wilkes Co.)

1790 - U.S. Census Reconstructed Records - Wilkes County Georgia (Warren Co. was established in 1793 from pars of Wilkes Co.)

1793 - Warren Co. Georgia Deed Book C, pp. 44-45 Jan 3, 1793 Joseph Davis (sic) and Sarah, his wife, of Wilkes Co., Ga. to Frederick Davis (Davidson?) of same place for the sum of 30 pounds for a tract of land containing 70 acres being in Wilkes Co., Ga. and on Rocky Comfort, being a part of a tract of 200 acres that lies on said creek. Grant dated 2nd Aug. 1786. Witnesses: John Williams and — —Pruit, J.P. Signed by Joseph Davidson and Sarah Davidson.

1794 - Compiled Census Substitutes - Warren County Georgia

1800 - living in Oglethorpe County Georgia

7 May 1804 - daughter, Polly, is married in Oglethorpe County Georgia

10 Dec 1805 - Oglethorpe Co. Ga: John Collier of afad. co., to Joseph Davidson of Clark Co.,Ga. sells 100 acres on Beaverdam Creek waters in Oglethorpe Co.

21 Mar 1806 - Joseph Davidson of Clark Co., Ga., to Leroy Jones of Oglethorpe Co., Ga., for \$200, 100 acres, is part of tract orig. granted to Abraham Levingston in Oglethorpe Co. on Beaverdam Creek waters.

22 Mar 1806 - Joseph Davidson of Clark Co., Ga., to Needham Norris of Oglethorpe Co., Ga., for \$70, on Beaverdam Creek waters. Witnessed by Mark Harvill. (Athens, Georgia is in Clark Co. Perhaps this is where we get the name Athena)

10 Mar 1814 - signed letter with daughter, Eleanor, requesting temporary administration of Joseph Whinery's estate in Putnam County.

13 Oct 1814 - daughter, Peggy, is married in Putman County Georgia (Joseph had a rejected pension submitted through Christopher B. Strong of Putnam County Georgia prior to 1824)

1818 - living in Jasper County Georgia

1818 - moved to Montgomery County Alabama

1821 - In the 1821 Georgia Land Lottery, Joseph Davidson of Pollard's District in Jasper County, won land in Monroe County Lot 156 of Section 6

1822 - In Robert Scott Davis's *The Georgia Black Book* p. 37, Joseph Davidson (of Jasper Co. - Pollard's Dist.) was not a resident of the state for 3 years immediately prior to 15 May 1821. Condemned Monroe Co. Superior Court, March term 1823. Informer was Abner Durham of Jasper Co. Date of Gov.'s order 3 Nov, 1822.

27 Dec 1826 - son, George Washington Davidson married in Pike Co. Georgia

1827 - Joseph won land in the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery from Long's District of Pike Co., Georgia as a Revolutionary War soldier. He won Lot 183. District 29, of Section 1.

1830 - living in Pike County Georgia

29 Aug 1830 - Joseph Davidson died in Pike County Georgia

1832 - Sarah Davidson #279 Cherokee Land Lottery, 1832, Pike Co. Widow. As resident of Allison's District of Pike Co., Georgia, she won Lot 1206, District 21, Section 1.f

13 Mar 1841 - death of his wife, Sarah Peavy Davidson in Pike County Georgia

Other People of Interest

Elijah Franklin Harwell My mother received two "Extremely High" matches with two descendants (father and daughter) of Elizabeth Harvel Horton. They are "very high" matches for me. In looking at their family tree, I found an Elizabeth Harvel, who married Arthur Madison Horton. No other surnames looked familiar. Shared matches were descendants of James Henderson Harwell, Athena's son.

I then received an atDNA match through FamilytreeDNA with another descendant of Elizabeth Harwell Horton. We shared 84 centimorgans and my longest block with 61 cMs. She also did her atDNA through Ancestry, and was an "extremely high" match to both my mother and me. In addition to the two matches above, our shared matches were descendants of James Henderson Harwell, Sarah Harwell White, other descendants of Elizabeth Harvel Horton, and descendants of other children of Elijah F. Harvel/Harwell. In addition, she has shared matches with descendants of Finny Harwell who I will discuss later.

The first is the link to your find a grave entry for Elizabeth. I noticed that the birthdate is July 24, 1845.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/36837206/elizabeth-j.-horton>

I then found her obituary on the Coweta Co. Georgia genweb site. This gives her birth year as 1846.

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/coweta/obits/h/horton6212gob.txt>

When I was reviewing all of my documents on the Davidson family, I noticed that an Elijah Harvell had witnessed Isaac Weldon's Meriwether County will. When I researched Elijah, I found a marriage to Eliza Johnson in Meriwether in 1834. I also found Elijah F. Harwell in 1840 in Meriwether. I "googled" the couple and found this Harvell forum message.

<https://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/harvell/21/>

This information came from a family Bible. The birthdate matches the Coweta Co. obituary. If you look at the 1880 Census where you find Elizabeth and Arthur in Cleburne, Alabama, you will find Eliza and Wiley Bridges just below, and Manda L. just above. Elijah was a substitute for John H. Harvel in Captain Samuel W. Marshboro's Regiment, Georgia infantry on May 20, 1862 at Griffin, Georgia. He died in Virginia on August 21, 1862.

Extremely High matches are virtually 100% that we share enough DNA to prove that you are both descendants of a common ancestor and that connection is recent enough to be conclusive. If Athena and Elijah were siblings, The descendant would be my mother's 4th cousin and my 4th cousin 1X removed.

My aunt (mother's sister) is a "high" match with a descendant of Elizabeth Harwell Horton. Their shared matches are descendants of Ellender Davidson and Isaac Weldon, as well as descendants of Elijah Franklin Harwell. Isaac Weldon stated in the Revolutionary Pension file that he met Joseph Davidson around 1818, so it's more than likely that the connection is through Ellender. She has shared matches with descendants of Elijah Harwell and Sarah Francis Harwell with my mother.

John Harwell received land in Montgomery County Alabama in 1823 and 1826. A John Harvill is listed in the 1824 Alabama Decennary Cenus Index, living in Montgomery County. The land is now in Lowndes County. Athena and Sarah were married in Lowndes Co. There is a marriage to Peggy Lansdown dated 5 Apr 1824 in Montgomery County. The name could be Lansdale, since that surname is in Montgomery and Lowndes Counties at the time. Joseph and Sarah Davidson moved to Montgomery County Alabama around 1818 and returned to Georgia around 1823. Is this the John Harwell who married Betsey Davidson in Oglethorpe County Georgia? Did Joseph and Sarah return to Georgia after Betsey's death? Is he the father of Finny, Athena, James E., and Elijah Franklin? Montgomery County Alabama probate records have not be uploaded yet to Familysearch. With all of the land that John Harwell possessed, it seems to me that a probate records would have to exist.

Finny Harwell married Hardin Smith in Montgomery County Alabama on 5 Jul 1824. She is living in Lowndes Co. in the 1830 Census. Her birth would have been between 1801-1810. By 1850, Hardin Smith of Lowndes Co. is living with wife, Martha, and several Pearce children. Hardin Smith married Martha A. Pearce on 16 Jul 1846. Martha Ann Mickelborough married Charles W. Pearce on 21 Jun 1832. Finny died between 1840, when her son David was born and 1846, when Hardin married Martha Pearce. Some researcher give the date of 1841 for her death. Harden Smith received land in sections 4 and 6 of the same township that John Harwell received land in the adjacent section 5. Some researchers have change her name to Frances Harwell, but I believe that Finny is correct, The name Finny is used in other Harwell families. Is Finny the daughter of John Harwell? Since she was living close to John Harwell, she is probably related. I share DNA with several descendants of Finny Harwell. Shared matches are

descendants of Athena Harwell, Elijah Franklin Harwell, Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy, and other descendants of Finny Harwell.

James E. Harwell is living in 1880 with Sarah White Davidson, Athena's daughter, in Kaufman Co. Texas. His estimated birth is about 1804 in Georgia. He is single (that could be a mistake) and his father was born in North Carolina and mother is Georgia. He is an uncle. Since John Harwell and Betsy Davidson married in 1801, this could be one of their children. There is a James Harwell living with Peyton Harwell in 1860 in Panola Co. Texas. His birthdate is about 1810 in Georgia. He is an overseer. I believe that this is the same James Harwell. I feel that this is a half-brother to Peyton. IF Peyton used traditional naming methods, his oldest son, John, is named after the father, James is named after the oldest brother, and Jonathan is named after his wife's father. In addition it says overseer instead of father. James E. Harwell, born in Georgia, is listed in Panola Co. Texas Voter Registration Lists dated August 31, 1867. He said that he lived in the state and county for 19 years. That would make it around 1848. Athena was living in Panola Co. at that time. He was not found in the 1850 or 1870 census. IF Elijah used traditional naming patterns, he named his first son John, after his father, and his second son is James E.

Peyton Talley Harwell, according to his Mexican War Pension, was born on May 20, 1826 in Alabama. Peyton Harwell of Elmo, Texas, applied for a Mexican War Pension in 1888. He was a private in Capt. Byrd Holland's Company F, 2nd Regiment of the Texas Mounted Volunteers. Col. Wood was the commander. He enlisted May 23, 1846 in Harrison Co. Texas, and was discharged October 2, 1846 (War Dept. said the 8th) at Monterey, Mexico. In *The Harwell Researcher*, Michael Harwell Flanagan submitted the following obituary from the *Confederate Veterans Magazine*: "HARWELL___Patten T. Harwell, A veteran of two wars, died near Elmo, Tenn. (should be Texas), Jan 27, in his eighty-second year. He served his country honorably and faithfully in the war with Mexico and as a private in the War between the States, the last two years in Lane's Confederate Regiment. He was a true man and soldier ready for any service, however hazardous. After the war he went to Kaufman County, Tx. and lived there till near the time of his death. Two sons and several grandchildren are left of his family. He will be kindly remembered by all who knew him as soldier and citizen." He is not the P.T. Harwell in Company B of the Alabama 14th Infantry Regiment, but P.T. Haurell in Company H Crump's Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Lane's) (1st Texas Partisan Rangers). He married Nancy E. Vickery on September 24, 1851 in Panola Co. Texas. Peyton is listed in Panola Co. Texas Voter Registration Lists dated November 18, 1869. He said that he lived in the state and county for 25 years. This would make his arrival in Texas about 1844. I did not find him in the 1850 census, but he is in the 1860 and 1870, living in Panola Co. Texas. By 1880 he was living in Kaufman Co. Texas. He died January 27, 1906 at Elmo, Kaufman, Texas. Obituary in the *Terrell Daily Transcript* said, "Peyton Harwell died in south Terrell at the home of W.O. Harwell. He was eighty-one years old. Interment at Elmo. He was a veteran of both Mexican and civil war."

Hypothesis: Peyton is the son of John Harwell and Peggy Lansdale. John and Peggy married on 5 Apr 1824 in Montgomery Co. Alabama. Joseph and Sarah Davidson returned to Georgia after Betsy Davidson Harwell's death around 1822.

John Elzie Harwell was born in Perry Co. Alabama on 21 Feb 1827. He died on 17 Feb 1904, and is buried in McLennan Co. Texas. He is believed to be the son of William Harwell. William was born 11 February 1782 in Halifax Co. North Carolina. He died in Neshoba Co. Mississippi

in Oct 1849. He was married to Elizabeth Fitzpatrick. James E. Harwell said that his father was born in North Carolina, so is this a brother of John Harwell? I have a "high" DNA match with a descendant of John Elzie Harwell. Shared matches are with descendants of Elijah Harwell and Athena Harwell.

George Dalton Harwell has been the subject of archived Genforum discussions. George married Nancy Rebecca Hutchinson about 1846. They are living in Pike County in 1850. George's age is 28, and was born in Alabama. Two pages later, you find John Shaw and his wife Bithy (29 AL), and James Gaddy and his wife Mary (age 25 AL). John Shaw married Rhoda/Ruthy Harvell in Pike Co. Georgia on 17 Oct 1841. Mary Harwell married James Gaddy on 14 Feb 1850 in Pike Co. Elizabeth Linch, daughter of Davidson, married into the Gaddy family. One researcher noted that George Dalton Harwell came from Pike Co. Alabama. There are a lot of Harwell's in that county. Is the researcher confusing Pike Co. Alabama, for Pike Co. Georgia? George Dalton Harwell is buried at Whitewater Cemetery in Fayette County Georgia. Also buried at this cemetery is Charles H. Harwell, a son of John H. Harwell and grandson of Elijah Franklin Harwell. Rebecca McLean Harwell, wife of John H. and mother of Charles H. is also buried there. I share DNA with his descendants. Shared matches with my mother are descendants of Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy, as well as descendants of Athena and Finny Harwell. Shared matches with my aunt are descendants of Athena Harwell, Elijah Franklin Harwell, and Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy.

GA PROPERTY TAX RECORDS

	Name	District #	County	Year	
*	Elijah Harvel	Griffin	545	Pike	1851
*	Elijah Harwell	District 1	534	Pike	1852
	Elijah Hawel	District 1	534	Pike	1853

	George D Harwell	Yarbroughs	First	Pike	1848
	George D Harvel	District 1	534	Pike	1850
*	George D Harvel	Griffin	545	Pike	1851
*	George D Harwell	District 1	534	Pike	1852
	George D Harwell	District 1	534	Pike	1853
	George D Harvell	Mc Zion		Spalding	1874-1878
	George D Harwell	Mount Zion			

Rhoda/Ruthy Harwell married John Shaw on 17 Oct 1841 in Pike Co. Georgia. She was born around 1821. She is in the 1850 Census living in Pike Co. Two names below is James and Mary Gaddy (I'll address Mary Harwell Gaddy in the next entry). In the 1860 Census, she is still living in Pike Co. By 1970, she is living in Spalding Co. Georgia two families above George Dalton Harwell. I share a match with a descendant of John Shaw and Rhoda Harwell. Shared matches are descendants of Athena Harwell and two children of Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy. This descendant also had their DNA tested through FamilyTree DNA. When I use the Chromosome Browser, she is on the 2nd Chromosome from 221933697 to 235629826. A descendant of Joseph Davidson and Sarah Peavy is on the 2nd Chromosome from 221613429 to 235629826. In addition, a person with the Peavy surname that I have traced back to Joseph T. Peavy and Nancy Mizell is on the 2nd Chromosome from 223473735 to 235851322. I believe that Rhoda is a child or grandchild of Betsy Davidson and John Harwell.

Mary Harwell married James A. Gaddy on 14 Feb 1850 in Pike Co. Georgia. She is listed two families down from Rhoda Harwell Shaw in the 1850 Census living in Pike Co. She was born around 1825. Was she a daughter of John Harwell and Mary Lansdown/Lansdale or a grandchild of John Harwell and Betsy Davidson?

Unity Harwell is listed in the 1840 Pike County Georgia census, a few families down from Isaac Weldon. She was born between 1800-1810. No other documents have been found. Two females are in her household. One was born 1820-1825, and the other was born 1825-1830. Are these the two Harwell girls married in Pike Co. Georgia and connected to George Dalton Harwell? Was Unity their mother? The two Harwell girls were born in Alabama. Did Unity bring the girls back to Pike Co. with the Davidsons? Was Unity married to one of John and Betsy's sons. Was Unity an unmarried aunt, and the Harwell girls were living with her in 1840? Was Unity named after Unity White Peavy? We know from 1850 and after, that nieces and nephews are often included in households. Were there nieces included in the 1800 count. Could Unity Harwell be a daughter of Joseph and Sarah, born after 1800, and one of the 10 of 13 that Sarah referenced, but died before 1855? Was Unity and her kids living with Joseph and Sarah Davidson in 1830? So many questions.

Dotson Harwell My mother and aunt seem to have a lot of matches (mostly "good") with descendants of Dotson Harwell. Shared matches with my mother and aunt are descendants of Athena Harwell, Elijah Franklin Harwell, and Sarah Frances Harwell. This was found when I did a surname search for Harwell and variations of the spelling. There also seems to be a lot of descendants of Mary Miles Harwell.

FamilyTree DNA

I have found eight individuals who share at least 20 cMs of DNA on Chromosome 2 with me. In using the matrix feature, I found that we all share each other as matches. Of the eight, I have already found three who have Peavy/Peevy ancestors, and one is a descendant of Rhoda/Ruthy Harwell.

Just For Fun

Peyton Manning who was an NFL quarterback has Peavy roots. His ancestry is: Peyton Williams Manning, Elisha Archibald "Archie" Manning III, Elisha Archibald "Buddy" Manning, Jr., Elisha Archibald Manning, Sr., Elizabeth Ann Pevey, Archibald Pevey, and Ambrose Peavy. Ambrose Peavy married Lavinia (Vinny) Rowland 10 Dec 1794 in Warren Co. Georgia. Ambrose received land in the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery in Warren Co. We was believed to have moved to Mississippi in 1819. Ambrose had a son Peyton. The name Peyton was handed down through the generations. Peyton Manning is most likely a cousin.