

### **Reality Plantation Recovered. Doc.**

**In the Beginning;** The Spanish, French and English divided the North American Continent among themselves. The English took from the Atlantic Ocean to the Spine of the Appalitations Mountains. The Spanish took Florida, the Rim of the Gulf of Mexico, Texas, California and Mexico. The French took Canada and the Valley of the Mississippi. Thus - The Mississippi Delta was technically a part of the French Empire in North America. It was not important, there was very few, if any, Frenchmen about.

**As a result of the French and Indian War;** During the 1760s France lost their North American Empire. Spain continued to hold Florida, the Rim of the Gulf of Mexico, Mexico, California and Texas. The boundaries of Texas were pushed Eastward to the Mississippi River. England gained Canada and pushed it's boundaries Westward to the Mississippi River. Thus - The Mississippi Delta was a portion of the British Empire, however, it was also Choctaw Indian Territory and settlement was forbidden. It was not important, there was no one to settle.

**As a Result of the War of the Revolution;** During the 1780's. the United States of America acquired from the British Empire the lands from the Spine of the Appalachians to the Mississippi River and from Canada to the Rim of the Gulf of Mexico. Thus - The Mississippi Delta became a part of the United States, however, it remained Choctaw Indian Territory. Again - It was unimportant.

**The Treaty of Doak's Stand;** This treaty was negotiated in the fall of 1820 by Generals Andrew Jackson and Thomas Hinds. Doak's Stand was an Indian Trading post on the Natchez Trace in what today is North Jackson, (Or perhaps, Rankin County.) Mississippi. The United States acquired all or part of 17 counties, a very large portion land, including the Southern Part today's (2004) Washington and all of Issaquena and Sharkey Counties. This area was to be named officially The Second Choctaw Secession, however, it was referred by many names including Jackson's Purchase, the New Purchase. Today, generally refereed to as the Choctaw Purchase.

The entire Choctaw Purchase was originally named Hinds County in honor of General Thomas Hinds. It was thought it would take many, many years to settle and populate. Wrong, a land rush developed the like of which had never been seen before. People came from everywhere. By 1823, it was necessary to begin to separate the area and establish new counties. In 1827, Washington County was organized. The original Washington County including the Southward portion of modern day Washington, all of modern day Sharkey and most of modern day Issaquena.

In 1845, Issaquena County was organized. The area that today contained all of modern day (2004) Issaquena and all of modern day Sharkey County. In 1876, Sharkey County was organized. In 1876, when Sharkey County was organized Townships 18 and a portion of 17 North, Range 03 East, were taken from Warren and added to Issaquena. (A note - This is the area that extends Southward along Steele Bayou to the Yazoo River. It lies along the present day Eagle Lake Road .

**Onward, Reality, Good Intent, Kelso, Omega and Dixie Plantations;** - All six plantations appear to have been named in the beginning, probably in the 1820s. The entire area was originally Washington County. Although much of this area was technically a part of Hinds County from 1823 until 1827, I have found no Hinds County Land Records. In 1845, when Issaquena County was organized, these plantations, of course, moved into Issaquena. And, also, when Sharkey County was organized in 1876, Onward and Good Intent moved into Sharkey. Also, the larger portions of Reality, Kelso and Omega also moved into Sharkey. However, a small portion of the Western most area

of Reality remains in Issaquena. Likewise, smaller portions of the Southern most part Omega and Kelso are in Issaquena.. Much of Dixie was / is in Issaquena with a small portion in Sharkey. And today, they all remain intact with the exception of Dixie.

Dixie Plantation was broken up and surveyed into small acreage's. (A note - See Dec. 08<sup>th</sup>, 1943; D W Hendricks, et ux, to J W Reed. The Warranty Deed.) It was sold to various individuals via the United States Government and the Farmers Home Administration. (A note - Including Mr. William E "Jack" Fleeman who was later to serve as Issaquena County Supervisor.)

Also, Good Intent remains intact as a Plantation, however, the name has changed. Originally it was "Good Intent." For many years it almost disappeared, however, today, it is known as **Smedes Plantation**. Thus - In 2004 Good Intent Plantation is known as Smedes Plantation.

**The Research is very complicated;**

# 01. I found no information in Hinds County.

# 02. In the beginning it was all Washington County and the information is in the Courthouse in Greenville Mississippi. The information appears to be complete. I made several trips to Greenville before I discovered the Transcribed Books In Mayersville.

# 03. In 1845, Issaquena County was organized. The original Seat of Justice was located in today's country community of Tallula. At this time, the Clerk of Washington County and the newly organized Issaquena went through the Land Records of Washington County, copied the documents concerning the area that was to become Issaquena. These four Books are on file in the Issaquena County Chancery Clerk's office. Please note, the area that is Sharkey County is included in these books. In the 1870s the Seat of Justice was moved from Tallula to Mayersville where it remains today.

# 04. The Eastern portion of Issaquena was, in 1876, taken away and Sharkey County was created. It is my understanding that a small portion of Yazoo County was added at this time, however, if this is the situation, I have failed to locate . At this time, One and One / Half Townships were taken from Warren County and added to Issaquena. This is the area along Steele Boyou, the Eagle Lake Road and the Old Bed of the Yazoo River. (Township 17 North, Range 3 East and Township 18 North, Range 03 East.)

# 05. I also made several trips to Yazoo County and Yazoo City, Mississippi, seeking information on the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1866; John H Boylan, & Others, vs. James Dick Hill & Others, Yazoo County, Ms., Chancery Court, File # 44, Lawsuit. Also, to Vicksburg seeking information on Warren County Chancery Court, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1884, M M Martin, Administrator, vs. A B Pittman, Et Al., The - 1662 - Final Decree - Page # 001, Vicksburg. I also contacted the National Archives in Atlanta for information on the Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1871; Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of Mississippi (in Chancery Sitting) Henry D Livingston, et al, Complainants, and John H Boylan, et al, were Defendants. C J Fore was deceased. B B Fore was the owner. I would assume Speake & Buckner foreclosed and this was the result. Regardless, C J Fore lost, somehow, some how. The Court records are in the Federal Court Archives - National Archives in Atlanta. I do not understand this law suit.

## The Onward Plantation

- Location; Section 7 & 8, Township 10 North, Range 7 West, Sharkey County, Mississippi.
- Origin; Purchased Original Entry; United States of America to Abram M Scott & Gavin R Marshall
- Mar., 06<sup>th</sup>, 1833. Abram M Scott died soon afterward. It appears had four heirs. Thus - ¼ of ½ or 1/8 per heir.
- Mar, 03<sup>rd</sup>, 1835; Benjamin Franklin Scott to Thomas Lyne, 1/8 Share.
- Mar. 03<sup>rd</sup>, 1837; P W & Eliza Farrar to Thomas Lyne, 1/8 Share.
- Mar 15<sup>th</sup>, 1838; G R & Sarah Marshall to Thomas Lyne, ½ Share.
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1838; John A Scott, et ux., to Thomas Lyne, 1/8 Share  
(A Note - 1/8 Missing, I was unable to locate this document.)
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1839; Thomas Lyne to William H Lyne, All.
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1850; William H Lyne to Henry Rufus William Hill, All.
- July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill's makes Last Will and Testament.
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill's Last Will and Testament entered for Probate. - One heir - James Dick Hill
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1854; James Dick Hill conveys to Charles A Fore, ½ Share of Onward Plantation upon instructions of H R W Hill. The first time that I found the name "Onward Plantation."
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1854; J D Hill gives Power - of - Attorney to John M Bass & appoints Mr. Bass Agent & Attorney - in - Fact. James Dick Hill will be out of the Country.
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1861;** James D Hill & Wife, to Charles J Fore, The Deed of Trust - Warranty Deed, the James Dick Hill ½ share of Onward Plantation. It would appear that it did not work and the Henry D Livingston, et al, vs. John H Boylan, et al, Law Suit in Federal Court was the result. The Archivist explained that it would appear that different states (Henry D Livingston lived in New Orleans, Louisiana, Boylan lived in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and C J Fore lived in Issaquena County, Mississippi. Thus - The Federal Law Suit.) Thus it would appear. - C J Fore owns ½, J D Hill ½.
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1866;** Yazoo County, Ms., Chancery Court File # 44, John H Boylan, & Others, vs. James Dick Hill & Others, Circuit Court of Yazoo County, Ms, Sitting in Chancery. Many of the files are missing including the Final Decree. It would appear that James Dick Hill owned land in several counties (Including Humphrey's and probably Yazoo) and thus - The lawsuit was heard in Yazoo County. And, really, I do not understand.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1870;** Richard Barnett, Commissioner, conveys the J D Hill ½ share to James J Irby.
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1870;** B B Fore to Speake & Buckner; The Deed of Trust, This appears to be the final desperation.  
B B Fore is C J Fore's son and heir.
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1871;** Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of Mississippi (in Chancery Sitting) Henry D Livingston, et al, Complainants, and John H Boylan, et al, were Defendants. C J Fore was deceased. B B Fore was the owner. I would assume Speake & Buckner foreclosed and this was the result. Regardless, C J Fore lost, someway, some how. The Court records are in the Federal Court Archives - National Archives in Atlanta. I do not understand this law suit.
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1871;** Richards Barnett, Commissioner, conveys to James J Irby, C J Fore's ½ Share. J J Irby has All.
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1874; James J & Virginia R Irby to Ferguson & Chambers, All.
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 1874; E Parish & I Mathews to Ferguson & Chambers, The Share Cropper Agreement & Mortgage.  
Several Share Cropper Agreements & Mortgages for the same year.
- June 01<sup>st</sup>, 1875; Ferguson & Chambers to A Parker Ferguson, ¼ Interest.
- Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1876; Middleton & Mary Chambers to Thaddeus C S Ferguson, The Agreement.
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1879; T C S Ferguson to A Parker Ferguson, The Agreement.
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Last Will & Testament of Thaddeus C S Ferguson

Jan. 02<sup>nd</sup>, 1880; T C S Ferguson, Estate, to James M Bullock, All

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 1884; T C S Ferguson to James M Bullock, The Final Decree.

Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 1909; Mary Bullock & Virginia B Willis to Ben Pearl & Henry Kline, All

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1954; Barnard Pearl To Milton Kline, The Partition.

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Dec. 06<sup>th</sup>, 2000; Milton & Helen Kline to The Onward Plantation, L P, Front Street, Anguilla,  
Mississippi. (The Western portion.) their partition. Tax Rolls

Dec. 06<sup>th</sup>, 2000; The Pearl family continues to own their (The Eastern portion.) partition.  
As it remains in 2004 from the Tax Rolls.

## The Reality Plantation

- The Location** Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 7 West.
- The Origin Section 19 - Original Entry - The United States to Peter Cregin - January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1834  
Section 20 - Original Entry, United States to Thomas C Nelson, July 06<sup>th</sup>, 1833
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1846; Thomas C Nelson, Deceased, to Harry R W Hill, The Deed of Conveyance / One Part.
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1846; Peter C Creyden to H R W Hill, The Warranty Deed / One part.
- July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill prepares Last Will & Testament.
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill's Last Will & Testament is entered for Probate. One Heir - James Dick Hill
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1854; J D Hill gives Power - of - Attorney to John M Bass & appoints Attorney - in - fact.  
James Dick Hill will be out of the Country.
- April 01<sup>st</sup>, 1854; James Dick Hill to William R Miles, The Deed of Trust.
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1856; James Dick Hill to Robert Y Black, Thomas K Price & B H Moss, The Deed of Trust
- April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1856; J D Hill by **J M Bass**, Agent & Attorney - in - Fact, to Robert Y Black & William M Boylan  
The Deed of Trust
- Sept. 04<sup>th</sup>, 1863; J D Hill, et al, to Hancock and Irby, The Warranty Deed.
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1866; John H Boylan, & Others, vs. James Dick Hill & Others, Yazoo County, Ms., Chancery Court  
File # 44 - Circuit Court of Yazoo County, Ms, Sitting in Chancery - Yazoo City, Yazoo  
County, Mississippi - Final Decree issued and property sold in 1870. Many files are  
missing. This is very complicated. I do not understand this law suit.
- Mar. 07<sup>th</sup>, 1868; James Dick Hill to Charles H Kerner, The Deed in Trust. This appears the final desperation.
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1870; Richards Barnett, Commissioner, to Benjamin H Moss, Final Decree & Commissioners Deed.
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1870; Richards Barnett, Commissioner, to John Boylan, et al, Final Decree & Commissioner's Deed
- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1870; Benjamin H Moss & Wife to James J Irby, The Warranty Deed
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; William, Wm. H & James Boylan, et al, to Alfred B Pittman. The Deed of Conveyance
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Boylans, et al, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; William E & Jane E Green to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Jane E Green, et al, to A B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1881; John D Gilliland, Commissioner, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1882; T F Scott to Thomas M Smedes, the Warranty Deed. S21 T10N, R7W, a part of Reality Plantation
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1883; Thomas M Smedes to A B Pittman, S21 T10N R7W, a part of Reality Plantation
- Feb. 02<sup>nd</sup>, 1883; A B Pittman to Shattuck & Hoffman, The Deed of Trust, The British Mortgage Companies arrive.
- April 09<sup>th</sup>, 1885; W W Mangum to William B Shattuck. The Trustees Deed - The Reality Company is organized.
- Feb. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1910; The Reality Company to W F Godwin, The Warranty Deed - The Reality Co. becomes Deer Creek  
Plantation Company.
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1910; W F Godwin to Deer Creek Planting Company - Deer Creek Planting Company is created.
- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1930; M Cripe, Trustee, to Central States Life Insurance Company, The Trustee's Deed.
- Aug. 04<sup>th</sup>, 1939; Central State Life Insurance Company to Theresa M Hand, et al. The Special Warranty Deed.
- Oct. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1958; Theresa M Hand, et al., to Reality Plantation, The Deed of Conveyance and Bill of Sale.  
As it remains in 2004, from the Tax Roll.



## The Good Intent Plantation

### A Note - Good Intent became the Biles Farm and still later The Smedes Plantation.

The Location      Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 7 West.

The Origin          Original Entry, United States to Thomas T Lambert, June 07<sup>th</sup>, 1833

Nov 05<sup>th</sup>, 1838; W M Given, Commissioner, to D Hardeman, ½ interest

Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1839; D Hardeman to Mississippi Union Bank, Deed of Trust.

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1839; D & Sarah Ann Hardeman to Pugh & Brien, Commissioners.

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1841; Pugh & Brien to Harry R W Hill, The Commissioners Sale

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill dies between July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853 & September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1853 - One heir - James Dick Hill

Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1854; J D Hill gives Power - of - Attorney to John M Bass & appoints Attorney - in - fact.  
James Dick Hill will be out of the Country.

April 01<sup>st</sup>, 1854; James Dick Hill to William R Miles, The Deed of Trust.

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1856; James Dick Hill to Robert Y Black, Thomas K Price & B H Moss, The Deed of Trust

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1856; J D Hill by J M Bass, Agent & Attorney - in - Fact, to Robert Y Black & William M Boylan  
The Deed of Trust.

Sept. 04<sup>th</sup>, 1863; J D Hill, et al, to Hancock and Irby, The Warranty Deed.

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1866; John H Boylan, & Others, vs. James Dick Hill & Others, Yazoo County, Ms., Chancery Court  
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Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1870; Richards Barnett, Commissioner, to Benjamin H Moss, Final Decree & Commissioners Deed.

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1870; Richards Barnett, Commissioner, to John Boylan, et al, Final Decree & Commissioner's Deed

Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1870; Benjamin H Moss & Wife to James J Irby, The Warranty Deed

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; William, Wm. H & James Boylan, et al, to Alfred B Pittman. The Deed of Conveyance

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Boylans, et al, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; William E & Jane E Green to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Jane E Green, et al, to A B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1881; John D Gilliland, Commissioner, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance

Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1882; T F Scott to Thomas M Smedes, the Warranty Deed. 21, T10N, R7W, a part of Reality Plantation

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1883; Thomas M Smedes to A B Pittman, 21 T10N R7W, a part of Reality. (N½N½ - ½ of 40 acres)

Feb. 02<sup>nd</sup>, 1883; A B Pittman to Shattuck & Hoffman, The Deed of Trust, The British arrive

April 09<sup>th</sup>, 1885; W W Mangum to William B Shattuck. The Trustees Deed - The Reality Company is Organized.

Jan. 06<sup>th</sup>, 1888; Wm. B Shattuck to L N O & T Railway, The Right - of - Way Deed

Jan. 06<sup>th</sup>, 1888; Albert R Shattuck to L N O & T Railway Company, The Right - of - Way.

Jan. 06<sup>th</sup>, 1888; Wm. B Shattuck to L N O & T Railway Company, The Right - of - Way.

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1890; The Reality Company to Joseph Carter, The Quit Claim Deed.

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1890; Joseph Carter, et ux, to The Reality Company, The Deed of Trust.

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1896; Joe & Fanny Carter to The Reality Company, The Quit Claim Deed.

President Theodore Roosevelt Arrives for the **Famous Bear Hunt**.

Feb. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1910; The Reality Company to W F Godwin, The Warranty Deed,

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1910; W F Godwin to Deer Creek Planting Company - Deer Creek Planting Company is created.

**Deer Creek Planting Company to Central States Insurance Company, The Warranty Deed**

**Aug. 04<sup>th</sup>, 1939; Central States Life Insurance Company to Theresa M Hand, et al., The Warranty Deed**

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1991; James D Biles, et al, to James D Biles, III, the Partition Deed. **“Smedes Plantation.”**

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1997; James D Biles, III, to Biles Farm, LLC., The Quit - Claim Deed.

Today, 2004, the Tax Record. Referred to as **“Smedes Plantation.”**

## The Kelso Plantation

- The Location      Section 34, Township 10 North, Range 7 West.
- The Origin        Original Entry, United States to Samuel Gwin
- Nov 05<sup>th</sup>, 1838; W M Given, Commissioner, to D Hardeman - The Commissioners Sale.
- Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1839; D Hardeman to Mississippi Union Bank, Deed of Trust.
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1841; Pugh & Brien to R W H Hill, The Commissioners Sale.
- Dec. 21, 1842; Levi Mitchell to Stephen Stafford, ½ Interest
- Dec. 26, 1842; Stephen Stafford to H R W Hill, The Mitchell ½ interest
- April 03<sup>rd</sup>, 1843; G W Huntington to H R W Hill, The Deed of Conveyance
- July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill dies between July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853 & September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1853 - One heir - James Dick Hill
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1854; J D Hill gives Power - of - Attorney to John M Bass & appoints Attorney - in - fact.  
James Dick Hill will be out of the Country.
- April 01<sup>st</sup>, 1854; James Dick Hill to William R Miles, The Deed of Trust.
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1856; James Dick Hill to Robert Y Black, Thomas K Price & B H Moss, The Deed of Trust
- April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1856; J D Hill by J M Bass, Agent & Attorney - in - Fact, to Robert Y Black & William M Boylan  
The Deed of Trust
- Sept. 04<sup>th</sup>, 1863; J D Hill, et al, to Hancock and Irby, The Warranty Deed.
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1866; John H Boylan, & Others, vs. James Dick Hill & Others, Yazoo County, Ms., Chancery Court  
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- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1870; Richards Barnett, Commissioner, to Benjamin H Moss, Final Decree & Commissioners Deed.
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- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; William, Wm. H & James Boylan, et al, to Alfred B Pittman. The Deed of Conveyance
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Boylans, et al, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; William E & Jane E Green to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Jane E Green, et al, to A B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1881; John D Gilliland, Commissioner, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Feb. 02<sup>nd</sup>, 1883; A B Pittman to Shattuck & Hoffman, The Deed of Trust, The British arrive
- April 09<sup>th</sup>, 1885; W W Mangum to William B Shattuck. The Trustees Deed - The Reality Company is Organized.
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- Jan. 06<sup>th</sup>, 1888; Wm. B Shattuck to L N O & T Railway Company, The Right - of - Way.
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1905; The Reality Company to Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. The Deed of Conveyance.  
The Kelso - Silver City Branch Line.
- Feb. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1910; The Reality Company to W F Godwin, The Warranty Deed - The Reality Co. becomes Deer Creek  
Plantation Company.

- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1910; W F Godwin to Deer Creek Planting Company - Deer Creek Planting Company is created.
- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1930; M Cripe, Trustee, to Central States Life Insurance Company, The Trustee's Deed.
- June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1944; Y&MVRR to the United States of America, The Warranty Deed, The Y&MVRR sells the Kelso Silver City Branch to the United States Government. Much of the right - of - way becomes a part of Delta National Forest.
- Oct. 01<sup>st</sup> 1958; James Hand, III, to Kelso Planting Company, The Deed of Conveyance and Bill of Sale.  
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## The Omega Plantation

The Location      Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 7 West

The Origin        Original Entry, United States to Levi Mitchell & George W Huntington

Nov. 05<sup>th</sup>, 1838; W M Given, Commissioner, to D Hardeman - The Commissioners Sale

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1841; Pugh & Brien to R W H Hill, The Commissioners Sale.

Dec. 21, 1842; Levi Mitchell to Stephen Stafford, ½ Interest

Dec. 26, 1842; Stephen Stafford to H R W Hill, The Mitchell ½ interest

April 03<sup>rd</sup>, 1843; G W Huntington to H R W Hill, ½ Interest. H R W Hill now has **All**.

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill dies between July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853 & September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1853 - One heir - James Dick Hill

Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1854; J D Hill gives Power - of - Attorney to John M Bass & appoints Attorney - in - fact.  
James Dick Hill will be out of the Country.

April 01<sup>st</sup>, 1854; James Dick Hill to William R Miles, The Deed of Trust.

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The Deed of Trust

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Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Jane E Green, et al, to A B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance

Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1881; Jane E Green, et al, to Al. B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance.

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1881; John D Gilliland, Commissioner, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance

Feb. 02<sup>nd</sup>, 1883; A B Pittman to Shattuck & Hoffman, The Deed of Trust, The British arrive

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1884; M M Martin, Administrator, vs. A B Pittman, et al. Vicksburg, Warren County Chancery Court  
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April 09<sup>th</sup>, 1885; W W Mangum to William B Shattuck. The Trustees Deed.  
The Law - Suits finally end. The Title is finally clear and The Reality Company is organized.

Feb. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1910; The Reality Company to W F Godwin, The Warranty Deed - The Reality Co. becomes Deer Creek  
Planting Company or perhaps Deer Creek Plantation Company.

Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1902; Henry Wilson to the Reality Company, The Rental and Sharecropper's Contract

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1910; W F Godwin to Deer Creek Planting Company - Deer Creek Plantation Company is created.

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1924; Deer Creek Planting Co. to the International Life Insurance, The Deed of Conveyance - 800 acres  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1924. Deer Creek Planting Co. to International Life Insurance Co., Deed of Conveyance - 800 acres.  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1924. Deed Creek Planting Co. to International Life Insurance Co. Deed of Conveyance - 800 acres.  
Oct. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1935; Central American Life Insurance Co. to James Hand, et al., The Deed of Conveyance.  
James Hand acquires Omega.  
Oct. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1936; Central American Life Insurance Co. to James Hand, et al, The Deed of Conveyance  
James Hand acquires more of Omega  
Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1998; Albert T Watson To Omega Plantation, L L C, The Warranty Deed  
From the Tax Roll

## The Dixie Plantation

- The Location      Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 7 West - Sharkey County, Mississippi  
Section 01, Township 09 North, Range 6 West - Issaquena County, Mississippi
- The Origin          Original Entry, United States of America to Levi Mitchell & George Huntington
- Dec. 21, 1842; Levi Mitchell to Stephen Stafford, The ½ Interest
- Dec. 26, 1842; Stephen Stafford to H R W Hill, The Mitchell ½ interest
- April 03<sup>rd</sup>, 1843; G W Huntington to H R W Hill, ½ Interest; H R W Hill now owns **All**.
- July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill dies between July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1853 & September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1853 - One heir - James Dick Hill
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1854; J D Hill gives Power - of - Attorney to John M Bass & appoints Attorney - in - fact.  
James Dick Hill will be out of the Country.
- April 01<sup>st</sup>, 1854; James Dick Hill to William R Miles, The Deed of Trust.
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1856; James Dick Hill to Robert Y Black, Thomas K Price & B H Moss, The Deed of Trust
- April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1856; J D Hill by J M Bass, Agent & Attorney - in - Fact, to Robert Y Black & William M Boylan
- Sept. 04<sup>th</sup>, 1863; J D Hill, et al, to Hancock and Irby, The Warranty Deed.
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1866; John H Boylan, & Others, vs. James Dick Hill & Others, Yazoo County, Ms., Chancery Court File # 44 - Circuit Court of Yazoo County, Ms, Sitting in Chancery - Yazoo City, Yazoo County, Mississippi. - Final Decree issued and property sold in 1870. Many files are missing. This is very complicated..
- Mar. 07<sup>th</sup>, 1868; James Dick Hill to Charles H Kerner, The Deed in Trust. The Desperation.
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1870; Richards Barnett, Commissioner, to Benjamin H Moss, Final Decree & Commissioners Deed.
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1870; Richards Barnett, Commissioner, to John Boylan, et al, Final Decree & Commissioner's Deed.  
John Boylan died.
- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1870; Benjamin H Moss & Wife to James J Irby, The Warranty Deed
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; William, Wm. H & James Boylan, et al, to Alfred B Pittman. The Deed of Conveyance
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Boylans, et al, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879; William E & Jane E Green Boylan to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1879; Jane E Boylan Green, et al, to A B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1881; John D Gilliland, Commissioner, to Alfred B Pittman, The Deed of Conveyance
- Feb. 02<sup>nd</sup>, 1883; A B Pittman to Shattuck & Hoffman, The Deed of Trust - British Mortgaging Companies arrive.
- April 09<sup>th</sup>, 1885; W W Mangum to William B Shattuck. The Trustees Deed - The Reality Company is Organized.
- Aug. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1887; W B Shattuck to British & American Mortgage. Company, Ltd.
- Aug. 01<sup>st</sup>, 1887; British & American Mortgage Co. to W W Mangum. Warranty Deed - **640 acres** - Issaquena Co.  
A portion of "Dixie."
- Jan. 06<sup>th</sup>, 1888; W B Shattuck to L N O & T Railway, The Right - of - Way Deed.
- Jan. 06<sup>th</sup>, 1888; Albert R Shattuck to L N O & T Railway Company The Right - of - Way.
- Jan. 06<sup>th</sup>, 1888; Wm. B Shattuck to L N O & T Railway Company, The Right - of - Way.
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1890 The LNO&T Railway Co. To W W Mangum - The Warranty Deed. - **160 acres**.  
A portion of "Dixie."
- Jan. 07<sup>th</sup>, 1892; The Reality Company to W W Mangum, The Warranty Deed - **312 acres** - Sharkey County.  
A portion of "Dixie."

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1908; W W Mangum to Charles C Sanford, The Warranty Deed - **1,271 acres**, Sharkey - Issaquena  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 1908; C C Sanford to G T Darden, The Warranty Deed.  
Nov. 09<sup>th</sup>, 1911; G T Darden to C C Sanford; The Warranty Deed  
Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1914; C C Sanford, Estate, to C W Cochran, The Warranty Deeds.  
Book P, page 1, C W Cochran to 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank In Meridian, the Deed of Trust  
Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1931; C W Cochran & 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank to J R Moore, The Substitute Trustee.  
Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1931; C W Cochran to 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank in Meridian, The Trustees Deed  
1<sup>st</sup> National Bank into Receivership - The Receiver is Appointed.  
Dec. 08<sup>th</sup>, 1931; 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank to W W Willis, et al, Trustees, - The Trustees Deed  
Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1932; W W Willis, et al, Trustees, to 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Meridian, Ms., The Warranty Deed  
Jan. 02<sup>nd</sup>, 1935; 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Meridian, Ms. to D W Hendricks, The Warranty Deed.  
Dec. 08<sup>th</sup>, 1943; D W Hendricks, et ux, to J W Reed. The Warranty Deed  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1945; J W Reed, et ux, to Joe B Lovern, et ux. The Warranty Deed  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1945; J W Reed, et ux, to James D Rutledge, et ux., The Warranty Deed  
Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1947; U S A & F H A to Guy H Leach - The Foreclosure - J D & A Rutledge  
Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1949; U S A & F H A - Guy H Leach to William E Fleeman, et ux, The Quit Claim Deed.  
Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1992; Jessie Lovern to W E Fleeman, Jr., et al. The Warranty Deed.

### The Cocke Plantation

Origin; Original Entry. The United States to Hartwell Cock.  
The Location Lot # 2, Section 13, Township 9 North, Range 9 West.  
Lot # 1, Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 9 West.  
Lots # 1, 2, 3, 4 5 & 6, Section 01, Township 10 North, Range 9 West  
Lots # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, Section 02, Township 10 North, Range 9 West.  
Lots # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 9 West.  
Lots # 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6, Section 4, Township 10 North, Range 9 West.  
Lot # 5. Section 06, Township 10 North, Range 9 West.  
Containing total - 3,038 acres  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1847; William & Louisiana Cocke McRaven, et ux, to H R W Hill, The Warranty Deed , 1/5 part.  
Hartwell Cocke is Deceased. Louisiana Cocke McRaven is one of the Distributes  
Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1847; Tax Collector to H R W Hill, The Tax Deed, J & J H Cocke, 4/5 Undivided Share.  
Sept, 29<sup>th</sup>, 1848; George S Yerger to H R W Hill, The Deed of Conveyance, All?  
June 01<sup>st</sup>, 1849; H W R Hill to Richard Christmas, The 1<sup>st</sup> Agreement. 1/5 Undivided Share.  
Louisiana McRaven's 1/5 Share  
Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1849; H W R Hill to Richard Christmas, The Second Agreement, The Undivided 4/5 Share  
Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1853; H R W Hill to Richard Christmas, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Agreement, the 1/5 Undivided Share.  
Was conveyed from R W Whittington & Wife to John H & James Cocke.  
**A note;** I have not finished the Cocke Plantation.

### M S Bennett - Silver Creek

The Location; **Get the Information from Sharkey County, Mississippi.**  
NE ¼, Nw ¼ & SE ¼, Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 5 West. Total 587 17/100 acres.  
That portion of S W ¼, Township 13 North, Range 5 West, lying West of Silver Creek.  
Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 1849 M S Bennett to H R W Hill, The Warranty Deed.  
**A note;** I have not finished the M S Bennett Plantation

### William Izard Bull - Steel's Bayou

Apr. 01, 1849; William Izard Bull to Hill, McLean & Co. The Deed of Trust. - Total 1600 acres  
Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1849; William Israel Bull to Hill, McLean & Co., The Deed of Trust  
Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1849; Hill, McLean & Co., to William Israel Bull, The Release of the Deed of Trust.  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1852; Robert D Turnbull, et us, to William Izard Bull, The Deed of Trust, The Description.  
**All of Section Number Twenty - Two (22) except lots Three, Four & Five (3,4 & 5); Also the South - West Quarter of Section Number Twenty - Three (23); Also lots One, Two, Three, Five & Six (1, 2, 3, 5 & 6) of Section Twenty - Six (26); Also, Lots Number Two and Three (2 & 3) of Section Number Twenty - Seven (27); Also Lots Number Two and Six (2 & 6) of Section Thrity - Six (36); Also, Lot Five (5) of Section Fifteen (15) (Omitted??); All in Township 13 North, in Range 8 West; Also, Lots Number One and Seven of Section Number 6 in Township Number Twelve in Range Number Eight (8) West, containing Fifteen Hundred and Fifty (1,550) acres, more or less.**  
**As the South - Half of Section Seventeen (S ½ Section 17), Township Thirteen (13) North of Range Eight (8) West, containing Three Hundred and Twenty (320) acres, more or less**  
**A Note ;** I have not finished the William Izard Bull Plantation

### Samuel Wells

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1850; Samuel Wells to Hill, McLean & Co., The Deed of Trust  
**A Note;** I have not finished the Samuel Wells Plantation.

### Margaret Allen Plantation

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1846; Margaret Allen to H R W Hill; The Deed of Conveyance; Mayersville, Issaquena County, Mississippi Sections One, Two and Three and Lots One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six and Seven of Section Four, Township Ten, Range Nine West. Also Lots One and Two of Section Six, Township Ten North, Range Eight West; Also Lot Two of Section Fourteen. The South - East Quarter and West - Half of South - West Quarter of Section Ten, the South - West Quarter (Page # 448) and East - Half of South - East Quarter of Section Eleven, Township Nine North, Range Nine West, containing the aggregate of Twenty - Nine Hundred Acres, more or less.  
**A Note;** I have not finished the Margaret Allen Plantation.

## **Hays Landing - Tallulah - Fidler**

### **The Comments - By James Earl Price**

I am a student of Methodist History. Several years past I became aware that probably the First Methodist Preaching Place in the interior of the Mississippi Delta was located at Hills Plantation (1850's). Hills Plantation consisted of Onward, Good Intent, Reality, Kelso, Omega and Dixie. The six plantations were scattered along the banks of Deer Creek between the villages of Valley Park to Northward of Onward Store. These six plantations continue in existence today, however, Good Intent is known by another name.

Next, I became interested in the Teddy Roosevelt Bear Hunt which occurred from the Good Intent Plantation (1902). This led to seeking Information concerning Reality Planting Company and Governor John M Parker. John M Parker was born in Claiborne County, moved to New Orleans early in life and earned his living as a cotton factor. He helped organize The Reality Planting Company which acquired the Good Intent, Realty, Kelso, Omega and Dixie Plantations, circa, 1880. John M Parker was, also, one of the men who organized the President Roosevelt Hunt.

Thus - I set out to find more information about #1. The Methodists in the Mississippi Delta. # 2. Harry R W Hill, the man. # 3. The Harry R W Hill Plantations; # 4; Reality Planting Company; # 5. Governor of John M Parker of Louisiana; & # 6. The construction of the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas Railroad, later to become the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad and still later to become the Illinois Central. The railroad was abandoned in the 1980's.

And, no, I have not found it all, but I think one must admit that I have found some.

For whatever reason, the Onward Plantation was kept separate and apart from the other five Henry Hill Plantations. Good Intent, Reality, Kelso, Omega and Dixie were kept separate but also operated as a unit from the time Henry R W Hill acquired them until the Great Depression.

Today, 2004, all except Dixie continue to operate. Dixie was broken up during World Ward II and sold to small Farmers through the Farmers Home Administration.

James Earl

