

# Abraham Nabors

My 4<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather (Albert Harless Myers' Line)

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(The following is from a handwritten letter preserved on Ancestry.com.)

*Rev. Abraham Nabors*, son of Jacob and Judith Nabors, was born about 1790 in Laurens County South Carolina. He married Nancy (Crockett) Crawford, born 1792. She died in 1860 in Shelby County Alabama.

Abraham was a Methodist minister, and his third child, Paul, was also a Methodist minister.

The family of Abraham moved to the Shelby County area in about 1816-1817, along with his brother, Arthur "Artur," and probably his cousins, Buel Blassingame, Charles, Lewis, and Samuel. All have been reported to move to Alabama in that time period.

Rev. Abraham Nabors died in Perry County Alabama in 1848.

The children of Abraham and Nancy Nabors:

(1) Annie Louvine, 1808-1889. Her marriages were to Rev. John Crowson, John Harless, John Weeks, and John Crowson.

(2) Sarah H., 1810-1875, was married to John H. Harless. Their children were \*Margaret C. \*Charles C. \*Henry \*Nancy Elizabeth \*Sarah Rebecca.

(3) Rev. Paul Hampton, 1811-1878, married on 25 January 1834 in Shelby County Alabama to Mary "Polly" Hanna Harless. Their children were William Henry, Mallissa Caroline, Elizabeth, John Wesley, Martha Ann, George Milton, James Harrison, Margaret Elizabeth, Sarah Catherine, Mary Elizabeth, Thomas Annason, Nancy Pida, Mellon Paul, and Paul Hampton.

(4) Silas Mason, 1815-1881, married Mary W. Neal. In 1841 he served as a Justice of the Peace in Shelby County Alabama. Their children were \*Eleanor \*Sarah \*Abraham Monroe \*Salina \*Robert.

(5) Mary "Polly," born about 1815, married James Farley.

(6) Ira, married Lucinda Foust. Their children were Jane and Mary.

(7) James G., married Mary Wiggins. Their child was James J.

(8) Wilson Burr, born about 1822, married Sarah Ann Barham. He served in the Civil War as a Private in Company "A" 61st Alabama Infantry.

(9) Joshua W., 1824-1901. His first marriage was to Jane (Reeves) Smith. Their children were \*James \*Mary \*Benjamin \*Cordiana. His second marriage was to Jane Reid and their child was \*Margaret Loucretia.

(10) Sallie Catherine, 1831-1910, married on 20 September 1855 to Joshua Henry Frost, son of Jesse and Catherine Harless Frost. Their child was \*Joshua Mitchell.

(11) William Mason, born 1832, married on 30 August 1851 to his cousin, Rebecca A. Nabors, daughter of Buel and Jane Nabors. Their children were \*Mary S. \*William M. \*Alicie \*Harvy \*Florance \*Sarah. He served as a Captain in the Civil War in Company "D" 28th Alabama Infantry. (12) Elizabeth, married Hilliard Ben Stewart.

(13) Caroline, married Jim Brieland (14) Margaret, married Mathias Mowdy.

The obituary, *The Shelby County Advocate*, December 2, 1909, "Death of Mrs. Mowdy. On the morning of Nov. 18th, 1909, death entered the home of Mrs. Mattie Butts and took from it her aged mother, Mrs. Margaret Mowdy, she had been very feeble for sometime being in her 84th year. Her death was very sudden but peaceful as a little babe going to sleep. She was a daughter of Rev. Abraham Nabors formerly of Shelby county, and had been a consistent member of the M.E. Church for 70 years. She leaves two daughters and a number of grand children and great grand children and friends to mourn her loss; but weep not dear ones for our loss is Heavens gain and may we all live so as to meet her in a brighter world beyond for we feel sure that dear one is at rest, but oh! how sadly we all shall miss her here. She was laid to rest in Stanton cemetery on the 19th. Revs. Martin and Ruddick conducting funeral services. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones. A Friend. Dearest mother thou has left us. And they loss we greatly feel, But tis He who hath bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal. R.E.B., W.J.B." Their daughter, Nancy C. Mowdy, married William Knowles in Shelby County Alabama on 20 November 1872. Their daughter, Lexie Knowles, 1881-1942, married in Shelby County Alabama on 12 November 1899 to Joseph S. Essman, 1877-1916.

(15) Harriet, married James Barnett.

(16) Lucricia, married on 30 November 1841 to Matthew Asbury Farley. Their children were \*John Cannon \*James W. (17) A. Wesley, married on 3 July 1859 to Mary Moore. Their child was \*Parrie. He served in the Civil War as a Corporal in Company "D" 30th Alabama Infantry.

### **Short Biography of Rev Abraham Nabors Shelby County Historical Society, AI**

Judge Peters diary of Shelby County early settlers was entered in Blue's Book of Alabama Notables of every county. I have not been able to find his grave in Perry county. His will was almost probated, then his sons changed their minds. Paul Nabors, his son, had moved to Perry for a short time with his father, but moved back to Shelby and appears on the 1860 census. However, Both Abraham and Paul are missed on the 1850 census.

### **Handwritten Note on Ancestry.com**

(Somewhat hard to read) Abraham Nabors, a native of South Carolina, settled in Lee's Cove, Cahaba Valley, in 1818. He came and continued a Methodist preacher.

He was in stature, a small man of dark complexion and of rather feeble constitution; of limited education but of sound and discriminating mind, of studious habits (unreadable) of character and deep piety.

He was rather poor as far as relates to this world's goods.

He preached a great deal at all times logical and intuitive in his discourses singularly (unreadable) and one whose ministry labors wise greatly (unreadable).

After having preached the Gospel for nearly thirty years in Shelby, he removed to Perry County, where he died in 1850 or 48 living nearly 20 children by the same mother.