



Sandy Alexander Bodiford

Spouse of: Mary Ann Elizabeth "Best" Bodiford

Married: November 13, 1873

Son of: William A. & Mary Ann "Watson" Bodiford

The parents of Sandy Alexander:

Notes for WILLIAM A. BODIFORD:

Some researchers have posted William dying in Florida and Mary Ann in Lowndes/Crenshaw County, Alabama. However our research indicates that to be incorrect. According to a 1960's interview with Clodine Bodiford (born 1892) and granddaughter to William, they both died of pneumonia in Florida. She stated there was a very short time span between their deaths. They died leaving small children, the youngest being less than a year old. Clodine did not know whether William's brother "Isham" was there when one or both died or perhaps he traveled there afterwards. Regardless she was sure her parents stated many times he returned from Florida with the children.

Documents indicate William had purchased land in Okaloosa County in 1859 and stated on the deed his residence was next door in Walton County. We are of the opinion they both died in Okaloosa County on the property he purchased. Geographically the distance from

Rutledge in Lowndes County, Alabama to Okaloosa & Walton County, Florida was less than 50 miles. However that was a considerable distance, traveling by wagon in 1865 with the Civil War just ending. According to Clodine, her great grandparents (children grandparents) Alexander and Crisanna assumed the responsibility of raising the children. Alexander only lived (7) years after assuming that responsibility, however (with the help of Isham) Chrisanna lived to raised them.

Using the census and proven research William & Mary Ann had (7) children. The first (2) born in Alabama, the next (3) born in Florida, the 6th born in Alabama and the last (# 7) born in Florida. Time line:

1846-1851 Lowndes County, Alabama

1851-1859 Walton County, Florida

1859-1862 Lowndes County, Alabama

1862-1865 Okaloosa County, Florida

Based on the science of genealogy and the 1872 estate documents of Alexander (William's father) only (4) of his (7) children lived to adulthood. According to the 1872 estate records: Sarah Jane & Elizabeth was living with Crisanna "their grandmother" and Sandy was living with his uncle Isham. Christine Rebecca was married and living next door in Montgomery County. There were no mention of other siblings or sibling in the estate documents.

NOTE: The compassion shown by Alexander (age 75) and Chrisanna (age 63) warrants a special posthumous THANK-YOU from all the descendents. Even at their age they had the courage to assume the responsibility of raising their grandchildren.



Sandy Alexander Bodiford
Third Generation Grandson of
Green Bodiford 1725 - 1788

Notes for GREEN BODIFORD:

Green Bodiford is alleged to have been born in Essex England, however we are unable to present proof. The earliest documents we could find on him came from the Robeson County, North Carolina Heritage Book. His name was documented on the Bladen County, North Carolina tax list of 1768, 1769, 1771, 1776, 1784 and 1786. An abstract deed in the Robeson County Courthouse dated 1779 indicates he purchased 100 acres of land with the verbiage (including the house where Bodeford now lives). Robeson County was created from Bladen in 1787. Documented in March 1787 indicate Green sold to Dougald McLauchlin 50 acres. This was part of the land he purchased in 1779.

According to the science of genealogy (including tax and land records) Green Bodiford had at least four sons; William, Alexander, James, Silas and a daughter Ann. They were residents of Bladen and Robeson County, North Carolina & Marlboro County, South Carolina, which is basically the same area. Robeson was created from Bladen and Marlboro joined by an almost undetermined line during that era. The Bodiford's,

figuratively speaking, resided in one large neighborhood with siblings listed as being born on both sides of the line. It is apparent Green died between the land sale in 1787 and the tax and census roll of 1790. He does not appear on either.

In 1822 & 1823 a large wagon train formed from that area to migrate to Alabama. Two of Green's sons (Alexander & Silas) joined that wagon train with their families. James and William both died prior to 1822, however many of their family members joined the migration. Sandy Alexander Sr. and other family members settled in the eastern part of Montgomery County (which remained Montgomery). Other Bodiford's including Sandy Alexander Jr. settled in the western part which in 1830 became Lowndes County and in 1866 became Crenshaw. Allsie Ann "Bodiford" & Moses Ellison first settled their family in Montgomery County and later moved over to Pike County. Green's daughter Ann Bodiford and her son (Ellis Green Bodiford Barlow) continued on a few miles south to Conecuh County. Some of the family members showed up in the Dale (later Coffee) County census as early as 1840.

Some of the other surnames known to have been involved in this migration were; Barlow, Beasley, Clark, Dixon, Ellison, Rials, Taylor and Bryan. Many of these surnames are still inter-marrying with the Bodiford's.