



## Elijah Cannon's speculated mother

Source reference **NF20707** :

Personen : (Unknown) , Cannon Hannah

The below information is provided by Douglas L. Foster:

I have no proof that Hannah Cannon was a daughter of James Cannon and Sarah Reed. I also do not have proof that she was the mother of Elijah Cannon, Almon Cannon and Margaret Cannon, but she fits my description of their mother. After DNA tests showed that William Cannon and Mary Morgan of the 1820 Hall County, Georgia census were not of the same line of Cannons as my Almon Cannon, I began to look for other sources for my Cannon ancestors. I knew that Almon had grown up in Indian territory. I also knew that Margaret Cannon, Almon's sister had 6 or more illegitimate children over a 30 to 40 year period. Margaret gave all of these children the surname "Cannon". Did her mother follow the same practice? The 1800 Census of Pendleton District, SC showed that James Cannon was living in Household 363 and the Orman Morgan family was three households away in Household 366.

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The above website advertises for a sale a document found in the papers of George Walton, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. The document was Item 253 - George Walton Catalog 211 (Mar 1998) DS, one page, 12.5 x 8, November 4, 1801. A bench warrant summoning Arthur Markum and Hannah Cannon to appear before the Justice of the Peace 'for Adultery and Fornication...to be dealt with as the law directs.' In very good condition with pinholes along the folds, several larger holes slightly affecting the text and moderate overall uneven toning.

The bench warrant was signed by George Walton

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The above bench warrant resulted in a trial in Franklin County, Georgia Superior Court. This knowledge prompted the following letter from me to the Georgia Archives.

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Dear Archivist,

The following was obtained at your website:

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Miscellaneous lists

State vs Arthur Markham & Hannah Cannon

I would like to have a copy of the papers associated with the highlighted case.

Please inform me concerning the procedure. I am enclosing a self addressed and stamped envelope for your reply. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Foster

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I have now received their reply and on June 13, 2006 have ordered the copies .  
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State of Georgia }

Franklin County } The jurors for the County  
aforesaid, that is to say: Frederick Stevelee, forman,  
John Selman, Joseph Chandler, Clement Wilkins,  
William Ramsey, George Cockburn, John Carter,  
John Gilbert, William Black, Edward King, Jacob  
Burton, James Hargrove, Robert Walters, Xenon  
Naylor, Benjamin Allen, William Thomas Upon their  
oath present that: Arthur Markum, late of the  
County aforesaid, Yoeman, and Hannah Cannon, late  
of same place, Spinster, on the first day of October in  
the year one thousand eight hundred and one, at the  
house of the said Arthur Markum in the County  
aforesaid and at divers other times and places both  
before and after did live in adultery and fornication  
together. The said Arthur Markum in Adultry and  
the said Hannah Cannon in Fornication by having  
Carnal Knowledge of each other to the evil example of  
all others in like cases offending and against the form  
(?) and effect of an act of the General Assembly in  
such cases made and proved and against the peace  
and Dignity of the said State the safety and welfare of  
the inhabitants thereof.

P. Alen. Lollyen (?)

April Term 1802

Georgia }

Franklin County } Know all men by these  
presents that we Arthur Markam &  
James Reed, both of the County & State  
aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto  
Josiah Tattall, Jr., Governor and  
Commander in Chief of sd State & his  
successors in office in the penal sum of  
five hundred dollars for which payment  
will & truly to be made we bond ourselves  
our heirs Etc firmly by these presents.  
The Condition of the above obligation is  
such that if the above Bonded Arthur  
Markham do in his own proper person  
appear at the next Superior Court to be  
held in & for sd County on the second  
Monday of this Instant then & there to  
abide the sentence of sd Court on account  
of adultery & fornication, then the above  
obligation to be paid otherwise to be &  
remain in full force & virtue in Law.

Given

under our hands & seals this

fifth day

of April 1802

Fred k Beall J.P. ArthurMarkham

James Reed

NOTE: Was James Reed possibly a brother of Hannah Cannon's mother, Sarah Reed?

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On Jun 8, 1803, CLAIBORNE County, TN, Court Minutes, Book 1, Page 136 an Arthur Markum was involved in a law suit.

"Isaac YOKUM

&

Marthy YOKUM

vs.

Arthur MARKUM

George HOVER

Source reference **NF20724** :

Personen : Branch John Willis, Cannon Ann M.

The children who went to Texas that were sons of John Willis Branch state that their mother was Eliza Jane Cannon, and that they were born in Wake County, NC. They also state that Eliza was b. ca 1825. There was an Eliza Cannon living in Tallapoosa County, AL in 1860 in the household of a Mary Cannon (assumed to be a sister of Eliza). Hannah Cannon lived in Sampson County, NC at the time of the 1840 Federal Census. That census provides the following information regarding Hannah's family: Hannah was head of household and was shown to be over 50 but under 60 years old. One other female in the family was over 20 but under 30 years old (this was probably Ann M. Cannon. There was one male in the household in the age bracket over 15, but under 20 (probably James H. Cannon). The relationship between John W. Branch and the two daughters of Hannah, Ann M. Cannon and Eliza Jane Cannon is unknown. He may have been in a common-law marriage with each of them for a period. John W. Branch had a total of 9 children by the two Cannon sisters. I have no way of knowing which of these children were born of Ann and which to Eliza, but those born after the 1850 census were surely Ann's.

US census records

1850 District 19, Chambers, AL

John W. Branch 30 M Farmer SC

Ann M. 30 F NC

Henry 9 M Ala

James 7 M Ala

Bollard 4 M Ala

John A. 2 M Ala

Nancy E. 5/12 F Ala

Hannah Cannon 60 F NC

Mary Woodgard 7 F Ala

(next hh)

James H. Cannon 27 M NC

Mary E. 21 F NC

Simon P. 2 M NC (Looks more like Simeon)

Nancy J. 8/12 F Ala

1860 Beat 14, Tallapoosa, AL

J. W. Branch 41 M Farmer NC

Ann M. 40 F NC

Henry 19 M NC

James E. 17 M NC

Ballard B. 15 M NC

John A. 13 M NC

Nancy E. 10 F Ala

Forney 5 M Ala

Nancy J. Cannon 11 F Ala (NOTE) This is undoubtedly the daughter of James H. Cannon in the 1850 census.

1860 Beat 14, Tallapoosa, AL

Cynthia Gorksby? 50 F W Farmer GA

Henry 18 M Ala

Simon Cannon 12 M Ala (Simeon?) This may be the son of James H. Cannon from the 1850 census.

1870 New Harmony, Chambers, AL

John Branch 50 M W Farming NC

Ann 45 F W keeping house NC

Nancy J. 20 F W NC

Ferney 18 M W Farmhand NC (Forney)

Martha 10 F W NC

Conora E. J. 20 F W NC

Mollie 18 F W NC

1880 Milltown, Chambers, AL (Indexed as Bronch)

John Branch Head M W 65 NC VA VA

Annie wife F W 59 NC NC NC

Mattie dau F W 17 Ala NC NC

Some researchers state that John Willis Branch died in Kaufman County, Texas.

Note: All of the above census data were supplied to me by Rosemary Kinney, RG.

Source reference **NF20726** :

Personen : Cannon Elijah, Lacy Dias "Dicy" Harriet

1850 Lincoln County, Tennessee census.

Family was living in Bedford County, TN at 1840 census.

Lincoln County, Tennessee Court record to sell land, 29 May 1884.

Dias still listed in 1870 census.

Listed in 1870 census.

1850 Census Lincoln County, TN. 13 Nov. 1850. Subdivision 1

CANNON, Elijah 41, GA

" Dias 31 NC

" James N. 13 TN

" John 11 TN

" William 9 TN

" Lydia 7 TN (Note: Lydia's middle name was Hannah)

" Minus L. 5 TN

" Martha 3 TN

" Mary J. 1 TN

1870 Lincoln County, TN Census, 20th Civil District, Page 5, Dwelling 35, Family 35

CANNON, E. 61 M W Farmer \$450 GA

CANNON, Dias 52 F W Keeping House NC

CANNON, W. L. 38 M W Farm Laborer TN

CANNON, Mary 18 F W At Home TN

CANNON, Jerry 15 M W Farm Laborer TN

CANNON, Hester 11 F W At Home TN

CANNON, Pansy 9 F W At Home TN

From Minutes of Lincoln County, Tennessee County Court 1844-1848:

"Ordered that Elijah Cannon be overseer of the road from Miss Johnson to Thomas Harrieses in the room of John Wiley. Sept. Term 1846.

Lincoln County, Estate record for Elijah Cannon, dec'd. (Copy appears to be incomplete DLF):

M. L. Cannon, et al; vs Johnathan McCurry & wife} Bill to sell land

To the Honorable M. W. Woodward, Judge of the County Court of Lincoln County, Tennessee.

J. N. Cannon, W. L. Cannon, Lettie H. Baker, Minus L. Cannon, Martha McPherson, William Hunter & his wife Mary J. Hunter, Jerry H. Cannon & Isham Smith & his wife Louisa Smith Complainants and residents of Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Vs Johnathan McCurry, Sarah E. McCurry his wife, non residents of the state of Tennessee.

Your complainants, citizens of Lincoln County, Tennessee would respectively show to your Honor that on the 26 day of December 1879 their father, Elijah Cannon died in Lincoln County, Tennessee intestate and left surviving him his widow, Harriet Cannon and the following children to wit: J. N. Cannon, W. L. Cannon, Lettie Cannon who married John Baker who is now dead, Minus L. Cannon, Martha Cannon who married Ross McPherson who has been dead for several

years -----(Note: my copy seems to have something missing here-DLF) ----  
 required a certified copy of the sale & transfer of the same to him.  
 Your complainants would here state that their sister, Sarah E. McCurry to their last  
 and best information lives in the state of Arkansas, and complainants would show  
 to your Honor that all of said parties to this bill are of full age.  
 The persons considered complainants pray that the party mentioned in this bill as  
 defendent be made such that publication be made for her to appear and answer  
 this bill as required by law in such cases . Let said land be surveyed & divided into  
 three tracts before day of sale & let it be sold first in lots & then as a whole & let  
 the best price be declared the sale. Sell the same on credit of one, two & three  
 years with ten percent in cash & sell the same for division among those entitled to  
 it and point any other & all further relief as the nature of the case may requir &  
 grant \_\_\_?\_\_ relief.

C\_\_\_?\_\_\_ for Complainants

J. N. Cannon & Minus L. Cannon in their own rights & as agents for the other  
 complainants made oath before me that the statements made in this bill are true to  
 the best of their belief, information & knowledge.

J. N. Cannon

his

M. L. X Cannon

mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th May 1894.

E. S. Wilson, ClerkNote: The 1850 & 1870 census combined indicate 12 children  
 but this document only lists 9 heirs. The 3 missing children are: John, Hester and  
 Pansy. They must have died prior to 29th May 1894 without heirs of their own.



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