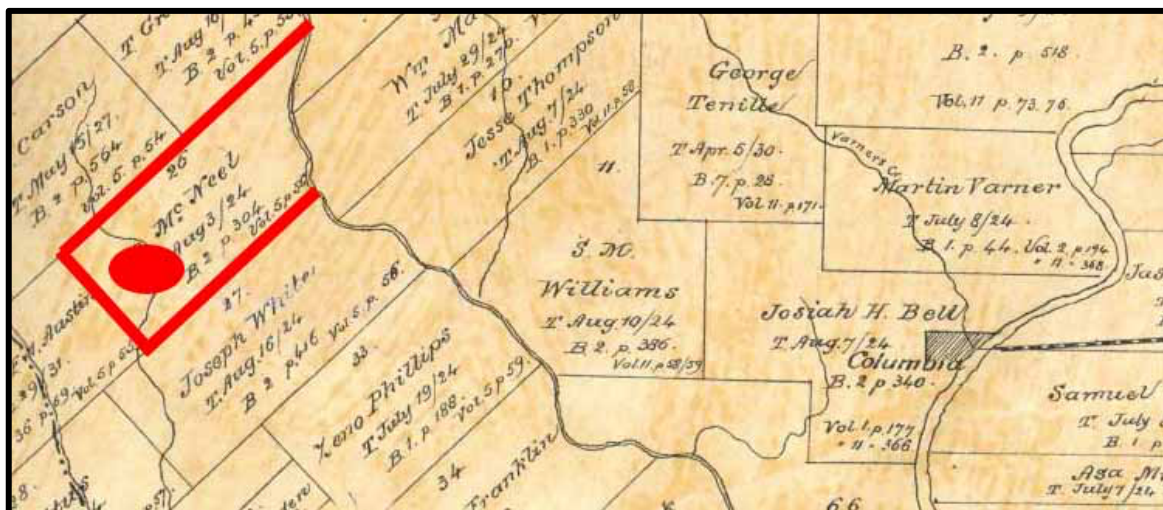


Cedar Brake Plantation
John Spencer Dance-John Henry Dance-Charles Brown
Brazosport Archeological Society



Daniel McNeel League Map 1879 The General Land Office of the State of Texas

In 1848 James H. Dance and his 1st cousin James Watkins Dance came to Texas on horseback from Alabama. They made several trips back home to persuade the rest of the family to move to Texas. By the later part of November 1850 according to the census several males of the family were living with John Sweeney west of Columbia and probably preparing land and a home for the rest of the family:

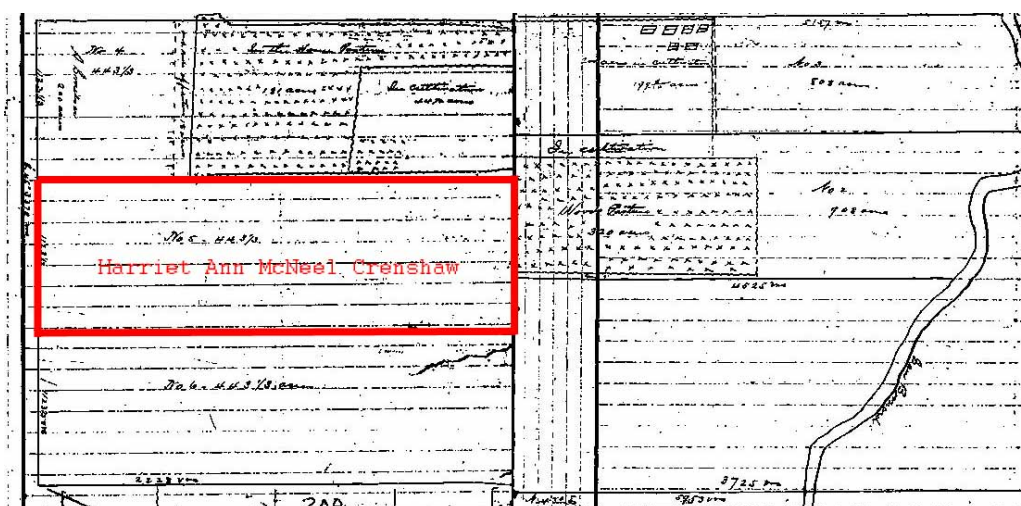
H. Dance	32M	Carpenter	North Carolina	[Harrison Perry Dance]
Spencer Dance	27M	Carpenter	North Carolina	[John Spencer Dance]
James H. Dance	27M	Carpenter	North Carolina	[James Henry Dance]
James Dance	25M	Carpenter	North Carolina	[James Watkins Dance]

In the earlier part of November 1850 they were also listed with the family in Greene County Alabama:

Henry Dance	52M	Farmer	North Carolina	[John Henry Dance]
Della Dance	54F		North Carolina	[Delilah Watkins Dance]
James H. Dance	27M	Mechanic	North Carolina	[James Henry Dance]
Melvina Dance	20M		North Carolina	[Malvina Elizabeth Dance]
George P. Dance	21M	Mechanic	North Carolina	[George Perry Dance]
David E. Dance	17M	Farmer	North Carolina	[David Etheldred Dance]
Isaac C. Dance	15M	Farmer	Alabama	[Isaac Claudius Dance]
Eloise D. Dance	12F		Alabama	[Elouise Della Dance]
Harrison P. Dance	32M	Mechanic	North Carolina	[Harrison Perry Dance]
John S. Dance	29M	Mechanic	North Carolina	[John Spencer Dance]
James W. Dance	27M	Mechanic	North Carolina	[James Watkins Dance]

John Henry and Delilah Watkins Dance had eight children. John Henry Dance's brother, James and his wife Elizabeth Watkins Dance had died young leaving several children. Five of their children were also raised by John and Delilah Dance. The last three men on the census list above are John and Delilah's nephews. Their niece Lourian "Lucy" Dance who had married John Balsam Culpepper in 1839 died in 1842. John married her sister Nancy Henry Dance in 1844. Nancy and her husband raised a family in Alabama but later came to Texas as she and a child are listed in the home of her brother Spencer Dance in 1860 after the death of her husband. John and Delilah had lost a daughter Sally Ann Dance in 1836 and their son Joseph John Dance had joined the California gold rush where he died in 1852 of smallpox.

In February 1852 Spencer and James W. Dance bought 426 acres out of the Daniel McNeel league twelve miles west of Columbia on the west side of the San Bernard River from William and Harriet A. Crenshaw. Harriet McNeel Crenshaw had actually inherited 1/6 league of land from her father's estate which should have been over 700 acres.¹



In 1853 the extended Dance family moved from Alabama to Texas to this property, which they called Cedar Brake.

The brothers and cousins were skilled carpenters and machinists. By 1854 James H. and George P. Dance had started a business at the plantation site making portable horse mills selling to planters in Brazoria, Wharton, Matagorda, and Fort Bend counties:

PORTABLE HORSE MILLS,

The subscribers have commenced the manufacture of Portable Horse Mills at their place, 12 miles west of Columbia. From their long experience in this business they are able to warrant their mills to perform equal to any made in the United States. All they ask is a fair trial, and if their mills fail to give satisfaction, they will take them back at their own expense.

TERMS

For 18 to 20 inch stones	\$125.00
" 20 to 22 " "	130.00
" 22 to 24 " "	135.00

A deduction of 25 per cent will be made from these terms for cash.

J. H. & G. P. DANCE

Columbia, Brazoria Co., Nov. '54²

¹ BCDR: F 243/46

² *The Democrat and Planter*, October 9, 1855. Columbia, Texas

Several planters in the area gave a testimonial about the Dance brothers' horse mills: "believe them to be the most simple, most durable, easiest kept in order, and will do more work with the same power, than any mills we have ever seen."³

In April 1858 John Spencer Dance sold the upper half his land or roughly 222 acres to John Henry and Delilah Dance for \$330.⁴ John Spencer Dance built a home at the Cedar Break Plantation on the lower tract of land and June 1858 he married Columbia Ewell Slade. John Henry and Delilah Dance continued to live at the small cotton plantation on equal amounts of land. The families were not large slave owners. Henry owned 5 slaves living in two dwellings while Spencer owned 8 slaves living in two dwellings according to the 1860 Slave Census. According to the 1860 Agricultural Census they each had 55 improved acres of land with Henry producing 22 bales of cotton and Spencer 30 bales in 1859.



John Spencer Dance

James Watkins Dance married Temperance Cook in 1857 and the next year bought a 900 acre sugar plantation and 11 slaves from the estate of Daniel H. Yeiser east of the San Bernard River about six miles west of Columbia.⁵ There he went into business with Gabriel P. Davis giving up the sugar production and concentrating on cotton. His family would remain on this property for many years.

³ Ibid.

⁴ BCDR: H 595/96

⁵ BCDR: H 617/21



James Watkins and Temperance Cook Dance
 Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum 1988.002p.0015

In 1858 James H., George P., and David E. Dance bought the Aldrich/Hansen home on lots 52 and 57 block 7 in East Columbia and several lots across the street on the Brazos River and moved to town with their sister Malvina. The old Aldrich house was modified adding a second story and a double gallery porch on the front. (This home still stands today.)



⁶Wiggins, Gary, Dance & Brothers Texas Gunmakers of the Confederacy, Moss Publications, Orange, Virginia, 1986, p. 12.



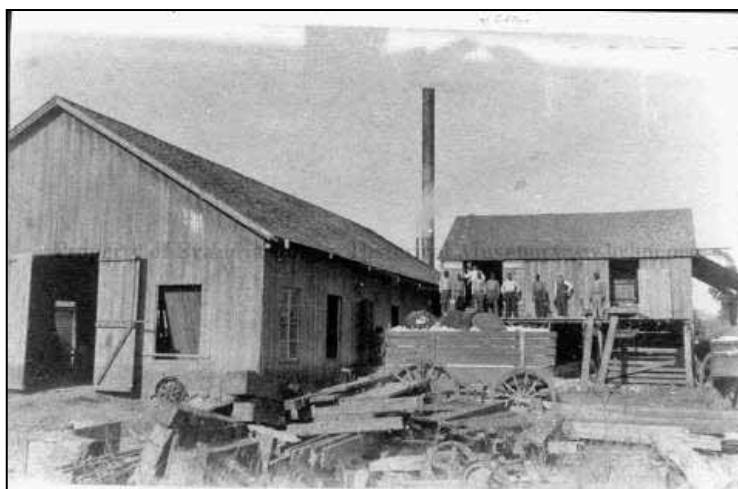
David Etheldred Dance



George Perry Dance

Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum 1986.085p.0003 & 1986.035p.0004

On their lots on the Brazos River in Block 8 they erected a machine shop and saw mill under the style of J. H. Dance & Company.



Dance Bros. Shop East Columbia

Courtesy of the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 1986.035p. 0001

From this shop they started to produce grist mills, components for cotton gins and sugar mills as well as coffins:

GRIST MILLS

Manufactured in

COLUMBIA

BRAZORIA CO., TEXAS

WE are now manufacturing these Mills, of various sizes and capacity, adapted to steam, water, or horse power: ranging in price from one hundred and twenty to three hundred

dollars. The will grind from five to thirty bushels per hour—according to the diameter of the stone, the power applied, and the velocity given.

We have made late improvements in the Mills, which, we think, render them superior to any now in use. Orders respectfully solicited from the planters.—We guarantee satisfaction.

We shall keep constantly on hand a general assortment of lumber, at our saw mill. Our terms from and after this time, will be Cash or Columbia acceptance.

J. H. DANCE & CO.

Feb. 22, 1859⁷

During the Civil War the brothers, who enlisted in the 35th Texas Cavalry defending the Texas coastline, were reassigned to work in their machine shop to make the now much desired Dance revolver for the Confederacy. Isaac C. Dance, who was also assigned to work at the machine shop died of measles in 1863. (His sister Malvina E. Dance also died of measles the same year.)

After the Civil War, John Henry Dance died in October 1866. Spencer and Columbia Dance sold out their interest in the lower tract of the Cedar Brake plantation, all his livestock and crops to the rest of the Dance heirs in 1867 for \$2500. He received the home in East Columbia of James H. Dance and a ¼ interest in the work shop or factory in East Columbia.⁸ Delilah Dance continued to live at the old homestead and her daughter Elouise Della Dance Winstead with her family moved in to take care of her mother. She had married Stephen Hall Winstead in 1858. The Winstead's received the lower tract of the plantation and James H. Dance received the upper tract or Henry Dance homestead in 1873.⁹

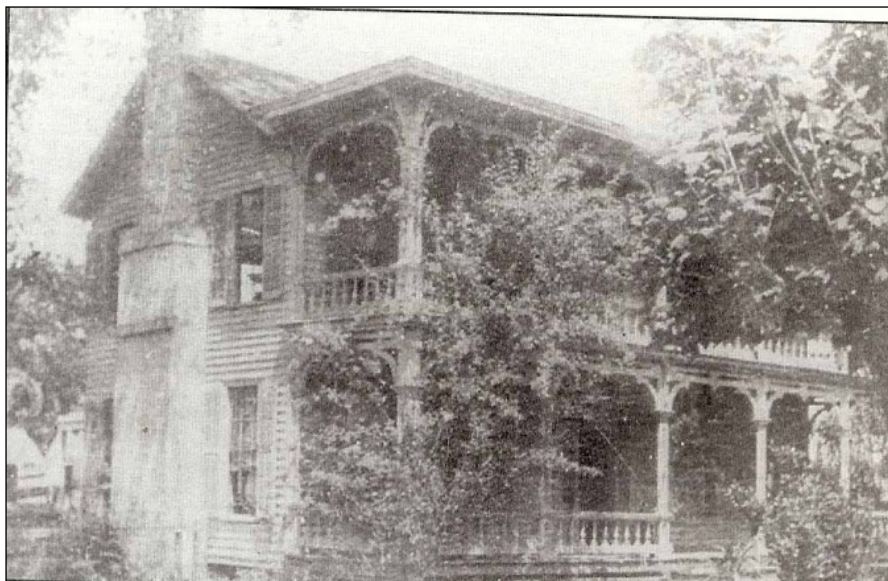
Spencer Dance purchased a lot in East Columbia and moved to town in ~1868 building a large new home. He also worked in the Dance's shop. After his wife, Columbia, died in 1876 he sold out his interest to his cousins, as well as his home in Columbia and moved to Queen City, Texas to be with his children.¹⁰

⁷ *The Democrat and Planter*, August 16, 1859, Columbia, Texas

⁸ BCDR: N 791/93

⁹ BCDR: N793/96

¹⁰ First Capitol Historical Foundation, Inc., *Historic East Columbia on the Brazos*, The Country Printer, West Columbia, Texas, 2009, p.109.



John Spencer Dance Home East Columbia

Delilah Dance and her two year old granddaughter Annie Delilah Winstead were drowned in the hurricane of September 1875 at the mouth of the San Bernard River. W. E. Crews reported to the *Houston Daily News* upon his arrival in Houston that “At the mouth of the San Bernard the gale prevailed with great severity, and blew much harder than on the Brazos, and a sickening detail of the loss of life comes from there. On the east side, Mrs. Dance, an old lady, and her granddaughter, two years old, are known to have been lost. All others living on that side were saved by the Liverpool steamship *Australian*, which had been driven there by the gale.”¹¹

David E. Dance, the only one of the brothers to wed, married Mary Elizabeth Gray in January 1877. They would have one son, Joseph Gray Dance before the death of Mary in the later part of 1878.

After the Dance brothers had purchased the original Bell property in 1884 they sold an interest in the land to their sister Mrs. Elouise D. Winstead and her children in 1886.¹² Her husband had died in 1874. The Dance brothers tore down the old Bell home and built a new two story frame home for the Winstead family.

¹¹ *Houston Daily News*, Houston, Texas, September 22, 1875

¹² BCDR: Y 108/10

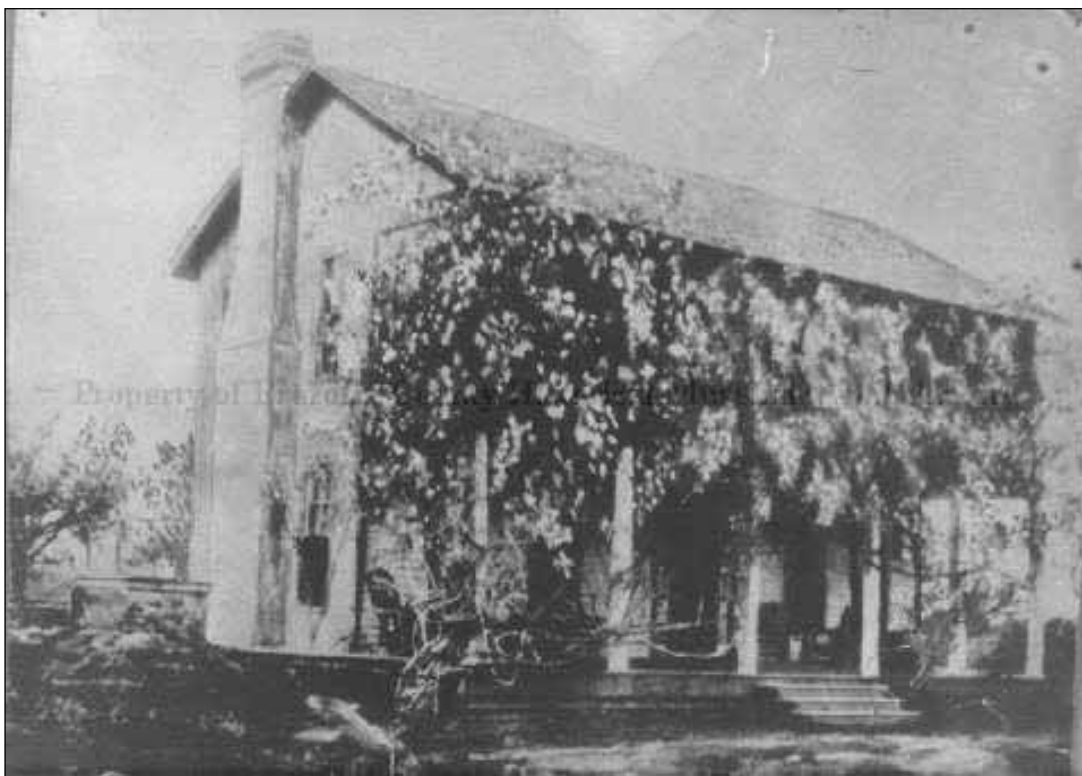


Winstead Home Rear View

Mrs. E. D. Winstead, Mrs. R. R. Foster, Mattie Foster, Ewell Ogburn(tree), Mrs.E. M. Crews(on gallery), Joe Dance
(by gallery) Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum 1983.011p.0016



Rear View Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum 1986.035p.0006



Front View Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum, 1986.035p.0002



Front View Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum 1986.008.0052

James H. Dance died in 1896 and George P. Dance in 1906 at their home in East Columbia. By 1908 David E. Dance with his son had moved to the Winstead home. The 1900 hurricane had damaged the shop in East Columbia and a new shop had been set up on a portion of this property.



Rear View Winstead/Loggins Home Shortly Before it was torn down in 1971
 Courtesy of Brazoria County Historical Museum 1985.042p.0003

Zula Della Winstead married Reuben Burch Loggins in 1891 and had lived with the Dance brothers in East Columbia for several years. In order to satisfy a mortgage note, in 1906 the Winstead, Dance, and Loggins families sold the northern 400 acre tract and 123 acres out the southern 600 acre tract to Harris Masterson.¹³ Reuben B. Loggins bought the property back for \$4475.¹⁴

The remaining southern 477 acre tract, which contained the original homestead, was partitioned between Zula Winstead Loggins, David E. Dance and his son Joseph G. Dance in 1909.¹⁵ In 1946 Joseph G. and Florence Dance gave their portion of the property back to Rueben and Zula Loggins.¹⁶

Several generations of the Loggins family have owned the property over the years. Reuben Burch Loggins V and his wife Theresa now live near the location of the old Bell and Winstead home sites.

In 1878 the old Henry Dance homestead, being part of Cedar Brake, was seized due to a suit lost by James H. Dance and was auctioned off at a sheriff's sale for \$25 to Thomas J.

¹³ BCDR: 70 627/30

¹⁴ BCDR: 72 542/44

¹⁵ BCDR: 87 333/35 & 335/38

¹⁶ BCDR: 405 307

Mathews.¹⁷ Mathews sold the tract to E. Della Winstead for \$960 in 1880 returning it to the Dance family.¹⁸

In December 1883 E. Della Winstead sold the old Henry Dance homestead to Charles Brown via two separate deeds. The first tract was of 100 acres was paid for with \$1000 in cash and the second tract of 119 acres for \$1300 with \$500 cash down.¹⁹ This may have still had the old saw mill and shop on the property as well as their home.

Charles and his wife Isabella would move their family to the old Dance homestead. Isabella had actually been a slave of the Dance family and lived on the plantation before emancipation.

According to oral family tradition Charles Brown had been a slave born in Virginia or what later became West Virginia. His father, whose last name was Brown, was the owner of the plantation while his mother was a house slave. His father had given him his freedom and an unknown amount of money to come to Texas from Virginia-West Virginia. He had come to Texas shortly before the Civil War with his papers stating he was a "Free Man".²⁰ According to the 1870 Federal Census Charles Brown of mixed race married to Isabella had their first child Everett ~1862. In the 1900 Federal Census Charles Brown lists the length of their marriage as 37 years.²¹ This begs the question of whether Charles Brown was working on the Dance Cedar Brake plantation when he met and married Isabella.

If the oral tradition is true the next question becomes who is Mark Brown listed as age 71 of mixed race in the Charles Brown household in 1870. In the 1880 Census the place of birth of the father of Isabella is listed as North Carolina. This would make Mark the possible father of Isabella and living with the family after the Civil War taking the Brown last name. In the 1860 Federal Slave Census none of the slaves owned by J. Spencer Dance match the right ages for Isabella or her father. In the Henry Dance list of five slaves is, however, one male of mixed race aged 60 yrs. and two females of mixed race aged 18 and 16 yrs. So the probability is very high that Isabella and her father were owned by Henry Dance on the old Cedar Brake plantation. The 1870 Federal Census:

Charles Brown	Farmer	30M	Virginia
Isabella Brown		25F	Alabama
Everett Brown		8M	Texas
Betsy Brown		3F	Texas
Lucie Brown		5/12F	Texas
Mark Brown		71M	North Carolina

¹⁷ BCDR: S 480/81

¹⁸ BCDR" S 482/83

¹⁹ BCDR: V 651/52, V 652/53 & V 654/55

²⁰ Charles Brown File Brazoria County Historical Museum, Angleton, Texas

²¹ No marriage record of Charles Brown & Isabella could be located.



Charles and Isabella Brown Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum P84.017.0014

Oral tradition has it that Charles Brown's father had given him enough money to buy 900 acres at 25 or 75 cents per acre. It is more probable that he had received enough money to make it to Texas and subsist for a while until he started working. It was several years after the Civil War that Charles Brown initially bought small tracts of land from the Abraham Smelser family heirs in the northeast corner of the J. F. Perry league amounting to 200 acres in the far western part of Brazoria County in 1869, 1871, and 1874. His initial purchase of 50 acres was \$120 in cash and \$125.00 in payments. These early purchases were all made in similar fashion.²² By the early 1870's he was able to also buy cattle and hogs from the Smelser's for his farm.²³ Evidently he cleared land and was farming part of his acreage. Cutting cedar may have earned him extra money.

In 1873 Charles Brown was one of the trustees that bought 2 acres from the Dance family to be used for a church yard out of their homestead.²⁴ This possibly became St. Mary's AME Church. By February 1880 he had paid off his notes on his Smelser property.²⁵ The 1880 Federal Census:

Charles Brown	Farmer	38M ²⁶
Isabella Brown		35F
Betty Brown		12F
Louisa Brown		10F
Allen Brown		6M

²² BCDR: M 412/14 & M 449/50, O 394/95, & P 346/48

²³ BCDR: O 402

²⁴ BCDR: O 46

²⁵ BCDR: S: 718 & S 778/79

²⁶ The age on the various censuses does not always agree. The author feels that Charles Brown would have been given his freedom when he reached his majority as in other instances of the same circumstance. That would put his birth year at probably 1839 or 1840

Susan Brown	5F
Lem Brown	4M
Charles Brown	1M

Charles Brown now started to buy acreage in the W. C. Carson league near his property in the J. F. Perry league. He paid \$350 in gold and a note for \$150 for 100 acres and was able to pay \$2400 in cash for 538 more acres from Eugene and Della Wilson which was called Wilson's "Cedar Brake".²⁷

After Charles Brown had bought the Henry Dance "Cedar Brake Place" and moved onto the property in 1883, in 1886 Brown bought 443 acres, Tract 6, out the Daniel McNeel league below the original Dance land from Annie B. Rugely paying a major part in cash.²⁸ He had also obtained more acreage in the Daniel McNeel league earlier from John Smelser.²⁹

The 1887 Brazoria County tax record lists Charles Brown:

564 acres	W. C. Carson League
50 acres	"
125 acres	"
862 acres	Daniel McNeel League
200 acres	Perry & Austin League
real estate value at \$7500	
With 4 horses & 200 head of cattle	

Shortly thereafter Charles Brown started to accumulate acreage in the Samuel M. Williams league on the Sand Bernard River just west of Columbia.³⁰ By putting down a good down payment and having notes which he was able to pay off on time he was able to continue to build his wealth. By the end of the 1890's he had several lots or tracts of land in West Columbia.

September 16, 1896 he donated the lot on which the school house for African-American children sat to School District 16.³¹

By 1900 Charlie and Isabella were living in West Columbia. Isabella had born eleven children with five still alive at the time of the 1900 Census. Charles had bought acreage in town and the old Spencer Dance home in East Columbia from J. H. Shapard about 1887. (See picture on p. 7) He had the old home moved from East Columbia to his new property at what is now the corner of Highway 36 and Brown Street in West Columbia. The two story house was rolled on top of logs, pulled by a team of mules, taking several months to cover the six miles.³²

²⁷ BCDR: U 641 & U 682/84

²⁸ BCDR: Z 61/62 & Z 62/64

²⁹ BCDR: 612/13

³⁰ BCDR: 4 219/20

³¹ BCDR: 239 350/51

³² First Capitol Foundation, *Historic East Columbia on the Brazos*, The Country Printer, West Columbia, Texas, 2009, p.32.



J. H. Shapard Home on the Right in East Columbia ~1887
 Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum

Family members describe the home as white trimmed in green, with two large galleries. There was a stairway leading to the upstairs bedrooms and other rooms. It had a kitchen large enough to accommodate the entire family with a big wood burning stove. There was also a large parlor where papa did most of his business transactions and entertaining. Papa owned the first car, had the first indoor plumbing, electricity, and phone in Columbia.³³

Isabella died January 28, 1906 and was buried near the old Dance homestead.

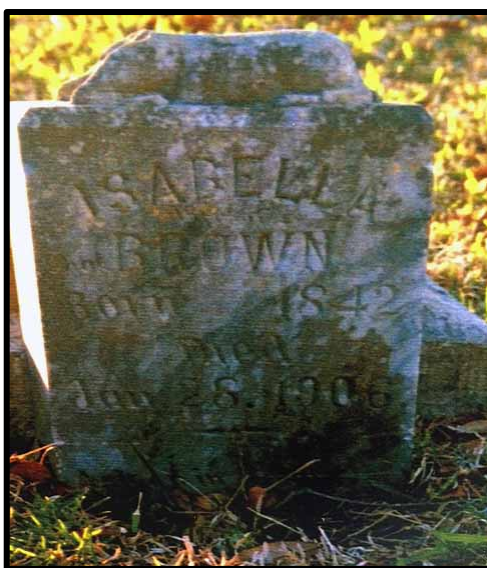
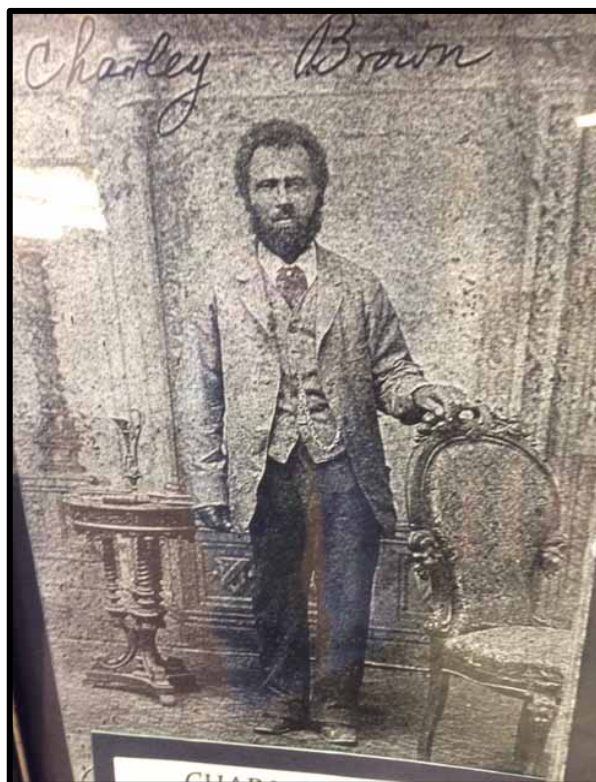


Photo Courtesy Brazoria Historical Museum

³³ Chares Brown File Brazoria County Historical Museum, Angleton, Texas

Charles Brown possibly wed January 8, 1907 Virginia A. Harvey who would have been only twenty three at the time. They had one child who died young. Virginia also died early.³⁴



Charles Brown Perhaps in his Home in West Columbia
Courtesy Columbia Historical Museum

In the 1910 Federal Census his married daughter Susan Watkins and Susan's five children by Henry Banks were living in his household:

Charles Brown	78M ³⁵		Virginia
Virginia Brown	26F	Wife	Texas
Susan Watkins	30F	Daughter	Texas
John Banks	13M	Grandson	Texas
Allen Banks	11M	Grandson	Texas
Charlie Banks	9M	Grandson	Texas
Ralph Banks	7M	Grandson	Texas
Henry Banks	5M	Grandson	Texas

³⁴ In his will Charlie Brown denotes Isabella as his "first wife" further indicating that he did indeed remarry. Marriage records indicate two more marriages. In the 1920 Federal Census Charles Brown's marital status is listed as "Divorced".

³⁵ Notice age does not agree with previous census data. Should have been ~70 years of age.

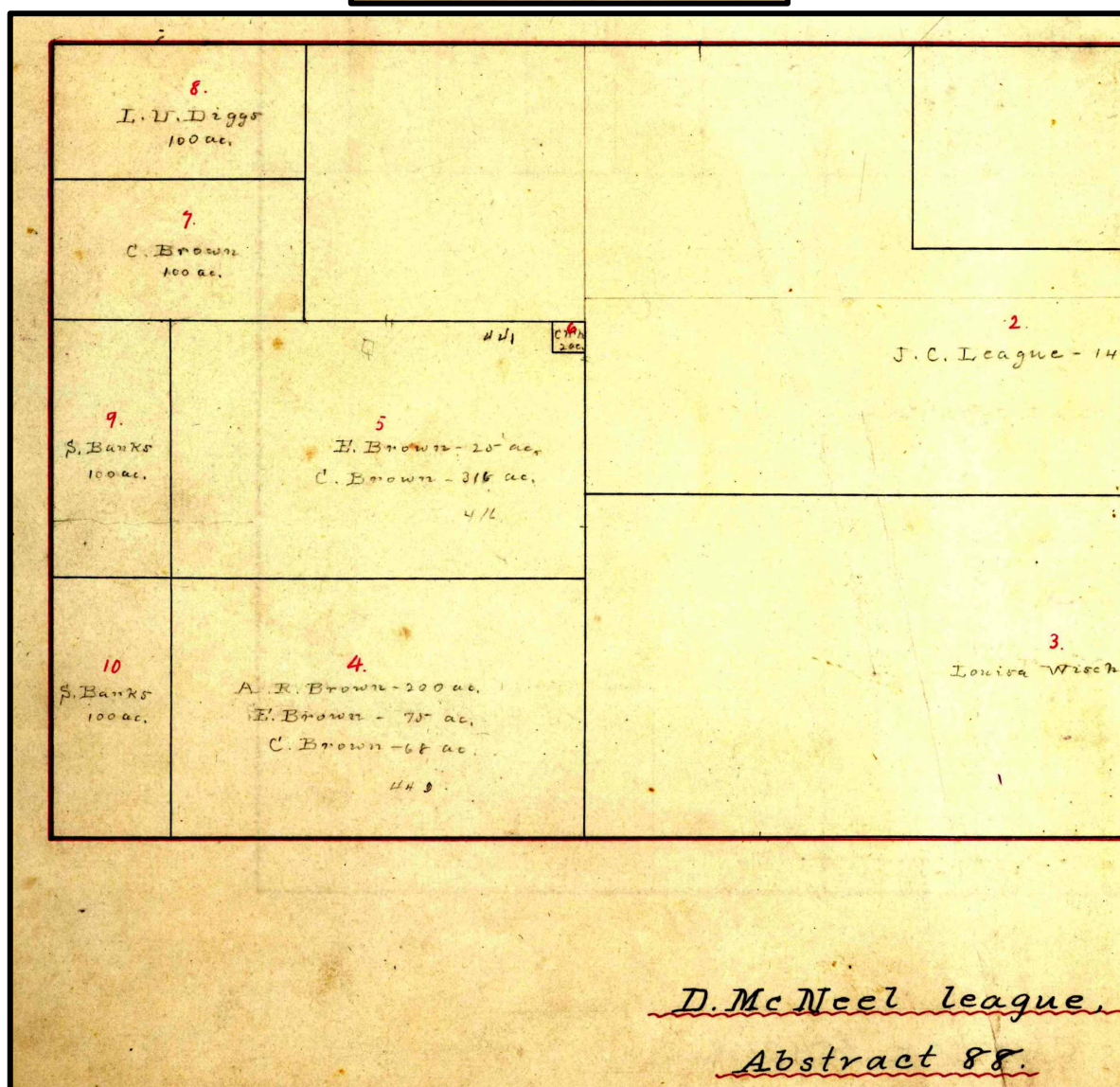
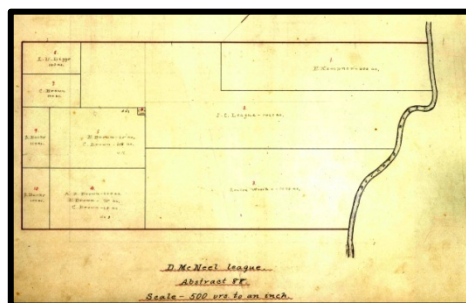


Susan Brown Banks Watkins Pearson
 John A. Banks, Clemett Banks, Andrew Banks, Charlie Jr. Banks, & Henry Banks
 Children by Henry Banks
 Courtesy of the Columbia Historical Museum

Tax records list Charles Brown in 1910 with:

44 acres	Josiah H. Bell league
500 acres	W. C. Carson league
50 acres	W. Master
262 acres	Daniel McNeel league
100 acres	Perry & Austin league
547 acres	Samuel M. Williams league
15 acres	Josiah H. Bell league
1137 acres	Stephen F. Austin league
+ several blocks and lots in Columbia	
25 horses & 25 head of cattle total value ~\$25,000	

Charles Brown and Isabella had started to divide some of his property among their relatives especially in the Daniel McNeel league with the Dance plantation being a portion of that property in 1901.³⁶



Daniel McNeel League Map Early 1900's Courtesy Brazoria County Historical Museum

³⁶ BCDR: 55 508/10

According to his family on his town property Charles Brown had cotton gins, grist mill, and sugar processing area in addition to his home.

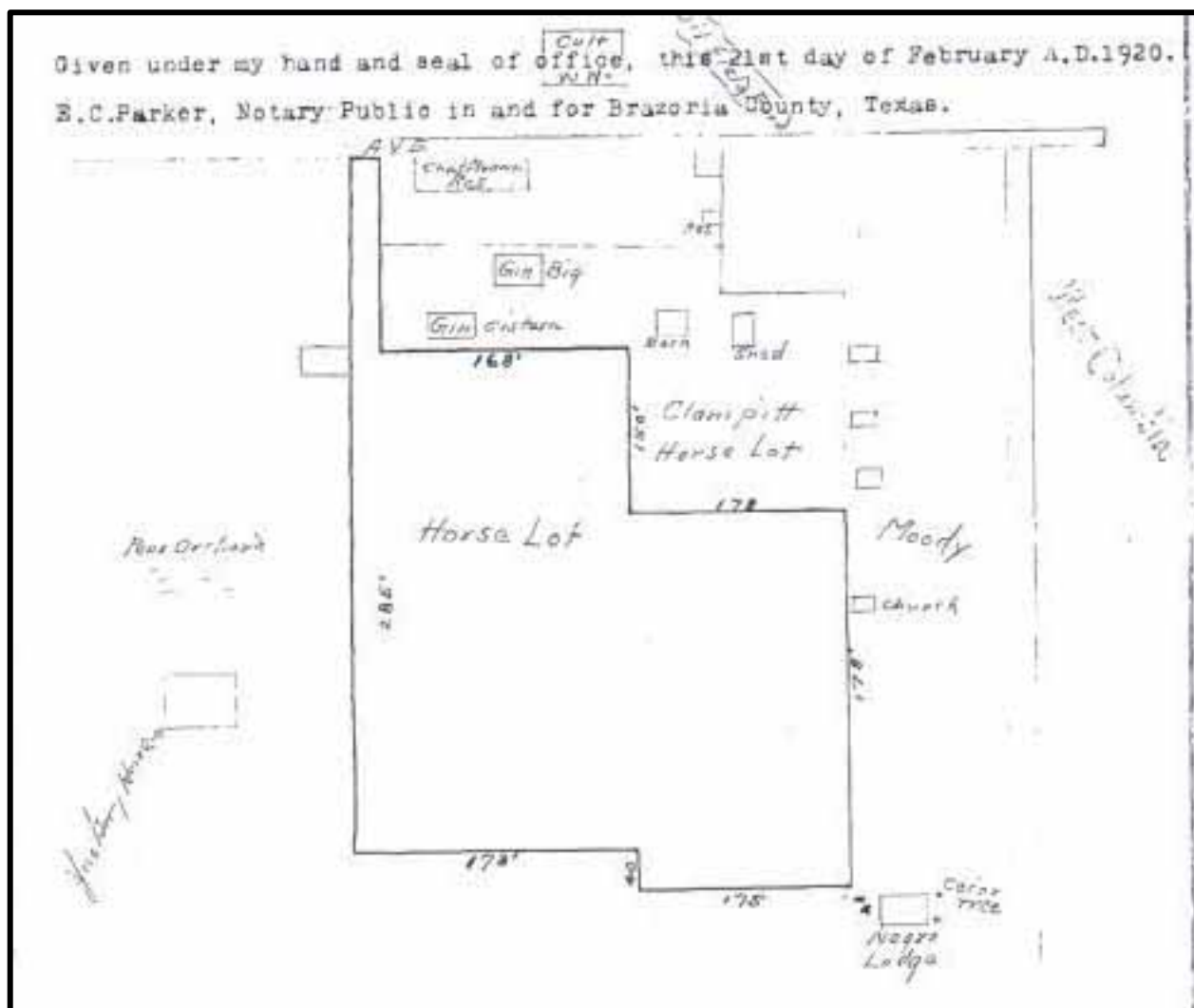


Residence of Charles Brown October 5, 1913 Courtesy Columbia Historical Museum
Notice Modifications to Porches After the Move to West Columbia
(Compare with Picture Page 7)

July 8, 1915 Charles Brown married Ora Riley who was only seventeen. They were divorced by 1920. In the January 1920 Federal Census the Charles Brown household is listed as:

Charles Brown	89M	Virginia [Age should be 79]
Robert Williams	28m	Texas
Louisa Williams	42F	Texas [his daughter]

By 1920 Charles Brown was at an advanced age and decided to lease out part of his property, his horse lot near his home to the Robertson McDonald Lumber Yard:



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August 31, 1920 Charles Brown died at his home. Charlie Brown and Isabella are buried on their old farm in the family cemetery not far from the old homestead on a little hill just above Dance's Bayou. The epitaph on his tombstone "Gone But Not Forgotten".³⁷

In the *Houston Post*:

Wealthiest Texas Negro Dies in West Columbia

COLUMBIA, Texas: Aug. 31—Charles Brown, known as the wealthiest negro in Texas, died at his home in West Columbia, Tuesday morning, at the advanced age of 90 years. He came to Texas

³⁷ BCDR: 159 310/13

³⁸ Author was not able to verify if the tombstone is still marking the grave site.

from Virginia before the civil war. After the war was over he acquired 3000 acres of land in Cedar Bayou section and about 300 acres in and near West Columbia³⁹

Charles Brown bequeathed in his will dated July 23, 1919⁴⁰:

To Josephine Brown Twenty (20) acres of land joining the 25 acres deeded to her by Isabella Brown and me...

To my son Allen R. Brown, $\frac{1}{4}$ interest to all my property after deducting the 20 acres herein bequeathed to Josephine Brown, the 100 acres to Susan Pearson and 100 acres to Callie Williams

To my daughter Callie Williams, wife of Bob Williams, I will and bequeath one hundred (100) acres of land 50 acres to be taken out of the D. McNeel league adjoining or as near to the 100 acres heretofore deeded her by Isabella Brown...the other 50 acres in the Carson league...an undivided $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in and to all my property deducting...

To my daughter Susan Pearson wife of Will Pearson I will and bequeath one hundred acres of land out of the Carson league ...one undivided $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in and to all my property deducting...

To my grand children, Charlie Williams, Lola Franklin (nee Williams) and Clark Woodson the children of my deceased daughter Bettie I will and bequeath an undivided $\frac{1}{4}$ interest after deducting...

Charles Brown appointed W. S. Sproles of Angleton as executor of his will. W. S. Sproles valued Charles Brown's estate with real estate valued at \$40,000 and \$5,000 worth of personal property. J. E. Farmer shortly thereafter valued his real estate at \$45,000 and \$5,000 worth of personal property.⁴¹ No debts were listed against the estate. Through hard work, thrift, and a keen eye for business Brown had built quite an estate.

³⁹ This may not be the total length of the article—unknown date of the *The Houston Post*

⁴⁰ Charles Brown neither learned to read or write and signed his will as most of his documents with an "X".

⁴¹ Charles Brown Probate Case 1938, Brazoria County Clerk, Angleton, Texas Certain authors have put forth the value of his estate at the greatly exaggerated number of \$1,000,000. Unable to obtain the tax record for 1919 or 1920 at this time as the County Clerk's Office has them behind locked doors at the moment.



Allen R. Brown & Louisa (Callie) Brown Courtesy Columbia Historical Museum

At one time one of Charles Brown's granddaughters Valda Tolbert lived across the bayou from the cemetery, which is near enough, according to several articles, to falling into the bayou. The cemetery is located at the end of CR 688 off FM 525 and could also contain some of the children of Charles and Isabella Brown. There are hundreds of descendants of Charlie and Isabella Brown and each summer they return to West Columbia for a family reunion on Juneteenth.⁴²

None of the John Henry Dance-John Spencer Dance-Charles Brown property has been surveyed archeologically.

⁴² Author did not locate a good family tree for the Charles Brown family. Some of the related family can hopefully fill in the blanks. Currently have a friend in Virginia is trying to see if there is some sort of document there that might record his freedom.

Appendix A John Henry Dance Family

- John Henry Dance b. July 4, 1797 Nash County, North Carolina d. October 7, 1866 Brazoria County, Texas
m. November 29, 1821 Nash County, North Carolina
- Delilah M. Dell Watkins b. 1795 d. September 17, 1875 (drowned 1875 hurricane)
1. James Henry Dance b. January 23, 1823 Nash County, North Carolina
d. October 3, 1896 Brazoria County, Texas
 2. Joseph John Dance b. May 8 1824 Nash County, North Carolina
d. December 22, 1852 Tuolumne County, California (smallpox)
 3. Sally Ann Dance b. January 10, 1826 Nash County, North Carolina
d. 1836 Greene County, Alabama
 4. George Perry Dance b. March 27, 1827 Nash County, North Carolina
d. June 24, 1906 Brazoria County, Texas
 5. Malvina Elizabeth Dance b. 1828 Nash County, North Carolina
d. April 13, 1863 Brazoria County, Texas (measles)
 6. David Ethelred Dance b. May 24, 1833 Nash County, North Carolina
d. January 24, 1918 Brazoria County, Texas
m. January 3, 1877
- Mary Elizabeth Gray b. 1848 Lonoke County, Arkansas
d. November 3, 1878 Brazoria County, Texas
- A. Joseph Gray Dance b. July 2, 1878 Brazoria County, Texas
d. May 15, 1973 Brazoria County, Texas
m. July 26, 1922
- Florence Easter Mann b. October 10, 1890 Tyler County, Texas
d. January 18, 1968
- a. Mary Eloise Dance b. August 10, 1923
 - b. Sarah Elizabeth Dance b. April 13, 1925
7. Isaac Claudius Dance b. January 26, 1835 Greene County, Alabama
d. March 22, 1863 Wharton County, Texas (measles)
m.
Maggie Davis
- A. Infant
8. Elouise Della Dance b. October 3, 1837 Greene County, Alabama
d. November 11, 1909 Brazoria County, Alabama
m. September 30, 1858
- Stephen Hall Winstead b. June 26, 1826 Humphreys County, Tennessee
d. June 18, 1874 Brazoria County, Texas
- A. Charles Henry Winstead b. February 26, 1860 Brazoria County, Texas
d. November 1936 Brazoria County, Texas
 - B. David Stephen Winstead b. January 25, 1862 Brazoria County, Texas
d. August 13, 1865 Brazoria County, Texas
 - C. Mary Malvina Winstead b. December 24, 1864 Brazoria County, Texas
d. June 18, 1929 Brazoria County, Texas
m. January 8, 1885
- Edward M. Crews d. 1912 Brazoria County, Texas
- D. Stephen Perry Winstead b. March 6 1868 Brazoria County, Texas
d. November 28, 1884 Brazoria County, Texas
 - E. Zula Della Winstead b. February 5, 1870 Brazoria County, Texas
d. July 29, 1957 Brazoria County, Texas
m. January 14, 1891
- Reuben Burch Loggins II b. September 23, 1865 Lodi, Mississippi
d. March 10, 1939 Brazoria County, Texas
- a. George Ethelred Loggins b. October 13, 1900 Brazoria County, Texas
d. September 17, 1978 Harris County, Texas

- b. Reuben Burch Loggins III b. September 17, 1904 Brazoria County, Texas
 - d.
 - m. June 8, 1930
- Elizabeth Weems b. August 7, 1908
 - d. November 9, 1952
- i. Reuben Burch Loggins IV b. February 10, 1934
 - m. January 26, 1953
- Donna Ruth Chesney b. November 25, 1934
 - x. Reuben Burch Loggins V b. July 11, 1955
 - xx. Virginia Elizabeth Loggins b. December 27, 1960
- ii. Carla Elizabeth Loggins b. May 10, 1938
 - m.
 - James Elton Roberts, Jr. b. June 1, 1939
- F. Annie Delilah Winstead b. March 6, 1873 Brazoria County, Texas
 - d. September 17, 1875 (drowned hurricane)

Appendix B

Charles Brown Family

- Charles Brown b. ~1840 Virginia
 d. August 31, 1920 West Columbia, Texas (buried family cemetery)
 m. 1st
 Isabella -- b. ~1845 Alabama
 d. January 28, 1906 Brazoria County, Texas (buried family cemetery)
1. Everett Brown b. ~1862 Brazoria County, Texas (Born before marriage to Charles Brown not his son)
 2. Betty F. Brown b. ~1867 Texas
 m. 1st
 E. N. Williams
 a. Charlie Williams
 b. Lola Williams
 m.
 ? Franklin
 m. 2nd
 John Woodson
 a. Clark Woodson
 3. Allen Richardson Brown b. ~1868 Texas
 m.
 Jonnie ?, b. 1870 Texas
 a. Pearl Brown b. December 1893 Texas
 b. Charles Brown b. January 1895 Texas
 c. Mary Brown b. February 1897 Texas
 d. Corrie Brown b. January 1899 Texas
 4. Louisa (Callie) Brown b. 1872 May have had child Josephine Brown born May 1892
 m. 1st ~1894
 Clint Woodson b. August, 1854
 m. 2nd
 Robert Williams b. 1892
 5. Susan Brown b. February 1874 Texas
 m. 1st
 Henry Banks b. February 1867 Texas
 a. John A. Banks b. March 1892
 b. [Clemett] Allen Banks b. September 1894
 c. Charles Banks b. March 1897
 d. [Andrew] Ralph Banks b. January 1899
 e. Henry Banks b. ~1905
 m. 2nd 1909
 Marshall Watkins
 m. 3rd
 Will Pearson

6. Lem Brown b. ~1876

7. Charles Brown b. 1879

8. Zula Brown b.

m. 1st.

?? Jefferson

m. 2nd July 29, 1895

Willie Davis

9. ??

10. ??

11. ??

m. 2nd January 8, 1907

Virginia A. Harvey b. 1884 Texas

died possibly by 1911

1. Child died young

m. 3rd July 9, 1915

Ora Riley b. 1898 Texas⁴³

⁴³ Deposition given by W. T. Williams December 28, 1918 BCDR: 154 237/38 Lists some of the children of Charles Brown and Isabella.

Appendix C Cedar Brake Plantation Deed Records

GRANTORS	GRANTEES	Kind of Instrument	Book	Page	Month	Day	Year	Acres	Description
Mexican Government	Daniel McNeel	Deed	ST		Aug	3	1824	4428	
Mary H. Cowan	Heirs Daniel McNeel	Agreement	2	72/77	Sept	25	1838		Partition Daniel McNeel league into 6 parts
Harriet Ann Crenshaw	John S. & James W. Dance	Deed	F	234/37	Feb	19	1852	426	\$600 West of San Bernard River Her inheritance
John S. Dance	Henry Dance	Deed	H	595/96	April	15	1858	221	\$330 north half of tract
John S. Dance	Henry Dance	Deed	H	597/98	April	16	1858	2	½ interest in 2 acres on Spencer Dance's land
John & Columbia Dance	Dance Heirs	Deed	N	791/93	Oct	15	1867	222	\$2500 South half of tract with his residence with livestock + ¼ interest in lots and work shop or factory in East Columbia
Dance Heirs	Stephen & E. Della Winstead	Deed	N	793/96	Oct	3	1873	222	South tract sugar house & machinery North tract to J. H. Dance
Dance Heirs	Charles Brown Charles Corbitt George West	Deed	O	46/46	Sept	25	1873	2	\$40 to be used as church yard
Sheriff Auction	T. P. Mathews	Deed	S	480/81	Dec	3	1878	222	\$25 J. H. Dance's tract
Thomas P. Mathews	E. Della Winstead	Deed	S	482/83	March	4	1880	222	\$960 Henry Dance Homestead upper tract
Dance Heirs	Charles Brown	Deed	V	651/52	Dec	20	1883		Release their rights to the 2 tracts pending sale by Della Winstead
Della Winstead	Charles Brown	Deed	V	652/53	Dec	19	1883	100	\$1000 cash Henry Dance homestead upper tract
Della Winstead	Charles Brown	Deed	V	654	Dec	19	1883	119	\$1300-\$500 cash down
Della Winstead	Charles Brown	Release	Y	217			1885		Note paid in full

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