

Descendants of Josiah Dorris

Generation No. 1

1. JOSIAH⁴ DORRIS (*JOHN³, WILLIAM², JOSEF¹*)^J was born 08 Nov 1796 in Sumner Co., Tenn, and died 20 Jan 1871 in Benecia,SolanoCo.,CA. He married LUCY DRURY 12 May 1816 in Smith Co. TN, daughter of JAMES DRURY and SYBIL WIGGINGTON. She was born 08 Nov 1796 in Bedford Co., VA, and died 11 Jan 1889 in Modoc Co., CA.

Notes for JOSIAH DORRIS:

From notes from Kenneth Dorris, he wrote the following and I quote:

"The Gold Rush was one of the attractions that caused them to go to California"

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"Several of John Dorris the Elder's sons did not move to Sumner County in May 1817. but stayed behind in Smith County where they developed close ties with the Drury and Davis families. John's son Josiah Dorris (1798-1871) married Lucy Drury in SmithCounty in May 1816. Drury family historian Steven Drier records that Lucy had a brother, John Drury, who married Josiah's sister, Rachel Dorris. Lucy also had a sister named Patsy who married Wade Davis in Sumner County on May 23,1813. Wade Davis , so the Davis family researches claim, as a close friend of Josiah Dorris, and the two of them migrated north briefly to Breckenridge County, Kentucky shortly after their marriage to the two Drury sister.

The excursion north to Kentucky was only a brief one: and Josiah returned to Smith County in the early 1820's where he was often linked with his brother James Dorris (1800-1858)

Josiah and James joined their father John Dorris in his migration to Marion County, Illinois in the late 1820's . Josiah and James Dorris appereared in the 1830 Marion County Illinois Census near their father. Josiah and another brother, Thomas Dorris (1808-1886) then moved to Fulton County, Illinois in 1831.

During their brief stay in Fulton County both Josiah and Thomas were active politically in the county , running for public office in 1831. Josiah won the position of Justice of the Peace but his brother Thomas lost his bid to be Otter Township Sheriff to Wade Davis.

"Both Josiah and Thomas enlisted to fight in the Black Hawk War in 1832 in Fulton County and both later drew pensions from their duties. Josiah and Thomas were still in Fulton Countyin 1835 when the State recorded Josiah Dorris on its census of that year. Josiah lost his bid in that year for reelection as Justice of the Peace and moved off to Missouri shortly thereafter.

Josiah moved off to Platte, County, Missouri shortly thereafter with Wade Davis and eventually migrated to the Far West, settling in Northern California and growing to be an old man and patriarch of a distinguished line of the clan. the town of Dorris, Calif received its name from this lineage of the clan.

Children of JOSIAH DORRIS and LUCY DRURY are:

2. i. HIRAM CASSITY⁵ DORRIS, b. 25 Jan 1818, Smith Co.,TN; d. 1847, Barlow Trail to Oregon.
- ii. WILEY HOWELL DORRIS, b. 1820, Smith Co. ,TN; d. 1843, Platte Co. Neb.
- iii. PRESLEY ALEXANDER DORRIS, b. 08 Nov 1822, Smith Co. ,TN; d. 19 Nov 1901, Modoc Co., CA.

Notes for PRESLEY ALEXANDER DORRIS:

See the written story on Presley Alexander Dorris and the Dorris Family written by : Mrs. Lee A. James

on Page 1, 4th paragraph, she wrote the following:

In 1846 Presley A. Dorris, his brother Cyrus Grundy, and his father Josiah enlisted in the United States Army and came to California during the Mexican war. After the war they were mustered out and returned to their eastern home. Presley came to California three times, once by the Isthmus of Panama which he crossed on foot. After a time he returned to the east to bring the members of his family to California.

The party made the long trek across the plains. En'route two sisters, Amanda Melvina and Leathe Parlee, died of mountain fever and are buried at the sink of the Humboldt. A brother Hiram, and Hiram's wife, also died. A son, James Dorris, survived this couple. This son together with his uncles Presley A., Columbus, Carlos Jefferson and Cyrus Grundy, their parents and two sisters, Parthena and Catherine, continued the journey to California. They drove their stock with them across the plains, as they came to California to raise cattle.

Very important note:

A correction to the above statement is made by Floyd Dorris, Jr. only Hiram died, his wife and son lived and continued on, see note regarding this writing on page for Presley Alexander.

from the notes of Mrs. Lee A. James

Presley passed on in 1901 and Carlos J., six years later in 1907. The brothers never married. They are buried in the Alturas Cemetery in the family plot with their mother, Lucy, Brother Columbus and his wife Rachel and other relatives. Their father, Josiah Dorris, is buried in Benicia, California.

Mrs. Lee also wrote of Presley that he was a kindly man with a great love for humanity -- color or creed made no difference to him. He allowed the Indians to build their wigwams or homes on his D ranch, and often gave them cattle from his herds to kill and eat. The Indians had great respect for him.

She continued to write: "after his disposal of the D. Ranch in Siskiyou County, Pres returned to the Dorris Ranch in Modoc County, where he spent the remaining days with his brother, Carlos, who was in poor health. Both were tenderly cared for in their last days by their sister-in-law Mrs. Columbus Dorris, and sons William J. and Presley S., who had charge of the Modoc County Ranch. The elder Dorrises were fond of the nephews, and as their occupations were the same, they were comrades as well. Presley and Carlos passed their last days in peace and quiet. They could be found sitting quietly on the front porch of their brother (Columbus's) old homestead. Two grey haired, grey bearded old southern gentlemen with their faces turned toward the East -- their thoughts, who knows, mayhap of their beloved Siskiyou. "

More About PRESLEY ALEXANDER DORRIS:

Burial: Alturas, Modoc Co., CA

3. iv. CARLOS JEFFERSON DORRIS, b. Sep 1825, Smith Co., TN; d. 08 Dec 1907, Modoc Co., CA.
- v. CYRUS GRUNDY DORRIS, b. 04 Jan 1831, Fulton Co. ILL; d. 17 Oct 1903, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA.
- vi. LEATHA PARLEE DORRIS, b. 1832, Fulton Co. ILL; d. 1854, Humbolt Co., CA.

Notes for LEATHA PARLEE DORRIS:

Ken Dorris has note on Leatha Parlee Dorris which reads

Burial: Humboldt's Sink
died in route to California

note: also sister Amanda Melvina died 1854 in Route to Calif. same place

See note on pages of Presley Alexander Dorris regarding the deaths of Leatha, Amanda, a brother Hiram and Hiram's wife.

- vii. PARINTHA H. DORRIS, b. 16 May 1833, Fulton Co. ILL; d. Aft. Jun 1912; m. (1) PRESTON HAYES; m. (2) FRANCIS PAYNE, 26 Jan 1855.
- viii. COLUMBUS DORRIS, b. 16 Apr 1837, Fulton Co. ILL; d. 31 Dec 1875, Siskiyou Co., CA; m. RACHEL CYRUS, 24 Oct 1864, Linn Co., Oregon; b. Linn Co., Oregon.

ix. AMANDA MELVINA DORRIS, b. 1838, Fulton Co. ILL; d. 1854, Humboldt Co.,Ca.

Notes for AMANDA MELVINA DORRIS:

Note:

Per notes from Ken Dorris ,

Amanda Melvina Dorris died while in route to California along with her sister Leatha Parlee says both buried Humboldt's Sink

See note under Presley Alexander regarding this disaster , the loss of several lives.

x. CATHERINE DORRIS, b. Fulton Co. ILL; d. 1914; m. (1) JOHN W. PORTER; m. (2) JOHN FACKLER, 1850.

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2. HIRAM CASSITY⁵ DORRIS (*JOSIAH⁴, JOHN³, WILLIAM², JOSEF¹*) was born 25 Jan 1818 in Smith Co.,TN, and died 1847 in Barlow Trail to Oregon. He married ELIZABETH K. FULKINSON 25 Nov 1841 in Platte Co., MO.

Notes for HIRAM CASSITY DORRIS:

There is a note which reads and I quote

"Hiram Dorris b.1813 d. 1847 , buried on the summit of the Cascade Mountains, Oregon after crossing the plains."

I question this date of death , please see note on Presley Dorris information if Hiram died same time as the others this date is not correct. But does seem he died while EnRoute to California and is buried in the Cascade Mountains.

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From the writings of Mrs Lee A. James, I have copied what she has to say regarding the above:

"This data on Hiram Casey Dorris was given by Floyd Dorris Jr. of Portland, Oregon"

Hiram Casey Dorris is traced from South Carolina to North Carolina to West Virginia. He was crossing the plains with his brothers and family when he became ill and died on the Barlow Trail to Oregon in 1847, and is buried on Laurel Hill near Government Camp --Grave marked. Hiram's wife Elizabeth Miller or (Fulherson) and son James Josiah Dorris continued the journey with the Dorris Family. Elizabeth and son James settled in SCIO, Oregon . Where she sent her son to school. He later attended McMinnville College. At a young age he married Mary Ellen Shields, daughter of Captain James Shields, on April 1st, 1859. He taught school, belonged to Joab Powell's famous Providence Church(Baptist)

James Dorris and family moved to Modoc county to join uncles in founding town of Dorris Bridge. He opened first inn for travelers in a tent until lumber could be brought from Susanville. Helped his uncles in raising cattle. He then moved back to Oregon studied law, was appointed Justice of the peace, wrote political and religious papers, taught in sunday school, maintained abstract office in Albany, Oregon court house. Died about 1890 of a heart attack on the street on way home from work one evening. James and wife Mary Ellen had 13 children. Matilda,Bertha,Hiram,Edward,Robert, Lake, Lucy,Albert, Frank, Flyod,Elizabeth, Willis, James.

Floyd and wife had one son Floyd Dorris Jr. and daughter Catherine Dorris.

Catherine married Carrol William, Floyd and wife Dorothy and Catherine Dorris Williams live in Portland, Oregon
Elizabeth Miller, after death of Hiram C. married Kinsey , then Willis Gaines,
(Children by Kinsey- Mary and Wiley Minnie Jackson is daughter of Mary.)

More About HIRAM CASSITY DORRIS:

Burial: 1847, Laurel Hill near Government Camp

Child of HIRAM DORRIS and ELIZABETH FULKINSON is:

- i. JAMES JOSIAH⁶ DORRIS, m. MARY ELLEN SHIELDS.

3. CYRUS GRUNDY⁵ DORRIS (*JOSIAH⁴, JOHN³, WILLIAM², JOSEF¹*) was born 04 Jan 1831 in Fulton Co. ILL, and died 17 Oct 1903 in Alturas, Modoc Co., CA. He married ELIZABETH BARNES 22 Jul 1860 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, CA. She was born 08 May 1844 in Carthage, Hancock, Illinois, and died 1910 in Alturas , Modoc Co., CA.

Notes for CYRUS GRUNDY DORRIS:

Read a note that says Cyrus was called "Doc"

Children of CYRUS DORRIS and ELIZABETH BARNES are:

- i. LEATHA PARLEE⁶ DORRIS, b. 26 Nov 1861, Suisun Bay, Solano, CA; d. 14 Sep 1931, Napa, Sonoma Co., CA; m. WASHINGTON LINCOLN HOWE, 08 Oct 1882, Cedarville, Modoc Co, CA.
- ii. VERNILE THOMAS DORRIS, b. 12 Oct 1863, Dixon, Solano, CA; d. 04 Dec 1935, Gooding, Gooding, ID; m. JOSEPHINE SABRINE, 24 Jun 1903, Klamath Falls, Oregon.
- iii. EDGAR ANTHONY DORRIS, b. 22 Aug 1865, Dixon , Soland, CA; d. 02 Mar 1942, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA; m. MARY M. HENDERSON, 16 Sep 1894, Modoc , Co., CA.
- iv. BERYL L DORRIS, b. 1866, Suisun Bay, Solano, CA.
4. v. ROLAND DUDLEY DORRIS, b. 11 Apr 1870, Suisun Bay, Solano, CA; d. 01 Oct 1944, Nevada City, Nevada, CA.
- vi. IRA GORDON DORRIS, b. Mar 1874, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA.
5. vii. GREENE WARD DORRIS, b. Abt. 1874, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA; d. 22 Jan 1944, Gray Co., Texas, Death Certificate #2530 - Ancestry.com.
- viii. MINTIE FRANCIS DORRIS, b. 18 Apr 1876, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA; m. WILLIAM BONNER, 04 Dec 1998, Willow Ranch, Modoc, CA.
- ix. LUCY DORRIS, b. 1877, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA.
- x. WALLACE FELDEN DORRIS, b. 11 Jun 1878, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA; d. 02 Feb 1953, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA; m. MARTHA.
- xi. ELSIE L. DORRIS, b. 22 May 1882, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA; d. 18 Apr 1944, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA; m. JOSEPH FRANKLIN WALKER, 28 Oct 1903, Adin, Modoc , CA.
- xii. ESTHER DORRIS, b. 1885, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA.
- xiii. WILEY CASEY DORRIS, b. 02 Jul 1887, Alturas, Modoc Co., CA; d. 23 Dec 1957, Bakersfield, Kern Co., CA; m. GRACE GREEN.

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4. ROLAND DUDLEY⁶ DORRIS (*CYRUS GRUNDY⁵, JOSIAH⁴, JOHN³, WILLIAM², JOSEF¹*)^{1,2} was born 11 Apr 1870 in Suisun Bay, Solano, CA, and died 01 Oct 1944 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA. He married JANE CUFF 02 Sep 1891 in Snohomish, Snohomish, WA, daughter of JAMES CUFFE and CATHERINE ARMSTRONG. She was born 13 Dec 1862 in Sligo, Ireland, and died 28 Nov 1958 in Pomona, Los Angeles, CA.

Notes for ROLAND DUDLEY DORRIS:

Family of Roland Dorris and Jan Cuff information taken from sheets sent to me by Mr. Ken Dorris Nevada City, CA

Most all of the information on the Calif families came from information sent to me by Ken Dorris.

More About ROLAND DUDLEY DORRIS:

Residence: 1910, Chico, Butte, California³

More About JANE CUFF:

Burial: 01 Dec 1958, Sacramento, Sacramento Co., California

Children of ROLAND DORRIS and JANE CUFF are:

- i. CARLOS JAMES⁷ DORRIS, b. 09 Jul 1892, Snohomish ,Washington; d. 13 May 1961, Riverside, California.
- ii. REBECCA JANE DORRIS, b. 21 Nov 1893, Snohomish ,Washington; d. 27 Dec 1965, LaCanada,Los Angeles,CA; m. GILBERT STEPHENSON BARRY, 06 Jun 1926, Glendale, L.A.Co., Calif.
- iii. AMIEE DORRIS, b. 11 Apr 1895, Alturas, Modoc Co.,CA; d. May 1990, Grass Valley, Nevada,CA; m. ALBERT MILTON PERSONS, 17 Dec 1924, Los Angeles,CA.
6. iv. LANGLIE BARNES DORRIS, b. 13 Apr 1897, Alturas, Modoc Co.,CA; d. 25 Dec 1974, Cedar Ridge,Nevada,CA.
- v. ALMA ELIZABETH DORRIS, b. 17 Jul 1899, Alturas, Modoc Co.,CA; d. 1990, CA; m. PIATT LESLIE GARRIS, 04 Jul 1923.
- vi. OAKLEY CYRUS ROLAND DORRIS, b. 13 Jun 1901, Alturas, Modoc Co.,CA; d. San Francisco,CA.
- vii. WALLACE DUDLEY DORRIS, b. 06 Jun 1905, Alturas, Modoc Co.,CA; d. Aug 1934, Roseville,Placer Co. CA.

More About WALLACE DUDLEY DORRIS:

Residence: 1920, Forest, Sierra, California⁴

5. GREENE WARD⁶ DORRIS (*CYRUS GRUNDY⁵, JOSIAH⁴, JOHN³, WILLIAM², JOSEF¹*) was born Abt. 1874 in Alturas,Modoc Co.,CA, and died 22 Jan 1944 in Gray Co., Texas, Death Certificate #2530 - Ancestry.com. He married MINERVA. She was born Abt. 1874 in Tennessee.

More About GREENE WARD DORRIS:

Residence: 1900, Alturas, Modoc, California⁵

Vital: Bethany, Oklahoma, Oklahoma⁶

Children of GREENE DORRIS and MINERVA are:

- i. WILLIAM C.⁷ DORRIS, b. Abt. 1898, Calif.

More About WILLIAM C. DORRIS:

Residence: 1900, Alturas, Modoc, California⁷

- ii. WALTER J. DORRIS, b. Abt. 1900, Calif.
- iii. WADE W. DORRIS, b. Abt. 1902, Calif.
7. iv. ALTA E. DORRIS, b. Abt. 1904, Calif; d. 22 Sep 1944, San Joaquin, CA.

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6. LANGLIE BARNES⁷ DORRIS (*ROLAND DUDLEY⁶, CYRUS GRUNDY⁵, JOSIAH⁴, JOHN³, WILLIAM², JOSEF¹*) was born 13 Apr 1897 in Alturas, Modoc Co.,CA, and died 25 Dec 1974 in Cedar Ridge,Nevada,CA. He married INA THORINE THORE 20 Oct 1927 in 4-T Ranch,Cherokee, Nevada,CA. She was born 05 Jun 1905 in Kevanee ,Henry,Il, and died 13 May 1971 in Sutter Gen.Hosp.Sacramento, CA.

More About LANGLIE BARNES DORRIS:

Social Security Number: 551-10-7201⁸

SSN issued: California⁸

Children of LANGLIE DORRIS and INA THORE are:

- i. LANGLIE BRUCE⁸ DORRIS, b. 16 Sep 1928, San Francisco,CA.
- ii. GITLA THORINE DORRIS, b. 13 Nov 1932, Nevada City,Nevada,CA; m. GEORGE CARL NARO, 29 Jun 1952, Bennettsville,Marlboro,S.C..
- iii. INA JANE DORRIS, b. 16 Apr 1935, Nevada City,Nevada,CA; m. CLARENCE OSCAR GIBSON, 17 Mar 1956, Reno,Washoe, Nevada.
- iv. DAVID DORRIS, b. 18 Aug 1938, Nevada City,Nevada,CA; d. 19 Aug 1938, Nevada City,Nevada,CA.
- v. KENNETH BARNES DORRIS, b. 03 Sep 1940, Nevada City,Nevada,CA.
- vi. ZALYA REINA DORRIS, b. 09 Aug 1946, Grass Valley, Nevada,CA; d. 25 Sep 1951, Laguna Honda Home S.F.CA.

7. ALTA E.⁷ DORRIS (*GREENE WARD*⁶, *CYRUS GRUNDY*⁵, *JOSIAH*⁴, *JOHN*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOSEF*¹) was born Abt. 1904 in Calif, and died 22 Sep 1944 in San Joaquin, CA. She married BINKLEY MONROE HUDGENS 1920.

More About ALTA E. DORRIS:

Burial: Lodi , Calif

Children of ALTA DORRIS and BINKLEY HUDGENS are:

- i. PAULINE⁸ HUDGENS.
8. ii. OTIS HUDGENS, b. 06 Jan 1921, Calif; d. 30 Aug 2003.
- iii. OLIVE HUDGENS, b. 1922.
- iv. ROLAND FLOURNOY HUDGENS, b. 1930.

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8. OTIS⁸ HUDGENS (*ALTA E.⁷ DORRIS*, *GREENE WARD*⁶, *CYRUS GRUNDY*⁵, *JOSIAH*⁴, *JOHN*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOSEF*¹) was born 06 Jan 1921 in Calif, and died 30 Aug 2003. He married HERMA LORENE JOHNSON in Vallejo, CA, daughter of EPHRIUM JOHNSON and LAURA SHEPPARD. She was born 03 Feb 1924 in Ravenden Springs, Ark, and died 05 Feb 1999 in Sacramento, CA.

Children of OTIS HUDGENS and HERMA JOHNSON are:

- i. WILBUR ROY⁹ HUDGENS, b. 14 Jul 1951, Eugene, Oregon.
- ii. ELIZABETH ANN HUDGENS, b. 16 Jul 1954, Ukiah , Calif.
- iii. RENA YVONNE HUDGENS, b. 21 Sep 1956, Ukiah, Calif.

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