

It was this hope of recovery of lost stories that served as an impetus for this essay.

XIX - Name Index & Biographical Facts of Those Enslaved

(Author's Note: This index is a listing of the names and a biographical sketch of each of two hundred and forty-nine enslaved persons mentioned in the extensive Gilmer-Breckinridge family correspondence discussing their 19th century family plantations in Albemarle and Botetourt Counties, in the Grove Hill plantation ledgers or in Lucy Breckinridge's published diary covering the years 1862-1864. If mentioned directly in this essay the page references immediately follow the name. The plantation on which the individual is known to have lived are identified by abbreviation in brackets as follows: (C) = Catawba in Botetourt, (F) = Farmington in Albemarle, (L) = Leigh in Albemarle, (GH) = Grove Hill in Botetourt, (IC) = Ivy Creek in Albemarle, (PP) = Pen Park just outside Charlottesville. (Lib) = Liberty – Peachy and Mary Gilmer's plantation for a few years in Henry County. In some cases, an individual is linked to more than one plantation over time. Specific information from the Breckinridge Collection of family letters is indicated by BC and date of letter. Information retrieved from the plantation ledgers of Grove Hill are indicated by PL and a page number when available. Information from Lucy Breckinridge's published diary is noted by (LB & page #).

Aaron, pp. 60-61. (L, GH). “**Uncle Aaron**” was born in 1804 (PL93). He fathered a child by “**Ann**” named “**Hannible**” who died in 1862. (PL-81). A second son named “**Griffin**” was approved in 1852 by the Breckinridges to begin working at age eleven. (PL-52). Aaron first appears in an undated letter (BC-1838) from Emma Gilmer Breckinridge reporting that Aaron mended a broken carriage part upon their arrival at Leigh in Albemarle on a trip to visit her mother. He reappears waiting to carry a letter from Mary Peachy Gilmer at Grove Hill waiting to be posted to Leigh (BC-6/7/1843). In March of 1864 he is asked to treat a sick horse at Grove Hill (LB-181) and in 1864 we see him working to prepare food for the horses (BC-12/1/1864). His death on March 4, 1884, at age 80 was recorded in Breckinridge family records (PL-93) almost twenty years after the Civil War ended.

Abby, (GH). born on February 12, 1854, Died July 1883. (PL-95).

Abe (“**Old Aunt Abe**”) pg. 20. (L). An aged, enslaved woman known to Mary Gilmer and her daughter Emma whose grandchildren were auctioned off at a slave auction in Charlottesville. (BC-2/9/1842). She may be the same woman referred to as “**Aunt Abe**” in a letter from Lucy Minor to Mary Gilmer (BC-3/24/1805).

Adeline (**Adilina sp?**) (GH). Born 1833, died 1881. (PL-96). She had a son with **Joshua**. This infant was born on July 17, 1861, and died eight days later on July 25th. (PL-76). Another son named **Allen** was born on October 26, 1862. (PL81) who died on August 18th, 1864. (PL9-7). Her death is recorded as occurring in 1881 (PL-96).

Agnes pg. 54 (GH). Born October 5, 1847 (PL-33). She appeared in a listing of slaves hired out to labor for \$10 in 1860 at age twelve, and reportedly developed severe diphtheria in October of 1862 while

working at Mr. Ripley's plantation. Two of Ripley's own children died of the disease. (LB-73). Agnes' date of death is unknown.

Ailsy (GH). Born April 10, 1847, to **Nancy**. She died of scrofula (tuberculosis of the neck) on May 1, 1857, age 9. (PL).

Albert pg. 59 (GH). Born October 14, 1848 (PL-33) he was among the group of slaves who ran away from Grove Hill when the Union Army arrived in June of 1864. (LB-194).

Alex (**Alec** or **Aleck** sp?) pp.52, 62 (GH). Born October 9, 1836, and died in 1882 (PL-32,33,39). It is possible that **Alex** is not the same person as **Alec**, but the handwriting in the records makes it difficult to say with certainty. In 1851 he was valued at \$600. (PL). In 1860 the name "Gilmer" was inserted next to his. (PL-72). This probably means he was given or assigned to serve Gilmer Breckinridge. In February and March of 1862 (BC-2/25/1862, 3/27/1862.) he had "yellow jaundice "(hepatitis) while in camp. He was with Gilmer at a Civil War encampment in 1863. Listed as of "Gilmer" in 1863. PL -2,33,39. Immediately after the war ended **Alex** and his companion **Jane** were beginning to share- crop part of the Breckinridge fields and raising a crop of corn. (BC-5/25/1865).

Alice & Eliza (twins), (GH). Born July 30, 1843. Alice died May 10, 1845. Eliza died August 10, 1849. (PL)

Allen #1 (IC), Sold by Peachy Gilmer from the Ivy Creek plantation in 1833 for \$430.

Allen #2 pp.18,64 (GH). **Allen** was the son of **Adeline** and **Joshua**, born 10/25/1862. (PL-81) He died on 8/8/1864. (PL-97)

Amanda # 1 (L). Mother of several children by 1836 when she was given by Peachy Gilmer to Lucy Gilmer. End of her childbearing years by 1835. Trusted to deliver letters on behalf of the family in 1842.

Amanda # 2 (IC). Property of William Gilmer who wishes to be rid of her in 1849. Pregnant in 1849 and died in 1850. (BC-1/2/1850). Possibly related to **Wilson** and **Reuben**.

Amanda # 3 pp. 9, 12-15, 39, 59, 75, 76, 80. (GH, C). Born 1827 (PL). One child born on August 28, 1843. Another child by 1853. Favored household servant in 1850's. Two children, twins William & Julia died March 20, 1855. A son Fayette was born on October 17, 1856. Another son born on September 29, 1861. (PL-76). Knitting socks for the family in 1862. (LB-63) Another son born May 2, 1863 (PL-87). Attempted escape in 1864. Willing to steal family clothing to aid in escape attempt. (LB-195).

Amanda #4 (GH). A child of **Fleming** and **Louisa** was born on August 8, 1855 (PL).

Amanda Jane (GH). Born February 6, 1841. Purchased from the Woodville estate for \$300 as a child. (PL-34, 39).

Anderson pp.59,61 (GH). Born January 14, 1839. (PL-27). Ran away with other slaves in 1864 but returned and was tending sheep on the plantation at the end of the war. Also described as a carpenter in 1865 (PL-98).

America (GH). Born January 6, 1853. Died by 1863. (PL-88).

Anderson "Uncle" (GH). Born 1801. Died 1874 (PL-84). Used as mail carrier. Since one of the overseers was a "Mr. Anderson", it isn't always clear to which person comments in letters refer.

Anderson (GH). Born January 14, 1839. (PL). Carpenter in 1865 (PL-85). See "Uncle Anderson" above.

Andrew pp. 55, (GH). Born September 25, 1859. Died May 27, 1861. (PL).

Ann (C). Born 1818. Son "**Hannible**" by **Aaron** died 1862. (PL-81). Son "**Griffin**" born 1845. OK'd for work in 1856.

Archy (sp?), pg. 45. A slave referred to as having been "spirited away on the underground railway". (BC-8/16/1858).

Arianna (GH). Born August 15, 1842. Used as a wet nurse and nanny. Not highly thought of by family. (LB-55,67). Assigned to serve Gilmer Breckinridge in 1863. (PL-89).

Aron (GH). Born 1803. (PL).

Arthur (GH), pg. 61. Born November 22, 1850. (PL). Single reference to helping cut wood in December 1864. (BC- 12/1/1864).

Augusta (GH). Born May 4, 1853. Died August 11 or 14, 1862, age 9. Daughter of **Dolly**. (PL-81,85).

Bell (GH). Born October 5, 1861. (P-78,89). Twin of **Everita**.

Ben (GH). Born January 6, 1843. Died July 5, 1889. (P-84) Twin of **Tempy**. Approved to start work on plantation in 1856 (PL-58). Hired out to work in 1863 (PL-90).

Betsey "Aunt". pp. 8-13, 73, 74. (GH, LIBERTY). Born 1790. Died 1872. (PL). One of the oldest slaves mentioned. Part of original group owned by Peachy Ridgway Gilmer and lived at Liberty plantation by 1827 at which point she was pregnant. It is not known but possible that she may have been among those acquired from Farmington. See chapter III of this essay.

Betsy "Little" pp. 8-13, 73, 74. (GH). Perhaps a child of **Aunt Betsy**. Born August 1832. (PL). Son **Henry** born January 20, 1846, when she was fourteen. A daughter **Georgeanna** was born September 8, 1847. A third child "**Thornton**" died in 1857 at age 20 months. Another daughter was born January 5, 1862. (PL-81). She delivered twins on April 21, 1864. One of the twins, named **Betty**, died on July 19, 1864, age three months. (PL-97). See chapter III of this essay.

Beverly (L) Born about 1840. A slave at Leigh, the Gilmer plantation adjacent to Farmington in Albemarle County. Moved at age eight with Mary H. Gilmer when she left Albemarle for Botetourt. (BC-1/3/1848).

Billy #1 pp. 32-33 (L, U.Va.). Taking letters from Leigh to Hardin's Tavern post-office in 1841 (BC-5/12/1841). This may be the Billy hired out to Reverend Richard Kidder Meade of Christ Church, Charlottesville in 1841.

Billy #2 "Uncle" (GH). Born 1774. Died April 29, 1848. Recorded as "old and blind" in 1848. Valued at \$0. (PL-34).

Bob (GH). Born 1805. Died July 24, 1852. (PL-39).

Booker #1 (GH) Born 1780. Died June 1877, age 96. (PL-93)

Booker #2 pp. 59-61 (GH). Born June 10, 1840. (PL39) Mail carrier. Carriage Driver. "Ran off" December 1, 1864. (BC-12/1/1864).

Booker #3 (C) Born June 25, 1839. (PL-39,32).

Caleb (GH). Born October 8, 1850. Died January 24, 1853. (PL-39)

Calvin (GH). Born 1828.

Carter pg. 18 (GH). His son **Jim** sold off in 1835 along with Grace, Nelly, Davy's John, and Sukey's Jim. (BC-3/15/1835.).

Catherine "Kate" (GH). Born August 9, 1843. (PL-33). Still alive in 1863. (PL-34,39,71). Hired out to "St. Clair for \$20". Daughter born June 1863. (PL-87,89).

Ceasar #1 (GH). Born 1771. Died July 8, 1849. (PL-32).

Ceasar #2 (GH). Born February 1, 1852. (PL).

Charles #1 (L, GH) Born May 29, 1845. (PL-39). Moved with Mary H. Gilmer from Leigh to Grove Hill in 1848. (BC-1/3/1848). Escaped from Grove Hill. (BC- 12/1/1864)

Charles #2 (GH). Born June 6, 1859. Died January 11, 1860. (PL).

Charlotte (GH) Born August 14, 1838. (PL32) Son born September 1856. 2nd son born May 13, 1861. 3rd son born January 30, 1863. (PL-76,87)

Chisholm (IC) Involved in removing shingles at Ivy Creek from roof top and gathering nails to prevent injury. (BC-5/17/1832)

Clara (GH) Born 1822. Died by 1863. (PL-89). Daughter born July 13, 1861. (PL-78) Daughter Rosa died September 30, 1862. (PL-81)

Cooper (GH) Born 1812 approx. Still alive in 1848. (PL-35,36). Purchased from William Wood.

Cornelius (GH) Born May 13, 1861. (PL-88)

Cyrus (GH) Born January 1844. Still alive in November 1847. (PL-35)

Daniel (GH) Born January 31, 1861. (PL)

Davy (father of **John**). pp.18,19,23. (L) Slave at Leigh in Albemarle. His son John was sold off by Peachy Gilmer in 1835. Peachy intended to sell **Davy** and "his family" in toto but was not able to get adequate price. So only his son was sold. (BC- 3/15/1835). Involved in confrontation with violent slave named **Windsor** in 1837. (BC-1/30/1837).

Delilah pp.14-15, 39-40, 48-49. (GH, IC, L) Delilah was a trusted house servant. She was taken by Mary H. Gilmer from Leigh to Grove Hill when Mary moved there as a widow. She was returned to Ivy Creek to work on William Gilmer's plantation in her later years and as late as 1859 was reported as very ill. Her birth and death dates are not known. (See text for references to letters in which Delilah is mentioned). (BC-2/9/1842, 8/14/1842, 5/1/1843, 1/3/1848, 9/19/1849, 9/4/1859).

Delphy #1 (GH) Born 1775. Died November 12, 1851. Described as "a very old woman" in 1844 with a recorded value to the Breckinridge's of \$0. (PL-39).

Delphy #2 (GH) Born September 11, 1838. Died May 5, 1857. (PL-32,39).

Dilley pg. 40 (L). Her death at Leigh Plantation in Albemarle is referenced. (BC-10/5/1841).

Dolly pp. 35-37, 59 (GH). Mentioned several times in Lucy Breckinridge's diary (LB-19, 06,106, 110, 194, 197-98). She had a son "Tom" born January 13, 1861, who died May 26, 1861. A daughter "Augusta" died on August 14, 1862. Another son was born February 20, 1863. (PL-76,81, 87).

Easton pg. 40 (L, GH). One of the five slaves brought by Mary H. Gilmer from Leigh in Albemarle to Grove Hill in Botetourt in 1848. Other than the single mention in Mary's letter of 1848 Easton's name does not appear in other letters or the plantation ledger from Grove Hill.

Edmund (C) Mentioned as ill in one letter. (BC- 4/3/1843)

Eliza (#1) & Alice (twins), (GH). Born July 30, 1843. Alice died May 10, 1845. Eliza died August 10, 1849. (PL)

Eliza (#2) (GH) Born April 27, 1845. Died October 7, 1846. Daughter of Francis. (PL)

Eliza (#3) (C) Born March 6, 1865. (PL95).

Ella (GH). Born January 26, 1853. Mentioned as being ill with pneumonia in 1862. Mentioned twice more as a house servant in the summer of 1863. (LB-pp106, 131, 141).

Ellen (GH) Born September 8, 1847. Died November 15, 1847. (PL-33,39).

Elvira (GH) Born April 5, 1848. Died August 5, 1861. (PL-34,39). Daughter of "Anderson & wife" (PL-76). It is not clear whether this is a reference to Anderson the slave or Anderson the overseer.

Ely pg. 5, (PEN PARK). Willed by George Gilmer, Sr. to George Gilmer, Jr. in 1757.

Emmaline (GH) Born between 1814-18. Died July 1881. (PL-33,35,80,95)

Esther #1 (L) (daughter of Mildred) (BC-5/1/1843)

Esther #2 (GH). Born 1861. Daughter of **Lizzie**. Died January 30, 1863. (PL-87).

Evelina pg. 18, (IC). Owned by William Gilmer. Born August 1833. Carried letters for family to post office. Near death in 1850. (BC-9/2/1850, 10/13/1850).

Everita (twin of **Bell**) (GH) Born October 5, 1860.

Fanny (Fannee sp?) #1 pp. 2, 13-14, 27, (L). Born 1784. Died 1843. This was the Fanny to whom a key to the barn was entrusted in an episode which led to one of the slaves being whipped and eventually running away.

Fanny #2 (GH) Born April 4, 1836. Died January 1, 1864. (PL-34,95). Hired out to Mr. Gould for \$50 in 1862. (BC-1/8/1862).

Fanny #3 (GH) Born June 1863. Died May 19, 1864. Daughter of Catherine (Kate). (PL-89,97)

“**Farmington Negroes**” pp. 9, 20, 66, 67 (F). An otherwise nameless group of enslaved individuals from the Farmington plantation just west of Charlottesville. Their partial dispersal by sale and probable future sales at auction in Charlottesville was discussed by in February 1842 by Mary Gilmer. (BC – 2/9/1842).

Ferdinand, pg. 59 (GH). Born July 14, 1840. (PL-34). With other slaves ran away from Grove Hill with Union troops in June 1864. (LB-194).

Ferret, (Dr. George Gilmer estate) 5. A female slave with children left by Dr. George Gilmer Sr. to his son John in his will of 1757.

Fleming #1 (GH) Born 1823. A miller by trade. Had a son by **Louisa** on July 18, 1862. (PL-81).

Fleming #2 (GH) Son of Fleming #1. Born October 28, 1853. (PL).

Florlina (GH) Born June 22, 1855. Died February 27, 1857. (PL).

Francis (GH) Born 1824. Died 1866. (PL-32). Hired to “Mrs. Percy” for \$15 in 1860. Son **Walker** born March 27, 1861. Died July 11, 1861. (PL-76). **Daughter** Eliza Born April 27, 1845. Died October 7, 1846.

Frank (GH) Born 1800. Died after 1850. (PL-39). Daughter **Lizzie** approved to work on plantation at age 11. (PL-52).

Gabriella (GH) Born April 28, 1857. (PL-85).

Gamble (GH) Born 1832. Died July 31, 1847. (PL).

George #1 (GH) Born 1816. Sold by 1850. (PL34,39,49)

George #2 (GH) Born October 7, 1837. (PL) Died from drowning in 1855. From Botetourt County death records.

George Edward (GH) Born September 22, 1855. (PL)

Georgia (GH) Born October 17, 1855. Died February 10, 1890. (PL-85, 95).

Georgeanna J(GH) Born January 7, 1851. Died April 19, 1857. Daughter of "Betsey". (PL-61,64).

Gip (GH) Died July 13, 1863. A child probably by comment. (LB-135).

Goen, pg. 59 (GH). Born May 12, 1843. Among ten slaves who deserted the plantation in June of 1864 with arrival of Union troops. (PL-34), (LB-193).

Grace "Old" (IC, L). Died by October 5, 1841. (BC-10/5/1841)

Grace, pp. 19, 40-41. (L). Sold off by William Gilmer in 1835 in small group. (BC-3/15/1835).

Granville (GH) Born February 10, 1840. Died in 1863. (PL-39,88)

Griffith, pp. 56, 82 (GH). Cooked for Breckinridge sons while they were in camp with Confederate troops. (LB-75).

Griffin, pp. 13, 57, 58, 82. (GH). Born in 1845, son of **Aron**. Approved for service on plantation at age eleven. (PL-52). Griffin is involved in supporting the Breckinridge boys service in the Confederate army. (LB-7/21/1863, 8/15/1863, 8/17/1863). Note: Griffith and Griffin are probably the same person.

Guy #1 (GH) Born 1806. Died July 22, 1849. (PL-34,39)

Guy #2 (GH) Born April 5. 1841.

Hannah (Aunt), pg. 53. (GH). Born August 31, 1841. Valued at \$350 in 1851. (PL-39). Family cook.

Hannible (GH) (Son of Aaron & Ann) Died 1862. (PL-82)

Harriott (GH) Birth date either April 29, 1844, or April 28, 1847. (PL-34,35, 39) Hired to Mr. Chase in 1860 (PL-73).

Henderson (GH) Born July 15, 1852. (PL)

Henrietta (GH) Born July 24, 1849. Hired out for \$8 in 1860. (PL-33,39)

Henry #1 (L) Mentioned as a carriage driver for Mary H. Gilmer driving her to church in 1843. (BC-5/1/1843). After Mary moved to Boutetourt this Henry stayed behind at Ivy Creek working for William Gilmer. He is mentioned in 1861 as a slave serving Gilmer in the Confederate Army. (BC-12/24/1861).

Henry #2, pp. 10, 29 (GH). Born January 29, 1846. Died March 22, 1859, of congestive heart failure suggesting either congenital or post rheumatic fever heart disease. Son of "Little Betsy". (Perhaps Henry Miller, see Towler research)

Hubbard, pg. 21. (L, Pittsylvania C.H.).

Ian (GH) Born January 9, 1840. (PL-35).

Isaac (GH) Born 1786. Died November 17, 1877, age 97. (PL-96). Letter carrier to and from Hardin's Tavern for family in 1843. (BC- 4/15/1843). Caring for horses. (BC-12/1/1864). Isaac and his family remained on the Grove Hill plantation "as usual" into 1866 at least. (PL).

Isabella (GH) Born December 22, 1851 (PL-85)

Isbill (GH) Born April 27, 1849. (PL-35)

Jacob, pg. 16, (IC) Valued at \$450 by William Gilmer in 1831. (BC - 4/12/1831)

James (GH) Child of James born January 26, 1850. Daughter born May 11, 1861. Son born December 1, 1861 (PL-76). Either second child is premature, dates are wrong, or James fathered children by two different women. There was a slave named **James Burnett** known to the Breckinridges, who died in jail in late 1862 awaiting hanging for a murder.

James, a child of "A & Nancy" (GH) Born August 23, 1845. (PL-34).

Jamison (? Jimison) #1 (GH) Born January 28, 1843. Given to Mary in 1864. (PL-88).

Jamison (? Jimison) #2 (GH) Born February 9, 1844. Son of **Richard**. Let for work in 1856. (PL-58). With Gilmer in Civil War in 1863 (PL-89).

Jane, pp. 62-63. (GH). Born November 11, 1841. (PL-84). Still alive and on plantation in 1866. (PL). Joined with another ex-slave, **Alex**, in sharecropping part of the Grove Hill farm after the Civil War.

Jasper, pg. 59. (GH). Born November 19, 1839. Among the group of ten slaves who ran away when the Union troops arrived in 1864. (LB-193). Jasper returned to Grove Hill eventually. (PL-95).

Jefferson (C) Born 1831. (PL). Sold for \$1,100 in 1858. (PL-60).

Jesse (GH) Born August 3, 1849. Still working for the Breckinridge's during the Union troops invasion. (LB-195).

Jim #1, pg. 18. (L). Son of Sukey. Both Jim's sold off in 1835 from Leigh. (BC- 3/15/1835).

Jim #2, pg. 18 (L). Son of Carter. Both Jim's sold off in 1835 from Leigh. (BC - 3/15/1835).

Jim #3, pp. 36, 56-58. (GH). Married to Serena. House servant. Served in Confederate army camp near Orange C.H. with Breckinridge boys. Escaped from GH in 1864. (LB-6/16/1864).

Joe #1, pp. 36, 57, 58. (GH). Born 1839. Noted as "sold off" in November 1847. (PL).

Joe #2 (GH) Born August 1, 1833. Died February 22, 1863. (PL-88).

Joe #3 (GH) Born February 4, 1846. Given to William Gilmer, 1860. (PL-73).

John (son of Davy) (L) Sold by Peachy Gilmer from Leigh. (BC 3/15/1835).

Joshua #1, pp. 14, 18, 39, 59-61, 67, 68. (GH). Born 1828 (PL30,35). Shot by an overseer, Mr. Smoots, in 1854. Recovered. Noted "Richmond", 1861. Sent there? (PL-80). Son by **Adeline** July 17, 1861. This infant lived only eight days. (PL-76). 2nd son, **Allen**, born 10/25/1862. (PL-81). Involved in moving a load of Confederate artillery shells to a farm near Bonsack and revealing their location to the Union troops. (BC-6/3/1864). Listed as a blacksmith in 1865, (PL-98). Joshua and "his family" were still living on the plantation in 1866. (PL- appended note).

Joshua #2, pp. 38, 59-61. (GH). Born January 3, 1847. (PL-30,32,39). This was probably the "Little Joshua" who was persuaded by older men to escape with them in 1864. (LB-193).

Joshua #3, pg. 49. (GH). Born February 8, 1857. Died of measles, August 29, 1858. (PL). (BC-5/27/1859).

Judy #1 "Aunt" (C) Born 1796. Died February 1873 (PL-83)

Judy #2 "Aunt" (GH) Born 1847. Died June 1863. Daughter of **Lucy**. (PL-87)

Julia (GH) Born October 17, 1844. (PL-33,39)

Julius (GH) Born April 1, 1861. Died September 21, 1863. Son of **Nancy** (PL-87)

Kenely (GH) Born May 3, 1853. (PL-85)

Kitty, pg. 28. (Lynchburg). Slave of Harmer Gilmer and his wife Isabelle. Mentioned only once. (BC-1/3/1845).

Laura Anne (GH) Born December 2, 1851. Died 1873. Hired out to labor. (PL-85).

Lealy Ann (GH) Born October 19, 1855. Died March 29, 1856.

Letitia (GH) Born April 29, 1844. Daughter of "G & Louisa". Approved for enslaved work at age 12 in 1856. (PL-58). Hired out for enslaved labor, 1862. (PL-85).

Letty (GH) Born January 14, 1852. Died August 25, 1853. (PL).

Levy Anne (GH) Born October 15, 1858. (PL-85).

Lewis #1, pp. 21-23. (L). Owned by George Gilmer. One of the few slaves who may have been literate. Leather worker.

Lewis #2, pp. 48-49. (GH). Born January 26, 1850. (PL-39). Died 1854.

Lolly, pg. 39. (IC). Injured by stepping on nails while repairing a roof. (LBC- 5/17/1832).

Louisa, pp. 64-65 (Sorell's). A slave of the Cary Breckinridge's sister, Letitia Sorell. It is possible that this is the same person as the Louisa passed from Mary H. Gilmer to Emma Gilmer Breckinridge.

Louisa, pp. 9-10, 13, 14 (C, IC, L). Born in February 1826. Put to work in the house at age six. Remained house slave and eventually a cook based on several mentions in family letters. Had a child in

August of 1843 at age 17. (BC-8/28/1843). Another son born in June of 1845. (BC- 6/12/1845). Had another child with **Fleming**. (BC-8/8/1855).

Lovelace #1, pg. 59. (C, GH). Born in 1800 or 1801. Died October 24, 1858, of “dropsy” (congestive heart failure). (PL-32,39).

Lovelace #2, (C) Born November 8, 1839. (PL-1852 name listing).

Lovelace #3 (GH) Born January 31, 1862. (PL-88).

Luckey (the cook), pg. 17. (C). Born 1805. (PL-39). Inherited by Emma Breckinridge from estate of Mr. Watts. (BC- 4/27/1843).

Lucky (GH) Born February 10, 1837. Daughter born in 1853. (PL-39)

Lucy #1 (C) Born 1820. Died 1867. (PL-32,93).

Lucy #2 (GH) Born 1828. (PL-30,35). Daughter **Judy** born July 7, 1847. Judy died January 9, 1863. (PL-87). Another daughter (no name) born October 8, 1864. (PL-97).

Lucy Buckner (GH) Born November 1834. Purchased from Peachy Gilmer for \$320 on January 20, 1848. (PL-35,36,81). Possibly purchased from cousin Kate Buckner. The last name perhaps appended to in ledger to distinguish this person from another Lucy (#2) resident at Grove Hill.

Lydia #1, pg. 59. (GH). Born April 1844. Died in 1866. (PL-96). Purchased from Peachy Gilmer, January 20, 1848, for \$100. Daughter born January 8, 1862. (PL-81). Escaped with Union troops and her two children in June of 1864.

Lydia #2 (GH) Born June 18, 1848. Hired out to labor in 1862. (PL-34,39,85).

Madison (GH) Born 1818. (PL-39).

Magdalin (Magdeline) (GH) Born September 1, 1838. Daughter born January 13, 1862. Daughter born July 26, 1863. (PL-33,39,81,87)

Mahala (C) Born October 20, 1837. Purchased from Woodville plantation for \$600. (PL-53).

Malinda (GH) Born April 2, 1852. (PL-1852 list).

Margaret #1 (GH) Born February 2, 1825. Died 1869. Purchased from Peachy Gilmer, January 20, 1848, for \$450. (PL-35,36,81).

Margaret #2 (C) Born January 5, 1862. (PL-85).

Maria, “**Aunt Maria**” (IC) Born either in 1813 (PL30) or 1809 (PL-33,39). Died 1834. Requested of Mary H. Gilmer that her husband be owned by “Mr. B”. Said to be “honest and faithful”. (BC-4/13/1831).

Maria, pg. 14. (GH). Born September 7, 1837. Moved into position of family cook in 1862 to take Fanny's place. (LB-183). Died by 1863. Son born January 13, 1853. (PL-39,32,88).

Martha (GH) Born 1833. (PL-30).

Mary (C) Born November 30, 1840. Had a son with Willis born June 27, 1861. (PL-76). Another son born January 9, 1863. (PL-87). Third son born February 1864. (PL-96).

Mary C. (C) Born December 19, 1807. (PL-35,36). Child born 1848. Purchased from Peachy Gilmer for \$200 on January 20, 1848.

Mary Ann (GH) Born February 1831. Daughter Frances born May 27, 1845. Sold by November 15, 1847. (PL-34).

Mary Jane (C) Born November 11, 1841. (PL list of 1850). Purchased from Peachy Gilmer, January 20, 1848, for \$200.

Maryann, "Little", pg.10. (C). Born April 11, 1846. (PL-32,39). OK'd for enslaved labor age 10 (PL58). Son **George** born June 16, 1863. (PL-87). Either Maryann or George died on June 16, 1863. So, either the infant died at birth or Maryann herself while giving birth, or perhaps both. (PL-88).

Matilda, pp. 12, 36. (GH). Born August 31, 1845. Daughter **Eliza** born March 16, 1865. (PL95). House servant. "Got religion" in 1863. (LB pp.19,67,102,141).

May (GH) Born November 30, 1840. (PL-list of 1852).

Mildred (the cook), pg. 15. (L). (mother of **Esther**) Mentioned by name in Peachy Gilmer's Will of January 31, 1835.

Miles, pg. 61 (GH) Born 1824. Died 1849. (PL-35). Valued at \$600 in 148. Died of "consumption" (Tb).

Moses (GH) Born October 10, 1851. Died October 17, 1852. (PL-1852 listing).

Nancy #1, pg. 29 (GH) Born 1812. Died October 12, 1847. (PL-34,39&1852 listing).

Nancy #2 (GH) Born July 22, 1846. Died 1874. (PL-33,39,95). Worth \$350. Son born August 15, 1861. (PL-76). Either Nancy #2 or #3 was the mother of **Ailsy** who died of scrofula at age 9 in 1857. (PL-76).

Nancy #3 (GH) Born October 2, 1835. Died 1870. (PL-88,93). Son **Julius** born on April 1, 1861. **Julius** died 9/21/63. (PL-87). Either Nancy #2 or #3 was the mother of **Ailsy** who died of scrofula at age 9 in 1857. (PL-76).

Nancy #4 (GH) Born 1820. Died November 1887, age 62. (PL-95).

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Nat ("Old Nat"), pg. 61. (C). Delivered letter on 6/15/1852 from Emma Breckinridge to her son in Charlottesville. Name entered on envelope to certify that "Old Nat" had permission to travel alone as a letter courier.

Ned (“Uncle Ned”), pg. 36. (GH) Born 1775. Still alive at age 80 in 1856. (PL-54). Died August 3, 1859. A person referred to as “Uncle Ned” was reported by Lucy Breckinridge to have read the Episcopal wedding service at the wedding of two slaves held at Grove Hill on May 29th, 1862. (LB-96). This doesn’t match the death date given derived from the plantation ledger. The “Uncle Ned” Lucy referred to was probably Ned #2 below. The sobriquet “Uncle” was usually used to refer to an older male but in this case, it may have been inherited by the younger Ned after the elder’s passing.

Ned #2 (GH) Born 1831. (PL-1852 listing). If this was the “Uncle Ned” who performed the Episcopal wedding service in the slave quarters (as reported by Lucy) then he was literate.

Nell, pg. 18. (GH). Nell and Booker ran off on December 1, 1864.

Nellie (Nelly) (C). “Old Nellie” offered \$4 of her own money to help her master, Col. Burwell, rebuild a barn that had been destroyed by fire. (BC – February 4, 1840).

Nelson, pp. 59-61. (GH) Born January 28, 1843. Purchased at age 5 from Peachy Gilmer on January 20, 1848, for \$175. Said to be worth \$450 in 1852. May have been put to work at “Woodville” plantation in 1852. (PL). Mentioned frequently in Lucy Breckinridge’s diary. (LB -pp. 19,95,97,103,141,193-94). Often trusted to do independent errands away from the plantation. In June of 1864 he was interrupted preparing to escape the plantation. Lucy reports later they feared he might have been killed.

Nicholas, pg. 17. (L). Loaned by Mary House Gilmer to her son Harmer in 1835.

Nick (Pittsylvania CH). Slave used by George Gilmer to deliver letters in 1842.

Oliver, pp. 39-41. (IC)(GH). Taken by Mary H. Gilmer from Leigh to Grove Hill when she moved in 1848. Died March 1, 1862. Oliver’s worth to the family is exemplified in his role providing essential help with salvaging the tobacco crop at Ivy Creek in 1841 (BC -. His mother’s name was “**Namini**”. (PL-81).

Oliver #2 (GH) Born June 1847. Died January 11, 1848. Son of slaves **Frances** and **Jim**.

Page (GH) Born July 7, 1861. Died October 8, 1864. (PL-96).

Patsy (GH) Born 1808. Died December 26, 1851. “Good cook, age 42, value \$400.” (PL-39).

Patt. 5 (PP) Ownership transferred via Will of George Gilmer, Sr. to Peachy Gilmer, Sr., 1757).

Paulina, pp. 31, 35, 49. (GH). Born April 3, 1849. Died September 8, 1862. (PL-81). Hired out to work for a Mr. Linkenhoger in 1860. (PL-73,79).

Peggy, pg. 9. (Lib) Pregnant in 1827 along with another enslaved woman, Betsey. (BC – February 26, 1827).

Peter, pg. 59. (GH). Born 1835. (PL39). Made apple butter for the family in 1862. Escaped with other slaves when Union troops arrived in 1864. (LB-72, 193). The word “Yanky” was recorded by his name in the plantation ledger (PL-95).

Phil ("Uncle Phil"), pp. 12-14. (C, GH). Born 1807. Died 1878. (PL-58,59,62,93). Living with Betsey after the Civil War near the Grove Hill plantation. Surname was perhaps Skipper. Mentioned by Lucy Breckinridge in her diary. (LB-19,43,81,86,109,134,153,188, 195, 207).

Polly #1, pp. 15, 20. (L). Mentioned in 1835 as ownership of being transferred in Peachy Gilmer's will to his daughter Amanda Gilmer.

Polly #2, pp. 12,36, 40. (GH) Born April 2, 1841. Approved for labor on plantation at age 10. (PL-58). Involved in wedding party in slave quarters. (LB-96).

Powhatan (GH) Born June 3, 1849. Hired out to "Walker" in 1860, age 11. Hired out to "Ballard" in 1861. (PL-78).

Priscilla (GH) Born July 25, 1860. (PL-95).

Puero (IC) Owned by William Gilmer at Ivy Creek. Selected to deliver a letter to James Breckinridge. (BC-- February 5, 1854).

Rachael (GH) Born March 3, 1846. Hired out to "Hoffman" for \$20 in 1860. (PL-35,73,85).

Randal, pg.59. (GH) Born December 23, 1845. Died 1866. (PL-95). Hired out to labor at Woodville in 1861. (PL-79). Escaped along with other slaves in 1864. (LB-194).

Reuben, pg. 16. (IC) Brother of **Wilson**, a more prominently mentioned enslaved person. (BC-- January 2, 1850). Had run-away from the plantation and involved in breaking into the Woodville plantation. (LB- May 1, 1862).

Rhoda (GH). Born November 30, 1848. Hired out in 1862. Died August 16, 1886. (PL -34, 85, 96).

Richard (GH). Born 1804. Father of **Jamison** who was born in 1844. Died April 12, 1860. (PL-32,39)

Robert, pg. 61. (GH). Born September 21, 1850. Hired to Walker in 1860 for \$5. Still working on the plantation in late 1864. (BC-12/1/18641864).

Robin (GH). Born 1803. Died April 23, 1848 (Easter Sunday). (PL-35).

Roland (IC). Slave of William Gilmer at Ivy Creek in 1850. (BC-12/23/1850).

Rosa (GH). Daughter of Clara in 1862. (PL-81).

Sallie, pp. 40, 59. (IC, GH) Born June 1, 1842. Cook in 1858. Son **Richard** born December 25, 1863. Still on the plantation with her family in 1866 (PL-87,88, 1866 listing of resident ex-slaves).

Sally #1, pg. 5. In 1757 left by Dr. George Gilmer, Sr. to John Gilmer the "negro wench Sally" with her children.

Sally #2 (GH) Born May 11, 1861. Daughter of Jane. (PL-97).

Samuel (GH) Born May 30, 1847. Died November 15, 1847. (PL-34).

Sancho, pp. 23-24. (GH), Sancho is Sancho Rone, son of Nelson Rone. Originally owned by Peachy H(armer) Gilmer. (Sam Towler genealogical research). (BC-12/4/1843).

Saunders #1 (GH) Born July 4, 1858. Died April 16, 1859. (PL)

Saunders #2 (GH) Born September 21, 1862. Died March 3, 1863. (PL-87).

Sarah (GH) Born October 1, 1831. Died at "Woodville" estate, date? (PL-34,39).

Sawney (GH) Born 1785. (PL-39).

Seldon (Selden, sp?). (GH) Born 1820. (PL1850 listing). (LB 157, 213).

Serena #1 (GH) Born August 14, 1846. Died June 7, 1861. (PL-86) Daughter of Emeline.

Serena #2, pg. 36. (GH) Approved for labor on plantation at age 10. (PL-58). Married **Jim** on December 25, 1862. Delivered a son on January 25, 1862. (PL-81). Delivered a daughter on April 1, 1864. (PL-97).

Sheppard (GH) Born June 7, 1858. (PL-95).

Sophy (GH) Born April 1840. Purchased from Peachy Gilmer, January 20, 1848, \$150. (PL-35,36).

Strother, pp. 31, 36, 53, 56, 59-61. (GH) Born 1831. Served Gilmer Breckinridge in Confederate army camp as personal servant during the Civil War. Developed a toothache in 1863 and was sent home. (BC- 5/16/1862, 10/19/1863). Returned to GH via railroad from Richmond in 1864 bringing news of Gilmer and Cary's being killed in action. Frequently referred to in Lucy Breckinridge's diary (LB-19,104, 106, 120, 189, 194-95, 199). Still present at Grove Hill plantation with "his family" as per plantation ledger listing slaves in residence in 1866.

Sukey "Aunt", pp. 18, 36, 49, 57. (L, GH) Born 1806 (PL-88). Died August 1, 1885, age 79. (PL-93). Mentioned once by Lucy Breckinridge as a venerated member in the enslaved community involved in a wedding in 1862 at Grove Hill. (LB-96). (Note: Another enslaved person named **Sukey** died in childbirth on the Grove Hill plantation in 1855 according to Botetourt County death records). Sukey's husband or son was named Jim and was among those "sold off" by William Gilmer in 1835 from the Leigh plantation. (BC- 3/15/1835). Apparently, William tried to sell off "Sukey and her family" along with Jim but was unsuccessful. It is probable that Sukey was transferred to Grove Hill after Emma's marriage.

Susan #1 (L). A female house servant named Susan is mentioned in letters from Leigh plantation in 1843 and 1844. (BC- 5/1/1843, 6/20/1844)

Susan #2, pp. 12, 13, 36. (GH) Born July 27, 1840. (PL-1852 list). This is one of two enslaved females named Susan specified by two different birth dates. (See Susan #3 below). One of the two Susans is often mentioned with some affection and amusement by the Breckinridge's. (LB-19,46,73, 96,141-42,168). She apparently "got religion" in the mid-1860's.

Susan #3. (GH) Born March 5, 1841 (PL-1852 list).

Tempy #1 (Tempe, sp?). (GH) Born 1784. Died 1844. (PL-30).

Tempy #2 (twin of Ben). (GH) Born December 20, 1845. (PL84). Died July 5, 1889 (PL-95). Approved for labor at age 10 (along with Ben). (PL-58). Hired out in 1863. (PL-90).

Titus "Old Titus" (IC) 25-26. Preached to other slaves in religious services at Ivy Creek.

Tom #1 (GH) Born January 9, 1850. Died May 26, 1861 (PL-80).

Tom #2 (GH) Born January 13, 1861. Died May 26, 1861. Son of Dolly. (PL-76,81,87).

Viola (GH) First mentioned in a letter in 1853 from Emma Breckenridge to her daughter Mary B. Woodville, who owned Viola. She was mentioned in May 1862 (1864?) reporting that she and an escaped slave named Rheuben had aided the Yankees in breaking into the Woodville plantation home. (The date is uncertain, and the librarians catalogued the letter as being written in 1862, but it is more likely 1864 since it refers to Union troops raiding. (BC- 5/1/1862). **Viola** is also mentioned by name in Lucy Breckinridge's diary describing Viola's look of "suppressed rage" while witnessing "**little Preston**" being chased all over the yard by Lucy's sister's child Jimmy (Woodville?) and who was beating him maliciously with a stick. **Preston** was born July 5, 1859 and was among listed as among the enslaved at Grove Hill in 1864. (PL-94). Viola was enslaved at Woodville by Lucy's sister and was at Grove Hill that day with her mistress visiting. The incident was so disturbing that Lucy admitted that it made her feel that she "was a true abolitionist at heart". She went on to express relief that she had "been properly raised and never allowed, at least when we were children, to "scold or strike a servant". (LB -219)

Virginia, pg. 36. (GH) Born October 30, 1847. "Hired out" in 1861. (PL-79). One of the slaves involved in the slave wedding described by Lucy Breckinridge. She was Lucy's maid and apparently vaccinated against smallpox which was epidemic in the area in January of 1863. She is referred to in the diary several times. (LB -19, 96, 101-102, 141, 194).

Walter (GH) Born 1820. (PL84). Son born on March 24, 1861. (PL-79).

Walker, pg. 61. (GH) Born October 25, 1848. "Sold" away from Grove Hill. Date uncertain. (PL-33). In 1864 Walker is recorded as working at Grove Hill among the slave population that has been diminished by run-aways. (LBC-12/1/1864).

Walker #2, (GH) Walker (son of Francis) born March 27, 1861. Died July 11, 1861. (PL-76)

Watt (GH). Born 1820. (PL-1850 listing). Watt "and his family" were on the plantation ledger list of former slaves still resident at Grove Hill in 1866.

Wertley (GH) Born 1822. Still alive in 1847. (PL-34).

William #1 (GH) Born March 4, 1835. Died September 5, 1860. (PL -listing of 1852).

William #2 (GH) Born October 22, 1843. "From Woodville". Valued at \$250 in 1852. (PL-33,39, listing of 1852).

William #3 (GH) Born July 18, 1862. (PL-95).

Willis, pp.23,29,59,61. (GH, L) Born 1832. Listed as a “cooper” (barrel maker) in 1856. Son by Mary on June 27, 1861. Listed as an “ox driver” in 1865. (PL-98). Willis died in 1867. (PL-note).

Wilson #1, (Farmington, GH) Born 1824. (PL-1852 listing). pp. 8, 12, 16, 19, 23, 25, 29-31, 33-34, 40, 42-43, 49, 51-53, 56, 58-59, 61-63. Died 1859. The most mentioned of all the enslaved persons in letters.

Wilson #2. Born 1831. (GH). (PL-1852 listing). Purchased for \$200 in 1852. (PL-51). Listed as Carpenter in 1865. (PL-98).

Windsor, pp. 22-23. (L).

Woodson (GH) Born January 17, 1855.

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1) *African American Slave Cemeteries in Albemarle and Amherst Counties (Va.), Hardin Tavern*, <http://www2.vcdh.virginia.edu/cem/db/cemetery/details/HRD/>. “This Cemetery is named after a nearby Tavern, the Hardin Tavern. Oral tradition maintains that the cemetery contains slaves who once worked for the Hardin family. The Tavern opened in 1805 and was originally called the Albemarle Hotel. The owner, Benjamin Hardin, fell into debt and sold the establishment around 1827. Next, Francis McGee operated a tavern at the site (his family is buried adjacent to a 20th Century house located on the property today). The “slave cemetery” is located several hundred feet from the original tavern, across Morgantown Road, at the edge of a field.

Only seven stones were visible in the ground, but several more had been removed over the decades (including several that were disturbed during a storm that uprooted a tree which held the stones within its root system). None of the stones were inscribed with names or dates. Instead, they were carved fieldstones of various sizes and a handful of quartz stones. One woman in the community remembers her mother gesturing towards the cemetery and saying that her enslaved mother was buried there. While there is no way to prove that the stones mark slave burials, it seems likely that the cemetery was used by either the individuals enslaved by either the Hardin or McGee family.”

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