

In Search of Thomas Barton

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Introduction and Statement of Research Question

We begin by examining page 481 of the Barton Book Revised Edition¹ concerning Thomas Barton and Mary Berry. Thomas Barton and Mary Berry married on 24 February 1831². However, the Thomas Barton who married Mary Berry was not born in South Carolina in 1800 as stated in the Barton Book. He was Thomas Howard Barton, born in North Carolina about 1811 according to the information in *U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900*³. The Henry County Georgia 1850 Census further substantiates this information.⁴

Benjamin Franklin Barton stated in his will that his two youngest sons were Benjamin and James Matison.⁵ This implies that no other sons were born to him after they were born. The book lists their dates of birth as 1797 for Benjamin and 1809 for James Matison. Thus a seemingly reliable source, Benjamin Franklin Barton, would have eliminated Thomas Howard from this chapter if the compilers had located his date of birth as 1811.

The Barton Historical Society Database gives the following information on Thomas Howard Barton. He was born 1811 in Orange County, North Carolina. The researcher Cal Barton listed Howard's mother as Anne Volney Howard and did not name his father.⁶ Thomas Howard Barton died in 1884. He was buried in Tanners Road Baptist Church Cemetery in Conley, Clayton County Georgia.⁷ Naming patterns of that time suggest that Thomas Howard might not be the first or second son, but later in the order and his mother gave him her maiden name.

This leads to the conclusion that the Thomas Howard Barton who married Mary Berry was not the son of Benjamin Franklin and Dorcas Barton. Therefore, the research question becomes 'Who was the son that Benjamin Franklin called Thomas in his will?'

Let us continue by reviewing the known [or believed] heirs of Benjamin Franklin Barton, son of Thomas Barton Sr. & Sarah Wilson:

¹ Robert Dacus Nally, compiler, *The Barton Book*, Revised Edition. Part II, Section X, Chapter 6. *The Family and Descendants of Thomas and Mary Berry*. Franklin, North Carolina. Genealogical Publishing Service, 1994. For Barton Historical Society, P.O. Box 495, Lyman, SC 29365, Page 481.

² Georgia Secretary of State "Georgia Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978," The Georgia Archives, database on-line, *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com>; accessed 28 July 2014), entry for Mary Berry.

³ "U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900", Yates Publishing. Provo, UT, USA, database on line, *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com>; accessed 28 July 2014), entry for Thomas Howard Barton.

⁴ 1850 United States Federal Census, Free Inhabitants District 42, Henry, Georgia Page: 285B; dwelling 1412, Family 1412, digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com>; accessed 28 July 2014), entry for T. H. Barton. Images reproduced by FamilySearch from National Archives microfilm publication Roll: M432_73;

⁵ "South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977", Digital images, FamilySearch.org Database on line. (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1-19364-37274-24?cc=1919417&wc=M6NW-5Z9:210903301,211077401> : accessed 02 Aug 2014), entry for Anderson > Wills, 1791-1834 > image 148-149 of 293, citing Department of Archives and History, Columbia.

⁶ Barton Historical Society Database. [database on line] Family ID F7790, Individual ID 15310, Researcher Cal Barton, <http://www.bartondatabase.com/getperson.php?personID=15310&tree=gbtree> accessed 15 Aug 2014.

⁷ *Find A Grave*. Online database. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=126264421&ref=acom> Record for Thomas Howard Barton, accessed 20 August 2014.

Joshua Lane Barton Sr. was born 5 July 1784. He married Anna Stephens ca.1813 and he died between 1850-1860.⁸

Selah Barton was born 15 June 1786⁹ and married William Cannon 23 July 1801¹⁰

Averilla Barton was born 16 June 1788 married Sergeant Griffin about 1804.¹¹

Jane Barton was born about 1789 married George Washington Brown 3 March 1808.¹²

Vashti Barton was born 23 Apr 1793 and married Elisha Kirksey about 1811 in Pendleton District, South Carolina.¹³

Bailey Barton, born 5 Feb 1795, married Jane “Jenny” Field about 1814 in Pickens County, South Carolina.¹⁴

J. Benjamin Barton was born 1797 and married Zilpha Baker in 1819 in Pickens County, South Carolina.¹⁵

Dorcas Barton born 28 July 1799, married Matthew Breazeale, married Robert King. No further information.¹⁶

Eliza Barton was born about 1801 and married David Moseley 15 July 1818 Pickens County South Carolina.¹⁷

Sarah E. Barton was born 1803 married Stephen C. Reid.¹⁸

James Mattison Barton was born about 1809 and married Mary P. Duff about 1829.¹⁹

Thomas Barton-No information in *Barton Historical Society Database* and no proven accurate information in *The Barton Book*.

Back to the research question: Who was the Thomas Barton that Benjamin named in his will? The most likely candidate is Thomas Barton who was born in South Carolina about 1797.²⁰ The South Carolina court proved Benjamin Franklin Barton’s will in March 1818. Thomas inherited one Negro male named Mager.²¹ In 1819, Thomas Barton purchased land in Alabama in Township 17 Range

⁸ Barton Historical Society Database. [database on line] Family ID F77, Individual ID I112, <http://www.bartondatabase.com/getperson.php?personID=I112&tree=gbtree> accessed 15 Aug 2014.

⁹ Ancestry.com. *Web: Mississippi, Find A Grave Index, 1798-2012* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry Operations, Inc., 2012. Original data: *Find A Grave*. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=CAN&GSpartial=1&GSbyrel=all&GSst=27&GSctry=4&GSsr=401&GRid=13652770&> Accessed 16 Nov 2014. Also From personal knowledge after visiting the Old Scooba Cemetery in September 2014,

¹⁰ Robert Dacus Nally, *The Barton Book*. Page 439.

¹¹ *U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011. <http://Ancestry.com> SAR Membership Number: 99633.

¹² Nicholas Russell Murray, compiler. *Hunting for Bears*, in “South Carolina Marriage Index, 1641-1965” [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005. Accessed 1 Sept 2014.

¹³ Barton Historical Society Database, Family ID F248, Individual ID I680 <http://www.bartondatabase.com/getperson.php?personID=I680&tree=gbtree> Accessed 1 Sept 2014

¹⁴ Barton Historical Society Database, Family ID F355, Individual ID 684 <http://www.bartondatabase.com/getperson.php?personID=I684&tree=gbtree> Accessed 1 Sept 2014

¹⁵ Barton Historical Society Database, Family ID F353, Individual ID I681 <http://www.bartondatabase.com/getperson.php?personID=I681&tree=gbtree> Accessed 1 Sept 2014

¹⁶ Barton Historical Society Database, Individual ID I8529

¹⁷ Barton Historical Society Database, Family ID F42 Individual ID I45 <http://www.bartondatabase.com/getperson.php?personID=I45&tree=gbtree> Accessed 1 Sept 2014

¹⁸ *Ibid*, p. 487.

¹⁹ Robert Dacus Nally, compiler, *The Barton Book*, Revised Edition 489

²⁰ 1850 United States Federal Census, Noxubee County Mississippi. Schedule I Free Inhabitants, p. 38 (penned) family 315, Thomas South Carolina Barton [b. 1797], digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 14 July 2014. Images from National Archives microfilm publication M432.

²¹ "South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977", images, FamilySearch Database on line. (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1-19364-37274-24?cc=1919417&wc=M6NW-5Z9:210903301,211077401> : Anderson > Wills, 1791-1834 > image 148-149 of 293, citing Department of Archives and History, Columbia. Accessed 02 Aug 2014.

19 East.²² Was it my ancestor, Thomas? I do not know. In 1817, Congress created the Alabama Territory from land acquired in the Louisiana Purchase from a portion of what was called Mississippi Territory. On 14 December 1819 Alabama became the 22nd state to join the United States.²³

The online database, *U.S. & International Marriages, 1560-1900* lists a marriage about 1823 between Thomas Barton and Sarah [Maiden name not listed]. Unfortunately, it does not name a place where this marriage took place.²⁴

On 12 June 1828, Thomas Barton received by land patent from the United States Government for 80.23 acres described as W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 14 Range 3 W, situated in Jefferson County, Alabama.²⁵

Only three months later, on 3 Sept 1828, Thomas Barton and wife Sarah sold for \$200.00 80.23 acres of land in District of Tuscaloosa to Henry Tuttle, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 20 Township 14, Range 3W. Wife Sarah signed with an X.²⁶ Note that this is the property from the land patent described above.

Thomas Barton bought the property back from Henry Tuttle for \$200. The same property described as that track of land in Jefferson County, Alabama 80.23 acres, known as W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20 Township 14 Range 3W.²⁷

By 1830, the first census available for Jefferson County Alabama lists the following information for Thomas Barton: 3 FWM under 5; 1 FWM 5-10; 1 FWM 30-39; 1 FWF 5-9; 1 FWF 10-14; 1 FWF 20-29.²⁸ If Thomas was born in 1797, the age he would be is 32-34, depending on month born and

²²Alabama. St. Stephens Meridian U.S. Early Land Ownership and Township Plots, 1785-1898. N and E R17 T13 - N and W R28 T6 (includes S and E and S and W) digital image, *Ancestry.com*, ([http://interactive.ancestry.com/2179/30656_100075-00105/37838?backurl=http%3a%2f%2fsearch.ancestry.com%2fegi-bin%2fsse.dll%3frank%3d1%26new%3d1%26MSAV%3d1%26gss%3dangs-c%26gsln%3dBarton%26msrpn ftp%3dAlabama%252c%2bUSA%26msrpn%3d3%26msrpn_PInfo%3d5-%257c0%257c1652393%257c0%257c2%257c3246%257c3%257c0%257c0%257c0%257c0%257c0%257c0%257c0%26msrpn_x%3dXO%26msrpn ftp_x%3d1%26msydy%3d1820%26msydy_x%3d1%26cpxt%3d0%26uidh%3dh1s%26cp%3d0%26pcat%3dCEN_1820%26h%3d37838%26recoff%3d5%26db%3dUSearlylandplats%26indiv%3d1%26ml_rpos%3d41&ssrc=&backlabel=ReturnRecord&rc=2107,1405,2256,1499](http://interactive.ancestry.com/2179/30656_100075-00105/37838?backurl=http%3a%2f%2fsearch.ancestry.com%2fegi-bin%2fsse.dll%3frank%3d1%26new%3d1%26MSAV%3d1%26gss%3dangs-c%26gsln%3dBarton%26msrpn ftp%3dAlabama%252c%2bUSA%26msrpn%3d3%26msrpn_PInfo%3d5-%257c0%257c1652393%257c0%257c2%257c3246%257c3%257c0%257c0%257c0%257c0%257c0%26msrpn_x%3dXO%26msrpn ftp_x%3d1%26msydy%3d1820%26msydy_x%3d1%26cpxt%3d0%26uidh%3dh1s%26cp%3d0%26pcat%3dCEN_1820%26h%3d37838%26recoff%3d5%26db%3dUSearlylandplats%26indiv%3d1%26ml_rpos%3d41&ssrc=&backlabel=ReturnRecord&rc=2107,1405,2256,1499) accessed 20 August 2014).

²³Alabama Department of Archives & History. *Alabama History Timeline: From Prehistory to Modern Day*. 1801 - 1860. On line website. <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/timeline/all1801.html> accessed 26 August 2014.

²⁴Source number: 1192.133; Source type: *Family group sheet, FGSE, listed as parents*; Number of Pages: 1. Yates Publishing. *U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900*. Online database. Original data extracted from a variety of sources including family group sheets and electronic databases and derived from an array of materials including pedigree charts, family history articles. http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&db=WorldMarr_ga&rank=1&new=1&MSAV=1&msT=1&gss=angs-d&gsfn=Thomas&gsln=Barton&msbdy=1797&msbpn ftp=South+Carolina&msgdy=1822&dbOnly=F0005989%7cF0005989_x%2cF0006E56%7cF0006E56_x%2cF00056D5%7cF00056D5_x%2cF0006E57%7cF0006E57_x%2cF0006E58%7cF0006E58_x%2cF0006E5B%7cF0006E5B_x&rg=81018011_date=1803&82018010 ftp=VA&uidh=h1s&msgng0=Sarah&pcat=BMD_MARRIAGE&fh=0&h=70748&recoff=3+4+18&ml_rpos=1

²⁵U.S. Bureau of Land Management accessed through HistoryGeo.com.

http://www.gloreords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=AL1190_0083&docClass=STA Document number 2112. Accessed 10 Oct 2014.

²⁶State of Alabama, Jefferson County Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama, Deed Book 3 Page 194 - 195.

²⁷State of Alabama, Jefferson County Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama, Deed Book 3 Page 400.

²⁸1830 United States Federal Census. Database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com>; accessed 28 July 2014), entry for Thomas Barton. Citing *M19*; Roll: 1; Page: 184; Family History Library Film: 0002328.

month census taken. This is the only Thomas Barton listed in 1830 Census in Jefferson County, Alabama and the age is correct for my Thomas.

John Barton also lived in Jefferson County in 1830 with 2 FWM age 5-9, 1 FWM age 15-19, 1 FWM age 50-60, 1 FMF 10-14, 1 FWF 15-19, 1 FWF 20-29, 1 FWF 40-49.

Thomas Barton married Elizabeth Ransom in Jefferson County, Alabama on 4 July 1832.²⁹ Many researchers believe this to be the Thomas Barton born in 1797. However, a review of the original license shows that John Barton had to sign giving permission for Thomas Barton to marry Elizabeth Ransom. This suggests that Thomas was under the legal age to marry in Alabama in 1832. In Alabama, the age of consent to marry without parental consent was sixteen. With the consent of the parent, a person could marry at age fourteen.³⁰ Therefore, we conclude that the Thomas who married Elizabeth must have been at least 14 years old, but not 16 years old. The FWM age 15-19 living with John is likely the Thomas Barton who married Elizabeth Barton with John signing for permission. Thomas's wife Sarah was still living in 1842 as shown below in land records. Thus, my Thomas Barton, the one born in 1797 in South Carolina, **could not and did not marry Elizabeth Ransom.**

1830 Census in Jefferson County Alabama lists George Brown with 2 FWM <5, 3 FWM 5-9, 1 FWM 10-14, 1 FWM 15-20, 1 FWM 40-49, 2 FWF<5, 1 FWF 5-9, 1 FWF 10-14, 1 FWF 10-19 and 1 FWF 30-39 and owning 9 slaves.³¹ George would be in the correct age bracket according to previous information and Jane would be at least one year older if the birthdate we have for her is correct.

1830 Census in Jefferson County Alabama lists Crawford Brown with 1 FWM under 5 and one FWM between 20 and 29 years, 2 FWF under 5 and 1 FWF between 20 and 29 years old.³²

On 25 Sept 1833, Crawford Brown sold to Charles Harris, both of Jefferson County Alabama \$80. 40.26 acres known by the name of the free place on Cain Creek being the SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 10, Township 14, Range 3W. Witnessed by Elias S. Bishop & George Powell Dated Sept. 25, 1833. Acknowledged before B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court. Nov. 14, 1834. Filed Nov. 14, recorded Nov. 18, 1834. B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court.³³

²⁹ *Alabama, Marriage Collection, 1800-1969* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2006 (<http://ancestry.com>; accessed 28 July 2014), Citing *Hunting For Bears*, comp. Alabama marriage information taken from county courthouse records.

³⁰ FindLaw. <http://family.findlaw.com/marriage/state-by-state-marriage-age-of-consent-laws.html>. Accessed 29 July 2014.

³¹ 1830; Census Place, *Jefferson, Alabama*; Series: M19; Roll: 1; Page: 155; Family History Library Film: 0002328. (NARA microfilm publication M19, 201 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

³² Year: 1830; Census Place, *Jefferson, Alabama*; Series: M19; Roll: 1; Page: 169; Family History Library Film: 0002328. Ancestry.com. *1830 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Original data: Fifth Census of the United States, 1830.

³³ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book Published by Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama, Works Progress Administration; 1937 Online copy. Page 27. http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CB4QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bplonline.org%2Fresources%2Fgenealogy%2Fdoc%2FDeedsWillsAdministrations.pdf&ei=14_8U7r5Fe7ksAS0slCABQ&usg=AFQjCNEqYyMvu5Rm6mg5I9AmSIhtB10T5g&sig2=XR5_F_WW18dliNjCVJn1_Q&bvm=bv.73612305,d.cWc&cad=rjt

On 26 May 1837, George Brown sold 40 acres to Thomas Barton, both of Jefferson County Alabama for \$235.00 described as the SW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 35, Township 14, Range 3W. E.H. Boyd & C.A. Brown subscribing witnesses. May 26, 1837 before B.E. Grace Clerk Filed May 26, Recorded June 21, 1837. B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court.³⁴ This transaction suggests that Jane Barton Brown and her husband George are living in Jefferson County, Alabama and interacting with Thomas Barton.

On 8 August 1837, George Cunningham sold to Thomas Barton, both of Jefferson County, Alabama \$200.00 forty and 47/100 acres being NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Sec 36, Township 14, R 3W. Witnessed by C.A. Brown & W.H. Gill. Affidavit of Crawford A. Brown, a subscribing witness to the signature of George Cunningham, Grantor, and other subscribing witness before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court December 25, 1836. [Should be 1837] B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court Filed December 25, Recorded December 28, 1837. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court.³⁵ C. A. Brown is Crawford Anderson Brown, son of Jane Barton Brown and George Washington Brown. Therefore, we now know that at least one son of Jane and George Brown is living in Jefferson County, Alabama and interacting with Thomas Barton.

On 23 March 1839, Michael Rackley married Eliza Barton in Jefferson County Alabama.³⁶ Eliza Barton was born in South Carolina.³⁷

On 7 Oct 1839, M Kelly, Sheriff of Jefferson County Alabama sold to Thomas Barton and John Camp both of Morgan County Alabama for \$1.00 two hundred acres being the E½ of SE¼ of Section 11, Township 15, Range 3W and W½ of SW¼ of Section 12, Township 15 & Range 3W. and SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 12 Township 15 & Range 3W. “Whereas by virtue of a writ of *fiery facias* issued out of the Morgan County Court wherein I was commanded to make of the goods, chattels & lands of John Belcher and John Cooper in the sum of \$518.75 debt and damages and \$13.31 ¼ costs which the Branch Bank at Decatur, Alabama, recovered against and said parties in the County Court of Morgan County Alabama.”. Acknowledged before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court Oct. 7, 1839.³⁸

No Thomas Barton or John Camp has been located in 1840 or 1830 census in Morgan County Alabama. Both men appear in both years in Jefferson County. This is believed to be a mistake in the documentation because the bank was located in Morgan County.

³⁴ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds, Book 6 Page 80.

³⁵ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book 2, Page 160. Excerpts Published by Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama, Works Progress Administration; 1937 Online copy. Page 100. http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CB4QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bplonline.org%2Fresources%2Fgenealogy%2Fdoc%2FDeedsWillsAdministrations.pdf&ei=14_8U7r5Fe7ksAS0slCABQ&usg=AFQjCNEqYyMvu5Rm6mg5I9AmSIhtB10T5g&sig2=XR5_F_WW18dliNjCVJn1_Q&bvm=bv.73612305.d.cWc&cad=rjt

³⁶ State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama. Marriage Records Vol. 2 Page 90.

³⁷ United States Census. Year 1850; Census Place: Subdivision 17, Blount, Alabama; Roll: M432_2; Page: 156B; Image: 318. Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1850 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Accessed 15 Nov 2014.

³⁸ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book 2, Page 160. Excerpts Published by Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama, Works Progress Administration; 1937 Online copy. Page 205. http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CB4QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bplonline.org%2Fresources%2Fgenealogy%2Fdoc%2FDeedsWillsAdministrations.pdf&ei=14_8U7r5Fe7ksAS0slCABQ&usg=AFQjCNEqYyMvu5Rm6mg5I9AmSIhtB10T5g&sig2=XR5_F_WW18dliNjCVJn1_Q&bvm=bv.73612305.d.cWc&cad=rjt Accessed 10 September 2014.

On 24 November 1839, Thomas Barton sold to Michael Rackley both of Jefferson County Alabama for \$100.00 land described as the W½ of NE¼ of Section 20, Township 14 Range 3 W. Witnessed by Levi Adams- & Henry Gill- Dated Nov 24-1839- Acknowledged Before B.E. Grace, Clerk, by his deputy J Bagley, Dec 14, 1840- Filed December 14- recorded Dec 24- 1840- B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court.³⁹ This is the property Thomas bought for \$200.00 and suggests a relationship between Thomas Barton and Michael Rackley. Thomas had a sister name Eliza. These together suggest that Eliza who married Michael Rackley was the daughter of Thomas Barton. However, in the 1850 Census for Blount County, Alabama, Eliza's age is listed as 30⁴⁰, suggesting a birthdate of about 1820, which is prior to the marriage date we have for Thomas and Sarah. Possibilities include she was a child of a previous marriage or we have the incorrect marriage date for Sarah and Thomas. There is also a possibility that she is the child of a different Barton that Thomas felt enough affection for to sell her husband land at a loss.

In 1840 there were three Thomas Bartons living in Jefferson County. The first Thomas had 1 FWM under 5, 1 FWM 5-9, 2 FWM 10-14, 1 FWM 15-19, 1 FWM 50-59, 1 FWF under 5, 2 FWF 5-9, 2 FWF 15-19 and 1 FWF 40-49.⁴¹ He is too old to have been born in 1797, therefore too old to be my Thomas.

The second Thomas Barton in 1840 census has 1 FWM age 5-9, 1 FWM 20-29, 2 FWF under 5 and 1 FWF 20-29.⁴² He is too young to be our Thomas Barton and is likely the Thomas who married Elizabeth Ransom. It seems they have begun their family with 2 daughters under the age of five and one son between five and nine. Remember they married in 1832 and it would be reasonable for them to have three children 8 years later.

In the 1840 census, the third Thomas Barton had 2 FWM under 5, 3 FWM 5-9, 2 FWM 10-14, 1 FWM 15-19, 1 FWM 20-29, 1 FWM 40-49, 1 FWF 5-9, 1 FWF 15-19, 1 FWF 30-39. The head of the house FWM 40-49 is the correct age range for my Thomas. This is likely the Thomas born in 1797 in South Carolina. To further support this theory, a comparison to 1850 census is given later.

The 1840 Census of Jefferson County, Alabama, lists George Brown 1 FWM, 10-14, 1 FWM 20-29, 1 FWM 50-59.⁴³ George would be about 53 years old at this time. Jane must have died between 1830 census and 1840 census.

On 14 December 1840, John Camp sold to Thomas Barton both of Jefferson County Alabama \$325.00. Land described as E½ of SE¼ of Section 11, Township 15, Range 3W and W½ of SW¼ of Section 12, Township 15 & Range 3W. and SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 12 Township 15 & Range 3W Dated December 14-1840- Acknowledged Before B.E. Grace, Clerk - December 14-1840- Filed

³⁹ State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama, Deed Book 8 page 24.

⁴⁰ United States Census. Year 1850; Census Place: Subdivision 17, Blount, Alabama; Roll: M432_2; Page: 156B; Image: 318. Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1850 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Accessed 15 Nov 2014.

⁴¹ 1840 United States Federal Census. Database. *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com>: accessed 28 July 2014), Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Entry for Thomas Barton.

⁴² Ibid.

⁴³ *1840 Census, Jefferson, Alabama*; Roll: 6; Page: 199; Image: 410; Family History Library Film: 0002333. *Ancestry.com*. 1840 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com. Digital Images reproduced by FamilySearch. (NARA microfilm publication M704, 580 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

December 14- recorded December 29-1840- B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court.⁴⁴ This is the land purchased at the sheriff's sale for \$1.00. Now Thomas owns the land without a partner.

On 18 April 1842, Thomas Barton and wife Sarah (X), of Jefferson County, Alabama sold to John A. McCollum of Blount County Alabama for \$600.00 one hundred sixty one and 81/100 acres being the SE¼ of NW¼ Section 21 Township 14, Range 3 W. NE¼ of NW¼ Section 28, Township 14, Range 3 W. Also SW¼ of SW¼ Section 21, Township 14, R 3 W. Also SE¼ of S W¼ same Section and Township as aforesaid. Dated May 29, 1841. Witnessed by Cornelius Gillespie, Justice of Peace. Signature of Sarah (X) Barton and Thomas Barton to the foregoing deed proved by Cornelius Gillespie before J. Bagley Clerk of County Court April 18, 1842. Filed April 18, recorded May 13, 1842. J. Bagley Clerk of County Court⁴⁵

On 20 December 1842, Thomas Barton and wife Sarah sold to John Crowley, all of Jefferson County, Alabama for \$300.00 forty and 17/100 acres, being the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 35, Township 14, Range 3. W. Dated December 9, 1842. Witnessed by Levi Adams and Joseph D. Case. Acknowledged before Levi Adams, Justice of Peace December 9, 1842. Filed December 17, recorded December 20, 1842. J. Bagley Clerk of County Court⁴⁶ Thomas signed the deed. Sarah made an X.

On 23 September 1843, Thomas Barton and wife Sarah sold to George Brown, all of Jefferson County Alabama, for \$200.00 eighty acres, known as the N½ of the NE¼ of Section 13, Township 15, Range 3 W. Signed, "**Thomas Barton, By his Agent, V. M. Cannon**, Sarah (X) Barton" – Joint Acknowledgement before Levi Adams, Justice of Peace for Jefferson County Sept. 23, 1843 Filed Feb. 19, recorded May 27, 1844, J. Bagley, Clerk County Court.⁴⁷ Thomas Barton and wife Sarah were living in Mississippi and sent the deed back to Alabama by V. M. Cannon, a son of Selah Barton and William Cannon. It appears that Sarah went with V. M. Cannon as it indicates a joint acknowledgement and does not say Sarah used an agent.

So the Barton family has moved from Alabama to Mississippi. The following research explores when they moved.

A search of the 1841 Noxubee County Mississippi Tax rolls revealed no Bartons listed on the rolls.⁴⁸ We know that by 1843/44, Thomas lived in Mississippi as Martha was born in Mississippi.⁴⁹

⁴⁴ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book 2, Page 160. Excerpts Published by Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama, Works Progress Administration; 1937 Online copy. Page 245. http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CB4QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bplonline.org%2Fresources%2Fgenealogy%2Fdoc%2FDeedsWillsAdministrations.pdf&ei=14_8U7r5Fe7ksAS0slCABQ&usg=AFQjCNEqYyMvu5Rm6mg5I9AmSIhtB10T5g&sig2=XR5_F_WW18dIiNjCVJn1_Q&bvm=bv.73612305_d.cWc&cad=rjt, page 253

⁴⁵ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book 2, Page 160. Excerpts Published by Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama, Works Progress Administration; 1937 Online copy. Page 245. http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CB4QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bplonline.org%2Fresources%2Fgenealogy%2Fdoc%2FDeedsWillsAdministrations.pdf&ei=14_8U7r5Fe7ksAS0slCABQ&usg=AFQjCNEqYyMvu5Rm6mg5I9AmSIhtB10T5g&sig2=XR5_F_WW18dIiNjCVJn1_Q&bvm=bv.73612305_d.cWc&cad=rjt.

⁴⁶ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book 2, page 307.

⁴⁷ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book 2, page 340.

⁴⁸ State Archives Various Records, 1820-1951, Noxubee county tax rolls, 1842 Box 3732, digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1942-21381-43956-68?cc=1919687&wc=M6J9-3Z9:211905401,211910701>) Images accessed 28 July 2014.

In the 1842 Noxubee County Tax rolls, Thomas Barton and James Barton were each charged for 1 poll at 55 cents each.

The 1843 tax records for Noxubee County have not been available for research.

In 1844, James Barton and Thomas Barton were each charged one poll tax and Thomas was taxed for 2 slaves.

In 1844, Thomas married Karen Hauppuch “Cary” Barton Hughey Barton. This leads us to conclude that Sarah had died before 1844, perhaps during childbirth when Martha was born in 1843. Cary was the daughter of Nancy Tubb Barton, born in SC, and Benjamin Barton. They lived in Dickson County Tennessee for an undetermined amount of time and Cary was born in Tennessee. They moved to Alabama where Benjamin and Nancy both died in Perry County.⁵⁰ Carey married George Hughey 2 June 1827.⁵¹ After he died, she married Thomas Barton in Noxubee County, Mississippi on 8 Oct 1844.⁵²

The 1845 tax rolls listed Thomas Barton who was taxed for one poll and 2 slaves.

In the 1845 Mississippi State Census for Noxubee County, Thomas was listed with 12 white males and 4 white females.⁵³ Researchers have been unable to link 11 male children and 3 female children to Thomas. It is likely Carey had at least two sons and a daughter that were likely living with them..

On the 1846 Noxubee County Tax Rolls, both James M. Barton and Thomas Barton were listed and charged one poll tax each and Thomas was taxed for 2 slaves under age of 60.⁵⁴

On 27 April 1846 in the State of Mississippi Thomas Barton and wife Carey Barton sold to Joseph Gill in the state of Alabama property described as the E½ of SE¼ of Section 11 Township 15, Range 3 W. & the W½ of SW¼ of Section. 12, Township 15, Range 3 W. Also the SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 12, Township 15, Range 3W.⁵⁵ [This is the same property purchased at a sheriff’s sale by Thomas Barton and John Camp on 7th October 1839. Thomas and Carey lived in Mississippi at the time of this transaction and the deed was sent to Alabama for registration].

In State of Mississippi on 1 August 1849, Thomas Barton and Elizabeth Barton his wife ...for \$200.00 sold to John W. Cotton the N 1/2 of E1/12 of NE 1/4 of Section 11 Township 14 Range 16 in Columbus Land District of Mississippi.⁵⁶

⁴⁹ 1850 United States Federal Census Database Noxubee County, Mississippi. *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com>: accessed 28 July 2014), entry for Thomas Barton. Family 315.

⁵⁰ The Heritage of Perry County, Alabama, 1990, pgs. 124-125. Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc. P.O. Box 67, Clanton Alabama 35046

⁵¹ *Alabama, Marriage Collection, 1800-1969* [database on-line]. *Ancestry.com*. (<http://ancestry.com>: accessed 28 July 2014).

⁵² *Mississippi Marriages, 1776-1935* [database on-line] *Ancestry.com*. (<http://ancestry.com>: accessed 28 July 2014).

⁵³ Ms. State Archives Various Records, 1820-1951, Noxubee, Census returns 1845, digital images, *Familysearch.org*; (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1942-20905-911-59?cc=1919687&wc=M6J7-6M3:211905401,212016901>) Image 4 of 12. Citing Government Records Jackson. Accessed 20 July 2014.

⁵⁴ State Archives Various Records, 1820-1951, Noxubee, County Tax rolls, 1846 Box 3732., digital images, image number 265 of 356. *Familysearch.com*; <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1951-21381-41058-20?cc=1919687&wc=9B4Z-CX6:211905401,211910701> Accessed 20 July 2014.

⁵⁵ State of Alabama, Jefferson County Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama. Deed Book 9 pages 371-374.

⁵⁶ Noxubee County Courthouse; Macon MS, Deed Book G Page 500.

On 1 December 1849 Thomas purchased 80.02 acres in Noxubee County, MS, described as Township 14-N Range 16-E Aliquots W ½ NE ¼ Section 32 and 80.2 acres described as Township 14N 16E Range W ½ W ¼ Section 33.⁵⁷ These were adjoining sections, effectively giving him a 160-acre farm.

The 1847 tax rolls list Madison Barton being taxed for 1 poll and Thomas Barton 1 poll and 1 slave less than 60 years of age.⁵⁸

In 1848, Thomas's wife Carey died during the birth of twins who were later listed as heirs in the John Tubb Estate in Perry County, Alabama: "Anderson and Clemons Barton living in Mississippi".⁵⁹ In 1850, Anderson was living with Thomas Barton. Clemons Barton was living with Lucinda Hughey Lee who was a daughter of Cary Barton Hughey.⁶⁰

After Cary died, Thomas must have married again to an Elizabeth as she was living with him when the 1850 census was taken for Noxubee County, Mississippi. No information has been found on her.

Recalling that in the 1840 census in Jefferson County Alabama Thomas Barton had 2 FWM under 5, 3 FWM 5-9, 2 FWM 10-14, 1 FWM 15-19, 1 FWM 20-29, 1 FWM 40-49, 1 FWF 5-9, 1 FWF 15-19, 1 FWF 30-39.

The 1850 census shows Thomas Barton in Noxubee County, Mississippi age 53, born in South Carolina.⁶¹

Thomas Barton	53	Planter	Value of Real Estate \$600.00	Born South Carolina
Elizabeth Barton	40			South Carolina
Benjamin Barton	18			Alabama
William Barton	16			Alabama
Bailey Barton	14			Alabama
Thomas Barton	12			Alabama
Yearby Barton	10			Alabama
Lafayette Barton	11			Alabama
Martha Barton	7			Alabama
Anderson Barton	2			Mississippi

Next door was John M Barton, who might have been Thomas's son, age 26, born in Alabama and wife Avena age 18, born in Alabama.⁶² To compare to Thomas in 1840, he had five sons (2 FWM

⁵⁷ Bureau of Land Management. US Department of Interior. Document Numbers 33586 and 33587. (<http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo#> accessed 28 July 2014).

⁵⁸ State Archives Various Records, 1820-1951, Noxubee, County Tax rolls, 1846 Box 3732., digital images, image number 311 of 356. *Familysearch.com*; <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1951-21381-41058-20?cc=1919687&wc=9B4Z-CX6:211905401,211910701> Accessed 20 July 2014.

⁵⁹ "Alabama, Estate Files, 1830-1976", index and images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1951-23160-30497-9?cc=1978117&wc=MXR4-2Z9:314240501,317771601> accessed 25 Jun 2014), Perry County, Tubb, John (1855). 132 images, especially images 22 and 25.

⁶⁰ 1850 United States Federal Census. Noxubee, Mississippi; Roll: M432_379; Family Number 332. (<http://ancestry.com> accessed 28 July 2014)

⁶¹ 1850 Census Noxubee, Mississippi; Roll: M432_379; Page: 214B; Image: 43. Ancestry.com. 1850 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. (National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C. Line 9 Family 315.

⁶² 1850 United States Federal Census. Noxubee Mississippi. Line 10 Family 316.

under age of 5 –Lafayette and Thomas, 3 FWM 5-9 Bailey, William and Benjamin). By 1850 two FWM 10-24, 1 FWM 15-19 and the females 5-9 and 15-19 have already left home.

Sometime during the early 1850s, the Thomas Barton family disappeared from Noxubee County, Mississippi although, if examined superficially, it looks as if this was as late as 1858 due to property sales recorded in 1856 and 1857.⁶³ However, the tax records beginning in 1853 do not list Thomas, John or James Madison⁶⁴ and when searching by Township, Section and Range, the property listed as belonging to Thomas Barton was listed as vacant in 1852 and then listed as being lived on and tax paid by William H. Puckett.⁶⁵ It is possible, and in fact likely, that Thomas sold the property to Mr. Puckett on credit and the deed was not recorded until the debt was paid. The Barton clan (Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, George Washington and Thomas) bought land in Morehouse Parish Louisiana in 1856⁶⁶ and Bienville and Winn Parish in 1858-1860.⁶⁷

On the 10, July 1856, Thomas bought property in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. Deed Book C records the transaction of a sale and mortgage of property on contract between Henry Crawford and Thomas Barton. The property was described as the “fractional Northwest quarter of Section 1 Township No. 17 North of Range Number 6 East, containing one hundred fifteen acres and also the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section No. 1, Township 17 North, Range 6 East containing 44 acres, the whole containing one hundred fifty nine acres with all the improvements and buildings thereon situated and crop growing thereon and the household and kitchen furniture and other personal property on said place now in possession of said vendee and also a lot of lumber now at the mill of Richard Deming to have and hold said property... The consideration of this sale is the sum of eighteen hundred dollars to be paid as follows six hundred dollars payable on the first of March 1857, six hundred dollars payable on the first of March, 1858, and six hundred dollars payable on the first of March 1859, for which sums the said Barton has this day executed his promissory note in favor of said Crawford. In testimony thereof, the said contracting parties have hereunto signed their names in the presence of witnesses on the 10th day of July 1856.”⁶⁸ Thomas Barton signed his name rather than making an X, which suggests that he is the father rather than the younger Thomas Barton who joined the Confederate Army a few years later and signed with an X.

Thomas Barton sold the same described property on 15 September 1857 for the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to Milton B Holt, with promissory notes and recognition of the contract between Crawford and Barton. Thomas Barton’s wife, Lavassa Bustle Barton, signed with an X on the relinquishment and renunciation of matrimonial rights to the property.⁶⁹ Although unusual, the deed shows that Mr. Barton was present to help his wife understand the relinquishment when the clerk examined her about giving up her dower rights.

⁶³ *Noxubee County Mississippi. Deed Records* Book H, p. 411. Thomas Barton & wife, Elizabeth, grantors to William. H. Puckett, 1857, and Book H page 327 Grantor Thomas & wife Elizabeth to Eliz Jordan, Oct. 1857.

⁶⁴ *Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820-1951*, County Tax Rolls. images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1951-20904-5287-13?cc=1919687&wc=MMYG-2VS:n744933707> : Noxubee > State census returns 1853 > image 2 of 16. Accessed 03 Feb 2014.

⁶⁵ Mississippi. State Archives, Various records, 1820-1851. Noxubee County tax rolls 1834-1847. Accessed 15-16 Apr 2014.

⁶⁶ Morehouse Parish Court Records. 1856. Deeds. Book C page 357-358.

⁶⁷ Monroe District, Louisiana, 1860. *U.S. Tract Book, Volume 27*, page 143 (Monroe District) Thomas Barton. Certificate 2556. <https://wwwslodms.doa.la.gov/WebForms/DocumentViewer.aspx?docId=538.04412&category=H#1> Accessed 16-17 Apr. 2014. And Tract Book

⁶⁸ Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. 1856. Deed Book C Page 357-358.

⁶⁹ Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. 1857. Deed Book D Page 352-353.

On 1 July 1859, Thomas Barton bought 40 acres of land in Bienville Parish, Louisiana described as Township 14N, Range 5W, Section 28, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$.⁷⁰ Longitude -92.8796066309753 Latitude 32.1641407907517.⁷¹

On 7 Dec 1859, James M. Barton purchased 119.85 acres described as Township 14N Range 5W, E1/2NW1/4 Section 34 AND Township 14N, Range 5W NW1/4NE1/4 Section 34 Bienville, Parish.⁷² Longitude-92.8709593588158 Latitude32.1586272454608.⁷³

On 27 1860 June, Thomas sold to Edward Rippey the 40 acres of land that he purchased on 1 July 1859.⁷⁴ On this deed, there is no mention of a wife.

On 1 June 1860, George W. Barton purchased 38.90 acres, described as Township13N Range 5W, SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 2, Winn Parish,⁷⁵ Longitude-92.8583261213564 Latitude32.1352096950202.⁷⁶

On 1 October 1860, James M. Barton purchased 40.07 acres in Bienville Parish, Louisiana described as Township 14N, Range 5W, SW1/4SE1/4, Section 2,⁷⁷ Longitude-92.8666368984706, Latitude 32.1641046497031.⁷⁸

On the 5 November, 1860, Thomas Barton and wife Lucy sold to John Babers property in Bienville Parish described as SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33 all in Township 14 of Range 5W. The deed was not recorded until 3 April 1901. The deed indicates when he purchased the land that he signed his name, but on this record it indicates he made an X. It is possible that he was of advanced age and unable to sign his name properly.

James M. Barton on 10 May 1861 Township 14N Range 5W, NE1/4 SW1/4 Section 34 and Township 14N Range 5W, NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 34, Bienville, Parish,⁷⁹ Longitude-92.8753041864501 Latitude32.1604768198665.⁸⁰

⁷⁰ Bureau of Land Management. 1859. Document 1833.

http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default_pf.aspx?accession=LA1180__113&docClass=STA
Accessed 7 August 7, 2014.

⁷¹ Historygeo.com. Bienville Parish, Louisiana. <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo> accessed 7 August 2014.

⁷² Bureau of Land Management. Document 20129
http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=LA1200__230&docClass=STA accessed 7 August 2014. <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo>

⁷³ HistoryGeo.com. Louisiana. Bienville Parish. <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo>
Accessed 7 August 2014.

⁷⁴ Bienville Parish, Louisiana Courthouse. Deed Records, Book G, Page 179.

⁷⁵ Bureau of Land Management. State Volume Patent Document 15903.

http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=LA0730__243&docClass=STA&sid=yqdxsjrf.qq
y accessed 7 August 2014.

⁷⁶ HistoryGeo.com. Louisiana Winn Parish. . <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo> accessed 7 August 2014.

⁷⁷ Bureau of Land Management. State Volume Patent. Document number 22225. Cash sale.

http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=LA1200__230&docClass=STA
Accessed 7 August 2014.

⁷⁸ HistoryGeo.com. Louisiana. Bienville Parish. Barton. <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo>
Accessed 7 August 2014.

On 1 April 1861, Thomas Barton purchased 119.79 acres described as Bienville Parish, Township 14 N, Range 5W, SE1/4NE1/4 Section 33 and Bienville Parish, Township 14 N, Range 5W, SE1/4SE1/4 Section 33 and Township 14 N, Range 5W, NW1/4SW1/4 Section 34,⁸¹ Longitude-92.8795770992134 Latitude32.1568238395716.⁸²

Thomas Barton, also on 1 April 1861, purchased 40 acres in Township 14N, Range 5W, SW¼ NW¼ Section 34,⁸³ Longitude-92.8752874896984 Latitude32.1568080932265.⁸⁴

Thomas Barton on 5 Dec 1861 purchased 119.87Township 14 N, Range 5W, SW1/4NW1/4 Section 34 Bienville Parish⁸⁵. Document 21189. Township 14N Range 5W, W1/2 SE ¼, Section 33 Bienville Parish,⁸⁶ Longitude-92.8837770864897 Latitude32.1513419201272.⁸⁷

DNA Evidence

Starling Dexter Barton (my known third cousin) and Thomas Bennie Barton (unknown to me until I discovered him this year living in Lake Charles Louisiana) both submitted DNA for testing using 67 markers. They match each other and five other men in the Barton DNA project with a genetic distance of zero. Those men are James Earle Barton, Alton “Kip” Barton, Ellis Davis Barton, Darrell Barton and Stephen Marion Barton. At 67 markers, fifteen men in the Barton Project match with a genetic distance of one. The pedigrees for Starling Dexter and Thomas Bennie look like this:

Thomas Jefferson Barton b. 1797 South Carolina

Benjamin Franklin Barton b. 1833 AL
Early Madison Barton b 1866 LA
David Madison Barton b. 1892 LA
Starling Dexter Barton b. 1933 LA

James Madison Barton b. 1830 AL
Robert Mayfield Barton b. 1854 LA
Jesse Uriah Barton b. 1884 LA
Willard Jesse Barton b. 1919 LA
Thomas Bennie Barton b. 1947 LA

⁷⁹ Bureau of Land Management. State Volume Patent. Document number 22751. Cash Sale. http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=LA1240_.348&docClass=STA accessed 7 August 2014.

⁸⁰ HistoryGeo.com. Louisiana. Bienville Parish. Barton. <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo> Accessed 7 August 2014.

⁸¹ Bureau of Land Management. State Volume Patent. Document number 20179. Cash sale. http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=LA1200_.230&docClass=STA accessed 7 August 2014.

⁸² HistoryGeo.com. Louisiana. Bienville Parish. Barton. <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo> Accessed 7 August 2014.

⁸³ Bureau of Land Management . State Volume Patent. Document 22556 http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=LA1200_.230&docClass=STA Accessed 7 August 2014.

⁸⁴ HistoryGeo.com. Louisiana. Bienville Parish. Barton. <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo> Accessed 7 August 2014.

⁸⁵ Bureau of Land Management. State Volume Patent. Document 21189. Cash sale. http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=LA1200_.230&docClass=STA Accessed 7 August 2014.

⁸⁶ Bureau of Land Management. State Volume Patent. Document 21189. http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=LA1200_.230&docClass=STA

⁸⁷ HistoryGeo.com. Louisiana. Bienville Parish. Barton. <http://www.historygeo.com/v2/viewers/index.php?v=flo> Accessed 7 August 2014.

Summary & Conclusions

Our research task was to determine the Thomas Barton mentioned in Benjamin Franklin Barton's will. I submit that my ancestor Thomas J. Barton is the only logical candidate. In exploring the naming patterns, Madison goes through both lines coming from Benjamin Franklin's youngest son (spelled Matison) all the way down to my great, great grandfather Benjamin Franklin (born 1833) who named a son Early Madison and another Yearby, who later spelled his name Yarby. Other same-names include David, Earley, Benjamin, Franklin, Bailey and Thomas. Most important of all the evidence, the DNA suggests that all seven of these men have a common ancestor within 8 generations with 98.9 % probability, which doesn't prove the relationship but does provide very strong evidence when taken with the paper trail.

Once I claimed my heritage from Benjamin Franklin and Dorcas and their ancestors, I was able to find the Common Ancestor (Benjamin & Dorcas) on fourteen DNA matches at Ancestry.com and five matches that went to Thomas Drummond Barton & Mary Willoughby through David and three that went through Dorcas Anderson Barton. I matched to Benjamin and Dorcas through the following lines: James Benjamin, Bailey, James Mattison, Jane, Selah, and Joshua Lane Barton.

Additional Transactions That Support Above Narrative

Transactions Relevant to Jane Barton and George Brown Family

On 20 September 1836, John A. Tidmore, Administrator of the Estate of Henry Tidmore, dec'd., late of Blount County, Alabama, to George Brown. Premises. W ½ of SE ¼, Section 35, Township 14, R-4W. Whereas, the orphans' Court of said administrator to make title to said land & in obedience to said decree, said administrator executes this deed to the right & title of, in & to said land such as is vested in him as said administrator for & in consideration of the amount paid the said Henry Tidmore in his lifetime. Dated Sept. 20, 1836. Acknowledged before John P. Thomas, Clerk County Court. of Blount County, Alabama Sept. 20, 1836. Filed December 20, 1836, recorded Jan. 10, 1837. B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court.⁸⁸

On 4 Jan 1837, James Bates sold to George Brown, both of Jefferson County, Alabama \$200. 40 acres, being SW ¼ of SE ¼, Sec 36, Township 14, R 3W. Witnessed by Early A. Brown & C.A. Brown. Dated Jan. 4, 1837. Sig. of James Bates to the foregoing deed proved by Early A. Brown, before Hugh Morrow, Jr., Clerk C.c. Feb. 3, 1837. Filed Feb. 3, recorded Feb. 6, 1837. B.E. Grace, Clerk⁸⁹

On 7 Nov 1837 U.S. Government sold to Early A. Brown in Jefferson County, Alabama, 40.10 acres described as NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 1, Township 15S Range 4W.⁹⁰

On 20 Sept 1839, U.S. Government sold to Early A. Brown in Jefferson County, Alabama, 80.20 acres described as W½ NW¼ Section 1, Township 15S Range 4W.⁹¹

⁸⁸Ibid, page 72.

⁸⁹Ibid, page 76.

⁹⁰ U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Land Office Tuscaloosa. Document Number 5024

⁹¹ U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Land Office Tuscaloosa. Document Number 19698.
http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default_pf.aspx?accession=AL2600_.410&docClass=STA

By 1850 two sources (state and federal censuses) list George Brown in Rusk County Texas, with James (21) and Martha (13) living with him. James and Martha are listed as born in Alabama. George was born about 1787 in South Carolina.⁹²

Early A. Brown sold to William Brown both of Jefferson County Alabama \$450. 80.09 acres being the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 29, Township 14, Range 3W. Also the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 14 of Range 3W. Witnessed by B. Brown, Ira E. McMillion, Dated April 10, 1839. Affidavit of E. Brown, subscribing witness proves signatures of Early A. Brown grantor & other subscribing witness April 17, 1839, before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court. Filed April 17, recorded April 23, 1839. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court.⁹³

The 1880 Texas census shows Earl A. Brown born in SC about 1811, mother and father born in SC. His wife Martha Janes Brown was born in Alabama. His son William was born about 1863 in Louisiana and his daughter was born in Texas about 1867.⁹⁴

Crawford A. Brown to Moses Kelly (trustee), both of Jefferson County Alabama Premises, Negro slaves, Mary a woman of black complexion, about 20 years of age, & her 2 children Henry, a boy 3 years old, & Frank a boy 6 mos. Old, also, one negro girl, Caroline, of black complexion, 14 years of age, & Arra, a girl of black complexion, about 6 years old. Whereas, the said Brown is indebted to Elijah Brown in the sum of \$2000. evidenced by a promissory note & being desirous to secure payment of said debt executes this deed of trust. Dated June 17, 1839. Acknowledged by Moses Kelly & Crawford A. Brown before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court. June 17, 1839. Filed June 17, recorded July 6, 1839. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court. Marginal Note 0 B.E. Grace, Dear Sir, the Deed of Trust that C.A. Brown gives to me on some negroes is satisfied otherwise & your credit the Deed of Trust & you will oblige yours Oct. 18, 1839. Signed Elijah Brown.⁹⁵

Daniel M. Pherson, Blount County, Alabama, to Early A. Brown, Jefferson County, Alabama \$55.00 40.06 acres. Being the SW ¼ of SE ¼, Sec 20, Township 14, R 3W. Witnessed by James Bates & Wm. McCarty, subscribing witnesses before B.E. Grace, Clerk July 3, 1837. Filed July 3, recorded July 24, 1837. B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court.⁹⁶

William Henry Cottnam to Early A. Brown, both of Jefferson County, Alabama \$225.00. 40 3/100 acres, being the NW ¼ of NE ¼, Sec 29, Township 14, R 3W. Witnessed by C.A. Brown & Thomas Barton. Dated Feb. 18, 1837. Affidavit of Crawford A. Brown, a subscribing witness to the signature of William H. Cottnam, grantor, and Thomas Barton, another subscribing witness before B.E. Grace, Clerk Sept. 18, 1837, Filed Sept. 18, rec. Sept. 19, 1837, B.E. Grace, Clerk⁹⁷

⁹² 1850 Census Rusk, Texas; Roll: M432_914; Page: 275B; Image: 201. Ancestry.com. 1850 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

⁹³ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book 2. Online Copy page 174.

⁹⁴ 1880; Census Place: Bald Prairie, Robertson, Texas; Roll: 1324; Family History Film: 1255324; Page: 475D; Enumeration District: 143. Images. (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

⁹⁵ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy pages, 186-187.

⁹⁶ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy. page 86.

⁹⁷ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 88.

Moses Kelly, Sheriff, to Crawford A. Brown, both of Jefferson County Alabama \$51. 160 acres being the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35 Township 15 Range 1 W. Whereas, by virtue of a writ of *Fieri Facias*, issued out of the Tuscaloosa County Court, & to me delivered I was commanded to make of the goods, lands & chattels of Elijah Self & Darby Turner the sum of \$500. debt & \$26.35 damages with costs, where the Bank of the State of Alabama recovers against them. In compliance with said order I did sell the above described property. Dated July 2, 1839. Acknowledged before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court. July 2, 1839. Filed July 2, recorded July 11, 1839. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court.⁹⁸

George Brown to George Goffe both of Jefferson County Alabama \$1500. 160 acres being the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the same $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 35 in Township 14 of R 3W. Witness C.A. Brown, Wm. C. Nichols and William McCarty. Dated December 30, 1837. Affidavit of Crawford A. Brown a subscribing witness proves signatures of George Brown, grantor, and other subscribing witness before H. Morrow Jr. Clerk Circuit Court. Aug. 16, 1839. Filed Aug. 16, recorded Sept. 27, 1839. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court.⁹⁹

Crawford A. Brown and wife Margaret to Elijah Brown both of Jefferson County Alabama \$1800. 479 acres being the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 10 and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 10 of Township 18 of R 3W and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 15 Township 18 and R 3W containing 40 acres and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 10, Township 18, R 3W containing 79 acres and also the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 7, Township 18, R 3W containing 40 acres. Dated Oct. 14, 1839. Joint Acknowledged of Crawford A. Brown and wife Margaret before H. Morrow, Jr. Clerk Circuit Court. Oct. 14, 1839. Filed Nov. 12, recorded December 7, 1839. B.E. Grace, Clerk County¹⁰⁰

Earle E. Brown of State of Miss. to GEORGE BROWN of Blount County Alabama \$400. 120.30 acres being the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 1. Township 15, Range 4W. also the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 1 Township 15, Range 4W. Dated Oct. 30, 1839. Acknowledged before Ira E. McMillian Justice of Peace Oct. 30, 1839. Filed Feb. 3, Recorded Feb. 24, 1840. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court by his Deputy J. Bagley.¹⁰¹

On May 4, 1840, M. Kelley, Sheriff sold to George Brown, both of Jefferson County, Alabama for \$10.00 one hundred sixty acres being the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 35, Township 14, Range 4W, the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 36, Township 14, Range 4W. & the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 35, Township 14, Range 4W. By virtue of a writ *feri facias*, issued by the Clerk of Tuscaloosa County Court against George & Joseph M. Goffe, in favor of Alfred Willis, Wm. Willis & Edmund Willis, in the sum of \$470.81 together with \$10.06 $\frac{1}{4}$ costs. Whereas in want of goods & chattels, M. Kelly, Sheriff did levy & sell real estate of George & Joseph M. Goffe to satisfy above judgment. Dated May 4, 1840. Acknowledged before B.E. Grace Clerk of County Court per Joab Bagley, his Deputy. May 5, 1840. Filed May 5, recorded June 1, 1840. B.E. Grace Clerk of County Court per Joab Bagley, his Deputy.¹⁰²

George Brown, to Hiram M. Flanagan, both of Jefferson County Alabama \$400. 160 Acres, being the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Also, the S $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, all of Township 14, Range 4 W. in Huntsville Land Dist. Witnessed by William Brown. Dated April 29, 1841. Acknowledged before B. E. Grace, Clerk of County Court per J.

⁹⁸ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 188

⁹⁹ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 199.

¹⁰⁰ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 206.

¹⁰¹ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy Ibid, page 213.

¹⁰² State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 233.

Bagley, Deputy, May 21, 1841. Filed May 21, recorded July 26, 1841. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court¹⁰³

On June 8 1841, T. and W. Rockett sold to George Brown, all of Jefferson County Alabama, \$500. 75 acres, being NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township15, Range 3 W, that lies on South side of Turkey Creek and as far on the North side of said creek as will extend to the high water mark above the dam, it being the tract of land on which the Mill known as Powell's, now stand, to include the Mills & Mill seat. Dated June 8, 1841. Acknowledged before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court Aug. 25, 1841 Filed and recorded Aug. 25, 1841. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court.¹⁰⁴

Jonathan B. Badger and Sylverter [Sylvester] Steel, to George Brown; all of Jefferson County Alabama \$40. 40 acres, being the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13 Township15 R 3 W. Dated Aug. 3, 1841. Acknowledged before J. Bagley, Clerk of County Court. Sept. 9, 1841. Filed and recorded Sept. 9, 1841, J. Bagley Clerk County Court.¹⁰⁵

Levi Adams, County Surveyor of Jefferson County, Certifies survey made of a part of lands belonging to George Brown, being the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 15, Range 3 W. in the District of Tuscaloosa, known as the Kendallville block (viz) from the bearing & measurement of said Section determined & set up SW corner of said lot a light wood stake, from which a brick chimney at the S. end of Robert Cunningham's dwelling house bears S. 82 degrees E. distance, 1 chain, 40 links & post oak bears S. 34 W. dist. 62 links, thence N. 86 degrees E. dist. 20 chains & 9 links, and set up SE corner light wood station, from which a post oak bears N. 10 degrees E. dist. 22 links. Also a post oak bears S. 21 W. dist. 22 links, thence N. 6 degrees W. dist. 20 chains & 13 links to NE corner set up light wood station from which a black oak bears S. 53 degrees W. dist. 21 links, also a black oak bears S. 55 E. dist. 14 links, thence S. 86 degrees W. dist. 20 chains & 9 links to NW corner on a Post oak, from which a post oak bears N. 29 degrees E. dist. 30 links Post oak bears S. 470 degrees W. dist. 26 links, a post oak E. dist. 53 links, thence S. 6 degrees E. dist. 20 chains, 9 links, closing at beginning station, enclosing 40 44/100 acres, the lines marked with two chops. Index-trees marked thus X facing stations. Dated June 10, 1842. Chainers, T.A. Reed and Granville Hammock. Filed June 26. Recorded June 30, 1842. J. Bagley, Clerk of County Court.¹⁰⁶

Selah Barton Cannon & William Cannon

Sometime between 1818 when William Anderson Cannon was born in Pickens County, South Carolina and 1820 when Starling F. Cannon was born Selah and William moved to Alabama. I do not know when they left Alabama and moved to Mississippi. I found no property listed to them in Jefferson County Alabama but found a William Cannon purchasing land from the US Government in the 1820s in Tuscaloosa County which joins Jefferson County. Selah died in December of 1840 in Kemper County, Mississippi and is buried in Old Scooba Cemetery. By the end of the tax year in 1841, William owned 1210 acres valued at \$9860 and owned 20 slaves.¹⁰⁷ Most of this property

¹⁰³ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 273.

¹⁰⁴ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy Ibid, page 274.

¹⁰⁵ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 275.

¹⁰⁶ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 296.

¹⁰⁷Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820-1951, index and images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1942-21381-62952-70?cc=1919687&wc=9B4Z-82D:211902701,211948901> : accessed 11 Sep 2014), Kemper > County tax rolls 1841-1852, Box 3677 > image 6 of 518; citing Government Records, Jackson.

was purchased from the U.S. government and was not cleared land. He died in 1843 and was buried beside his wife. There is a historical marker on Mississippi Hwy 16 at the site of his plantation.¹⁰⁸

**Land Transactions Relevant to Thomas Barton, Sr. Believed to be Father of the
Thomas Barton who married Elizabeth Ransom**

Thomas Barton, Sr. to George L. Green both of Jefferson County Alabama \$135. 80 acres being the E½ of SW ¼ of Sec 10, Township17, R 2W. Dated Feb. 27, 1839. Acknowledged before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court. Feb. 28, 1839. Filed Feb. 28, recorded Feb. 8, 1839. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court.¹⁰⁹

M. Kelly, Sheriff of Jefferson County Alabama, to Thomas Barton of Jefferson County Alabama \$45.50. 80 acres being the E ½ of SE ¼, Sec 10, Township17, R 2W. By virtue of a writ of *feri facias* issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court., against Elizabeth York administratrix of estate of Emanuel York, deceased, \$117.34 cost of suit in favor of Nancy Reece, whereas M. Kelly as Sheriff did levy on & sell the above described property to Thomas Barton he being the highest & best bidder. No wit. Dated Oct. 1, 1838. Acknowledged before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court. Filed Oct.15, recorded Nov. 10, 1838, B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court.¹¹⁰ This is believed to be Thomas Barton, Sr. because it is adjoining the above-described property.

Unknown Relevancy

LAND PATENT #379

U.S. Government to Thomas Barton in Jefferson County, Alabama, 79.78 acres described as W ½ NE ¼ Section 15. Township 17S Range 2W, 1 May 1823.

LAND PATENT #452

U.S. Government to Thomas Barton and Edward Sims in Jefferson County, Alabama, 79.78 acres described as E ½ NE ¼ Section 15. Township 17S Range 2W, 1 May 1823.

LAND PATENT #2112

U.S. Government to Thomas Barton in Jefferson County, Alabama, 80.23 acres described as W ½ NE ¼ Section 20. Township 14S Range 3W, 6 June 1828.

LAND PATENT #3812

U.S. Government to Thomas Barton in Jefferson County, Alabama, 80.40 acres described as W ½ SW ¼ Section 15. Township 14S Range 3W, 4 Oct 1831.

LAND PATENT #16400

U.S. Government to Thomas Barton and Edward Sims Jefferson County, Alabama, 79.78 acres described as E ½ NE ¼ Section 15. Township 17S Range 2W, 1 May 1823.

George and Elizabeth Powell to Thomas Barton, all of Jefferson County Alabama \$450. 85 acres, being the NE ½ Sec 13, Township15, R 3W that lies on the Northside of Turkey Creek, with the exception of that part which may be covered by high water by Thomas J. Scotts

¹⁰⁸ Old Scooba Cemetery. Personal Knowledge. Visited cemetery 15 September 2014.

¹⁰⁹ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. WPA Project Online Copy page 171

¹¹⁰ State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations, Online Copy, page 143.

Mill dam. Wit. Thomas J. Scott and Robert Cunningham. Dated Jan. 9, 1839. Acknowledged by Elizabeth Powell, wife of George Powell before Robert Cunningham, Justice of the Peace Jan. 10, 1839. Filed April 15, recorded May 21, 1839. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court.

Thomas Barton to William Wood, both of Jefferson County Alabama \$350. 79.86 acres being the E ½ of SE ¼ of Section 23, Township 14, Range 3W. Witnessed by Henry Tuttle and Joseph Rogers. Dated Feb. 10, 1830. Acknowledged before B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court. Apr. 19, 1835. filed Apr. 19, recorded Apr. 24, 1835. B.E. Grace, Clerk County Court.

John Linn sold to Thomas Barton, both of Jefferson County, Alabama 10. 8 acres Saw Mill site on 5 Mile Creek, off the S. end of the W½ of the SE¼ of Section 26, Township 16, Range 2 W together with all Water rights. Dated Oct. 22, 1842. Filed Oct. 22, 44 recorded Nov. 21, 1842. J. Bagley, Clerk of County Court.¹¹¹

John Cooper to Levi Adams, Trustee, both of Jefferson County Alabama Premises and & \$1.00. 200.42 ½ acres, being the E ½ of the SE ¼ of Sec 11, Township15, R 3W, containing 80.19 acres, also the W ½ of the SW ¼ of Sec 12, Township15, R 3W containing 80.19 acres, also the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Sec 12, Township15, R 3W containing 40.04 ½ acres. Whereas John Cooper is indebted to Eli Cornwell in the sum of \$500.00 as evidenced by note, which note, said Thomas Barton and Aaron Dutton are securities. Cooper willing to secure said securities executes this deed of trust. Wit. S.W. Youngblood, Justice of the Peace. W. L. Adams and Robert Cunningham, Justice of the Peace. Dated Jan. 19, 1839. Signatures of John Cooper, Levi Adams, Thomas Barton and Aaron (X) Dutton. Proved by W.L. Adams before B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court. Jan. 21, 1839. Filed Jan. 21, recorded Jan. 26, 1839. B.E. Grace, Clerk of County Court. "Marginal": We do hereby ack. full satisfaction of this deed of trust. Peter Anderson. Signed Thomas Barton and Aaron (X) Dutton.

Aaron (X) Dutton to William Blackburn both of Jefferson County Alabama \$400.60. 40 acres being the W ½ of SE ¼ of Section 15, Township14, R 3W Witnessed by Crawford A. Brown and William (x) Thomas. Dated July 17, 1834. Signature of Aaron Dutton to the foregoing deed proved by William (x) Thomas before B.E. Grace, Clk County Court. Oct 11, recorded Oct 14, 1834. B.E. Grace, Clk County Court.¹¹²

Military Service

I found no military records for Thomas J. Barton. Thomas Barton, the son of Thomas J., joined the Confederate Army on 15 May 1862 in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana at age 23 and declared to have been born in Jefferson County, Alabama and that he was a current residence of Morehouse Parish, LA. The application does not state if he is married. He had hazel eyes, light hair and fair complexion. He made an X as his signature. He was captured at Bayou Teche on 14 Apr 1863 and released 1 June 1865 at Natchitoches, LA.¹¹³

¹¹¹ State of Alabama. Jefferson County. Birmingham. Clerk of Court's Office. Deed Book 8 Page 358-359.

¹¹² State of Alabama, Jefferson County. Deeds-Wills-Administrations. Book 2. Vol. 5 1833-1837. Page 157-158. Published by Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama, Works Progress Administration; 1937 Online copy. Page 24.

http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CB4QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bplonline.org%2Fresources%2Fgenealogy%2Fdoc%2FDeedsWillsAdministrations.pdf&ei=14_8U7r5Fe7ksAS0slCABQ&usg=AFQjCNEqYyMvu5Rm6mg5I9AmSlhtB10T5g&sig2=XR5_F_WW18dliNjCVJnI_Q&bvm=bv.73612305_d.cWc&cad=rjt

¹¹³ National Archives. Carded Records Showing Military Service of Soldiers Who Fought in Confederate Organizations, compiled 1903 - 1927, documenting the period 1861 - 1865. <http://www.fold3.com/image/81587483/>. Accessed 28 July 2014.

In addition, George Washington Barton and James Madison Barton both believed [because everywhere Thomas moved, they moved and they named children Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, etc. and because a known descendant of Thomas, Sterling Dexter Barton matched DNA to a known descendant of James Madison, Thomas Bennie Barton] to be sons of Thomas J. enlisted in the Confederate Army. They served in the same unit as Thomas, i.e., LA 28th Infantry, Gray's, County K. Individuals on Ancestry.com claim that George Washington Barton gave his life in service to the Confederacy at the Battle of Yellow Bayou, but I have not been able to verify this. It is likely that he was at that battle, because the 28th Infantry fought there and incurred heavy losses. His two brothers would also have been at that battle. The records for George Washington Barton consisted of only one sheet indicating that he enlisted. The only record existing for James Madison's service is his wife's application for pension, which was rejected and not applied for again.¹¹⁴ Benjamin Franklin Barton served in Second Field Battery and in B Company of 3rd Battery of LA Light Artillery. He enlisted in Ouachita Parish, LA and was a prisoner of war released on June 9 1865 in Monroe, Louisiana after signing the Oath of Allegiance.¹¹⁵

¹¹⁴ Louisiana State Archives. Confederate Pension Applications Index Database. Entry for James M. Barton. <http://coraweb.sos.la.gov/ConfederatePension/ConfederateSearchDetails.aspx?ID=910>

¹¹⁵ Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers who served from the State of Louisiana. NARA M320 Roll 048. Fold3.com. <http://www.fold3.com/image/65888978> Accessed 27 August 2014