

Individual Summary

Name: Ann Cole
Sex: Female
Father: Unknown Cole (Alabama - unk)
Mother:

Individual Facts

Birth abt 1851 Alabama
Death Jul 3 1928 Gibson County, Tenn
Burial Rossons Cemetery, Gibson County, Tenn

Marriages/Children

1. [UNKNOWN SPOUSE]

Children Monroe Cole (abt 1864 - unk)

Notes (Individual)

General: Determining her year of birth was quite a problem. He death certificate showed ca 1868 which is absolutely incorrect since her only child Monroe was born ca 1864.

In 1920 Annie is living with her grandson Charles in Gibson County, Tenn. Her age was given as 66 which would make the year 1854, States born in Alabama and she is listed as a widow.

In 1910 she is residing in McNairy County, TN in the 19th district, in or near the town of Bethel Springs. She is listed at 59 year old (born 1851), widow, had born one child and one child was living. She states she was born in Alabama and both parents born in Alabama and her occupation was washerwoman. Living with her are two grandsons, Charlie, age 19, and Monroe, age 17.

In 1900 she is residing in McNairy County, TN, in the 19th district, in or near the town of Bethel Springs. She is listed as 48 years old, born Mar 1852 in Alabama, same as her parents. She states she is a washerwoman and can read and write. A widow, with one child born/one child living. Listed with her are two grandson, Charlie born Sept 1890, age 9 and Monre born 1892, age 8. Her name was written as Cale. (Census takers were not always the smartest men in the county and names were often misspelled.) Other spellings of Cole: Coal, Kole, Koal, Coil.

1880, Never found Ann anywhere !

1870 Ann was found in Noxubee County, Mississippi. This was an amazing find. A Winnie Cole was in Selmer, McNairy County, Tenn with a young man,. her son, named Eddie or Edward and called Eddie. She was born in Alabama as were both her parents which put a little question out, 'was she related to Ann Cole?'

In 1870 Winnie Cole was list age 16, born, Alabama, living with Grant Wesley. There may or may not be a family relationship to those living in the household since five years after the Civil War the slaves had to do anything possible to exist; therefore many people lived together.

Grant Wesley was 22, born in Alabama, Willaim Sumpter was 57 born in SC, and John Lylse was 40, born in Tennessee, all three worked at the grist mill. Winnie Cole, age 16, a house servant was listed and Ann Lylse age 24, born in Alabama, a house servant and Monroe age 6 born in Mississippi.

It is unknown if Ann legally married John Lylse or if they lived together as man and wife as most slaves did. It is also unknown if he was the father of Monroe. Ann always showed herself as a widow, if so, John died before she came to McNairy County. Many unwed mothers during the 1800's often stated they were widows when the census was taken. Ann nor Monroe could be found in 1880 by the name of Cole or Lylse. Lylse is usually known as Lyles or Liles.

There were several slave holders by the name of Cole in Noxubee County, Miss. A Richard Cole had 11 males and 9 females, two which could be Ann and Winnie. James B Cole had five males and six females, two which could be Ann and winnie

Notes (Family #1)

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