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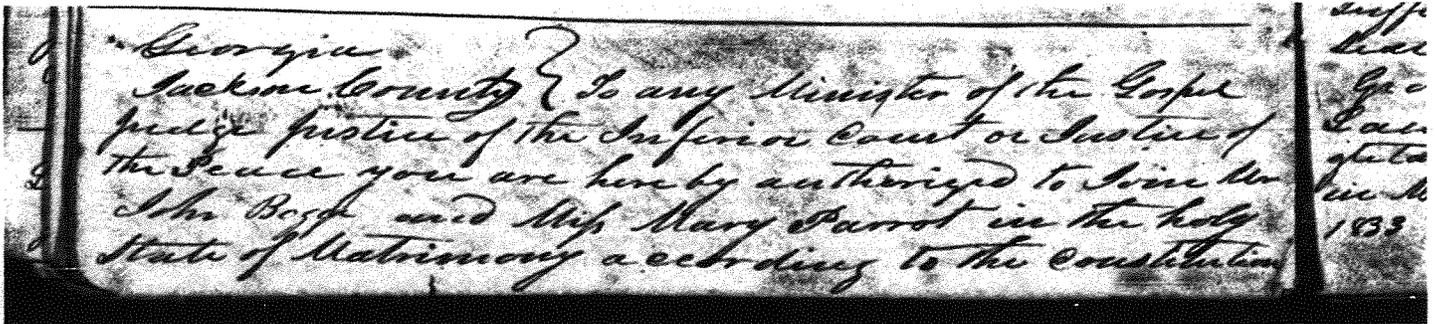
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John Marion Boggs

Born 1811 in Jackson County, Georgia, John Marion Boggs (son of Joseph Marion Boggs, grandson of John Boggs Jr) married Mary "Polly" Parrot in November of 1829 in Jackson County, Georgia.



Jackson County Georgia Marriage record of John Marion Boggs and Mary "Polly" Parrot, 1829.

Within a year of their marriage, John and Mary left Jackson County, Georgia and moved one county west to Meriwether, Georgia.

NAME	SEXES																			
	MALES										FEMALES									
HEAD OF FAMILY	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	80 to 85	85 to 90	90 to 95	95 to 100
John M. Boggs																				
Zachary W. Ham	2																			
	24	13	6	4	28	7														

1830 Census Marietta, Georgia
Household of John M Boggs, a 19 year old free White male.

During the Creek War, John traveled to nearby Milledgeville, Georgia and volunteered to fight against the hostile Creeks. John was appointed to 1st Corporal in the 74th Regiment of Georgia Militia.

John and family lived less than nine years in Meriwether, and soon ventured into Alabama where they made a home in Barbour County. Here in Alabama, Mary "Polly" Parrot Boggs

On September 1st, 1854, barely eight years after arriving in Florida, John Marion Boggs, filed a cash grant for the 120 acres he had been homesteading. This land was located at the Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 9 West. Originally surveyed and granted as within the boundaries of Jackson County, two years later it was resurveyed as encompassed by Calhoun County.

John Marion Boggs

Mary "Polly" Parrot

B: 1811 Jackson County, GA

married: Nov 1839

b: 1814 Greene County, Ga

D: 1879 Calhoun County, FL

Jackson Co, GA

d: Calhoun County, FL

(John Boggs was charged in Jackson County, FL in May 1860 with "Assault with Intent to Kill". His sentence was commuted to Calhoun County and he served a year in the block house jail at Abe's Springs.)

Children:

- + Elizabeth Boggs (b: 1839 Barbour Co, Ala)
- + John James William Joseph Boggs (b: 1841 Barbour Co, Ala)
- + Mary A. Boggs (b: 1843 Barbour Co, Ala)
- + Ezekiel Coleman Boggs (b: 1845 Barbour Co, Ala)
- + William Boggs (b: 1848 Altha, Calhoun Co, FL)
- + Jane Boggs (b: 1850 Altha, Calhoun Co, FL)

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in *the 11th Precinct 2 Dist.* **in the County of** *Wichita* **State** *623*
of *Wichita* **enumerated by me, on the** *20th* **day of** *Dec* **1850.** *John Boggs* **Age 33** *Not Married*

Dwellings—house numbered in the order of visitation.	Persons enumerated in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	SEX AND COLOR.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Place of Birth—Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	Color.			
1	1	John Boggs	39	M	White	Farmer	Georgia	
	2	Mary Parrot	36	F	White		Georgia	
	3	William Boggs	11	M	White		Georgia	
	4	Elizabeth Boggs	11	F	White		Georgia	
	5	Mary A. Boggs	7	F	White		Georgia	
	6	Ezekiel Coleman Boggs	5	M	White		Georgia	

1850 Census of Jackson County, FL

Household of John Boggs, a 39 year old White male, and Mary "Polly" Parrot Boggs, a 36 year old White female.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11			12
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12	13	
34	144	John Boggs	49	M	1	Barrening	100	1200	Geo				
35		Mary	46	F	1	Housekeeping			Geo				
36		Richard	17	M	1	Labourer			Geo				
37		Elizabeth	14	M	1				Geo				
38		William	12	M	1				Geo				
39		John	10	M	1				Geo				
40		Thomas	8	M	1				Geo				

1860 Census of Calhoun County, FL

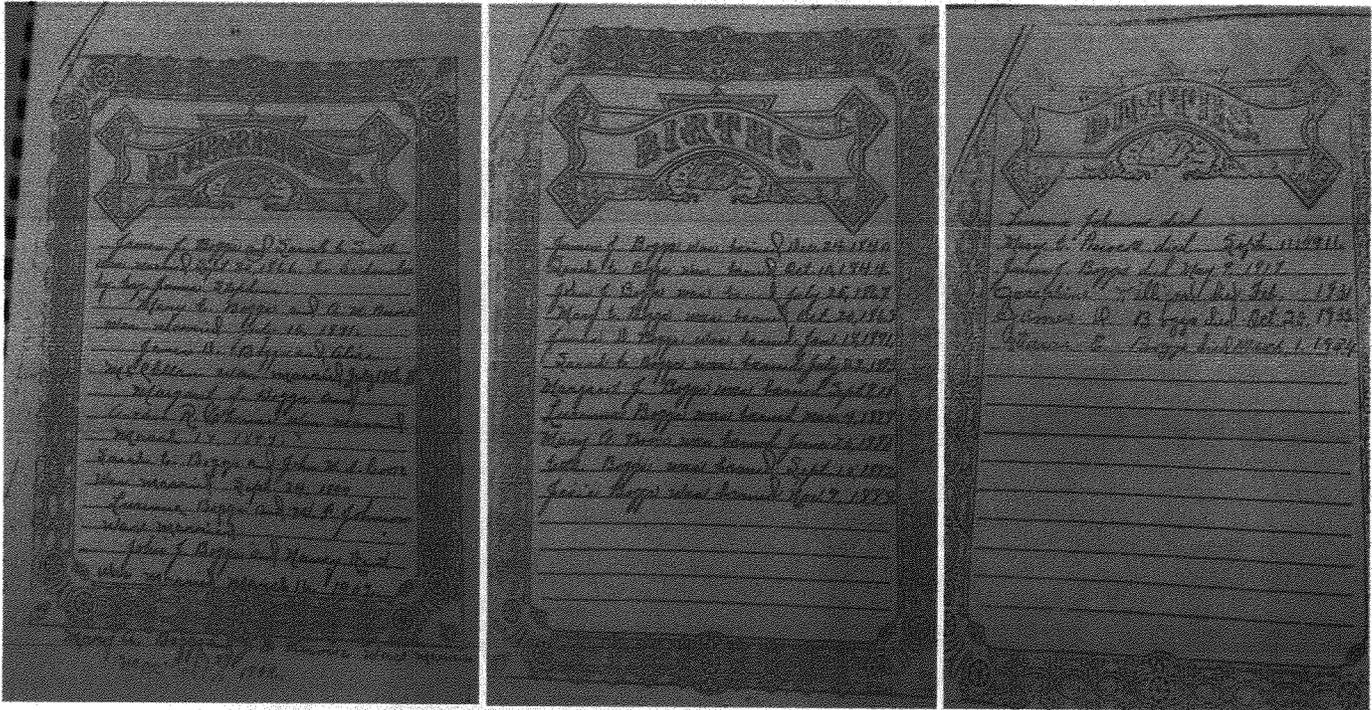
Household of John Marion Boggs, a 49 year old White male, and Mary "Polly" Parrot Boggs, a 46 year old White female.

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Some have hypothesized that **John Marion Boggs** and family "moved from Jackson County to Calhoun County" because John's household appears in Jackson county on the 1850 census and then in Calhoun on the 1860 census. In reality the Boggs' didn't come to Calhoun, "Calhoun came to them." John Boggs' original homestead was just north and west of present-day Altha, an area in 1850 that was within Jackson County, but by the time of the 1860 census, had been resurveyed to be encompassed by Calhoun.

Some have also supposed that **John Marion Boggs** "lived in a settlement at Boggs Pond, Jackson County", however this information is also erroneous.

John Marion Boggs received a cash grant of 120 acres within Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 9 West (Calhoun County), which is on the east side of the Chipola River. Boggs Pond is located within Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 10 West on the west side of the Chipola River (Jackson County). The small, swampy body of water now known as "Boggs Pond" did not bear this title until the early 1900's, and was named such after a branch of the Boggs family which lived near the pond (specifically the children of **John J W J Boggs**) who had moved just northwest of the original Boggs homestead to a now extinct community called "Willis" across the border in Jackson County.

John Marion Boggs and his wife **Mary "Polly" Parrot Boggs** never lived in the vicinity of Boggs Pond.

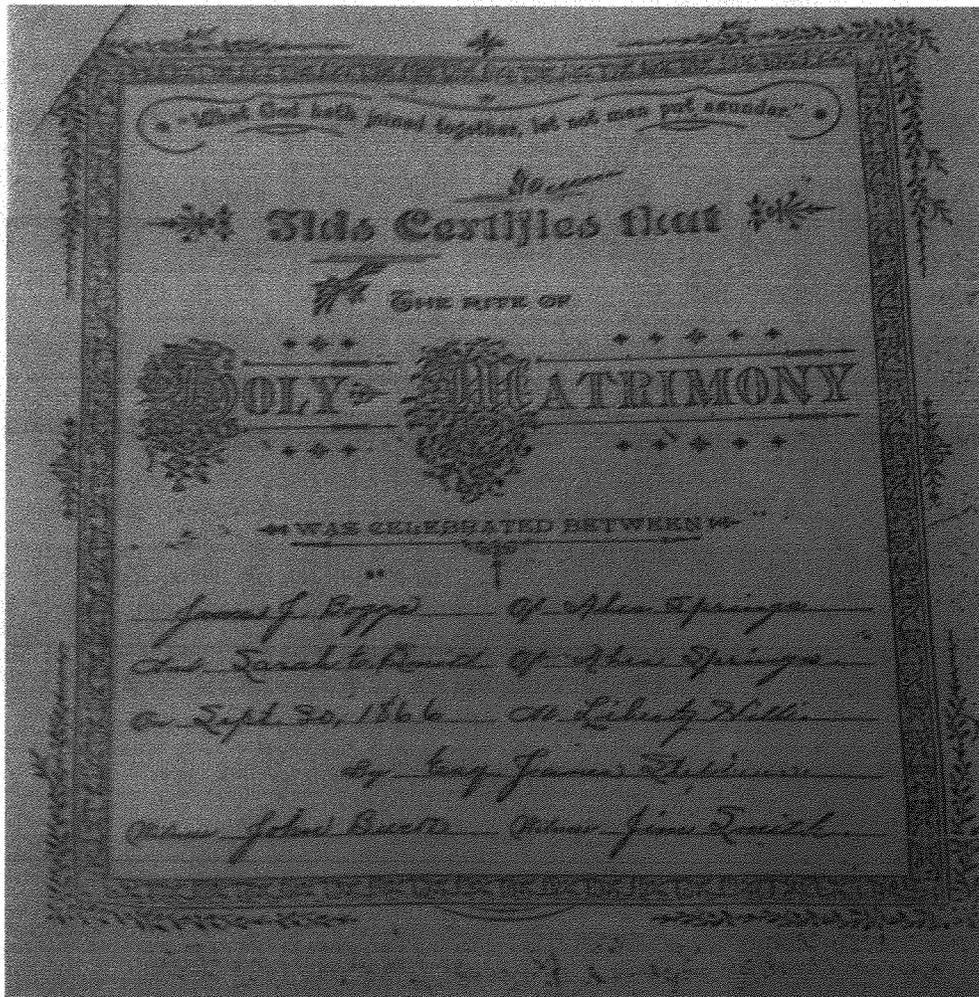


Marriages, Births, and Deaths pages from the Boggs family Bible.

John James William Joseph Boggs

Born 1841 in Barbour County, Alabama to **John Marion Boggs** and **Mary "Polly" Parrot Boggs**, **John J W J Boggs** grew up on the family farm in the far northwestern portion of Calhoun County, Florida. John J W J left his parents' home to enlist in the Confederate Army in 1864 and, upon his return, decided to strike out on his own. John J W J moved just a short distance north, across the county line, to a now extinct community then called "Willis". John married **Sarah Smith**, the daughter of a local famer named **Daniel Smith** (born 1840 Georgia) and **Sarah Ellen** (born 1815 South Carolina).

Upon returning from service in the Confederacy, John J W J filed for a homestead grant on January 7th 1867. This plot was located in the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 10 West (Jackson County). This land was near a small body of swampy water that would become known as "Boggs Pond" some forty years later.



Marriage Certificate of John J W J Boggs and Sarah E Smith.

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in 5th Division in the County of Calhoun State of Florida enumerated by me, on the 30th day of October 1850. J. H. [Name] Ass't Marshal.

Family numbered by the Ass't Marshal	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Sex and Color			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
		Age	Sex	Color			
11	Daniel Smith	44	M	White		Georgia	
	Sarah Smith	35	F	White		Georgia	1
	John Smith	11	M	White		Georgia	
	Edward Smith	15	M	White		Georgia	
	Isaac Smith	10	M	White		Georgia	1
	John Smith	7	M	White		Georgia	
	John Smith	6	M	White		Georgia	
	John Smith	3	M	White		Georgia	
	Edward Smith	4	M	White		Georgia	
	Peter Smith	3	M	White		Georgia	
	John Smith	2	M	White		Georgia	1
	John Smith	2	M	White		Georgia	
	John Smith	2	M	White		Georgia	1

1850 Census of Calhoun County, FL Household of Daniel Smith, a 44 year old White male, and Sarah Smith, a 35 year old White female.

Sarah Smith, future wife of John J W J Boggs is 5 years old.

1917

19-26-187

NAME OF SAILOR: *Boggs, James W*

NAME AND CLASS OF DEPENDENT: *Wid. Boggs, Sarah C*

NAVAL SERVICE: *Boat Swain* ENLISTED *1864* DISCHARGED *1865*
Reserve
Virginia
St. Paul

ADDITIONAL SERVICE:

DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.	LAW	STATE
<i>1865 July 29</i>	<i>Infantry</i>	<i>10978</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>26560</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Fla</i>
<i>1914 May 23</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>1102565</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>R37059</i>	<i>Sp</i>	<i>Fla</i>

REMARKS: *Old May 9, 1917, Williams, Fla.*

LWS

1917 Confederate Widow's Pension application of Sarah Smith Boggs, widow of John J W J Boggs, who enlisted in the Confederate Navy as a 23 year old White male

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 18
Enumeration Dist. No. 276/8

Note A--The Census Year begins June 1, 1870, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B--All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C--Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE 1.--Inhabitants in Election Precinct 5 & 6, in the County of Jackson, State of Florida enumerated by me on the Whitehead (13) day of July, 1880.

5 Precinct

Henry A. Clemens

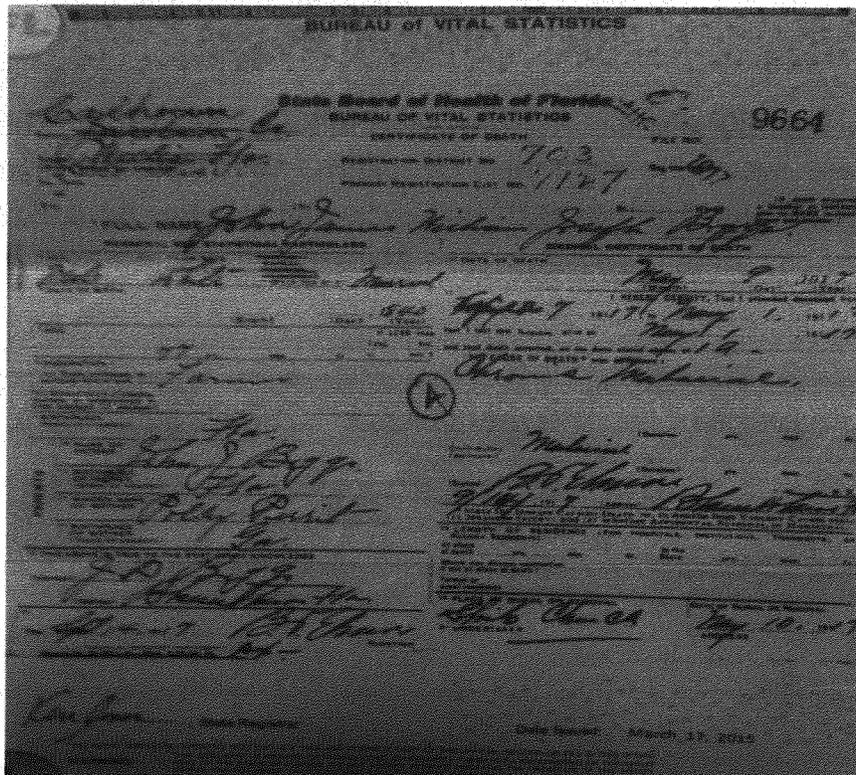
Inhabitants	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Married	Single	Blind	Deaf and dumb	Mentally Deficient	Institution	Place of Birth of this person, according to the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.		
												State or Territory	County	Place
1	James W. Boggs	Male	37	W	Farmer							Florida	Ala	Ala
2	Sarah Smith Boggs	Female	35	W	Wife							Florida	Ala	Ala
3	John J.	Male	12	W								Florida	Ala	Ala
4	Mary E.	Female	11	W								Florida	Ala	Ala
5	Jessie M.	Female	9	W								Florida	Ala	Ala
6	Sarah E.	Female	6	W								Florida	Ala	Ala
7	Margaret A.	Female	4	W								Florida	Ala	Ala
8	Charles	Male	1	W								Florida	Ala	Ala

1880 Census of Jackson County, FL
Household of James J W J Boggs, a 39 year old White male, and Sarah Smith Boggs, a 35 year old White female.

DEATH INDEX

NAME	PLACE	SEX	COL	VOL.	NUMBER	YEAR
BOGGS, - -	Jackson	F	W	69	4200	1919
Boggs, Amy	Duval	F	W	103	7674	1920
Boggs, Annie Andrews	Bradford	F	B	76	7569	1919
Boggs, Arthur	Volusia	M	B	3	1056	1917
Boggs, Ennis	Jax	M	B	161	8638	1922
Boggs, John James Wm. J.	Calhoun	M	W	20	9654	1917
Boggs, (Stillborn) - -	Jackson	F	W	63	3675	1919
Boggs, Wm. F.	Duval	M	W	48	10314	1918
Boghich, Joseph C.	Escambia	M	W	49	10504	1918
Boghich, Mary Ida	Pensacola	F	W	83	11077	1919

Florida Death Index 1918-1920
John James Wm. J Boggs, a white male of Calhoun County, died in 1917.



Florida death certificate for John J W J Boggs, a White male, died in 1917.

"Jackson Co.- Willis, Fla" is crossed out and "Calhoun Co." is added.

James Daniel Boggs (informant for this certificate) identified "John J Boggs" and "Polly Perrit" as the parents of John J W J Boggs.



John J W J Boggs and Sarah Smith Boggs

Throughout his entire life John J W J Boggs was consistently identified as a White male on census, land, military and death records. All of John J W J Boggs' children were consistently identified as White on census and death records

Ezekiel Coleman Boggs

Born 1845 in Barbour County, Alabama to John Marion Boggs and Mary "Polly" Parrot Boggs, Ezekiel Coleman Boggs grew up on the family farm in the far northwestern portion of Calhoun County, Florida. On December 10th of 1863 Ezekiel married Harriett Byrd, daughter of the Boggs' long time neighbor, John Byrd (born 1827 Alabama) and Sarah Byrd (born 1827 South Carolina).

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SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Election Precincts 5 & 6, in the County of Jackson, State of Florida enumerated by me on the 13th day of June, 1880.

Henry A. Coleman Enumerator

Serial Number	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation or Trade	Married	Education	Place of Birth	Place of Birth of Parents	Place of Birth of Grandparents
1	<u>Ezekiel C. Boggs</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>
2	<u>Harriet B. Boggs</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Keeping House</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>
3	<u>Lucy M. Boggs</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>
4	<u>John B. Boggs</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>
5	<u>Sarah B. Boggs</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>
6	<u>James M. Boggs</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Alabama</u>

1880 Census of Jackson County, FL
 Household of Ezekiel Coleman Boggs, a 36 year old White male, and Harriet Byrd Boggs, a 26 year old White female.

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER 756 ORDER NUMBER a-108

1 James William Boggs
 (Name) (Middle name) (Last name)

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: Attn Calhoun Fla
 (City or town) (County) (State)

Age in Years 40 Date of Birth Dec 9 1877
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

RACE
 1 White 2 Negro 3 Oriental 4 Indian
 5 Other 6 Other 7 Other 8 Other 9 Other

U. S. CITIZEN
 10 Native Born 11 Naturalized 12 Citizen by Father's Naturalization
 13 Declarant 14 Non-declarant

15 Yes I am a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION Logging EMPLOYER'S NAME Self

18 PLACE EMPLOYED FOR BUSINESS: Attn Calhoun Fla
 (City or town) (County) (State)

19 NEAREST RELATIVE Name Emmalice Boggs Address Attn Calhoun Fla
 (Name) (Address) (City or town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE
 P. M. G. O. James W. Boggs
 (Print name) (Signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 9-1-3.C

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slim	Medium	Stout		
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Black</u>

23 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify) NO

24 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature, or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Date of Registration Sept. 12, 1915

**LOCAL BOARD
 CALHOUN COUNTY
 BOUNTYSTOWN, FLORIDA**
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)
 (The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

World War One Civil Enlistment
 James William Boggs (son of Ezekial C Boggs and grandson of James M Boggs) a 40 year old White male.

REGISTRATION CARD		REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
SERIAL NUMBER 3060	ORDER NUMBER Q 2886	DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT	
1 John Coleman Boggs		HEIGHT	BUILD
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: Rt. A. Marston, Jackson, Fla.		21 yes	22 yes
3 Age in Years 45	Date of Birth May 10 1873	23 yes	24 yes
RACE		25 Blue	26 dark
4 yes	5 yes	27 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.) NO	
U. S. CITIZEN		28 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
6 yes	7 yes	T. Bernard Bishop	
ALIEN		Date of Registration: Sept - 12 - 1918	
8 yes	9 yes	Local Board for the County of Jackson, Marston, Fla.	
PRESENT OCCUPATION		(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)	
10 Farming	11 myself	(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)	
NEAREST RELATIVE		63-671 (OVER)	
12 Stella Beatrice Boggs	13 Rt. A. Marston, Jackson, Fla.		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
John Coleman Boggs			

World War One Civil Enlistment

John Coleman Boggs (son of Ezekiel C Boggs and grandson of John M Boggs) a 45 year old White male.

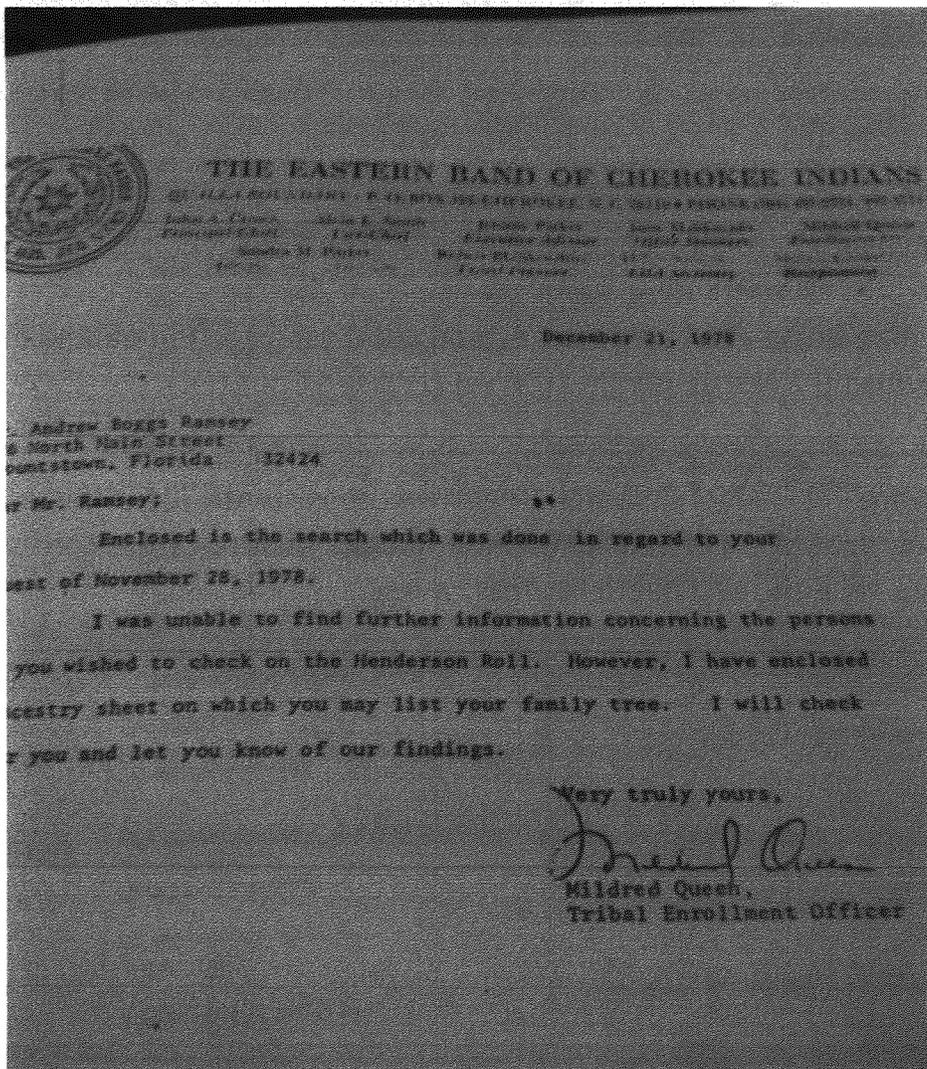
In 1905 James William Boggs filed for a homestead grant for a section of land in the Northeast ¼ of Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 10 West (Jackson County).

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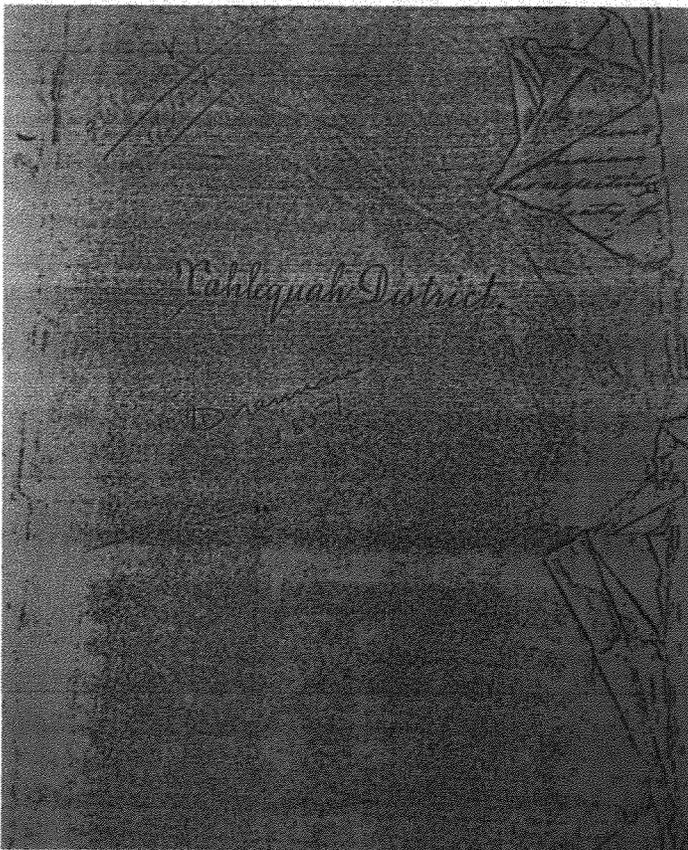
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The Myth of the "Harjo-Boggas-Parrot Band"

Beginning sometime in the late 1970's, Andrew Ramsey, a college educated resident of Blountstown, Florida, set out to document his Native American ancestry. Ramsey had grown up hearing family lore among the elderly members of his mother's family, the Boggs', concerning descent from a "Cherokee princess." Ramsey rushed headlong into a whirlwind effort; writing letters to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina, the southeastern field office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C, and even to the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. All of these correspondence shared one common factor, Ramsey's insistence of his family's direct descendancy from a "John Boggs, Cherokee and his wife Polly". In every letter Ramsey included mention of "the 1835 Henderson roll of Cherokee" which contained the name of John Boggs. In later letters Ramsey also includes mention of "Tahlequah District Payments- Drennan, 1851" that documents the names of John Boggs and Polly Boggs.



1978 Response letter to Andrew Ramsey's application for enrollment with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



James Ware			
James Ware Jr			
Henry Ware Jr	7	649 51	26 1/2
Big Sam Dunning	1	9 53	5 78
Miss Dunning	1	9 53	5 78
Sam Dunning	1	9 53	5 78
Wm. Ware & Co			
Wm. Ware & Co	2	185 66	7 56
Chas. Ware & Co			
Rebel			
Co. Ware & Co			
Ware	4	871 91	15 78
Co. Ware & Co			
Ware	2	185 66	7 56
Charles			
Ware & Co	2	185 66	7 56
John Boggs			
Polly Boggs			
Ware & Co	3	575 69	11 56
Ware & Co			

**Copy of 1851 Drennen Roll of Western Cherokee (those who had Removed to Indian Territory)
Tahlequah district household of John and Polly Welsh Boggs appears with three individuals in the family.**

From the wording of his early writings Ramsey is either ignorant of, or intentionally concealing, the fact that the same John and Polly Boggs he repeatedly referred to, and claimed descent from, had removed to Indian Territory (Oklahoma) before 1840 and had lived, died, and were buried in the western Cherokee Nation near Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

The John and Polly Boggs who immigrated to Indian Territory with the "Old Settlers" (Cherokees who had voluntarily removed west of the Mississippi before the forced Removal of Cherokee beginning in 1835) are well documented. John Boggs was the grandson of Cherokee leader Turtle-at-Home. John Boggs married Polly Welsh, the granddaughter of Cherokee leader Shoeboots.

This John and Polly Welsh Boggs, who are documented as living in the area of Tahlequah, Indian Territory, from the 1830's to at least the 1870's, are completely different and separate individuals from the John Marion Boggs and Mary "Polly" Parrot Boggs of Calhoun County, Florida.

Given that this John and Polly Boggs were living in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 1851, and the John and Polly Boggs ancestors of Ramsey were living in Calhoun County, Florida in 1850 and 1860, both the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as well as the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma correctly identified the two as completely unconnected families, and therefore appropriately rejected Ramsey's application for citizenship with their tribes.

As late as 1979 Ramsey wrote a letter to the administrators of the "Boggs Family Newsletter" a publication entrusted to document the many lineages of Boggs across the United States:

"Dear Mrs. Grady,

I was delighted that you sent me the last copy of the Boggs' Newsletter that was published June, 1979. On page 25, the very bottom, my mother Kathleen Boggs was left off the list as a child of Jim and Sarah Boggs.

I was startled at the fact of the complete omission of the Boggs' Indian History, which has been passed down orally to us from generation to generation. I am enclosing some papers which prove my statements:

[Here Ramsey includes an excerpt from the book "Cherokee Roots" by Bob Blankenship, an copy of a letter he received from "Mildred Queen, Tribal Enrollment Officer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Cherokee, NC", records of an "L. D. Parrot" that Ramsey claimed was "Polly's half-white half-Cherokee brother", as well as excerpts from the Drennan 1851 roll and 1907 Dawes Commission rolls of Cherokee living in Indian Territory that Ramsey stated identified John and Polly Boggs both as "full blood Cherokee".]

I am quite confused about the information I read. Everybody appears to be white..."

Also glaringly absent in this letter, and in ALL of Ramsey's early correspondence, is any mention of the word "Creek".



1985 Jackson County Florida article regarding Andrew Ramsey "of Cherokee Indian descent" visiting a local school.

In the late 1970's the Indian Claims Commission determined that a portion of payment for unceded Creek lands would be distributed to the Creek Nation of Oklahoma, but also that per capita payments would be distributed to "Eastern Creeks", i.e. those who could document descent from Creek Indians who had avoided Removal west of the Mississippi. This began what many contemporary sources labeled as the "Creek Craze"; thousands of individuals who had not previously claimed any Native ancestry were suddenly "Creek Indians". The mention of "millions of dollars" being distributed by the Indian Claims Commission had hundreds of amateur genealogists flooding local court houses and archives hoping to document their family lore of Native ancestry.

By the early 1980's, rebuffed from attempts to enroll with both the Eastern Band of Cherokee and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Andrew Ramsey changed his focus to concentrate on endeavoring to join in the CREEK land claims. Where previously he had made not the slightest mention of "Creek" ancestry, during this later period his correspondence becomes liberally splattered with mentions of "Chief Blount", "Tuski Harjo Cochran" and the like.

Suddenly, "Polly Parrot, the half breed Cherokee wife of John Boggs" in Ramsey's earlier letters, had become "Polly Parrot the Creek daughter of Tuski Harjo Cochran". Almost overnight Ramsey had expanded his public personae from "Cherokee descendant" to "hereditary Creek Chief" by claiming a "direct descent from Polly Parrot Boggs, daughter of Tuski Harjo Cochran." Though he possessed absolutely no historic documentation to demonstrate his family's descent from Tuski Harjo or Cochran (two separate individuals combined in Ramsey's narrative), Ramsey rapidly thrust himself to the forefront of local public activities, and before long the legend of "Polly Parrot the Creek daughter of Tuski Harjo Cochran" was echoed by local residents as if it was a long known, and unchallenged, historical truth.

The subsequent documents will demonstrate the following historical facts that completely disprove Ramsey's fantastical tale:

- (1) that Tuski Harjo was deceased sometime prior to 1832,
- (2) that Tuski Harjo and Coa Thlocko (alias "Cochran") were two separate individuals,
- (3) that the widowed wife of Tuski Harjo and their two children had removed from Florida in 1833 and were living in Polk County, Texas in 1834, and
- (4) Coa Thlocko (alias "Cochran") had left Florida for Alabama with his entire family prior to 1833 and was living in Indian Territory in 1844.