

John Winfield Sharp

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John was born Aug 22, 1822 in NC. He was the son of George Sharp and Mary "Polly" Hamilton. He was the youngest of the six children of George and Polly. His mother died when John was just two years old. His family had moved to Farmington, TN and his father remarried to Cynthia Darnell in c. 1828. When John was about seventeen, he and his older brothers Joseph Arrington Sharp, Eli Brown Sharp and George Turner Sharp came to Amite Co. MS. Eli married Elizabeth Parsons the daughter of Ewell "Uel" and Elizabeth Parsons in 1838 in Amite Co. MS and later they moved to Scott Co. MS. Joseph Arrington Sharp married Orleana McGehee the daughter of David McGehee and Mariah Downs in 1842. Joseph was a farmer and "Blacksmith". George Turner Sharp married Cassandra "Cassie" Putnam the daughter of Jeremiah E. "Jerry" Putnam and Elizabeth "Eliza" Smith in c. 1852 Scott Co. MS. George Turner and Cassie later moved to TX.

John Winfield Sharp married Louisa Ann McGehee the daughter of James McGehee and Sylphia Downs in 1842 Amite Co. MS. They had eight children:

Elizabeth b 1843,

Julia Alice b 1845 who married Thomas Dawson Day. They later moved to Wesson, MS.

Mary Jane "Molly" b 1846 who married Edward Napoleon Caston. Molly is buried here in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Sarah Catherine b 1848.

William T. b 1849 who married Emma Parker the daughter of William Henderson Parker and Sarah Eliza Stewart Parker.

James Madison b. 1852 who married Emma Quin the daughter of James Batey and Narcissa Smith Quin. James was a principal at East McComb School, later taught at the Peabody School here in Summit and became a Math Professor at MS College in Clinton.

Ida Atlaide b 1853 who married Alexander Walker

Allie Emma b 1860 and died of lockjaw in 1863

John moved from Amite Co to Holmesville, MS and is listed in the 1860 census as a merchant. John enlisted in the Confederacy as a private in Capt R. H. McNairs Company E of the MS Volunteers 3rd Battalion on Nov 11, 1861 in Natchez, MS. He was appointed 5th Sgt of Co. E 33 Reg't MS Volunteers on Apr 1, 1862. On Sept. 6, 1862 he was noted as absent and had been left at Sparta, TN on orders of the Surgeon. In Aug 1863 he was drafted from the rolls of Co. E 45 Reg't MS Infantry on account of long absence. After the Civil War he moved to Summit and was the Chief of Police for a number of years. After his wife Louisa died in 1885, John remarried in Feb 1887 Catharine Gray the daughter of Sherod Gray and Mary Hamilton and the widow of John H. McGehee. John Winfield Sharp died June 7, 1887.

In my genealogy of John Winfield Sharp there are 8 generations and up to 450 names of descendance.

Wayne will cover his Masonic membership.