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### My Great Grandfathers and Their Descendants

Dr. Thomas Segler (Born 6/28/1828. Died 8/12/1885) married Rachael Barnes (Born 6/1/1838, Died 8/3/1881).

Their Children were Mack Segler, Malcolm Segler, Bert Segler, and Nannie Bobby Segler.

Dr. Thomas was a German who came to Dale County by the way of New York as the first known doctor in Dale County My Grandmother Dixon was his daughter. She told me about him riding his big white horse to see his patients. He lived on the Barnes Crossroad road. She married Frank Dixon when she was 15 years old and he was 32 years old. The Dixons lived on past where the Seglers lived. She told me many times that he was twice as old and 2 years older than she, and that she had rather be an old man's sweetheart than a young man's slave. Their first two children died as babies and the last baby was still born. They raised 5 boys and 1 girl, who was my mother. Their children were Jim Tom, 10/22/1889-4/16/1891. Ethel Lee, 4/14/1894-11/25/1894. Roy Franklin, 12/27/1896-12/19/1965. Joseph F. 4/20/1898-3/4/1958. Otis Stanley, 8/7/1900-2/8/1961. Donald Aston, 4/25/1908-6/22/1963. Myrtle Mae, 1/7/1906-2/19/1986, Mack Clyde 4/7/1909-7/15/1968, Infant Son 10/28/1913.

Mack Segler married Polly Wilcox. They were blessed with 13 children. I remember some of them when I was growing up. Before my mother passed away, she named all of them for me and who most of them were married to. Wiley, Malcolm, Calter, Robert, Connie, Arthur, Cora Warr, Irene Whitner, Clara Pelham, Thelma Kirk, Gertrude Segler, Willie Blackman and Mattie Peacock.

Malcolm Segler married Dora Pipkin. They only had 2 children. Dowell (deceased) and Nurel Pearson who is still living in Attleboro, Mass. a makes several trips to Ariton each year.

Bert Segler married Ada Barnes. They had 8 children. I also remember some of them as a young girl. Their names were Edgar, Thomas, Alline Coyle, Lessie Justin, Rachael White, Ruby Kennedy, Mattie Segler and Bert Segler.

As I mentioned earlier, Dr. Segler's only daughter married Frank Dixon, son of James Monroe Dixon. The Dixon's lived across Sandy Creek from the Segler's. James Monroe owned a large farm. James Monroe Dixon was born March 4, 1827 and died June 21, 1909. He married Mary Rewlet, born June 8, 1848 and died June 18, 1874. To them seven children were born. James Franklin Dixon, who was my Papa. Lewis Dixon, Fats Dixon, Mary Dixon James, Izzie Dixon Chancey, Nancy E born March 3, (?), died Sept 21, 1957. According to the Mason's report, there was a seventh child. There is a baby's grave next to Nancy's grave.

James Monroe married Rachel Payne March 1, (?). She died two years later. They had a son named Allen Dixon who married Meta Brock. I can remember when he lived in Dothan. He worked with the Railroad. He lived in a section house on South Oats Street where the overpass was at the time. He always had a gold fish pond in the back yard.

He always had a gold fish pond in the back yard. After he retired, he moved to Clio. James Monroe married Nancy McKinan on Jan 17, 1884. She died April 24, 1901. They did not have any children I have an oak chair with a cow hide bottom that James Monroe made. At one time, I had a set of four that my mother gave me shin I married, that I lost when my home burned. She gave me this one so I would have something that he made. Papa and Grannie were living in Ozark at the time of his death. Mother has told me that even though she was only three years old, she could remember the long buggy ride to Union Church for his funeral. They lived in what is now known as the Isaac Riley home. They moved back to the farm after his death.

I also remember Uncle Pate Dixon. He had a long white goatee. All of us children wanted to feel it and he would let us. He lived in Daleville or what is now Ft. Rucker. The government took all his farm land and he had to go live with his daughter. He died with a broken heart in his nineties. I also remember Aunt Mary James. She would come and spend several weeks at a time with us. The other children of James Monroe I did not ever know.

I listed all of Frank and Bobbie Dixon's children earlier, but would like to add who they married and their children. Roy married Ruby Helms from Clio and had one daughter, Patricia. Aunt Ruby and Pat still live in Mobile. Uncle Joe's wife was named Ester. They lived in Hollywood, CA. He worked with Universal Studios. Uncle Otis married a girl from Hawaii. He worked at Pearl Harbor. They sent Aunt Dell and Stanley to the scates when Pearl Harbor was bombed to live with us. Aunt Dell and Stan live in Long Beach, CA. Uncle Don married Jewell Payne. They had two children, Mary Jo and Billy. Billy lives in Eufaula. Uncle Mack married Janie Dickert. They had Bobby and Mike Dixon, also living in Eufaula. My mother, Myrtle, married Raymond McGhee. Daddy was raised on the Dale and Coffee county line on Hwy. 61. They had Dixon, Grace, and Larry. Dixon died on Sept 11, 1994. He was married to Linda Galloway. They had 4 children. Greg, Grant, Cindy and Sandy. I married Urquard Tyler. We had two children, Karen and Ricky Tyler. We were divorced and I later married Owen England from Newton. He has been deceased since Dec. 1989. Larry was born when I was 10 years old. He married Annette Eddins from Troy. They have 2 children, Shannon and Ben. He is a State Farm Agent in Auburn, AL.

From the Southern Star, April 13, 1887, copied from Ft. Gaines star: "At the Hotel, Central, yesterday morning, Mr. J.F. Dixon and Miss N. B. Segler, of Skipperville, Alabama were married. Judge R. R. Blocker officiating. A considerable crowd collected to see the ceremony and many were the approbations we heard praise on the neat and concise way the judge had of tying this all important knot. The happy couple say "they did not runaway, they just got in the buggy and left". We wish them a radiant and prosperous future. (Ft. Ganines Star)

Comment by The Southern Star: "Mr. Dixon is one of our most outstanding young farmers and is worthy of the prize he was won. We wish this young couple much success!" Submitted by Grace McGhee England, Rt. 1 Box 88-A, Ariton, AL 36911