

John Henry Williams

(1841-1926)

Born: April 19, 1841 Colerain, Union County, SC

Died: Feb. 5, 1926 Graniteville, SC

Buried: Feb. 6, 1926 Putman Baptist Church, Union County, SC

Parents: Ulysses Williams
Nancy Smith

Married: Dec. 8, 1863 Ellen Elizabeth Gibbs

Children:

Martha Ann Medora "Mattie" b. 1864 p. Union Co. SC
d. 1879

John Bothwell Ulysses "Both" b. 11/11/1866 p. Union Co. SC
d. 11/20/1948
m. Ethel Hodges (1899)
m. Letha Cass (1934)

Robert Christopher "Rob" b. 01/27/1868 p. Union Co. SC
d. 03/24/1956
m. Nettie Fay West

Laura Cathel b. 11/14/1869 p. Union Co. SC
d. 09/17/1906
m. Andrew Walker Quinn

Lou Jeanie Nancy b. 1870 p. Union Co. SC
d. 1924
m. Mark M Morrison

Adolphus Judson b. 1872 p. Union Co. SC
d. 1874

Mary Janette "Nettie" b. 9/24/1875 p. Union Co. SC
m. Robert Wallace Smith
m. Rev. Fowler

Jesse Broadus "Broad" b. 9/26/1877 p. Union Co. SC
d. 1961

Rufus Hayden b. 02/27/1879 p. Union Co. SC
d. 03/26/1947 in NC
m. Mary Nance (04/2/1901)

Was a [Civil War soldier in the Confederate army](#) – Co. B 15th SC Infantry Regiment, Connor’s Brigade.

Wounded at Second Manassas Aug. 30, 1862, and at Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863.

Unable to continue as an infantry soldier, he was assigned as sergeant in charge of couriers for Col. James L. Corley, Chief Quartermaster, and Col. R. G. Cole, Chief Commissary Officer, on General Robert E. Lee’s General staff.

Obtained one of the few copies of General Order #9, Lee’s Farewell Address, signed by General Lee. Many believe this is the most historic General Order of the Confederacy.

Joined Putman Baptist Church Nov.18, 1860 and was baptized into its fellowship by Rev. John Gibbs, his future father-in-law.

Elected deacon at Putman Baptist Church June 1865.

Elected Church Clerk at Putman in June 1868 and served in that capacity until Feb. 1892 when he moved to [Glendale](#), Spartanburg County, SC.

Was principally engaged in farming during his years at Putman Church.

After moving to [Glendale](#) in 1892 he became the Magistrate, and he soon became familiarly known as “Judge” in the community.

Joined [Glendale Baptist Church](#) and served as deacon, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher.

Master Mason – first at Union, SC. Lodge No. 75 - Later at the [Glendale](#) Lodge No. 271.

Because of declining health, in January 1925, he moved to the home of his son, [Jesse Broadus “Broad” Williams](#), and daughter-in-law [Bertie Clyde Sutton](#). At the time “Broad” was Superintendent of the Graniteville and Hickman Textile Mills.

Died Feb. 5,1926 in Graniteville, SC at the home of his son.

His [obituary](#) was written by well known minister [Rev J. D. Bailey](#), his friend for more than 40 years.