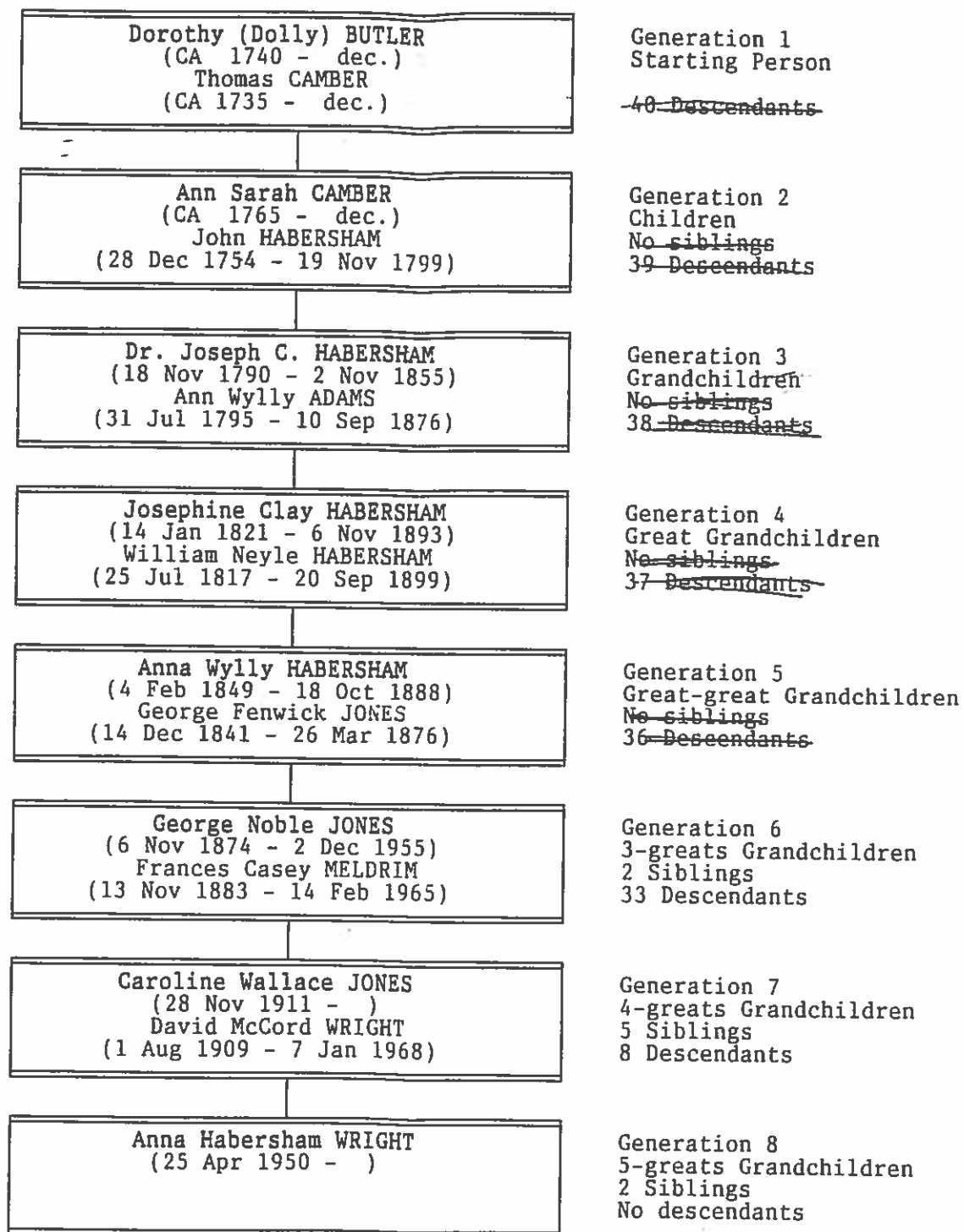


Caroline Wallace JONES
(28 Nov 1911 -)
David McCord WRIGHT
(1 Aug 1909 - 7 Jan 1968)

Generation 9
6-greats Grandchildren
5 Siblings
8 Descendants

Anna Habersham WRIGHT
(25 Apr 1950 -)

Generation 10
7-greats Grandchildren
2 Siblings
No descendants



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Reader Shares Details About William Butler

Like fitting the first two pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together, the first hints about William Butler have arrived.

The Sept. 11 issue of Accent had a story about local history sleuth Terry Shaw, a retired teacher. Shaw is researching William Butler, whose grave, dated 1761, may be the oldest in Bonaventure Cemetery. Previously, the oldest known grave in the cemetery was Harriet Tattnall's, dated 1802.

Last month, R. Floyd Gambill Jr. of Augusta called with information about Butler.

Gambill, a graduate of Benedictine Military Academy and former president of the Augusta Genealogical Society, said Butler was the son of Richard Butler (died Sept. 1748) and Susannah (last name Fitch?).

Richard and Susannah lived at Tipseeboe Plantation on South Carolina's Ashley River. They had four children: Elijah, William, Mary (b. 1722) and Thomas. William married Elizabeth Elliot in 1738, according to Gambill's records, although information in the Georgia Historical So-

cety pulls their wedding a decade later. When William and Elizabeth moved to Georgia is not known.

Richard Butler, William's father, was the son of Thomas Butler and Sarah (maiden name unknown) who arrived in Charleston, S.C., from Barbados in August 1672, just two years after the city was founded. On early papers, Thomas Butler's job was listed as shipwright; he died around 1710.

Thomas had one daughter, Ann, and three sons, including Richard (William Butler's father) and Shem.

Shem married Hester West, whose brother, Samuel, was a royal governor of South Carolina. Shem owned several large plantations on the Ashpoo River and is Gambill's ancestor.

Thomas, in turn, was one of three sons of Jeffrey Butler. Jeffrey died in Christ Church Parish on Barbados in 1662. He and his wife, Margery, had daughters named Thomasin, Mary (married name: Haddock) and Margary (Shiclaire), and sons named William, Jeffrey, Thomas and Richard. Because Jeffrey was named executor of his father's will,

he was probably the oldest surviving son at the time of Thomas' death.

Thomas and Richard both went to Charleston (perhaps together), where Richard died in 1696. Jeffrey died July 4, 1677, and Thomas evidently inherited whatever land there was in the family.

And that's as far back as Gambill can trace the line. His information is gleaned primarily from the Webber Collection in the South Carolina Historical Society in Charleston and "Warrants for Land in S.C.

1672-1679" compiled by A.S. Salley Jr.

Have other information that will help us learn who William Butler was, why or when he was buried in Bonaventure Cemetery, or why his grave has been largely forgotten? Call 652-0314.

- Gene Downs



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