

Descendants of Prince Cantey

Generation No. 1

I. PRINCE² CANTEY (*RICHARD*¹) was born July 1840 in SC, and died 1925 in SC. He married HENRIETTA PATERSON 1893 in SC, daughter of ? PATERSON. She was born January 1875 in SC, and died February 27, 1936 in DeKalb Twp., Kershaw Co., SC.

Notes for PRINCE CANTEY:

Married before wife named Sarah and daughter Elizabeth in 1880 census; 1910 census living in Rafting Creek Twp., Sumter Co., SC; 1900 census living in Spring Hill, Sumter Co., SC;

More About PRINCE CANTEY:

Burial: 1925, Cedars Cemetery, Campbell St., Camden, SC
Occupation: Laborer/farmer

Notes for HENRIETTA PATERSON:

1900 census has sister Alice living with her but gone by 1910;

More About HENRIETTA PATERSON:

Burial: 1936, Cedars Cemetery, Campbell St., Camden, SC

Children of PRINCE CANTEY and HENRIETTA PATERSON are:

- i. ELIZABETH³ CANTEY, b. August 1894.
- ii. RICHARD CANTEY, b. October 1896; d. 1917, DeKalb Twp., Kershaw Co., SC.

More About RICHARD CANTEY:

Burial: Cedars Cemetery, Campbell St., Camden, SC

- iii. ANIMIAS CANTEY, b. February 1900.

Notes for ANIMIAS CANTEY:

Changed name to Alexander later Census;

- iv. HATTIE CANTEY, b. 1904.
- v. ALBERTUS CANTEY, b. 1907.

Notes for ALBERTUS CANTEY:

May have changed her name to Bertha;

Subj: **Re: Rebecca Cantey**
 Date: 1/25/2005 9:36:24 PM Eastern Standard Time
 From: Frstkid57
 To: LJPONT

Hi Jeanne,

I had hoped to have your report in the mail today but didn't finish it until just a little while ago. There are 22 pages of information concerning the CANTY/CANTEY & PATTERSON families in Kershaw & Sumter counties for the 1880 and 1870 census', plus photocopies from NARA for the 1880 census records of Prince & Richard Canty found in Swimming Pens Township.

We don't have to be at the hospital until 10:30 tomorrow morning with the little guy so I will have time to get that to the post office before then. And I hope you don't mind that the information I've gathered on (a) Rebecca CANTY/CANTEY is not included in the report, but rather what's been found is listed in this email.

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In your email of 18 January, your instructions were-"Two other names to hunt for are a Rebecca Cantey and Alice Paterson, both black." I understand the Alice Patterson lead and did pursue them in earlier census records, and that information is included in my report, however, following a lead on a Rebecca Cantey, with no further identifying information about her supplied, has left me unsure if the information found is the person for whom you're looking.

If you take a look at the copy of the 1910 census for Rafting Creek I sent to you, the one that records Prince Cantey as head of household, 64 years of age, with wife Hattie and children, you'll see they are enumerated on lines 17 through 23. Just below them, enumerated on lines 32 through 36 is listed a Rebecca Cantey, 28 years old, as Head of the household living with four sisters; Alice, 19 yrs., Rose, 18 yrs., Mary, 13 yrs., & Helen, 7 yrs.

It was *this* Rebecca Cantey I tried to find throughout various census years, not knowing for certain if this is the Rebecca for whom you are looking.

If we take the information supplied in the 1910 census about Rebecca Cantey, we have her at 28 years of age, born ca. 1881-1882. Knowing her sister's names helps locate this family in earlier and later census records. Assuming she wasn't born until 1881-1882, then it makes sense she would not be found in the 1880 census. Also we have to allow for variant ages in the census records--they are rarely on the money from one decade to the next. The 1900 census revealed the following record:

1) 1900 Census, Population Schedule, DeKalb Township, Kershaw County South Carolina, ED 47, page 17A (stamped p. 108), family visit #344, enumerated 20 June 1900:  
 CANTY, Ishmael, Head, B, M, Feb. 1877, 33 yrs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Rose, wife, B, F, June 1877, 33 yrs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Rebecca, daughter, B, F, Sept. 1890, 10 yrs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Alice, daughter, B, F, May 1891, 9 yrs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Rose, daughter, B, F, May 1894, 6 yrs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Mary, daughter, B, F, May 1896, 4 yrs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Lottie, daughter, B, F, May 1897, 3 yrs.

[Comment: there is an Ishmal (sic) Cantey found in the 1880 soundex and census, however he had a wife named Jane and his age would be much older than above. They did have a son however, also named Ishmal (sic), who's age is closer to the above Ishmael.]

2) 1910 Census previously mentioned, of which you have a copy.

3) 1920 Census, Population Schedule, Rafting Creek Township, Sumter County, South Carolina, ED 141, Sheet 1B, enumerated 3 January 1920, family visit #16, address Keeler (?) Farm:  
 CANTY, Rebecca, Head, Female, Black, 26 yrs., Single

\_\_\_\_\_, Alabelle (?), daughter, Female, Black, 3 yrs.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Henry, son, Male, Black, 1 yr.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Helen, sister, Female, Black, 18 yrs.

*[Comment: I'd tend to think this is the same Rebecca as in the 1910 census only because she is living with a sister named Helen and both of their ages are close to what's stated in the 1910 census. Has Rebecca had these two children out of wedlock, or did she have a husband for a short time who possibly died then she went back to using her maiden name, or did she marry a man with the same surname CANTY, and for whatever reason he was no longer around?]*

4) 1930 Census, Population Schedule, Columbia City Ward 6, Richland County, South Carolina, ED 40-19, Sheet 5A (stamped p. 78), enumerated 3 April 1930, family visit #99, address 2328 Stark St.:

HOWELL, James, Head, renting home, Male, Negro, 39 yrs., Married 18 yrs.

\_\_\_\_\_, Alice, wife, Female, Negro, 30 yrs., Married 16 yrs. (sic)

\_\_\_\_\_, Jim, son, Male, Negro, 6 yrs.

\_\_\_\_\_, Jol??, son, Male, Negro, 2 yrs.

BOYKIN, Rosa, sister-in-law, Female, Negro, 25 yrs., single

CANTEY, Rebecca, cousin, Female, Negro, 33 yrs., single

*[Comment: This Rebecca listed here is slightly younger than we'd expect her to be, but ages in census records can vary wildly--this is close enough, especially since she is enumerated with a woman named Alice and a woman named Rosa, who may possibly be her sisters, as they are also close in age to what the 1910 census records.]*

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If you have any thoughts you want to share about the above information I'd be happy to hear them.

Take care,  
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Philadelphia PA.  
<http://19thcenturyphiladelphiagenealogy.com>

Ní bhíonn saoi gan locht

**Subj: Re: Cantey Information**  
**Date:** 1/24/2005 12:09:08 AM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Frstkid57  
**To:** LJPONT

In a message dated 1/21/05 6:05:26 AM Pacific Standard Time, LJPONT writes:

From what I can figure out and talking to people the slaves usually did take their owners name. There were some Canteys in Sumter & kershaw Counties did file petitions to free their slaves. I am finding that South Carolina whites were a bunch of bastards when it came to manumission.

Aha, so it wasn't just a myth I'd heard. That would make sense to me though, some of the older black people, men, I've found in the earlier census records, (1870), list "Africa" as their birth place, and you know, I really doubt that their African birth name was "Thomas Canty" !

I'm in the same boat as you regards the intricacies of slavery/slave ownership & manumission. You've probably looked already but there's tons online--

[Black Slave Owners Civil War Article by Robert M Grooms](#)

[South Carolina Archives Publications: African American History](#)

[Slavery in America](#)

[Intro Afro-American Studies](#)

I'm still trying to find out more about slaves owners and their history. Afro-American genealogy is a whole new ball game. So far I havn't been able to locate the books that will enlighten me.

A couple of the links I sent above have some bibliographies. If you're going to seriously get into this area of genealogical study, maybe they'll help.

Specifically regarding this CANTY/CANTEY bunch though I have some questions you might either consider yourself and/or consider asking the person for whom you're doing this work.

What might be the possibility that the Prince CANTY/CANTEY for whom you're searching was married *before* he married Hattie?

The past few days I've been mulling over all the information gathered so far on this family. I'll start with the most recent:

1) 1910 census we find Prince CANTEY in Rafting Creek at 69 years of age, born ca. 1849, and his wife Hattie, at 30 years of age, born ca. 1880. WOW, huge age difference between them--31 years--ok, so certainly not unheard of in this time period--you see this in the Irish records frequently. According to this same census they've been married for 17 years, and both said this was their FIRST marriage. So Prince was 44 years old when he married Hattie who was THIRTEEN? However...

If we go according to her date of birth in the 1880 census though, Hattie/Haddy was born ca. 1873, NOT ca.1880 as if figured by her age stated in the 1910 census. IF she was born ca. 1873, then that would have made her

closer to, or about, 20 years of age when she married Prince, still a big age difference between them, but puts her closer to a 'reasonable' age for marriage.

2) In the 1900 census we find Prince CANTY in Spring Hill, Sumter Co., the record stating he is 59 years of age, born July 1840. Then we have Hattie being recorded as being born January 1875, making her 25 years of age. Also listed is their daughter Elizabeth, stated to be 6 years of age, being born in 1893.

Also we find in this record three other people listed with this Canty family:

A boarder named Feams, Prince's father RICHARD, age 75 years, placing him born ca. 1825, and a Sister-in-law to Prince, Alice PATERSON, aged 18 years, stated being born in 1882.

Let's go back twenty years---

3) The 1880 census in Dekalb, Kershaw Co. has the following PATTERSON family:

"Shmel" (Ishmael?), 32 years of age, born ca. 1848

Elizabeth, his wife, 28 years of age, born ca. 1852 (\*Note that Prince & Hattie's first daughter was named Elizabeth)

A couple of other children are listed--Henry, Rosetta & Lilly, BUT we have daughters

Haddy, 7 years of age, born ca. 1873

AND

Alice, 2 years of age, born ca. 1878

AT THE SAME TIME--(1880 census)

4) In Swimming Pens Twp., Sumter Co., page 23, we find-

CANTY, Prince, 33 years of age, born ca. 1849 (\*see age in 1910 census)

his wife Sarah, 30 years of age, born ca. 1850

and their daughter Elizabeth, 4 years of age, born ca. 1876

5) ALSO in 1880 census Swimming Pens, Sumter Co., page 37 we find-

CANTEY, Richard, 65 years of age, born ca. 1815

his wife Dinah, 57 years of age, born ca. 1820

and a son named John, 15 years of age, born ca. 1865

There are a couple of other people listed with the above Richard & Dinah, and one of them is a male who's name is Prince JAMES, age 16, born ca. 1864.

\*Note- I found the above on Ancestry.com, then looked for their census records at NARA, which were copied. I DID NOT FIND these people above listed in the Soundex cards on film at NARA.

LET'S GO BACK TEN YEARS--

1870 census

6) Providence Twp., Sumter Co., page 11 (stamped p. 177) The following listed as the 93rd family visited:

CANTY, Prince, 21 years of age, born ca. 1849

his wife Sarah, 19 years of age, born ca. 1851

7) Same place, same page, listed immediately after the above, as the 94th family visited:

CANTY, Richard, 60 years of age, born ca. 1810

his wife Dinah, 50 years of age, born ca. 1820

AND

a male child named PRINCE, 5 years of age, born ca. 1865, but the relationship of this child to Richard & Dinah is not made known.

Prince's age in these earlier census records is consistent with his stated age in the 1910 record.

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Unfortunately going back further into the 1860 census doesn't seem to yield the information we'd need on these folks. If they were not "free," then their names won't be there. And if they were slaves, then their names still won't

be there as it appears only gender and age were recorded in the slave schedules. But there might be other record sources that exist to get this information from of which I am not aware.

And of course it's possible that the Prince Canty found in the 1870 census in Providence right next to the Richard Canty, is NOT the right Prince that you would be looking for. However, I searched the 1870 census (there is no Soundex) for DeKalb Twp., Rafting Creek Twp., Swimming Pens Twp., Sumter Twp., Privateer Twp., Providence Twp. and Spring Hill Twp. (also known in 1870 as Bradford Springs Twp.), and out of all of them, yes, there were Canty/Cantey's here and there, the only place I found a Prince & Richard together was in Swimming Pens.

Given Prince's age, and given Hattie's age, I feel there is a very good chance that Prince was married once before he married Hattie, and lost his wife and daughter to, well, who knows? Just because he told the census enumerator in 1910 that his marriage to Hattie was his first and only, doesn't mean that was the actual truth. Maybe he was married before and Hattie didn't know. Maybe she knew but it wasn't important to her.

Ok, it's late here, and yes, FREEZING cold in this room where the computer is. I hope I haven't confused you with what I've written here concerning these families, I will get the complete information to you soon, but I wanted to run some of this by you so you, and I'd appreciate any thoughts you have.

My grandson is going in for surgery this Wednesday the 26th to have his tonsils & adenoids removed. For several years in the past I think the doctor's avoided doing this but lately it seems to be coming back around to it again. My grandson, Julian, is having alot of difficulty breathing when he sleeps, and he's not eating well. The ENT seems to think this is the reason. So, in he goes on Wed. My daughter has already asked me to help her with him for the next week so my ability to get out and about is going to be a bit questionable for the next 7-10 days.

I've gathered quite a bit of information though on the Canty & Patterson families and as I said, I'll be getting this to you soon for you to go through and hopefully draw more enlightened conclusions than I've found so far.

I've worked a little over 9 hours gathering, sorting and typing this material. If you would be good enough to send a check for \$170 at your earliest convenience, that will cover what's been done up to this point. And I will have everything in the mail to you by Tuesday afternoon.

After you get the report and have time to read and digest the information, you can decide then if anything more needs to be gotten from up here, or if you have enough to proceed with records there in SC.

There's still 10 inches of snow sitting on top of my car that needs to be removed tomorrow. It was too damn cold and windy to go out there and do it today.

Sure you don't miss this...?

Thanks, take care,

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Ní bhlonn saoi gan locht

**Research done at the National Archives in Philadelphia for the
CANTY/CANTEY family of South Carolina.**

Tuesday 28 December 2004, 11:15 AM until 2:15 PM
NARA Mid-Atlantic Branch, 9th & Chestnut Sts.

- 1) 1910 Soundex for South Carolina, NARA film #18, C-514-C-600
 - a) No Prince CANTY/CANTEY found listed in Soundex.
 - b) Hattie CANTEY, ED 104, sheet 9, vol. 21, Black, age 7/12, enumerated as grandchild with Cecilia CANTEY, age 65, Clarendon.
 - c) Hattie CANTEY, ED 68, sheet 3, vol. 36, Black, age 14, enumerated with Walter WADE as sister-in-law, Kershaw Co.

Comment: Results of search for Prince CANTY/CANTEY & his wife Henrietta/Hattie in the South Carolina 1910 soundex and census remain inconclusive this visit to NARA.

- 2) 1900 Soundex for South Carolina, NARA film #23, C-500 W.H- C-540 Kit
 - a) Prince CANTEY, ED 15, vol. 18, sheet 20, line 47, Black, NR, 1831, 69 yrs., born South Carolina, resides Santee Twp., Clarendon Co., enumerated with Marcella CANTEY, wife, June 1845, age 54, born South Carolina.
 -  b) Prince CANTY, ED 126, vol. 48, sheet 12, line 63, Black, born July 1840, 59 yrs., born South Carolina, resides Sumter Co. enumerated with:
Hattie, wife, b. Jan. 1875, age 25
Elizabeth, D[aughter]., b. Aug. 1893, age 6
Richard, S[on], b. Oct. 1896, age 3
Aninias, S[on], b. Feb. 1900, age 1/3 (sic)
Richard, F[ather], b. Feb. 1825, age 75
Paterson, Alice, Si.L [Sister-in-law], b. Apr. 1882, age 18
Feams (sp?), Edward, Bo [Boarder], b. Mar. 1881, age 19

Comment: the last record seems to be the family for whom you are searching. The two listings above were the only ones found with the first name Prince in the 1900 soundex.

- 3) 1900 Federal Census, NARA Record Group T-623, South Carolina, NARA film #1543, Sumter Co. (ED 106-end), Spring Hill Twp., ED 126, Sup. District 243, Sheet 12B, CANTY household enumerated 13 June 1900, the 274th family in order of visitation, found on Line 63 through 70.

CANTY, Prince, Head, B, M, [born] July 1840, 59, M, [how many years married] 6, [where born] SC, [father born] SC, [mother born] SC, [occupation] laborer & farmer, [home owned or rented] R, [farm or home] F

—— Hattie, wife, B, F, Jan 1875, 25, M, 6, [children born] 4, [children living] 3, [where born] SC, [father born] SC, [mother born] SC
 —— Elizabeth, daughter, B, F, Aug. 1893, [age] 6, [marital status] S, [born] SC
 —— Richard, son, B, M, Oct. 1896, 3, S, SC
 —— Aninias, son, B, M, Feb. 1900, 4/12, S, SC
 —— Richard, Father, B, M, Feb. 1825, 75, [marital status] W, [born] SC, [father born] SC, [mother born] SC, [occupation] Nurse (sic)
 PATERSON, Alice, S-in-law, B, F, [born] Apr. 1882, [age] 18, [marital status] S, [where born] SC, [father born] SC, [mother born] SC, [occupation] laborer
 FEAMS (?), Edward, Boarder, B, M, [born] Mar. 1881, [age] 19, [marital status] S, [where born] SC, [father born] SC, [mother born] SC, [occupation] laborer.

Comment: This record reflects an age for Prince CANTY which would make him born much earlier than the 1879 date you originally provided to me. However, your email of 28 December revised his estimated year of birth from 1879 to 1854. Along with birth dates for the children, clues that might be pursued from this record are-

- 1) *Prince & Hattie's marriage ca. 1892- early 1893*
- 2) *Alice Paterson listed as Prince's sister-in-law indicates Hattie's maiden name was likely also PATERSON/PATTERSON which may help identify her family*
- 3) *Prince's father Richard lists age as 75 yrs., b. ca. 1825 which may help identify him in earlier census records*

Tuesday 28 December 2004, 4:45 until 5:20 PM
My home, Access to Ancestry.com online

I was unable to find Prince CANTY/CANTEY listed in the 1910 Soundex for South Carolina while at the National Archives so decided to access Ancestry.com when I got home. I began a search for all persons in the 1910 Federal Census in South Carolina with the name Prince CANTY/CANTEY. Only one turned up with the spelling CANTEY, and this record was in Raffing Creek, Sumter County. I entered only the first name "Prince" into the search engine for the 1910 census of South Carolina with hundreds of entries returned covering the entire state. I searched the areas of Clarendon, Kershaw & Sumter Counties to eliminate any other persons with the name of "Prince" and the possibility of an unusual spelling for CANTY/CANTEY. This process highlighted the record found in Raffing Creek as the one most likely to be the family for whom you're searching. This head of household, Prince CANTEY, had a wife named Hattie and the children's name and age information was the same or close, with the exception of one son who was listed as Aninias in the 1900 census then recorded as Alexander in 1910. Two more daughters were also born to

Prince & Hattie in the decade between 1900 and 1910. Ancestry.com listed the personal information for this record as follows:

Prince CANTEY
Age in 1910: 69
Est. birth year: 1840
Birthplace: South Carolina
Home in 1910: Rafting Creek Twp., Sumter Co. S.C.
Gender: Male
Series: T624
Roll: 1465
Part: 2
Page: 48A
Year: 1910

I sent an email to you late afternoon on 28 December to notify you of this find and to ask whether or not you would like a copy of this record from NARA. Your response in an email of 29 December stated that you did wish to have a copy of this 1910 South Carolina census record for Prince & Hattie CANTEY in Rafting Creek Twp.

29 December 2004, 10:55 until 11:25 AM
NARA, 9th & Chestnut Sts.

- 1) 1910 Federal Census, NARA Record Group T-624, South Carolina, NARA film #1465, Laurens Co. (ED's 54-62) & Sumter Co. Rafting Creek Twp., ED 114, Sup. District 7, Sheet 2A, stamped page 48, CANTEY household enumerated 16 April 1910, the 21st family in order of visitation, found on Line 17 through 23.

CANTEY, Prince, Head, M, Mul, [age] 64, M (1), [years married] 17, [where born] South Carolina, [father born] South Carolina, [mother born] South Carolina, English, Farmer, General Farm, employed, can read, cannot write, rents the property which is a farm
———, Hattie, Wife, F, B, 30, M (1), 17, [children born] 5, [children living] 5, [where born] S.C., [father born] S.C., [mother born] S.C., English, Laborer, On Farm, W[orker], Not out of work on 16 April, can read, can write
———, Elizabeth, Daughter, F, B, 15, S, S.C, Laborer on farm, can read, write and attended school
———, Richard, Son, M, B, 13, S, S.C., Laborer on farm, cannot read, cannot write, attended school
———, Alexander, Son, M, B, 10, S, S.C., Laborer on farm, cannot read, cannot write, did not attend school
———, Hettie, Daughter, F, B, 6, S, S.C., None
———, Albertus, Daughter, F, B, 3, S.C., None

Comment: Prince's father Richard does not appear on the census with the family in 1910 as he did in 1900. If Richard cannot be found in any

other census record there is a strong possibility he died during the decade indicating that a search for his death record between 1900 & 1910 could be pursued.