

Is Elijah Dillard the Brother of Cynthia (Dillard) Royston?

DNA Research Report

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Objective

This research phase aims to test the hypothesized biological sibling connection between Elijah Dillard and Cynthia (Dillard) Royston. Elijah Dillard was born between 1813-1818 in Georgia and died on 6 September 1886 in Coffee County, Alabama. Cynthia was born between 1815-1818 in Georgia and died in 1882 in Collin County, Texas. Cynthia married Thomas Beverly Royston about 1833 in Georgia or Alabama.

Limitations

- The project was limited to 25 hours for research and writing.
- The documentary research was limited to records available online.
- Y-DNA will not apply for this project as Cynthia (Dillard) Royston does not carry the male-only Y chromosome.
- mtDNA will not apply for this project, as the tester, Victor Parker, did not inherit mitochondrial DNA from Cynthia (Dillard) Royston.
- atDNA analysis was limited to the DNA of Victor Parker, Cynthia's great-grandson.

Results Summary

- Performed clustering with the Leeds method and discovered pedigree collapse for both the paternal and maternal lines of the tester, Victor Parker.

- Analyzed a Gephi network graph for only the Royston/Dillard lines and discovered a cluster independent of the pedigree collapse that had Elijah Dillard, 1816-1886 as the most recent common ancestor (MRCA). Hypothesized this could be a brother for Cynthia (Dillard) Royston.
- Diagrammed the connections between Victor Parker and descendants of Elijah Dillard, found that the relationships were viable based on the shared DNA probabilities.
- Summarized the known facts for Elijah Dillard in a table: land patents, marriage, census, military, and death.
- Noted the grouping of the locations for Elijah's records of Macon, Pike, Barbour, and Dale counties in Alabama - all located in southeast Alabama.
- Searched Alabama probate records and found a possible connection in Edmond Dillard of Pike County, Alabama. Reasoned that Elijah may have settled in Pike County in the 1850s because of this connection.
- Researched Macon County, Alabama, land records and discovered three deeds for Elijah Dillard purchasing or selling land. Found no mention of family relationships but did find additional information for Elijah's timeline.
- Discovered mention of the George W. Dillard family in the land, probate, and court records for Macon County, Alabama. Reasoned there could be some kinship to this Dillard family. Previous research had ruled out George W. Dillard as the father of Cynthia Dillard, but he could be an uncle or cousin.
- Researched Pike County, Alabama, history and found information on the origins of the early settlers as Georgia, fitting with the census records naming Georgia as Elijah's birthplace.
- Located the death register listing Elijah Dillard's death. No parents were listed, but the record did provide evidence for the death date, place, and burial.
- Found a DNA match to Victor Parker descending from a different son of Elijah Dillard - James Monroe Dillard. Reasoned that adding an independent line from Elijah strengthens the argument that Elijah Dillard is the MRCA of the Dillard cluster of interest and that he is a probable brother to Cynthia.
- Explored the possibility of a Florida connection to Cynthia's family through James Monroe Dillard.

Background Information

Genealogical Background Information

Who was the father of Cynthia (Dillard) Royston? Previous research explored the possibility that George W. Dillard, born about 1781 in Virginia, and died 1854 in Lee County, Alabama, was Cynthia's father.¹ Indirect evidence supported this hypothesis: the proximity of residences in Alabama, the 1820 and 1830 census records showing a female of Cynthia's age in the George W. Dillard household, and naming patterns between the two families.

This hypothesis was proved wrong with the discovery of a family bible listing marriages for the children of George W. Dillard—none of whom were Cynthia born about 1815.² Instead, the Dillard female born in 1815 was Mariah L. Dillard, married to James Kivlin.³

Exploring other Dillard candidates for the father of Cynthia (Dillard) Royston eliminated the following men listed on the 1820 census of Georgia: Arthur, John, and Thomas Dillard (Jones County), Edmund and Nathan Dillard (Washington County), Owen and Samson Dillard (Emanuel County), Phillip Dillard (Burke County), and Theophilus Dillard (Jefferson County).⁴

Although not a candidate for Cynthia's father, Susan Dillard, who headed a household in 1830 in Muscogee County, Georgia, could be a connection. The female aged 10-14 in her

¹ Diana Elder, "Is George W. Dillard the Father of Cynthia (Dillard) Royston?" research report, *Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide* (Highland, Utah : Family Locket Books, 2018), 156.

² Mahone Family Bible, photocopy of pages, sent via email of 27 May 2020, Rita Schimpff to Diana Elder, Rita related: "I had a cousin who had this bible and sent me copies of the pages years ago. For years I tried to get him to copy the cover and edition pages but he would not. I have wanted to photo them all so they would be clearer and save the brittle pages. He has passed on and I am close to one of his children, but the whereabouts of the bible are a bit of a mystery."

³ "Births" and "Marriages," Mahone Family Bible, photocopy of pages, sent via email of 27 May 2020, Rita Schimpff to Diana Elder. The bible pages reveal the birth of Mariah L. Dillard born 21 May 1815 and marriage of [---?--] L. Dillard to James Kivlin on 8 April 1830. See also *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 14 November 2020), memorial page for Maria Louisa Dillard Kivlin (21 May 1815–27 Nov 1883), Find a Grave Memorial no. 33679366, citing Linwood Cemetery, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, USA ; Maintained by Lois Goodin Hottinger (contributor 46803720).

⁴ Diana Elder, "Determining a Father for Cynthia," research report, 8 December 2018. Candidates were chosen based on the appearance of a female of under 10 on the 1820 census. Elimination was based on probate, marriage records, and family trees.

household could have been Cynthia, who married Thomas B. Royston about 1833.⁵ Additional research did not reveal any further information on Susan Dillard, either a possible husband for her or members of her 1830 household.⁶

With George W. Dillard also residing in Muscogee County, Georgia, in 1830, the question is raised, was Susan Dillard a possible sister-in-law or other relation? Was Cynthia (Dillard) Royston related to George or Susan or both?

DNA Background Information

DNA testing has become a new form of genealogical evidence for difficult genealogical questions. With the documentary research not revealing the father of Cynthia, DNA opens another avenue for research. This project used the autosomal DNA test results for Victor Parker, Cynthia's great-grandson. Autosomal DNA is randomly passed down to descendants regardless of male or female inheritance inherent in Y-DNA and mitochondrial DNA testing. Victor inherited about 12.5% of his DNA from Cynthia and up to 6.25% from each of her parents. Victor has over 63,000 DNA matches on AncestryDNA, and isolating DNA matches who also descend from Cynthia's Dillard line could discover family connections for further research.

Mitochondrial DNA testing could be used in the future if the research discovers a possible mother for Cynthia during the clustering and analysis of autosomal DNA matches. Y-DNA is not yet applicable since the Y chromosome is only passed from male to male, and Cynthia would not have received a Y chromosome from her Dillard father. Any of Cynthia's brothers, however, would have received a Y chromosome. If research identifies a viable candidate for her brother, his male descendants could participate in Y-DNA testing.

Leeds Method

Proving genetic relationships through DNA involves identifying the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) between two matches. Each person would have received a segment of DNA from the MRCA. When working with thousands of DNA matches, techniques that can cluster these matches for analysis facilitate the research. One technique called the Leeds method

⁵ 1830 U.S. Census, Muscogee County, Georgia, population schedule, Columbus, p.125 (penned), line 33, Susan Dillard; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 26 September 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 19.

⁶ Elder, "Determining a Father for Cynthia," negative searches for Susan Dillard in Georgia marriages, probate, and Ancestry public member trees.

provides a broad look at Victor's DNA. ⁷ Sorting the DNA matches into colored groups based on shared ancestors can show four great-grandparent lines. If those lines do not intersect, four distinct colors will emerge, each color representing one of the great-grandparent sets and DNA matches coming through those lines. However, if there was intermarriage on any line, DNA matches could share more than one common ancestor with the tester.

Because Victor's ancestry is out of the southern United States, where intermarriage between families was common in the 1800s, this initial clustering revealed pedigree collapse on both the maternal and paternal lines (see figure 1).⁸ Viewing user-submitted family trees discovered two main groups depicted on the spreadsheet: the maternal Brown/Heal matches (blue, green, purple, bright green) and the paternal Parker/Royston matches (yellow, red, orange, pink, bright blue, pink, and dark red).

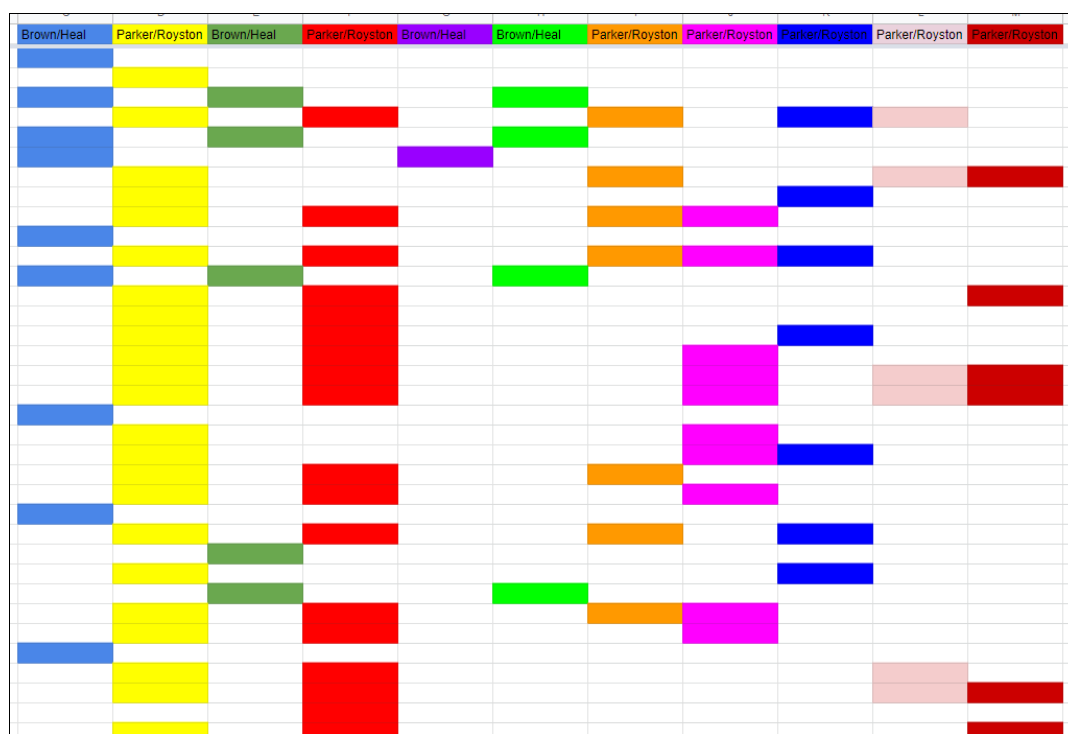


Figure 1. Leeds Chart for Victor Parker

⁷ "The Leeds method," *Dana Leeds* (<https://www.danaleeds.com/the-leeds-method/> : accessed 9 November 2021).

⁸ Diana Elder, "Leed's Cluster Chart for Victor Parker's DNA matches using Ancestry DNA Data," 90cM -400cM, created September 2021, privately held by Diana Elder, Highland, UT.

Because DNA matches could share more than one common ancestral couple, this could potentially skew the amount of DNA shared between Victor and his DNA matches. This will be considered throughout the DNA analysis.

Network Graphs

Networks graphs provide another view of a person's DNA matches and reveal connections between clusters. "Nodes in a network graph represent your DNA matches and the lines connecting them indicate a shared match to each other. When a group of matches has many connections to each other, they form a cluster."⁹ A network graph created for the Ancestry DNA matches of Victor Parker confirmed the pedigree collapse suggested by the Leeds clustering showing the clusters overlapping closely with each other, especially in the center of the graph.¹⁰ (See figure 2).

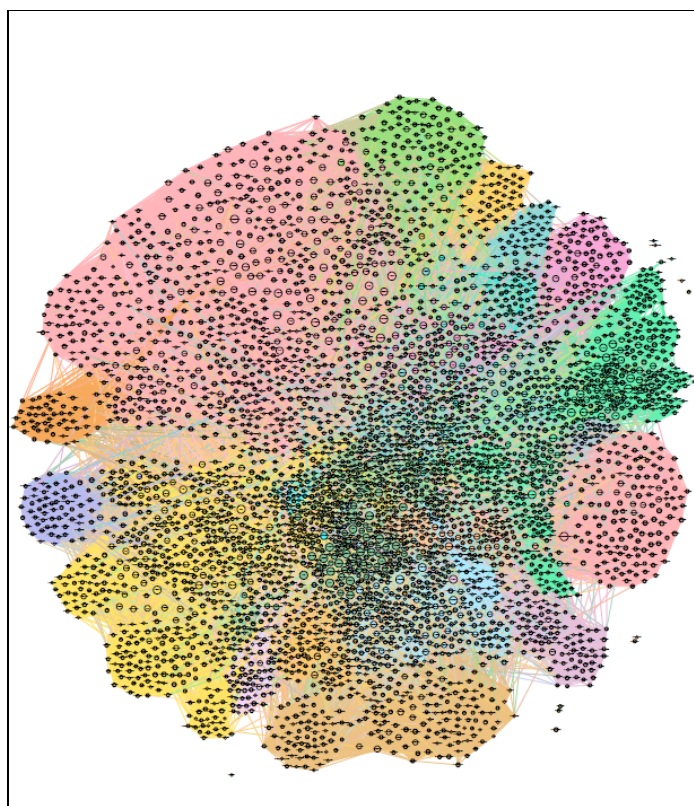


Figure 2. Network Graph for Victor Parker's Ancestry DNA matches

⁹ Robin Wirthlin, "DNA Tools and Methodology," *Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence*, (Highland, Utah : Family Locket Books, 2021), 128-130).

¹⁰ Nicole Dyer, Network Graph for Victor Parker using Gephi, created 2 November 2020, Ancestry DNA matches, 20-193 cM.

Separating out the Royston-Dillard clusters from Victor Parker's clusters on the Brown, Heal, and Parker lines resulted in a more focused network graph.¹¹ See figure 3.

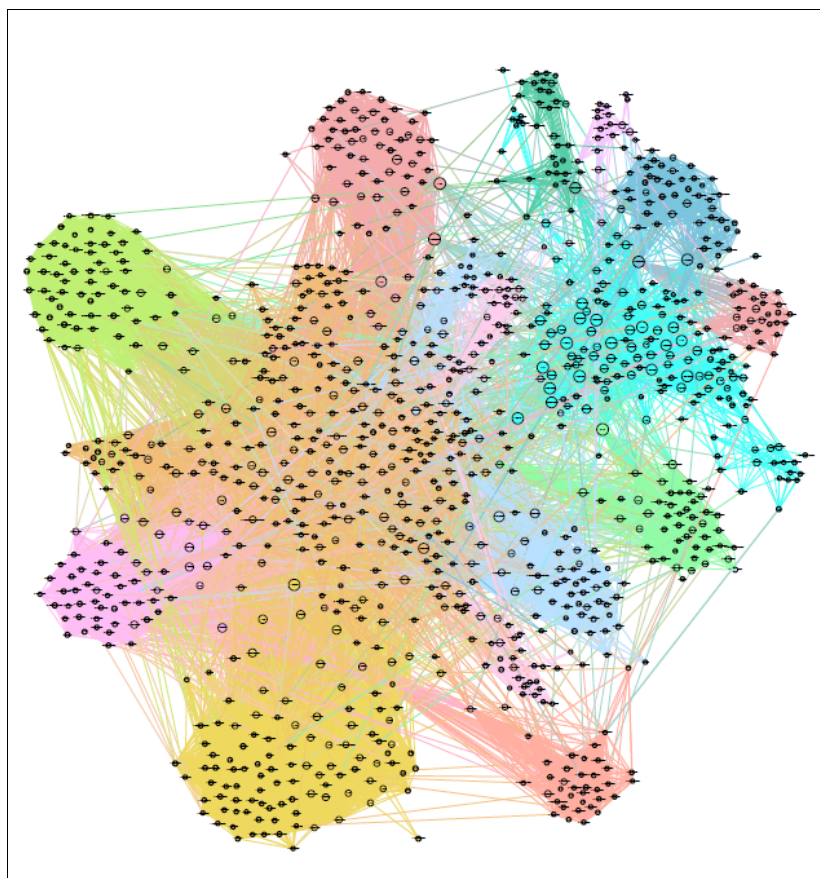


Figure 3. Royston-Dillard Network Graph for Victor Parker's Ancestry DNA Matches

Analyzing the Royston-Dillard network graph discovered the peach cluster in the top right section of the graph. This cluster connects to the blue and aqua clusters which contain known descendants of Cynthia (Dillard) Royston through two of her sons, Richard A. and Robert C. Royston. (See figure 4.) Both Richard and Robert migrated to Texas in the 1870s and were not involved in the pedigree collapse that occurred with Victor's ancestor, Sarah Royston, who stayed in Alabama.¹²

¹¹ Nicole Dyer, Network Graph for Victor Parker using Gephi, created 2 November 2020, Ancestry DNA matches, 20-193 cM, Royston clusters separated out.

¹² FamilySearch Family Tree, details page for Thomas B. Royston 1806-1868, KFR2-8KY, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFR2-8KY> : accessed 21 October 2021). See sources and details for Robert Cisnie Royston K2FC-H5K, Richard Albert Royston L7ZP-LV6, and Sarah Royston Parker 27SF-1ZB.

Examining the trees of some of the matches in the peach cluster found the MRCA to be Elijah Dillard, born about 1814 in Georgia and died about 1886 in Alabama.¹³ (See figure 4.).

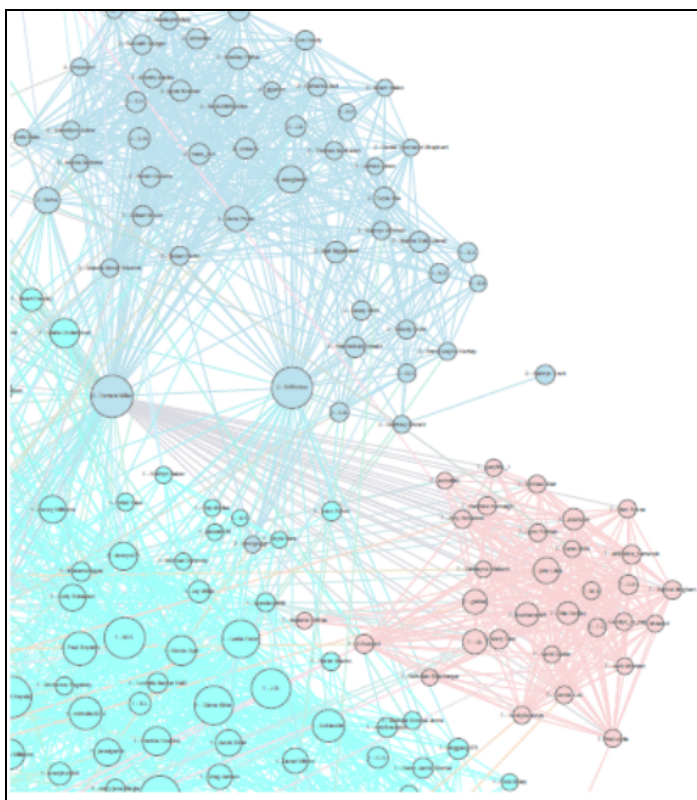


Figure 4. Peach cluster MRCA = Elijah Royston, Aqua Cluster MRCA = Robert C. Royston (son of Cynthia), Blue Cluster MRCA = Richard A. Royston (son of Cynthia)

The diagram in figure 5 illustrates the lines of descent from Elijah Dillard to the three DNA matches with trees. Each comes through Elijah's son, Josiah Dillard, and has the relationship of 3C1R, 3C2R, or 3C3R to Victor Parker.

¹³ "Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 October 2021), "Glenn Tate - Kay Snell Tate Family Tree," by Chad and BrookeWhisnant, profile for Elijah Dillard (1816-1886), attached to DNA match Mary Tate.

"Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 October 2021), "Rita Hartley Family Tree," by Rita Hartley, profile for Josiah D. Dillard (1862-1941), attached to DNA match Rita Harley.

"Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 October 2021), "Carroll-Coxwell Family Tree," by Stephanie Coxwell, profile for Elijah Dillard (1816-1886), attached to DNA match Stephen Coxwell.

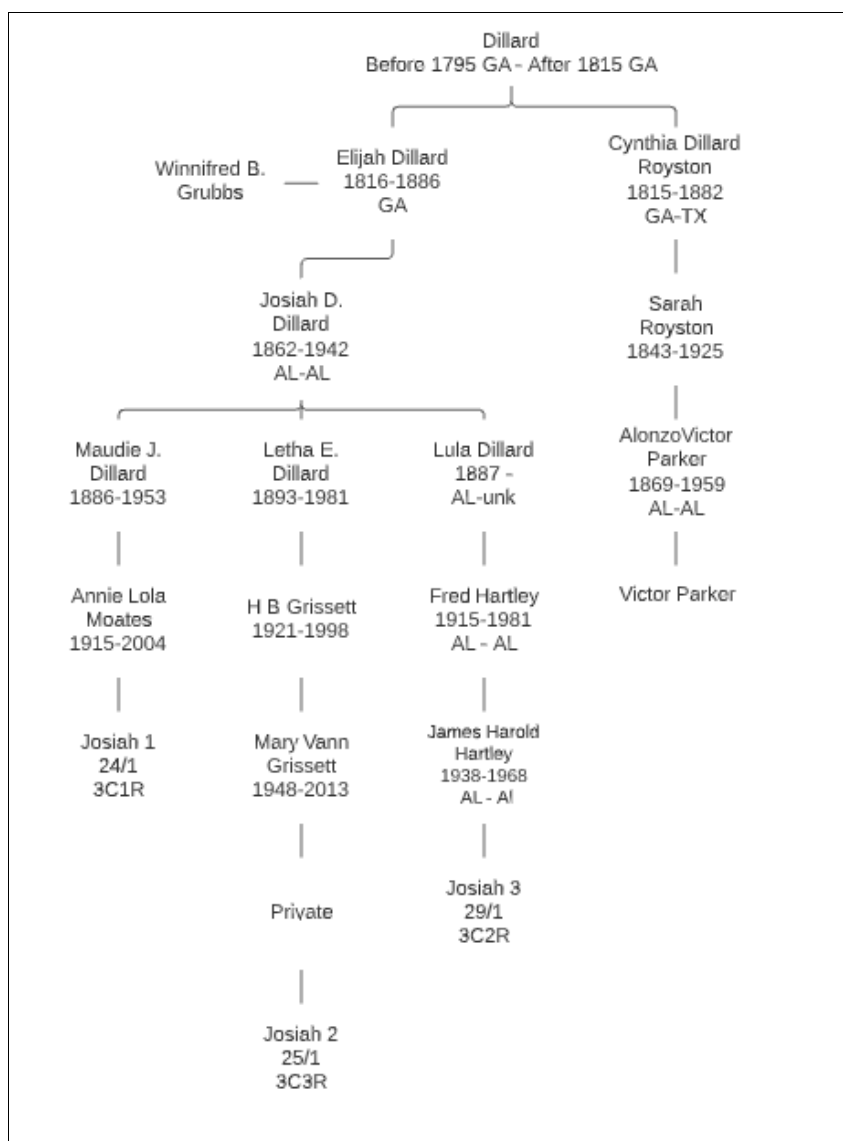


Figure 5. Lines of Descent for Ancestry DNA Matches through Elijah Dillard.

The three matches share between 24 and 29 cM of DNA with Victor Parker, well within the proposed relationships of 3C1R, 3C2R, and 3C3R.¹⁴ With the discovery of the DNA match cluster with Elijah Dillard as the common ancestor, the research could then move to discovering more about him in the records.

¹⁴ Jonny Perl and Blaine Bettinger, "The Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4," *DNA Painter* (<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4> : created 17 June 2020), calculating probable relationships for # 24, 25, and 29 cM shared by Victor Parker and Mary Tate, Stephen Coxwell, and Rita Hartley.

Documentary Research for Elijah Dillard

Surveying online trees for Elijah Dillard discovered basic facts about his life - land ownership, Civil War service, marriage, residence, and death. Table 1 provides a timeline and reveals the many locations where Elijah had dealings in Alabama: Macon, Barbour, Russell, Dale, and Pike counties.

Table 1. Summary of Known Facts for Elijah Dillard

Date and Locality	Source
1848 Resident of Macon County, Alabama, a land patent in Macon County, Alabama, now Lee County	Elijah Dillard, Lee, Macon Counties, Alabama, cash entry patent no. 9349, "Land Patent Search," images, <i>General Land Office Records</i> (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 3 October 2021).
1852 Resident of Barbour County, Alabama, a land patent in Russell County, Alabama	Elijah Dillard, Lee, Macon Counties, Alabama, cash entry patent no. 11589, "Land Patent Search," images, <i>General Land Office Records</i> (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 3 October 2021).
1854 Land patent in Dale County, Alabama	Elijah Dillard, Dale County, Alabama, military warrant #21016, "Land Patent Search," images, <i>General Land Office Records</i> (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 3 October 2021).
1855 Marriage to Winny Grubbs in Pike County, Alabama	"Alabama, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," Pike > 1809-1885, Dillard-Grubbs, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com accessed 2 October 2021); FHL 001033193.
1860 Residence in Pike County, Alabama	1860 U.S. Census, Pike County, Alabama, population schedule, Eastern Division, p. 327 (stamped), p. 151 (penned), dwelling 1053, family 1065, Elijah Dillard; digital image, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 October 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 21.
1863 Civil War service, enlisted at Troy, Pike, Alabama	"Alabama, U.S., Civil War Muster Rolls, 1861-1865," 57th Alabama Infantry Regiment > Company H, entry for Elijah Dillard, 1863, image, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com accessed 3 October 2021); citing ADAH, Muster rolls of Alabama Civil War Units.
1870 Residence at Barbour County, Alabama	1870 U.S. Census, Barbour County, Alabama, population schedule, Township 10 Range 25, sheet 402B (stamped), p. 171 (penned), dwelling 1345, family 1437, Elijah Dillard; digital image, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 October 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 2.
1870 Agricultural Census at Barbour County, Alabama	1870 U.S. Census, Barbour County, Alabama, agriculture schedule, Township 10, Louisville P.O., p. 27 (penned), line 22, Elijah Dillard; digital image, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 October 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M279, roll 27.
1880 Residence at Spring Hill, Pike, Alabama	1880 U.S. Census, Pike County, Alabama, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 149, sheet 190B (stamped), p. 69 (penned), dwelling 479, family

	480, Elijah Dillard; digital image, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 October 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 29.
before 1900 Death at Pike County, Alabama	"Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," Alabama >D >Deweese, James H. - Dixon, W. W., for Elijah Dillard, Pike, Alabama, images, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com : Accessed 2 October 2021); citing ADAH Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, Montgomery.

Alabama Localities

Elijah Dillard's records revealed his presence in Macon, Barbour, Russell, Dale, and Pike counties. Figure 6 shows the proximity of these counties, located in the southeastern part of Alabama. The timeline shows that Elijah first resided in Macon in 1848, then Barbour in 1852. He lived in Dale by 1854, then married in Pike in 1855. He enlisted in the Civil War at Troy, Pike County, in 1863. After the Civil War, he lived in Barbour County again, then moved to Spring Hill, Pike County, where he remained the rest of his life.

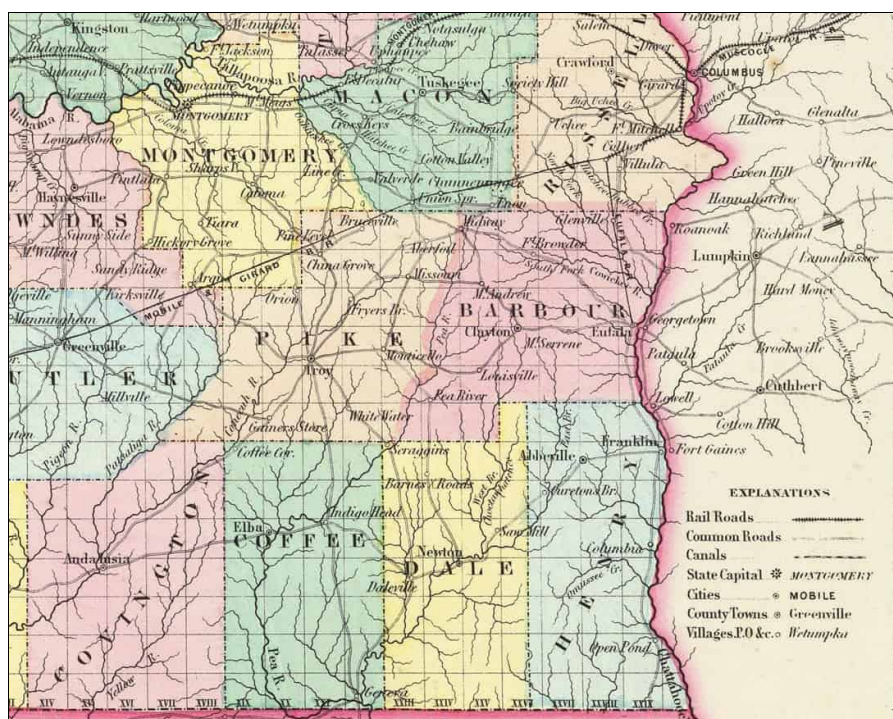


Figure 6. Colton's 1856 State Map of Alabama¹⁵

¹⁵ Joseph Hutchins Colton, "1856 Map of Alabama," Colton's Atlas of the World, Illustrating Physical and Political Geography," ; "State & County Maps of Alabama," *MapGeeks* (https://mapgeeks.org/alabama/#Tanners_1836_State_Map_of_Alabama : accessed 13 November 2021).

Elijah Dillard likely moved into Macon County after its formation from the Creek cession of 1832.¹⁶ During the late 1820s and early 1830s, white settlers desired the rich lands of eastern Alabama—land that the Creek Tribe had inhabited for years. The Creeks were part of the Five Civilized tribes of the southeastern United States and treated repeatedly with the United States government in hopes of preserving a homeland for their people. Little by little, however, parcels of land were ceded, with the final cession taking place in 1832. The Treaty of Cusseta gave the Creeks land in the west in return for over five million acres in Alabama that would be surveyed and sold to settlers. Alabama created eight new counties from the land.¹⁷ Figure 7 depicts the tribal lands for three of the Five Civilized tribes that lived in Alabama.

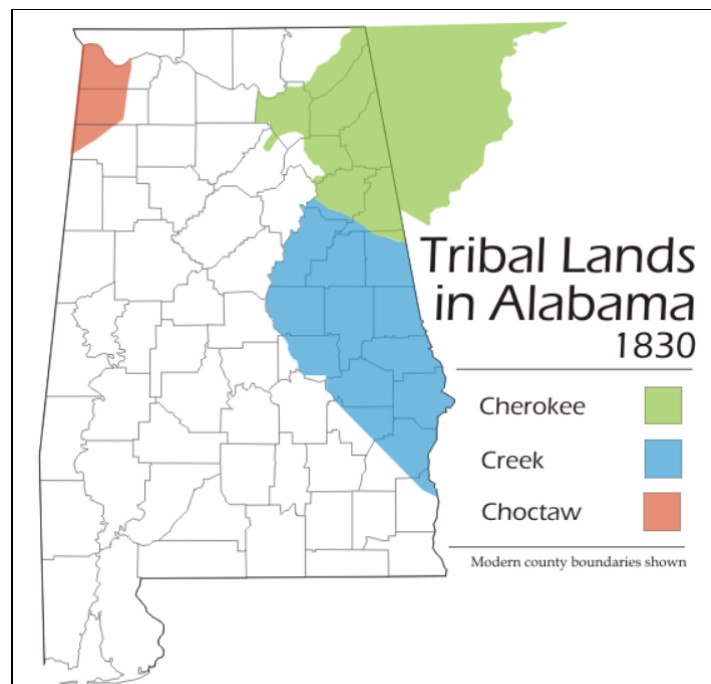


Figure. 7 Tribal Land in Alabama 1830¹⁸

¹⁶ Donna J. Siebenthaler, "Macon County," *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, (<http://encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-1291> : accessed 13 November 2021).

¹⁷ Christopher Maloney, "Treaty of Cusseta (1832), *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, (<http://encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-3083> : accessed 13 November 2021).

¹⁸ Wikimedia Commons contributors, "File:Alabama tribal land map 1830.png," *Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository*, (https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=File:Alabama_tribal_land_map_1830.png&oldid=457871379 : accessed 13 November 2021).

Eventually, the eight original counties were divided up into the present-day boundaries. When Elijah Dillard patented land in Macon County in 1848, it was part of the northeastern tip of the county that became Lee County in 1866.¹⁹ See figure 8. Where did Cynthia (Dillard) Royston reside during this era? Cynthia lived in Chambers County from 1850 - 1870—Macon County's northwest neighbor in 1850.²⁰

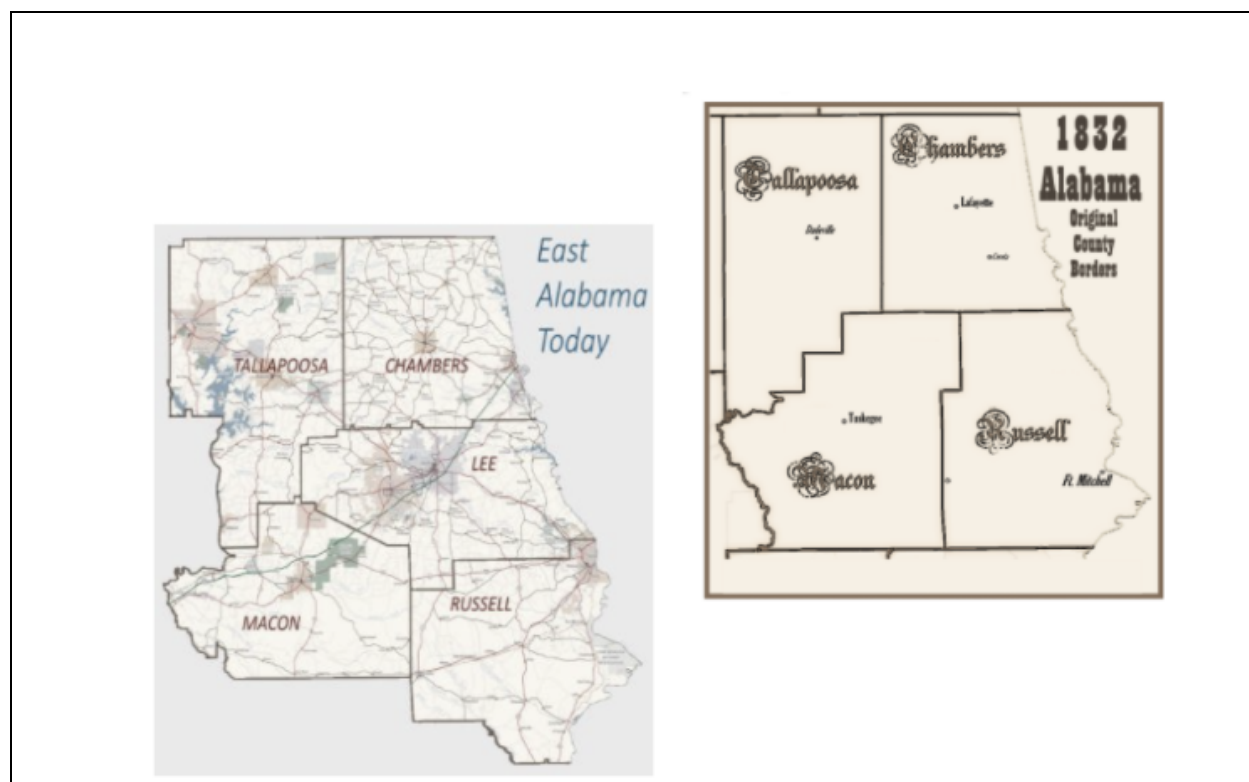


Figure 8. East Alabama Counties - Present-day and Original²¹

¹⁹ Donna J. Siebenthaler, "Lee County," *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, (<http://encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-1288> : accessed 13 November 2021).

²⁰ 1850 U.S. Census, Chambers County, Alabama, population schedule, 19th District, p. 318 (stamped), dwelling 749, family 749, Thomas B Royston household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 17 August 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 2.

1860 U.S. Census, Chambers County, Alabama, slave schedule, Northern Division, page 48 (penned), Thomas B. Royston owner; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://ancestry.com>: accessed 13 November 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication M653 roll 4.

1870 U.S. Census, Chambers County, Alabama, population schedule, Beat No 2, p. 4 (penned), p.22 (stamped), dwelling 24, family 24, Cynthia Royston household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 26 April 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 6.

²¹ The Genealogical Society of East Alabama, Maps, (<https://www.gsofea.org/> : accessed 13 November 2021).

Alabama Probate Records

Probate records could name Elijah in an estate file or will. Because the timeline revealed Elijah's dealings in several different Alabama counties, probate research began by searching broadly indexed collections of estate files on Ancestry and FamilySearch. The following individuals were found.

- L. R. Dillard, Pike County, 1856²²
 - Lafayette R. Dillard and Harriette Dillard, minor heirs of Edmund Dillard, late of said county - guardianship bond by Susan M. Kolb
- Benjamin F. Dillard Greene County, 1850²³
 - Widow - Sarah Dillard, James L. Tunstall, executor
 - 68 pages - the last page includes the will, naming only Sarah, his wife.
- Frances W. Dillard, Macon County, 1865²⁴
 - Heirs: brother George C. Dillard, L Dillard, Alonzo Dillard, wife, Mary, and children

Edmond Dillard

Edmond Dillard, whose Pike County estate file named his minor heirs as Lafayette and Harriette Dillard could be an individual of interest because Elijah Dillard married Winny Grubbs in Pike County and resided there for most of the remainder of his life. Edmond lived in Pike County in 1840 but had no male of the appropriate age to be Elijah in his household.²⁵ Elijah was born about 1816 and would have been about 24 years old in 1840.

²² "Alabama Estate Files, 1830-1976, L.R. Dillard, Pike County, Estate file, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GRRK-9BTX> : accessed 1 November 2021).

²³ "Alabama Estate Files, 1830-1976, Benjamin F. Dillard, Pike County, Estate file, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9RT4-XRM> : accessed 1 November 2021).

²⁴ "Alabama, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," Macon > Probate Records, Vol 10, 1863-1866; Probate Records, Vol 11, 1866-1868, for Frances M Dillard, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 November 2021).

²⁵ 1840 U.S. Census, Pike County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 379, line 17, Edmond Dillard, digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 November 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 12.

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- Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14: 1
- Free White Persons - Males - 40 thru 49: 1
- Free White Persons - Females - Under 5: 1
- Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14: 1
- Free White Persons - Females - 15 thru 19: 1
- Free White Persons - Females - 40 thru 49: 1

Edmond died before 1848, when his widow, Susan M. Dillard married James B. Kolb in Pike County, Alabama.²⁶ The 1850 census of Pike County shows Susan and James Kolb with the following household.²⁷

- James B Kolb 56 SC
- Susan Kolb 53 GA - [widow of Edmond Dillard]
- Caroline Kolb 28 GA
- Rachel Kolb 17 AL
- Harriett Kolb 14 AL

Of note is the 14-year-old female named Harriett. This would be the Harriett of the probate record and Susan M Kolb, named as her guardian, was almost certainly her mother. The Edmond and Susan Dillard family of Pike County could continue to be researched for connections to Elijah and Cynthia Dillard.

Benjamin F. Dillard and Frances W. Dillard

The Alabama probate search also revealed a Benjamin F. Dillard of Greene County. He lived in the western part of Alabama, several counties away from Elijah's known residences in the south-eastern part of Alabama. He is not likely connected to Elijah.

Another individual in the Alabama probate index was Frances W. Dillard, the son of George W. Dillard and Martha Wells. Born in 1823 in Georgia, he died February 1865 in Columbus, Muscogee, Georgia, and had dealings both in Columbus and Macon County,

²⁶ "Alabama, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," Susan M. Dillard and James B. Kol, indexed record, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900421466:61365> : accessed 13 November 2021).

²⁷ 1850 U.S. Census, Pike County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 240b, Susan [Dillard] in household of James B. Kolb, digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 November 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 13.

Alabama.²⁸ As mentioned previously, research has disproven George W. Dillard as the father of Cynthia Dillard, but could he have been an uncle or cousin? Did Elijah Dillard live in Macon County because of this Dillard family or was there no connection?

Additional research in the specific records of Macon County could discover any records beyond estate files.

Macon County, Alabama, Land Records

Land records can provide details for an individual's life and evidence of relationships. The land patent research had determined that Elijah Dillard was a resident of Macon County, Alabama, at least in 1848. Lee County was created from parts of Macon, Tallapoosa, Chambers, and Russell Counties in 1866.²⁹ Elijah's land lay in the part of Macon County that became Lee County. Figure 9 shows the location of one of the land plots he patented in 1848.³⁰

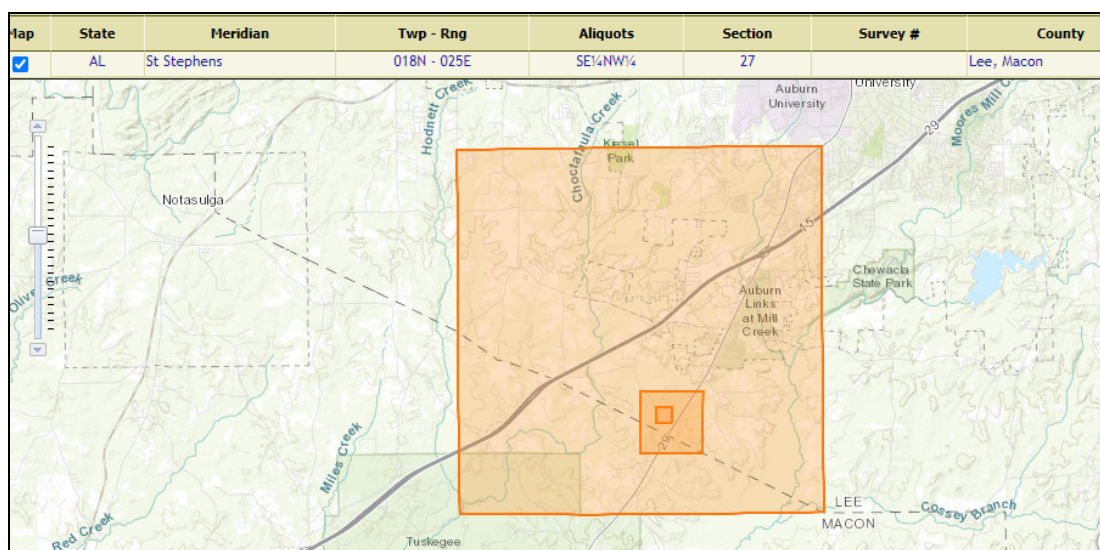


Figure 9. Location of Elijah Dillard's Land Patent #9358

²⁸ "Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 November 2021), "Shults_Kelsey Family Tree," by Diana Elder, profile for Frances Wells Dillard (1823-1865).

²⁹ Wikipedia contributors, "Lee County," *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*, (<https://en.wikipedia.org> : accessed 9 November 2021), updated 6 october 2021.

³⁰ Elijah Dillard, Lee, Macon Counties, Alabama, cash entry patent no. 9349, "Land Patent Search," images, General Land Office Records (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 3 October 2021).

Elijah Dillard, Lee, Macon Counties, Alabama, cash entry patent no. 9358, "Land Patent Search," images, General Land Office Records (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 3 October 2021).

Did Elijah sell this land in Macon County? Did he purchase additional land? The deed index for the county found several references to Dillards, most for sons of George W. Dillard—George C., Frances W., and L.W. Dillard, but also three deeds for E. Dillard dated 1850, 1853, and 1854 that could refer to Elijah.³¹ Viewing the deeds found that on 19 February 1850, Albert Greenway, of Macon County, paid off his debts to Elijah Dillard, also of Macon County, by deeding him an 80-acre land plot located in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 all of Section 27 in Township 18 and Range 25. This land was located in the same section, township, and range as the land Elijah patented in 1848.

In 1853 and 1854 Elijah sold both the 120 acres from the land patent and the 80 acres from the Albert Greenway deed of 1850.

- Elijah Dillard to Benjah Baker, 20 April 1853³²
 - Elijah Dillard for \$320, lot W1/2 of the SE NW 1/4 Section 27 Township 18 Range 25, 120 acres
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- Elijah Dillard to Isaac B Welch 29 Dec 1854³³
 - Elijah Dillard of Dale County for \$300, SW1/4 of the SE 1/4 Section of the SE 1/4 of the SW quarter Section 27 Township 18 Range 25, 80 acres.

The 1854 deed states Elijah's residence as Dale County, Alabama. In 1854, Elijah received a land patent in that county for 80 acres as an assignee for John Mason. This was a military warrant and John was entitled to the land as payment for his military service as a private in the War of 1812. Elijah likely purchased the warrant from the sale of his Macon County land. Future research could focus on land records for Dale County to discover more about Elijah's actions in the early 1850s.

Although the land research discovered records for Elijah Dillard, none stated a kinship connection. Was Elijah connected to the George W. Dillard family of Macon County, or was it a coincidence that Elijah lived in the area at the same time as this Dillard group?

³¹ Macon County, Alabama, Index to Deeds and Mortgages - Direct 1834-1870, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 1 November 2021); DGS film 7857124, images 43-49. See Appendix A for the complete list of Dillard deeds.

³² Macon County, Alabama, Deeds, 1836-1902, Elijah Dillard to Benjah Baker, 1853, I:193, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 1 November 2021); DGS film 007899369, image 198.

³³ "Macon County, Alabama, Deeds, 1836-1902, Elijah Dillard to Isaac B Welch, 1854, J:37, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 1 November 2021); DGS film 007899369, image 535.

Macon County, Alabama, Court Records

Another source of information for early settlers in a county is the collection of court records held by the county court. FamilySearch has digitized a number of loose court records, arranged by individual. Searching for Dillard revealed no records for Dillard in the “D” section for the time that Elijah resided in Macon County. The collection did yield an 1873 case regarding Frances W. Dillard’s estate and a 1903 case for a Hannah Dillard.³⁴ Neither case shed light on Elijah Dillard’s origins.

Pike County, Alabama, Records

Elijah resided in Pike County, Alabama, almost exclusively after his marriage to Winnie Grubbs in 1855. A county history explained that most of the early settlers of the 1830s were Scotch Irish in origin from the Carolinas and that this was a poor part of Alabama with few slaves and mostly white settlers.³⁵ The Civil War didn’t have as much effect on Pike County as other Alabama counties because of the fewer number of enslaved people.³⁶ The newspapers covering the area were *The Troy Messenger*— established in 1866— *The Enquirer* [1875], and *The Buzzing Bee*.³⁷ The coming of the railroad brought a huge increase in population. The area had 500 residents in 1870 and by 1880 that number had increased to 3,000.³⁸

The neighborhood of Spring Hill— where Elijah resided— was heavily forested. The first settlers came from the Carolinas, then from Georgia, fitting with Elijah Dillard’s birthplace of Georgia. Prominent names in the settlement were Grimes, Boutwells, Sanders, and many others.

³⁴ Macon County, Alabama, Court Records (loose) 1826-1942, Collier, Ike- Hinson, John, negative search for Dillard, digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/> : accessed 2 November 2021), film 008688597.

³⁵ Margaret Pace Farmer, *History of Pike County, Alabama*, (Troy Alabama, 1953); digitized book, *FamilySearch*, 6.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, 25.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, 25, 33.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, 30.

The 1880 census enumerator found Elijah Dillard residing at Spring Hill in Pike County.³⁹ At age 64 he farmed and his wife, Winnie kept house. Elijah died six years later on 6 September 1886 at Spring Hill. The informant for the death register entry, C. M. Carlisle reported Elijah's age as 68 (born 1818), conflicting with the calculated birth year of 1816 from the 1880 census. C. M. Carlisle likely did not know Elijah's exact age nor did he know Elijah's parent's names.⁴⁰

Documentary Research Summary

The objective of this project was to find connections between Elijah Dillard and Cynthia (Dillard) Royston. To this point, the documentary research has shown no family or associates that connect the two hypothesized siblings. Cynthia first appears in the records with the 1850 census of Chambers County, Alabama.⁴¹ She lived in Chambers County until her move to Collins County, Texas, between 1870 and 1880.⁴² Chambers County is only separated from Pike County—where Elijah resided the majority of his life—by Macon County. The dearth of early records for both Elijah and Cynthia Dillard could point to several situations: a father's early death and lack of probate records for his estate, children left orphans being raised in different households, record loss due to burned counties, and more.

Continued work in the DNA may point to additional clues to Cynthia and Elijah's origins.

DNA Research for Elijah Dillard

The Gephi Network Graph revealed a cluster of matches to the tester, Victor Parker, that appeared to have the MRCA of Elijah Dillard. Could additional evidence be added to this

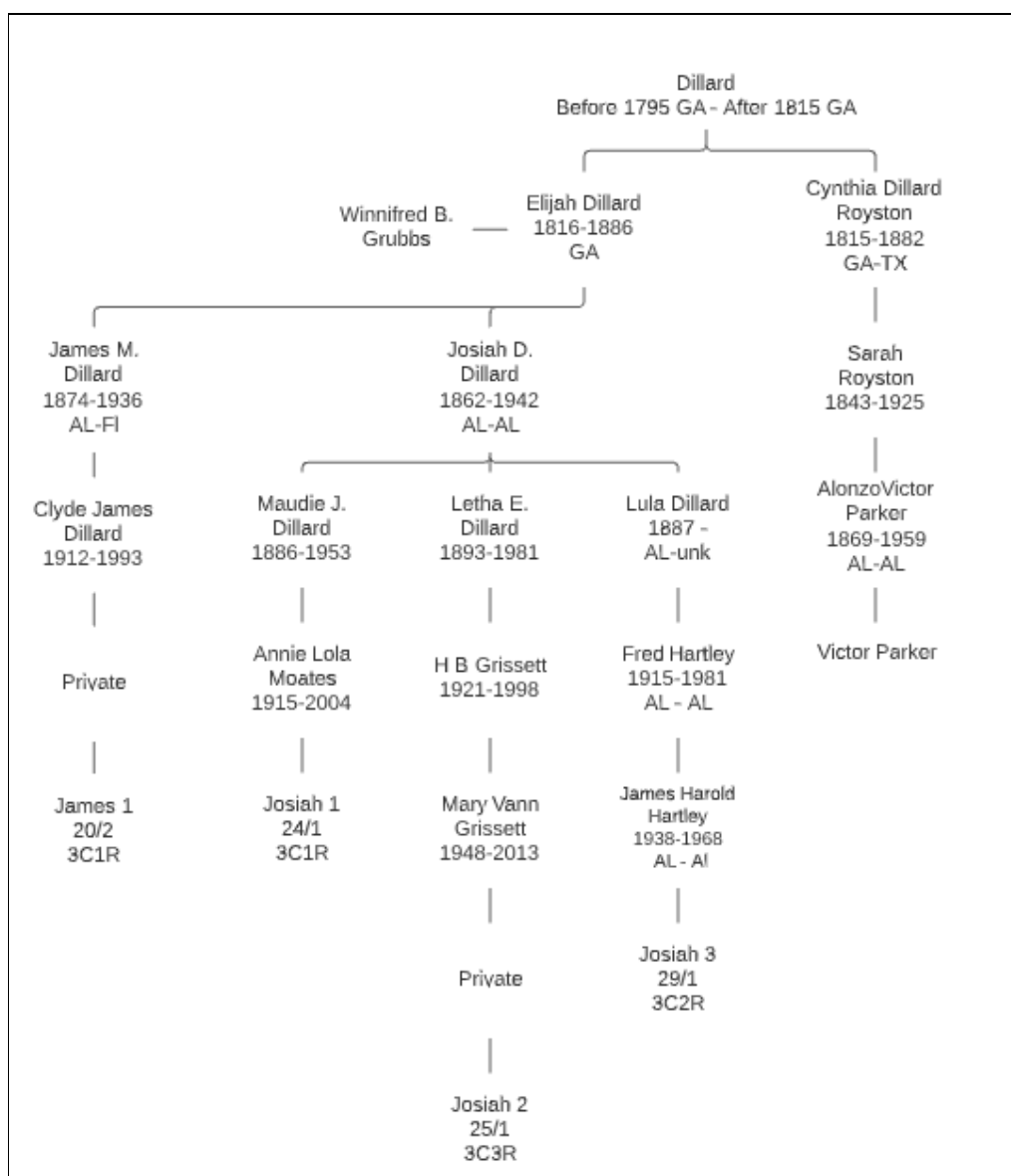
³⁹ 1880 U.S. Census, Pike County, Alabama, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 149, sheet 190B (stamped), p. 69 (penned), dwelling 479, family 480, Elijah Dillard; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 October 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 29.

⁴⁰ Pike County, Alabama, Births, 1881-1937; deaths, 1881-1929, Death register, E. Dillard, 6 September 1886, p. 12, cert. 21, digitized image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3SC-DH9W>: accessed 2 November 2021), film 008497822, image 577.

⁴¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Chambers County, Alabama, population schedule, 19th District, p. 318 (stamped), dwelling 749, family 749, Thomas B Royston household.

⁴² 1880 U.S. Census, Collin County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 5, enumeration district (ED) 26, p.11 (penned), dwelling 93, family 95, Syntha Royston in Thomas L Royston household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 17 November 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1296.

hypothesis? When working with clustering DNA matches, finding those who descend from independent lines of the MRCA is beneficial. So far, the research had found matches descending only from Elijah's son, Josiah. Working with the shared matches of the peach cluster found an important new match descending from James Monroe Dillard.⁴³ Reviewing the attached tree revealed solid connections for each generational link.⁴⁴ Figure 10 shows the two independent lines descending from Elijah Dillard.



⁴³ "Shared Matches," database report, *AncestryDNA* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 November 2021, for Victor Parker and private; sharing 20 cM over 2 segments.

⁴⁴ "Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 November 2021), "O'Shea Family Tree: family tree by Melanie O'Shea, pedigree view.

Figure 10. DNA Connections Between Descendants of Elijah Dillard and Tester, Victor Parker.

A Florida Connection

The new DNA match and review of James Monroe Dillard's timeline discovered a Florida connection. Death certificates for three of Cynthia (Dillard) Royston's fourteen children provided the maiden name of "Dillard" with a birthplace of either Alabama or Florida.⁴⁵ The two instances naming Alabama are reasonable given Cynthia's time in Alabama from about 1834 to about 1875. The informants for those certificates were a son-in-law and a granddaughter, neither of which would have first-hand knowledge of Cynthia's birth.

The locality of Florida seems an outlier since no other record mentions any Florida connections. The informant for Mrs. Adeline Spear's death was Mariah (M.C.) Lovelady, sister to Adeline and another of Cynthia's daughters. Although Mariah also would not have first-hand knowledge of Cynthia's birthplace, she lived with her mother in both Alabama and Texas from her birth in 1859 until Cynthia's death in 1882. Perhaps Mariah kept in contact with Dillard family cousins and assumed a Florida birth based on this connection.

If Elijah Dillard was Cynthia's brother, his son, James Monroe Dillard, would have been a first cousin to Cynthia's children. James moved to Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, by 1930 and could be the source of Mariah's listing of Florida on her sister, Adeline's death certificate.⁴⁶

Pensacola is located on the Florida panhandle and borders Alabama to the south, near the southeastern counties where Elijah Dillard resided in the 1800s. See figure 11 for the proximity of the locations. Cynthia lived in Chambers County, Alabama, just north of Barbour

⁴⁵ Texas State Board of Health, death certificate, Mrs. Mattie Ann Hogge, No 18070 (stamped), Ennis, 1935; digital image, "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903–1982," database, *Ancestry*, Ellis 1935, April-June image 28 (<http://search.ancestry.com>: accessed 29 November 2016). Mother, Cynthia Dilliard, born Alabama, informant Charles Hogge, Cynthia's son-in-law.

Texas State Board of Health, death certificate, R. Royston, No 50544 (stamped), Decatur 1928; digital image, "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903–1982," database, *Ancestry*, Wise, 1928, Oct-Dec image 14 (<http://search.ancestry.com>: accessed 25 November 2016). Mother, Miss Cinthia Dillard, born Alabama, informant Mrs. Luther Lockey, Cynthia's granddaughter.

Texas State Board of Health, death certificate, Mrs. Adline Spears, No 27410 (stamped), Registered No. 105 (penned). Bowie, 1920; digital image, "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903–1982," database, *Ancestry*, Montague 1920, Jul-Sep image 10 (<http://search.ancestry.com>: accessed 18 November 2016). Mother, Dillard, born Florida, informant M.C. Lovelady, Cynthia's daughter.

⁴⁶ "Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<http://https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/81557841/person/32455153520/facts> : accessed 23 November 2021), "O'Shea Family Tree: family tree by Melanie O'Shea, details for James Monroe Dillard Jr.

and Bullock Counties shown on the map. Although it is doubtful Cynthia was born in Florida, the connection to Elijah Dillard's family could explain the naming of Florida as her birthplace by her daughter, Mariah.

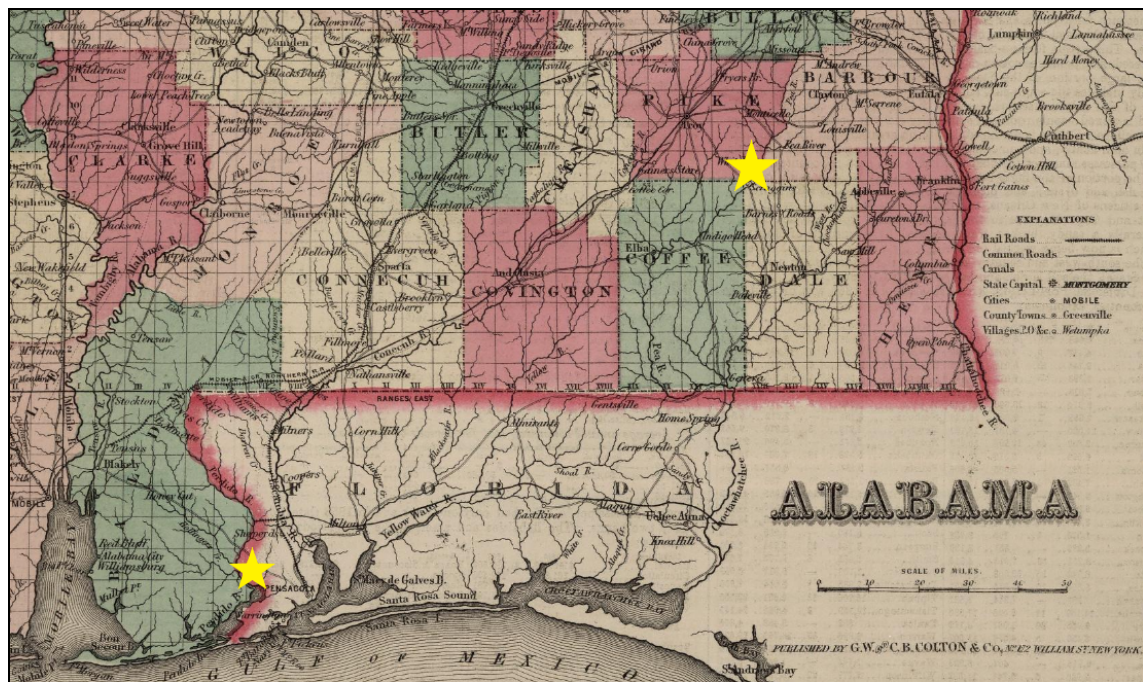


Figure 11. Map showing Pensacola, Florida, location for James M. Dillard, and Pike County, location for Elijah Dillard.⁴⁷

Conclusion

With documentary research not providing clues to the origins of Cynthia (Dillard) Royston, DNA analysis discovered a possible brother candidate in Elijah Dillard. Victor Parker, a great-grandson of Cynthia's tested his DNA at Ancestry and shared DNA with more than 63,000 people. Some of those matches would have also received a portion of DNA from Cynthia that could reveal clues to her parents. A Gephi network graph clustered Victor's matches into groups and analysis revealed a cluster that seemed to originate with Elijah Dillard. If he were Cynthia's brother, the shared DNA would come from Elijah and Cynthia's unknown parents.

⁴⁷ G.W. Colton, "Alabama," (New York: G.W. & C.B. Colton & Co., 1869); *David Rumsey* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~209010~5003960:Alabama-> : accessed 23 November 2021).

Documentary research explored Macon County, Alabama, court, probate, and land records for Dillards. Elijah Dillard was the subject of three deeds and other Dillards mentioned in the records were sons of George W. Dillard. Although previous research discounted George W. Dillard as Cynthia's father, the Macon County research does suggest that Elijah and Cynthia Dillard could be connected somehow to the George W. Dillard family - perhaps he was an uncle or cousin.

Searching Pike County, Alabama, records resulted in the death register entry for Elijah Dillard. No parents were named, but the record did name a specific death date, place, and burial for Elijah.

Returning to exploring Victor Parker's DNA matches in the network graph's peach cluster found a new match descending from a different son of Elijah Dillard - James Monroe Dillard. This adds an independent line and further evidence that Elijah Dillard is the MRCA of the cluster and that he could be a brother to Cynthia (Dillard) Royston.

James Monroe Dillard lived in Escambia County, Florida, on the southern Alabama border in the 1930s. Perhaps he kept in touch with his probable first cousin, Mariah (Royston) Lovelady, and her reporting of Florida as Cynthia's birthplace stemmed from this connection.

Further research in both documentary records and DNA is needed to continue exploring the connection between Cynthia and Elijah Dillard.

Future Research Suggestions

- Documentary Research
 - Search additional Macon County, Alabama, probate records for any Dillards.
 - [Estate papers, 1832-1940](#) digitized collection on FamilySearch
 - [Circuit Court, 1839-1886, Macon County, Alabama](#) digitized collection on FamilySearch - has an index, but not available from home yet.
 - [Macon County, Alabama, estate case files \(loose\), 1836-1953](#) Familysearch digitized collection
 - [Macon County, Alabama, probate records, 1834-1930](#) FamilySearch digitized collection
 - Marilee Beatty Hageness, *Orphans Court, 1834-1836, Macon County, Alabama*, (Anniston, Alabama: MLH Research, 2000).[976.149 P2](#)

- Research Edmond Dillard of Pike County, Alabama to determine any connections to Elijah Dillard, who resided in Pike County after his marriage in 1856.
- Search the Dale County, Alabama, deeds for mention of Elijah Dillard selling the land received in the 1854 land patent.
- Search Pike County, Hopewell church records for clues to Elijah's parentage.
- Research in the newspapers of Pike County: *The Troy Messenger* - established in 1866, *The Enquirer* [1875], and *The Buzzing Bee*, for mention of Elijah Dillard.
 - Suzie K. Senn, *Newspaper abstracts from Pike County, Alabama: 1855-1865*, (Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1999-2009). [76.135 B3](#)
 - [Alabama Online Historical Newspapers](#) by The Ancestor Hunt: description of newspaper, county, and city, years covered, where to access.
 - Alabama Newspapers on Microfilm [Database](#) from ADAH; search newspapers by county for the name of newspaper and dates available.
- Research additional county histories for Pike County.
 - Mrs. Frank Ross Stewart, *Alabama's Pike County*, (Centre, Alabama: Stewart University Press, 1976). 2 volumes [976.135 H2](#)
 - Pike County Heritage Book Committee, *The Heritage of Pike County, Alabama*, (Clanton, Alabama: Heritage Publishing Co., 2001). [976.135 H2](#)
 - William Palmer Moulder, *A History of Centre Ridge, Dallas County, Alabama*, (Huntsville, Alabama: W.P. Moulder, 1936); [digitized book FamilySearch.](#)
 - Margaret Pace Farmer, *One Hundred Fifty Years in Pike County, Alabama, 1821-1971*, (Anniston, Alabama: Higginbotham, 1973). [976.135 H2](#)
 - Ella Revill Hattaway, *Pioneer And Modern History Of Pike County: Business Directory 1937*, (S.L.: s.n., 1937); [digitized book FamilySearch.](#)
- Order Elijah Dillard's land application files from the National Archives for clues to his origins.
- Research Elijah Dillard's military service
 - Margaret Pace Farmer, *Record of Confederate soldiers, 1861-1865, Pike County, Alabama*, (Troy, Alabama: Troy Print. co., 1962). [976.135 M2](#)
 - Fold 3
 - Alabama Widow's Pension Records

- Study 1830 census records of Georgia and Alabama for a possible father with places for Cynthia and Elijah Dillard, born between 1814 and 1816.
- Continue descendancy research on Elijah Dillard's children, seeking for further DNA matches.
- DNA Research
 - Expand the autosomal tester base.
 - Look for other descendants of Cynthia with a close connection who could test or share their DNA results.
 - Ask Elijah Dillard's descendants of the peach cluster to share their Ancestry DNA results for further analysis.
 - Seek a male descendant of Elijah Dillard who would be a candidate for Y-DNA testing.
 - Identify additional clusters in Victor Parker's Royston/Dillard network graph.
 - Build out any partial trees in the Dillard peach cluster of the Gephi network graph.
 - View the FamilySearch descendancy tree for comparison against trees in the Dillard peach cluster of the Gephi network graph.
 - Use GWorks to compare trees from Ancestry matches and identify additional DNA matches from the peach cluster
 - Use the Hybrid Autosegment cluster tool at Genetic Affairs to identify DNA segments that come from Cynthia (Dillard) Royston.
 - Create a chromosome map on DNA Painter for Victor Parker.

Appendix A

The following list shows the grantor (owner), the grantee (purchaser), the date of the deed, and the volume and page number.⁴⁸

- G.C. Dillard to W.T. Dillard deed 19 Oct 1847 F:480
- L.W. Dillard to E Mitchell 19 Oct 1847 F: 481
- Frances W. Dillard to F. M Taylor Mtge 8 May 1849, G:178 [x]
- F. M Dillard & Martin to E. F. Mahone 10 Sept 1850 G:522 [x]
- G.W. Dillard to Dillard & Scott 12 Jan 1852 H:346
- L.W. Dillard to N. I Scott deed 15 Feb 1853 I:81
- E Dillard to B. Baker deed 20 Apr 1852 I: 193
- Dillard & Martin to T Mahone deed 11 Apr 1854 I:540
- E. Dillard to I.B. Welch deed 29 Dec 1854 J:37
- Dillard & Martin to C.Y. Baker deed 1 Feb 1855 J:83
- W. F. Dillard to J.J. Mason deed 27 Oct 1855 J:451
- F.W. Dillard to C.D. Oliver deed 11 June 1856 J:748
- F.W. Dillard to L.M. Biggus deed 26 July 1856 J:775
- F.W. Dillard to J Murphy deed 12 Aug 1856 J:812
- F.W. Dillard to S. Tyson deed 14 Dec 1857 K:430
- F.W. Dillard to S. Armstrong mtg 6 March 1858 K:521
- G.C. Dillard to J N Philpot deed 18 Dec 1858 K:769
- F.W. Dillard to G.W. Dixon deed 12 Apr 1860 L:416
- F.W. Dillard to W.F. Slaton deed 12 Apr 1860 L:417
- F.W. Dillard to S Numm deed 22 Jan 1862 L:758
- A. Dillard to H.C. Sills deed 22 Jul 1863 L:925
- W.F. Dillard and wife, et al to E Worthing et al deed 27 Aug 1863 L:946
- F.W. Dillard to J.R. Brown deed 18 Feb 1864 M:56
- C.C. Dillard to C.F. Grayson deed 7 Dec 1863 M:81

⁴⁸ Macon County, Alabama, Index to Deeds and Mortgages - Direct 1834-1870, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 1 November 2021); DGS film 7857124, images 43-49.

- F.W. Dillard et al to Sutton & Dickinson deed 13 Aug 1864 M:183
- G.C. Dillard to T.L. Frazier deed 15 Jul 1865 M:272
- F.W. Dillard et al to G.C. Dillard trustee deed 14 Feb 1866 M:296
- M.H. Dillard exec. to G.C. Dillard deed 23 Feb 1866 M:307
- G.C. Dillard to A. Williams deed 14 May 1866 M:385
- M.H. Dillard et al to J Buchanan deed 30 Jul 1866 M:530

The deed index also provided a list organized by first grantee, then the grantor.

- G.C. Dillard from R.P Hinn deed 24 July 1847 F:407
- F.M. Dillard from G.C. Dillard deed 19 Oct 1847 F:480
- Dillard & Martin from W.c. Turner deed 7 Jan 1848 F:574
- G.C. Dillard from J. Eady deed 17 Jul 1848 F:595
- F.M. Dillard from J Swanson deed 19 Feb 1850 G:394-395? blackened
- E.Dillard from A. Germany deed 19 Feb 1850 G:396
- F.M. Dillard from J.R. Pudget mtg 19 Jun 1851 H:90
- F.M. Dillard et al from H.K. Buillin deed 16 Jan 1852 H:293
- Dillard & Scott from G.W. Dillard 26 Jan 1852 H:346
- Dillard F.M. from L.H. Foster deed 19 Jul 1852 H:615
- Dillard F.M. from D. Crawford trustee deed 15 Feb 1853 I:82
- Dillard & Scott from L.M. Horton mtge 16 Mar 1853 I:126
- Dillard & Scott from E Turner deed 16 Mar 1853 I:126
- Dillard & Scott from L M Horton deed 10 Oct 1853 I:325
- Dillard & Scott from DDSFhDouglas deed 7 Nov 1853 I"357
- F.W Dillard from P Baugh deed 18 Jan 1854 I:428
- Dillard and Co from M Westmoreland deed 15 May 1854 I:631
- Geo C. Dillard from Thos Mahone deed 25 Jul 1854 I:680
- Dillard & Martin J J Harper deed 5 Jan 1855 J:51
- Dillard & Scott from L D Nash deed 7 Feb 1855: J:104
- F.W. Dillard from P Smith deed 19 Apr 1855 J:249
- Dillard & Co from A M Hanay mtg 24 Apr 1855 J:308
- F.W. Dillard from E.F. Mahone deed 17 Oct 1855 J:446
- Dillard & Scott from C.C. Knowles deed 23 Jan 1857 K:100

- A Dillard from J.J Scott deed 16 Apr 1857 K:248
- F.W. Dillard from J.A. Lipraid deed 10 Jan 1859 K:804
- Dillard Powell & Co from J H Adams deed 15 Mar 1859 L:81
- Dillard Powell & Co from W Germany deed 13 Oct 1859 L:210
- A Dillard from S T Hughes deed 23 Apr 1860 L:431
- Geo. C. Dillard from T W Brunson deed 4 Oct 1860 L:561
- F. W Dillard & GC from J J Padgett deed 20 Mar 1861 L:657
- F.W. Dillard from J McColeman deed 20 Apr 1861 L:682
- F.W. Dillard from T Wingate 17 May 1861 L:692
- A Dillard from sheriff deed 22 Jan 1862 L:773
- F.W. C Dillard from W Pugh deed 3 Nov 1862 L:8223
- G.C. Dillard from J Dawson agt deed 28 Jn 1863 L:848
- F W Dillard from D a Resse deed 27 Aug 1863 L:953
- FW Dillard and GC Dillard from J M Mulkey deed 27 Aug 1863 L:953
- FW and GC Dillard from J W Echols & wife deed 31 Aug 1863 L:954
- FW Dillard from J J Baker et al deed 27 Dec 1864 M:235
- G C Dillard trust from F W Dillard mtgs 14 Feb 1866 M:296
- G C Dillard form M h Dillard mtg 25 Feb 1866 M:307
- F W Dillard from T L Frazier deed 9 Oct 1865 M:241
- A Dillard et al A Frazier et al 22 Nov 1865 M:252 [death of Frances M Dillard, partner, dissolution of the firm "doing a man house business" in Columbus, GA
- A Dillard from W C D Mahone 14 Oct 1865 M:242
- F.W. Dillard from W. F. Sandford et al 27 Dec 1864 M:234
- G C Dillard from D A Tiobb mtge 19 Dec 1866 M:737
- F W Dillard from J W Willis deed 18 Feb 1864 M:57