



Pullen

PULLEN FAMILY HISTORY

The patriarch and matriarch of the Pullen family are Ezekiel and Lucy. Ezekiel was born in 1816. Ezekiel Pullen was the slave of Henry Pullen. Henry Pullen was the son of Thomas Pullen. Records show Thomas Pullen, Sr. being born about 1752 in Scotland, traveling to the US landing in Virginia and finally settling in GA at "Pullen's Hill". Georgia didn't become a state until 1788, so he may quite possibly have been one of the state's first official landowners. Thomas Pullen received land in 1792 from the US land grant act. In this act, land was "officially" granted to those who served in the revolutionary war. The chief purpose of the land grant was to dispossess the Native Americans of their land and to encourage white to settle in those lands.

Thomas Pullen needed workers to farm this dispossessed land. As with his other white farmers, he relied on slave labor. When Thomas died, as with his other property, his slaves were passed on to his children. One of his sons Henry had no children, in his will of 1837 (in Johnson county records), he bequeathed his estate to public sale. After his death in 1843, the executor of his estate, his brother Moses Pullen and his brother-in-law Maj. James Hicks,

purchased most of his property (Slaves) in 1860. Bill of sales records show that the slave Ezekiel was sold to Maj. James Hicks for \$450. William L. Mason was another purchaser of Henry's property.

The Johnson county census of 1870 list Ezekiel with his last name spelled Pullen, being 23 years old. Also listed with Ezekiel is his wife Lucy, 24, his son Milton (listed as "Bunk"), 10, and his three daughters Annie, 8, Lois, 4, and Nancy 3. Ezekiel and Lucy were married June 30, 1866. The question of whether the Ezekiel listed in the 1870 census is the same person as the same Ezekiel listed as a man slave of Henry Pullen in his will of 1837. Despite Ezekiel stating his age was 23 in 1870, it is likely that he and Lucy were older, since they have a son 10 years old in 1870.

Inventory and Appraisal of the estate of George Linder. The document list a child Lucy and a woman named Lucy. Any of these the same Lucy that married Ezekiel Pullen in 1866. Pullen was George Linder, a slave of George Linder and one of the first Blacks elected to the Georgia Legislature following the Civil War. Ezekiel was one of the founders of Mt. Pullen

African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) church. Note the name African Methodist Episcopal Church. At that time, Blacks were not ashamed to refer to themselves as Africans. It was only after "proper" schooling in European mis-information that Africa and things African became shameful. Mt. Pullen was founded in 1862 and is located eight miles from Dublin, Ga. The church land was provided to the slaves by Major Hicks. In 1972, a new church bearing the former name replaced the original structure.

To date, no information is known on Ezekiel's daughters, Annie, Lois and Nancy. Milton (Bunk) Pullen makes up the second generation of our branch of the Pullen clan. Milton married Lula Horn December 24, 1876. Lula is said to have had a difficult childhood. Oral history has it that she was child of her slave master and was raped by his two sons. Perhaps this is why Lula always kept her legs covered in public.

With the first generation consisting of the patriarch and matriarch, Ezekiel and Lucy, the lineage of the Pullen Family to date consists of 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 54 great great grandchildren, 130 great great great grandchildren, 141 great great great grandchildren and 20 great great great great grandchildren.

