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THE ELUSIVE POMP FAVORS

The search for Pomp continues. I have tried several new sources with no luck. The 1867 Voters Registration revealed that George Favors (I am assuming he is Pomp's brother) was in Fannin County for 17 years as of July 25, 1867. Ironically, this information contradicts information from previous research on Pomp. So, I will be doing some more digging. I have, however, found his marriage license. Don't worry I am not giving up and the search will continue.

F O U N D SHEPARD JACKSON AND JENNIE LANE - 1860-1870

Meanwhile, all is not lost. I spend every Tuesday evening at my parents house doing chores and visiting with them. Of late, the talk always returns to the family tree. In researching how to research, one of the things the experts say is that you can get more information by just having conversations rather than asking questions. I have found that to be true. I report to my father where I am at, who I have found and where I have found them, and each time he pulls out more information

that helps me fit together a piece of the puzzle. Since the last newsletter, I have found what I believe to be Sheppard

SUMMARY OF FAMILY TREE	
PEOPLE:	651
HINTS:	129
PHOTOS:	129
RECORDS:	445

and Jennie Jackson on the slave schedules. I traced them using information that my father gave me about Jennie Lane. According to him, she continued to work for her former slave owner until his death and that he was a doctor. My research revealed that his name is GW Lane and that Sheppard was owned by his brother, Thomas J Lane. Of course, I still have to prove this information and I will continue to research and get proof. (If only finding Pomp could be so easy)

MISSING FAMILY MEMBERS

CING THEIR FOOT

Winston: Since last month, I have located a couple of Winston descendant and continue to work to find the

whereabouts of other Winston family members. If you have any information that might be useful, please contact me.

Chance: I have located Solomon and Mollie Chance in 1900 Texas.

Gregg: I am still looking for parents and siblings of Rudolph Gregg.

Otherswe're Looking For: Lawrence Favors MC Favors

If anyone has additional information, please contact me at <u>tracingtheirfootsteps@live.com</u> or by phone 206-329-2548.

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AUDIO AND VIDEO FEATURES AVAILABLE ON ANCESTRY.COM FAMILY TREE SITE

Did you know that you can post messages, stories and comments to the family tree at ancestry.com your telephone or webcam. Check it out or if you need help, contact me.

VITAL RECORDS

Over the past few weeks I have obtained many vital records for our tree. I have attached marriage records and death certificates if you would like to take a look. As I continue my research, I will attach document to the tree. Burial information will be coming soon.

CREATING WORTHWHILE GENEALOGIES FOR OUR FAMILIES AND DESCENDANTS

It I not enough to create a family tree with the names of your family members, you must be able to prove what you write. Following these standards will help you create a family tree worth reading.

How do you resolve conflicting evidence?

Follow the advice of Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, given in a National Genealogical Society Conference lecture: Judge Each Item of Evidence with the test of the four "Cs":

- Closeness (in place and time).
- Credibility (of person who made the record).
- Causality (why the record was made).
- Corroboration (with other evidence).

Of course, if you do not know where the information came from, how can you evaluate it?

TRACING THEIR FOOTSTE

That is why you should carefully record and cite your sources. To create worthwhile genealogies for our families we need to use the best records and sources available, do the best work we can so our family histories may be continued by our descendants, and so they will not have to duplicate all of our work because they do not know what sources we used to reach our conclusions.

RATING CHART:

- ★ Derivative: The source is derived (translated, transcribed, etc.) from the original.

Clarity:

Source:

- Clear: The portion of the source that pertains to this fact is clear.
- *★ Marginal:* The portion of the source that pertains to this fact is not clear.
 Informative:
 - Primary: The person who supplied this source had first hand knowledge of the fact.
- Secondary: The person who supplied this source had only second hand knowledge of the fact.

Evidence:

- *Direct*: The source plainly states the fact I have just entered.
- Indirect: The source suggests this fact but does not plainly state it. Proof will require better or additional evidence from other sources.



