

SURVIVORS OF FORT MIMS AUGUST 30, 1813

As the known dead may be incomplete, this list of Survivors may never be complete.

1. 'Ambrose' (**Middleton**) Negro of African Descent; Servant of Cpt Hatton C. Middleton- taken by the Indians and returned at Ft. Jackson on July 15, 1814.
2. Margaret 'Peggy' **Bailey**, Creek-English Descent; sister of Dixon, Daniel & James Bailey. She was at work by the lake and escaped by swimming the Alabama River.
3. James **Beale** , English Descent; Washington County.
4. Elemuel **Bradford**, English Descent; Private, Mississippi Territorial Volunteers.
5. Aaron **Bradley** , English Descent; Tensaw resident.
6. Caesar (**Riley**) African Descent; slave owner Mrs. B. Riley (O'Riley) captured on the Tallapoosa. Taken by the Indians.
7. Jack **Cato**, (18), African Descent; Wyche Cato slave owner; Drummer in the War of 1812.
8. William R. **Chambliss**, English Descent; Ensign in Cpt Jacks rifle company Mississippi Territorial Volunteers; shot with two arrows and a musket ball, found a boat and floated to Mt.Vernon; Claiborne County.
9. Joseph **Cook**, English Descent; Private Mississippi Territorial Volunteers.
10. James **Cornells**, Creek Metis, son of Joseph Cornells and brother of Vacey McGirth; Tried to warn fort inhabitants of the imminent Redstick Attack.
11. Fletcher **Cox**, English Descent; Tensaw resident.

12. Abner **Daniels**, English Descent; Corporal Mississippi Territorial Volunteers.

13. Peter **Durant**, Creek Metis Descent; Tensaw; left the fort prior to attack to pick grapes across the river.

14. Eliza (**Tate**), African Descent; David Tate slave owner; taken by the Indians then returned in 1818.

15. Josiah **Fletcher**, English Descent; lay among the hogs after his escape, then met with Lt. Davis' command; husband of Elizabeth Bailey Fletcher who was killed.

16. 'Ginny' (**Earle**), African Descent; James Earle slave owner; captured by Indians and returned at Ft. Jackson on July 15, 1814.

17. Susannah Stiggins **Hatterway**, (18 years old) Natchez-English Descent; wife of Henry Hatterway, sister of George Stiggins, daughter of Joseph and Haw Stiggins. Rescued by a friendly Indian.

18. William M. **Hollinger**, (30) , Creek Metis Descent; Private in the Tensaw Militia; half-brother of Mary Hollinger Dyer; wounded at Burnt Corn Creek.

19. Dr. Thomas Golphin **Holmes** , (33), Assistant Surgeon and Private, Mississippi Territorial Volunteers; escaped at the end of the battle through the pickets. Hid in the surrounding woods.

20. John **Hoven**, (19) Dutch-English Descent; Private in the Tensaw militia; son of Benjamin and Mary (both killed); swam the river.

21. Betsy **Hoven**, Dutch-English Descent; sister of John Hoven; Escaped through an opening in the wall, caught an officers horse, swam the river and rode to St. Stephens.
22. India (**Fletcher**), age 6 African Descent; Josiah Fletcher slave owner; taken by the Indians and surrendered at Ft. Jackson July 15, 1814.
23. Jack (**Walker**), African Descent; Wiseman Walker slave owner; Captured by Indians.
24. Richard **Inman**, (30) English Descent; Private, Mississippi Territorial Volunteers, Escaped.
25. Jim (**Earle**) (3) African Descent; James Earle slave owner; Captured by Indians, surrendered at Ft. Jackson on July 15, 1814.
26. Jim (**Walker**), (8-10), African Descent; Wiseman Walker slave owner; Tensaw; captured.
27. Jo (**McGirth**), male, African Descent, Zachariah McGirth slave owner; sent to plantation before battle for corn, captured, escaped and then recaptured by Indians, surrendered at Ft. Jackson 7/15/1814.
28. Mary **Jones** (Polly Kean), (25), Creek-English, Tensaw; captured. daughter of John Kean and Lucy Cornells, half-sister of Samuel Smith. Returned at Ft. Jackson.
29. Seaborn **Jones**, (9), Creek-English, Daughter of Polly and William Jones; Captured then released at Ft Jackson.

30. Samuel **Jones**, (7), Creek-English; son of Polly and William Jones, captured and released at Ft. Jackson.
31. Jeffersonia **Jones**, (4), Creek English, daughter of Polly and William Jones, captured and released at Ft. Jackson.
32. William **Jones**, (39), English descent, husband of Polly; wounded in thigh during escape.
33. Jude (**Fletcher**), (8), African slave later returned to Josiah Fletcher slave owner by Gen. Jackson.
34. Lettice (**Earle**), (18), African descent, slave owner James Earle, captured and then surrendered at Ft. Jackson on July 15, 1814.
35. Lizzie (**McConnell**), 'a little colored girl', African descent.
36. Samuel **Mathews**, male, English Descent, Pvt Miss Territorial Volunteers; escaped.
37. **McGirth** Daughters—four of them, Creek-English, children of Vacey and Zachariah McGirth, captured.
38. Sarah **McGirth**, female, Creek-English descent, daughter of Vacey and Zachariah, captured.
39. Levitia 'Vacey' **McGirth**, (43), Creek-English descent, daughter of Joseph Cornells and sister of James Cornell. Formerly married to Alexander McGillivray, wife of Zachariah McGirth, captured by Sanota (attacking Creek Indian) and later released with daughters.
40. Zachariah **McGirth**, (43), English Descent, Tensaw, husband to Vacey. Escaped, Left the fort shortly before the attack.

41. Milley (**Dyer**), (40), African slave, Rueben Dyer owner, captured and returned at Ft. Jackson July 15, 1814.
42. Milly (**Hodge**), (40), African slave, Alex Hodge owner, captured and returned at Ft. Jackson July 15, 1814.
43. A.J. 'Maurice' **Morris**, (22), English descent, Pvt. Mississippi Territorial Volunteers, escaped through the pickets.
44. John **Mountjoy**, English Descent, Sgt. Mississippi Territorial Volunteers. Escaped.
45. Nehemiah **Page**, (26), English Descent, Pvt. Mississippi Territorial Volunteers. Escaped-asleep in stable outside fort when attack began.
46. Peggy (**Dyer**), (12), African slave, Rueben Dyer owner, captured and surrendered at Ft. Jackson July 15, 1814.
47. Penny (**Earle**), (40), African, James Earle slave owner, captured and surrendered at Ft. Jackson July 15, 1814.
48. Joseph **Perry**, English Descent, Escaped through the pickets.
49. Philis (**Hodge**), (1), African descent, Alex Hodge owner, captured with her mother, Milly, surrendered at Ft. Jackson July 15, 1814.
50. Elizabeth **Randon**, (4), Creek-French-English, Daughter of John Randon and Tura Dyer Randon, rescued by Susannah Hatterway and Dog Warrior of Atasi.
51. Peter **Randon**, (23), Creek-French-English, Elected Ensign then Lieutenant of the Tensaw Militia, son of John Randon and Roseanna Holmes, escaped.

52. Lavinia **Randon**, (15), Creek-French-English, Possible niece of John Randon, Escaped, left fort before attack to pick grapes across the river.

53. Martin **Rigdon**, (17), English Descent, Pvt and drummer Tensaw Militia; musician US 2nd Regiment; escaped through pickets.

54. Samuel **Smith**, Creek-English Descent, son of Lucy Cornells and Samuel Smith, escaped through the pickets.

55. Socca, Creek Descent, a friendly Indian, Escaped.

56. Edward (Ned) **Steadham**, (27), Swedish-German Descent, son of Moses Steadham and Winifred Eppinger, twin brother of Thomas, Private in Tensaw militia, escaped, finger of left hand shot off while escaping.

57. John (Jesse) **Steadham**, (26), Swedish-German Descent, son of Moses Steadham and Winifred Eppinger, member of Tensaw militia, escaped through the pickets and was shot through the thigh.

58. William Henry **Stubblefield**, (20), English Descent, Mississippi Territorial Volunteer, Cpt. Middleton's company, escaped.

59. Tom (**Bailey**), African, slave owner Dixon Bailey, escaped carrying Ralph Bailey but returned to fort.

60. Tony (**Toulmin**), (34), African, Judge Harry Toulmin slave owner, Captured and taken to Holy Ground.

61. Wallace (**Steadham**), (4), African descent, Benjamin Steadham owner, captured and returned at Ft. Jackson July 15, 1814.

62. Buford **Weakley**, (43), English descent, Pvt. Mississippi Territorial Volunteers, Tensaw Resident, Survived.

Several unnamed black slaves were captured and released. Others, some who died and some who survived, are listed unofficially through family histories and lore and they include:

Thomas and Elizabeth Adcock
Harriet Allen
John and Margaret Carter Allen
James Boon
Thomas J. Downing
Cornelius Dunn
Capt. Robert Dunn
Penelope Farr
Samuel Fillingim
Esther Boggs
Walter Griffin
Mrs. Bernard Riley
Mr. Sinquefield
Aletha Smith and Aletha Ann Smith
George Weekley and wife
William Whitmire

undocumented/conflicting: Lazarus John Bryars
Mrs. Daniel Beasley
Lilla Beasley
Robert Fillingim
Audley L. Osborne
Ephraim Brevard Osborne
William and Mary Tarvin

If you have researched your family history and feel your ancestor is not named or recognized in these listings, please come forward with your records so others who were killed or survived can also be recognized!

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