

**Frances “Fanny” Goss
&
Daughters Nancy Ann Goss & Sarah “Sallie” Goss**

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The focus of this document is Frances “Fanny” Goss and two of her daughters, Nancy Ann and Sarah “Sallie” Goss. Each of them has mysteries associated with their lives and partners and which partners fathered which children. I use the terms “partner” because it seems that in some cases there was never an official marriage.

Rather than drawing a final and possibly incorrect conclusion, I am presenting the information gathered in my years of research. Some information I have found first hand from records, other has come from letters of deceased descendants and still other information has been from phone calls or emails with living descendants.

**INTRODUCTION**

**Records of The Past**

Because birth, marriage and death certificates were not required in the State of South Carolina until the early 1900s, the only sources for information on many ancestors are every-decade census reports, World War I draft registrations, cemetery records, family letters, an occasional will or land transfer, an occasional obituary and information passed word of mouth.

Marriage licenses were required starting July 1, 1911 and birth and death certificates were not required until January 1, 1915. When death records do exist, they are only as good as the information provided by the informant. This means there are errors and/or omissions on some death records.

Census records are notoriously inaccurate. There were no exact birth dates, only an age, which was usually rounded up. If a person were born September 23, 1910, the record would show the birth year as 1911. Spelling accuracy was hit or miss, nicknames or initials might be used instead of full birth names. Often the census takers themselves could only marginally read and write. Sometimes they would take information from workers on the farm that were not members of the family or even children of the family. Unfortunately, census records prior to 1850 only show head of household, generally a male. This is a great disadvantage in trying to understand the relationships of our ancestors and cousins to each other.

**Individuals in This Document Who Provided Information and Their Relationship and Lineage back to Fanny Goss**

Living as of July, 2011

Connie Huffman Hughes – 3<sup>rd</sup> great granddaughter  
(Elizabeth “Bessie” Behrmann > Levy Nettie Goss > Sampson S. Goss > Nancy Ann Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

Bruce Tillman Mundy – 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandson  
(Owen Alderman Mundy > Emma Goss > Sampson S. Goss > Nancy Ann Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

Jesse Howard Scarborough – 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandson  
(Lexie Mae Baughman > Nancy L. Bonnett > Elizabeth Pernatis Goss > Nancy Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

Rebecca Bonnette – 4<sup>th</sup> great granddaughter  
(Samuel Samp Bonnette > Hiram Gardner Bonnett > Etta Estella Goss > Sampson S. Goss > Nancy Ann Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

Cynthia Secunda – 4<sup>th</sup> great granddaughter  
(Christine Stone > Willie Stone > Manley Stone > Evelyne Mundy > Sallie Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

Deceased

Sophia Herron Lybrand – great granddaughter  
(Mary Telulah Goss > Nancy Ann Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

Annie Adeline Bonnette – great granddaughter  
(Elizabeth Pernatis Goss > Nancy Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

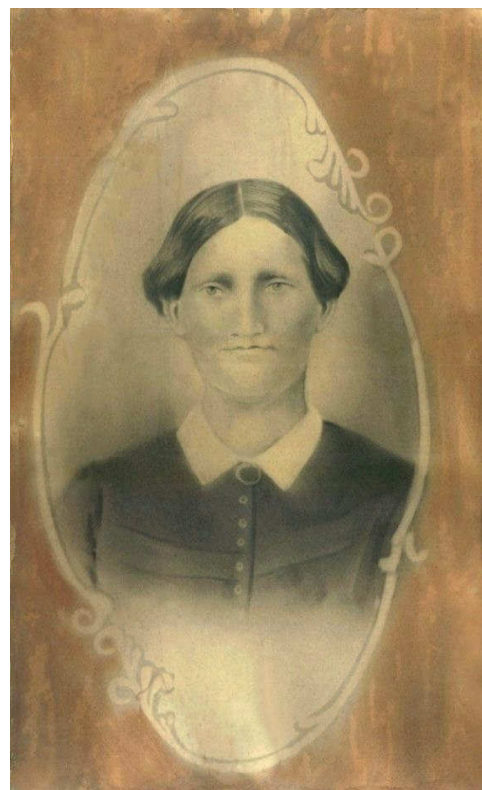
Dartha Elisbon Bonnett – 2<sup>nd</sup> great granddaughter  
(Etta Estella Goss > Sampson S. Goss > Nancy Ann Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

Myrtice Grace Mundy – 2<sup>nd</sup> great granddaughter  
(Emma Goss > Sampson S. Goss > Nancy Ann Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

Paul Goss – 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandson  
(Finley Goss > John Belton Goss > Sampson S. Goss > Nancy Ann Goss > **Fanny Goss**)

## FANNY GOSS

Over the course of her life, Frances “Fanny” Goss had several named partners and there may have also been at least one unnamed partner. Either documented or named within the family, partners are: Bastid / Bastld / Bastil Goss, John Pemberton, Dave Bonnett. The unidentified one is a family reference to an “unknown Native American” being the father of daughter Sarah “Sallie” Goss instead of John Pemberton.



- (1) BASTID / BASTLD / BASTIL GOSS – All three spellings have been found in different family trees. He is the first apparent partner of Fanny and the least is known about him. Though Fanny’s partnership with him can be found in several personal family trees and some family letters, no official records have ever been found with his name. Perhaps this was a nickname. In one of the family letters owned by Connie Huffman Hughes, many years ago, someone wrote his name in the margin along with “Indian name.” If he really is Native American, perhaps HE is the “unknown Native American” father of Sallie Goss (mentioned later).

It is generally thought that Bastid is the father of Fanny’s first-born child Nancy. It does not appear they had any other children. Regardless, all family reports are that John Pemberton was not Nancy’s father.

**FROM BRUCE TILLMAN MUNDY:**

*Aunt Nettie [Levy Nettie Goss] was visiting in the South in 1935 and received information from relatives that Fanny married a Dave Bonnett. Fanny is found living in the Dave Bonnett household during several censuses. The last one found she was about 60 years old and listed as being related to Dave Bonnett as his servant.*

*According to records of Bessie Huffman, daughter of Levy Nettie Goss, the father of these children of Fanny's was John Pemberton Jr., except for Nancy whose father was supposedly a Bastld Goss and Bessie says, "I don't know where my father got this name for Nancy's father, will have to do research on this."*

- (2) JOHN PEMBERTON – Fanny Goss’ first appearance in records is on the 1850 Barnwell District census living without her children in the household of John Pemberton. John and Fanny only appear on this one census together. If earlier census reports showed all members of the household, we would likely see them together prior to that. Below is a snapshot from that census. Following in the next household is an unknown Leonora Brown with children that apparently belong to Fanny and John except for Nancy.

Why are none of the children in the same household as the parents? Perhaps both “households” below were on the same property within feet of each other and Fanny & John simply had a small parental structure for privacy. It is said that Fanny and John never officially married.

Listed on the census, followed by my interpretation of who each is:

Nancy Brown (Nancy Goss) – the subject of last name Brown is addressed later  
 Cath Goss (probably Jane Ann Catherine – though the age is off from the known birth year of 1841)  
 John Goss – this one is a mystery since John Manley Goss wasn’t born until 1853  
 Sally Goss (Sarah “Sallie” Goss) – her age fits exactly with her birth year

|     |     |                |    |   |         |
|-----|-----|----------------|----|---|---------|
| 816 | 816 | John Pemberton | 40 | m | Planter |
|     |     | Fanny Goss     | 34 | f |         |
| 817 | 817 | Leonora Brown  | 40 | f |         |
|     |     | Nancy          | 20 | f |         |
|     |     | Cath Goss      | 12 | f |         |
|     |     | John           | 1  | m |         |
|     |     | Sally          | 15 | f | m       |

The following alleged children of Fanny Goss & John Pemberton died after 1915 when death certificate were required, so they are the only ones that have death certificates. Parents as recorded on the death certificate are:

Matilda Goss                      Parents: John Pemberton and Fanny Goss  
 John Manley Goss              Parents: John Goss and Mattie Howell (an obvious error; Mattie was his wife)

Charles Manley Goss b. Aug 23, 1913, (son of Johnny Lawton Goss, grandson of John Manley Goss and great-grandson of Fanny Goss), has stated that he is actually a Pemberton, not a Goss.

Several theories have been presented as to why the children of Fanny and John Pemberton used the Goss last name rather than Pemberton.

**FROM JESSE & VIVIAN SCARBOROUGH:**

*Fanny Goss worked for John Pemberton, lived with him as his mistress and bore children with him. Eventually they had a falling out and Fanny moved into a small structure in back of the old Goss house in Windsor for a while. It is said that Fanny had a reputation as a loose woman and that she "entertained" men while living behind the Goss house. After Fanny moved out from Pemberton, daughter Nancy moved in with him.*

*MY NOTE: Other unverified stories follow of how John Pemberton and Nancy came to be together. Another family source also confirms that Fanny had a "reputation."*

- (3) DAVID BONNETT – By the 1860 census Fanny Goss and son John Manley Goss are now living in the household of widowed David Bonnett along with his children. They are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the census excerpt below. (Note that old writing of "ss" makes it appear almost like a "p"). David's wife Angela Keadle died in or around 1860.

It's not known when in the 1850-1860 decade Fanny and Pemberton split or when she moved in with David Bonnett. It's possible David Bonnett took her in because she needed a place to live and he needed help with his now motherless children. Fanny may have started out as household help and evolved into a romantic partner and later wife. Since this census report does not show relationship between head of household and members of the household, it's not possible to determine the exact nature of their relationship in 1860.

|    |    |              |    |   |  |      |      |      |
|----|----|--------------|----|---|--|------|------|------|
| 90 | 90 | David Bonnet | 40 | M |  | Jamr | 2400 | 1326 |
|    |    | James        | 13 | M |  |      |      |      |
|    |    | Caroline     | 25 | F |  |      |      |      |
|    |    | Helena       | 10 | F |  |      |      |      |
|    |    | Washington   | 9  | M |  |      |      |      |
|    |    | Sam          | 6  | M |  |      |      |      |
|    |    | Martha       | 2  | F |  |      |      |      |
|    |    | Fanny Goss   | 46 | F |  |      |      |      |
|    |    | Walter       | 6  | M |  |      |      |      |
|    |    | Elmer George | 25 | F |  |      |      |      |

On the 1870 census, Fanny, age 55, is shown in the household of David Bonnett as "keeping house," which is how wives were notated as well, so again, the exact nature of their relationship cannot be determined. However, they are probably not married since on the subsequent 1880 census she is listed with David Bonnett as "servant." Or perhaps they **were** romantically involved early in their cohabitation, but simply did not want to reveal that to the census taker.

Connie Huffman Hughes inherited a genealogy research *Day Book* from her grandmother, Levy Nettie Goss, where it says Fanny and David married "after many years." Fanny and David had no children together.

Fanny died in 1889, so she was potentially with David Bonnett for 29 years; from 1860 until her death.

Reportedly, Fanny is buried on old Bonnett Farm property. A personal visit to a small Bonnett Cemetery at the old Bonnett Farm in December 2005 did not reveal a gravestone for her, but there were numerous unmarked grave depressions. It's likely that she is there since there are gravestones for her daughter Serilda and Serilda's daughters, Armittie, Magulia and Lucy. Most likely the information regarding her burial location has simply been passed down through the family. Note that though the gravestone mentioned above shows Magulia, one source shows her as Julia, perhaps a nickname, and another as Magnolia – so the gravestone could be incorrect.

**FROM BRUCE TILLMAN MUNDY:**

*Aunt Nettie [Levy Nettie Goss] was visiting in the South in 1935 and received information from relatives that Fanny married a Dave Bonnett. Fanny is found living in the Dave Bonnett household during several censuses. The last one found she was about 60 years old and listed as being related to Dave Bonnett as his servant.*

**FROM CONNIE HUFFMAN HUGHES:**

*In a letter from Sophie Herron Lybrand [daughter of Mary Telulah Goss] dated Feb 11, 1981, to Bessie [Elizabeth] Huffman Behrmann [granddaughter of Sampson S. Goss, great granddaughter of Nancy Ann Goss]:*

*"Bessie, I will tell you this as it was told to me. This Fanny Goss lived with John Pemberton. Nancy was her daughter before she lived with John Pemberton. I don't know whether Nancy was the only one [child] or not.*

*Then Fanny and John had Tildia [Matilda Goss] that married Ruben Cadle [Keadle], Susherdia [Serilda Ann] married Jim Bonnett [James G. Bonnett], Sallie [Sarah] married Billy [William] Mundy, Manly [John Emanuel Goss] who married Mattie [Martha Gertrude] Howell. I don't know if there were any more or not.*

## NANCY GOSS



*MY NOTE: Nancy's date of birth in Emma Goss' Sunday School book (July 11, 1834) and at the Mormon Church web site is different than year of birth on her gravestone (July 11, 1832).*

Possible partners of Nancy appear to be:

- (1) A Brown, possibly Levi or William Brown [or could be William Levi Brown?]
- (2) A John or Tom Goss, who is only known of through family stories.
- (3) John Pemberton – the same John Pemberton that her mother was mistress to according to most reports or...
- (4) John Pemberton – a different one than the one that her mother was with. Only Paul Goss of Vidor, TX has ever claimed this. He says it was a John Pemberton, uncle to Fanny's John Pemberton. This theory is not addressed further since not even family rumor has provided the slightest substantiation.

As with Fanny, there are varying degrees of substantiation for Nancy's partners. John Pemberton is the most certain because he is named on her gravestone as her husband. Most of the information has been passed down from relatives, with each story likely having some elements of truth, perhaps being slightly altered with the telling.

Story has it that mother Fanny and daughter Nancy had a relationship and children with the same John Pemberton. Descendant Paul Goss of Vidor, TX disagrees with this, but there is one key piece of evidence

that strongly supports it. More information follows on that.

### (1) WILLIAM OR LEVI BROWN

Information regarding a Levi Brown came from Connie Huffman Hughes. Supportive of a Brown relationship are:

- (a) The 1850 census excerpt under the Fanny Goss section where Nancy is listed as a Brown. Perhaps Leonora was her Brown husband's mother.
- (b) The death certificate for Nancy's daughter, Mary Telulah Goss, shows her mother as Nancy Brown. Father is named as John Goss. Perhaps this was John Pemberton and just a mistake since none of Nancy's children ever used the name of Pemberton. Or perhaps there was a John Goss somewhere in the woodpile.
- (c) On the 1870 Windsor census, Nancy and her children Thomas, Elizabeth and Sarah Jane are all shown as Brown. John Pemberton is listed just above them, perhaps only a few feet away in another structure?
- (d) An 1876 will where Nancy Brown has apparently paid \$500 and possibly another \$1,000 for John Pemberton lands of at least 500 acres and probably more – all is not readable. He leaves her or her heirs all his personal effects at the time of his death and requests that he be allowed to live peacefully on the land for the remainder of his life.

**FROM CONNIE HUFFMAN HUGHES:** *Mama [Elizabeth "Bessie" Ingar Behrmann] said that she had heard that Nancy had married a Levi Brown at one time and that he was a traveling salesman and left and never came back. There just doesn't seem to be much proof of anything.*

*In an email dated July 11, 2007, Connie writes: Here is more information to add to a very confusing life of Nancy Goss. I found a letter from Jesse Scarborough written to my Mom [Elizabeth "Bessie" Ingar Behrmann] in 1991. Jesse is the son of Lexie Mae Baughman, who is the daughter of Nancy L. Bonnett who is the daughter of Elizabeth Pernatis Goss who is the daughter of Nancy Goss. Jesse says:*

*"The mystery is supplied by Grandmother Bonnett Baughman Street [Nancy L. Bonnett, daughter of Elizabeth Pernatis Goss and Samuel Duffin Bonnett, granddaughter of Nancy Ann Goss]. She writes in a letter dated September 23, 1956, of which I have a copy,*

*'My mother was Elizabeth Brown [Elizabeth Pernatis Goss], daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William and Nancy Brown. My father was Samuel Bonnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bonnett.'*



I asked my Aunt Ruth Baughman Love (a surprise) Hamilton about this Brown statement this past March. Aunt Ruth rather sharply answered: 'Just forget about Brown.' Benjamin Street, my uncle and youngest of three children born to Grandmother [Nancy Bonnett Baughman Street] from her second marriage, asked Aunt Ruth about this Brown question after my query and received an even snappier rebuttal."

*What do you think of that? Now how can Elizabeth Pernatis Brown be the daughter of 3 people? [William Brown, Levi Brown, John Pemberton]. It seems like the people that did know the answers to our questions are not about to share their knowledge. I don't understand why he has "a surprise" in brackets after his Aunt's first and second marriages.*

(2) TOM OR JOHN GOSS

**FROM CONNIE HUFFMAN HUGHES** (via various emails):

Email from Connie dated Feb 20, 2007: *I have a letter from Dartha [Bonnett] Nesmith that she wrote to my Mom [Elizabeth "Bessie" Ingar Behrmann] Dec 1979, I will quote from it,*

"Well, well, I have a new slant on our great great granddaddy. Lemuel [Dartha's brother] said that our great great grandmother [that would be Fanny Goss, but I think she's talking about Nancy] came from up near North Augusta, that Tom Goss was her husband. They [Connie says: *I don't know who they are*] killed him, he was so mean and Uncle John Pemberton only helped them out. Anyway I am going to try to check this out. The old people tried to hide him being hung." *-Letter owned by Connie Hughes [2010]*

*MY NOTE: I believe that Dartha meant to say granddaddy and grandmother – referring to John Pemberton and Nancy, not Fanny as evidenced by the next letter from Dartha.*

Another email from Connie: *Dartha [Bonnett] Nesmith wrote to Bessie Huffman [no date on letter and couldn't read year on postscript – date was Mar 4], she says*

"Lemuel don't think our Grandma [Nancy Goss] was married to Uncle John [Pemberton]. He only helped the widow out. He thinks that Grandma came down there with two or three small children from up near Augusta. They had killed our granddaddy up there some where and maybe hung him. I hope I can find out something about this. Uncle Tom [T. M.] Goss buried in Goss Cemetery is Granddaddy's brother [granddaddy being Sampson S. Goss] and Lemuel thinks that our Granddaddy great was named Tom, that was killed and I kinda think so."

*Dartha has gone back and written at the top on the letter this:*

"Our real granddaddy is supposed to be Tom Goss. He got in a fight, officers took gun and killed him I have been told." *-Letter owned by Connie Hughes [2010]*

**FROM PAUL GOSS** (great-grandson of Nancy Ann Goss):

*Synopsis of notes from one or more phone conversations:*

"Nancy was married to and had children with a John Goss before John Pemberton. Nancy's husband John had to walk with a cane. He was in town and another man humiliated him by taking away the cane, throwing it in the air and then throwing John Goss in the air. For this, John Goss killed the man. There was a trial and John Goss was executed.

Because Nancy did not have the surety bond posted to protect her children from being taken away, now considered orphans by the state, John Pemberton moved in with her. Otherwise, Nancy risked her children being put into an orphanage. John Pemberton and Nancy thereafter had children together."

*MY NOTE: The story from Dartha and Paul Goss are remarkably similar. Probably Tom Goss and John Goss are the same person and this is the same incident altered by years of being passed word of mouth.*

(3) JOHN PEMBERTON

*MY NOTE: I'm told that Nancy's children called John Pemberton, Uncle John – could this be an indication that he was not their biological father?*

**FROM CONNIE HUFFMAN HUGHES:**

*In a letter from Sophie Herron Lybrand [daughter of Mary Telulah Goss] dated Feb 11, 1981, to Bessie [Elizabeth] Huffman Behrmann [granddaughter of Sampson S. Goss]:*

*[Continued from same letter under Fanny and John Pemberton...]*

"Then John Pemberton married Nancy Goss but she would not take his name. Julian Goss told me [Sophie Herron Lybrand], Audrey [Slade] and Mae [Elizabeth "Lizzie" Mae Mundy] this when they were out here.

Then Nancy and John [Pemberton] had Sampson [Goss] your grandpa, Mary [Mary Telulah Goss] my mother, Tom [Thomas M. Goss], Elizabeth [Elizabeth Pernatis Goss] and Rebecca [Sarah Jane Goss]. These 5 were not bastards for their parents were married, some of those others took Brown and some took Goss as their names.

Tom Goss married one of Aunt Lizzie's [Darling Elizabeth Howell] sisters [Surilda Howell], Elizabeth [Elizabeth Pernatis Goss] married Duffin Bonnette [Samuel Duffin Bonnett], Rebecca [Sarah Jane Goss] married my Dad's [Elbert David Herron] brother Sampson Herron. She died when her child was born and it died too." –*Letter owned by Connie Huffman Hughes [2010]*.

*Sophia Herron Lybrand wrote to Bessie Huffman March 30, 1981 and said that she had gone to see Annie [Adeline] Bonnette March 14:*

"...she was 88 years old and she said that she remembered Grandma Nancy [Goss Brown] good. She said that it was like my mother [Mary Telulah Goss Herron] had it. I know my mother kept the record as far as she knew. But she was the baby one, so she could not have known all." –*Letter owned by Connie Hughes [2010]*.

*MY NOTE: I believe she is referring to Nancy and Fanny Goss both having children by John Pemberton.*

The following children of Nancy Goss died after 1915, so they are the only ones that have death certificates. Parents as recorded are:

|                         |                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Mary Telulah Goss       | Parents: John Goss and Nancy Brown     |
| Sampson S. Goss         | Parents: Pemberton Goss and Nancy Goss |
| Elizabeth Pernatis Goss | Parents: John Pemberton and Nancy Goss |

On Mary Telulah Goss' certificate, one does not know if a mistake was simply made on John Pemberton's name or if there truly was a John Goss that was her father. Stories mention Nancy having children with a John Goss before John Pemberton came along – see story later.

Though it is said that Nancy Goss and John Pemberton married and she is referred to as his wife on her gravestone, his 1876 will shows her as Nancy Brown, unless they married after that. The request in his will to live peacefully on the property for the remainder of his years sounds as though they are not living together and are not married.

According to other reports, John and Nancy lived "out of union," which in the Quaker religion simply means they were not married in the Quaker church.

#### **FROM PAUL GOSS AND REBECCA BONNETTE:**

*The reason for Nancy Goss' children taking the Goss name and not Pemberton is because their grandfather John Pemberton, Sr. was a Quaker and he married a non-Quaker, Elizabeth Johnson (not sure what religion she was) against the wishes of the Quaker church and they got married in Elizabeth's church. When the Quaker church learned of this and of the fact that John would not leave his wife, the church disowned them. However, their children remained members of the Quaker church. Because of this disgrace, John Pemberton, Jr. felt that he and Nancy's children would have it easier if they had the last name of Goss as opposed to Pemberton. Also, John Pemberton, Jr. was disowned by the Quaker church when he went to fight because he was fighting aboard a ship of war.*

#### **Nancy's daughter Sylvania**

Sylvania only appears on the 1860 census at age 14 and then disappears. It's unclear why she is not found on the 1850 census ten years earlier. But, a story told in the family has her coming to a rather gruesome end for getting pregnant by a black man.

## SARAH “SALLIE” GOSS



For a very long time, I thought all of Sallie's children were by husband William Mundy. I have recently discovered that the last three were by a Dave Bonnett. I've tried to identify this Dave Bonnett, but only find one possibility, which I will address at the end. If someone comes up with another option, please let me know. Prior to this discovery about the last three children, I had the pieces; I just did not know what I was seeing.

1. Death certificate for daughter Fannie Mundy shows Sallie Bonnett and Dave Bonnett as her parents. For the parents of Fannie, I would have expected Sallie Goss and William Mundy, But, I saved the death certificate thinking it might make sense later and indeed it did. But, at the times, I did not see how this was Sallie's daughter.
2. Death certificate for son Curtis Perry Mundy shows Sallie Monday and Dave Monday as parents. Originally I figured the informant, son Govan, got confused and this was a mistake. I now believe Sallie and Dave are correct, but it should be Sallie Goss (since maiden name is called for) and Dave Bonnett. I think the Mundy came from Sallie's first husband.

I held onto these two death certificates for the longest time and for the longest time, I wondered where Sallie was buried – I was looking for Sallie Mundy on the gravestone.

Then, one day I was going through the *Aiken County Cemeteries* books line by line and suddenly I had a eureka moment – THERE was a Sallie Bonnett grave and her dates were almost the same as my Sallie Goss Mundy. I pulled up the two death certificates above that I'd been holding onto and was now convinced I had found Sallie's grave and that Fannie and Curtis Perry were by Dave Bonnett not husband William Mundy despite the fact that they used the name Mundy.

Now, the 3rd child to be fathered by David Bonnett is Darling Pinkney Mundy (I have confirmed with granddaughter Floye Edna Mundy that Pinkton on his gravestone is incorrect). His death certificate shows the father as unknown. Well, I had the honor of being allowed to scan family genealogy notes of Levy Nettie Goss when her granddaughter Connie Huffman Hughes attended the every-two-year *Families Along the Edisto Reunion* in Wagener, SC in 2008. I revisited some of these and now something I read many times earlier made sense.

The notes show Dave Bonnett as Sallie Goss' second “husband” and his children with Sallie are listed as Pink Bonnett (the writer wrote Mundy and crossed it out), Fanny Bonnett and Peary Bonnett – that would be Darling Pinkney Mundy, Fannie Mundy and Curtis Perry Mundy. All are buried as Mundy – daughter Fannie would be Mundy regardless because she married Mason Mundy.

But who is Dave Bonnett? I didn't have much success in searching census records for a Dave or David Bonnett other than David Washington Bonnett who Sallie's mother lived with for a very long time and eventually married. The census records that show David Bonnett and Fanny Goss together list her as servant or keeping house. However, notes from Levy Nettie Goss say Fanny married David Bonnet "finally." David Bonnett was known to own a pond and mill. Sallie's occupation on two census reports shows her as a miller, such as in a grist mill. Though it will never be definitely known, it appears likely that Sallie had three children by her then or eventual stepfather. He may not have yet been her stepfather at the time of the three children since we don't know when mother Fanny and David "finally" married.

### Regarding Sallie's husband, William Mundy

At least five sources have reported to me that William Mundy was part black.

#### FROM BRUCE TILLMAN MUNDY:

*According to notes of Myrtice Mundy, Kinney Mundy Sr. (her grandfather) and his brother John Calvin Mundy took care of a young Negro slave who had killed his master in Georgia and escaped to South Carolina. They gave him the name of Black Bill Mundy to hide his identity. He was supposedly a mulatto. This is the William Mundy who married Sally Goss. They were supposed to have had six children and supposedly this is where the generation of black Mundy's started in South Carolina.*

*Note: William Mundy, husband of Sallie Goss, would be around the same age as Kinney Sr. and John Calvin mentioned above. Census reports show his birth year ranging from 1828 – 1835.*



In a personal conversation with Bruce Mundy he also reported the following story:

*Jesse Mundy and a black hand on the farm stole a cow. Jesse was put away for an unknown period of time for this offense. The black man stayed on and helped out on the farm and he and wife Nancy had a son together – William Mundy. When Jesse was released from jail, he forgave his wife and the black man and they raised mulatto William together.*

Bruce also told me that he recalls as a young child seeing a photo in the bottom of an old chest of a very dressed up black boy.

This very old tintype photo that I inherited may be Sallie Goss. The man may be William Mundy, but he does not seem to show traits of being part black. Or it could be David Washington Bonnett. Several people have commented that the man looks like a Mundy. In researching the woman's dress style, it is very early 1870s. Sallie was born 1835, so if this is her, that would make her about 45 in this photo - if the dress is relatively new. Of course, the dress could also be years old. The woman here bears some uncanny similarities to my own mother, Christine Stone.



## ADDENDUM

### Will of John Pemberton

John Pemberton  
to  
Nancy Brown

The State of South Carolina

This indenture made this seventeenth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six between John Pemberton of the County of Aiken and State of South Carolina of the first part and Nancy Brown of the same state and county aforesaid of the second part.

Witnesseth that the said John Pemberton for and in consideration of five dollars lawful money of the United States of America to him and hand paid by Nancy Brown the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained and sold and by these presence doth give grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said Nancy Brown her heirs, executors administrators and assigns forever all and singular that certain piece or parcel containing five hundred acres more less situate being and lying in Aiken county on Shaw's Creek and South Edisto River.

Bounded on the north by Shaw's Creek, on the east by South Edisto River and Robert Evan's land, on the south by the Aiken Road, James Pemberton and Thomas Goss land, on the west by ? land being part of track of land laid out unto James Johnson the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1789 for 1000 acres as the original plat of the same represents to which reference is hereby made.

Also, the entire personal property that may be in my possession at the time of my departure of this life. And it is expressly agreed as from by and between the parties viz? John Pemberton and Nancy Brown that the said John Pemberton is to have a peaceful and quiet life with right upon the said premises above mentioned and it is further agreed upon that this written ? Nancy Brown is to take care of the said John Pemberton during his natural life that is provided she the said Nancy Brown – should be the longest lived and at his death all the entire interests in both real and personal property go to her, the said Nancy Brown for her services.

Together with all and singular testaments and indictments and appointments .... be ongoing and the revisions, ?, ?, and profit thereof and all the estate, title and interest of the said John Pemberton to the said property or any part thereof.

In witness thereof I have ? set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of April one thousand eight hundred seventy six.

Signed sealed and delivered  
in the presence of  
Caroline R. Garvin  
Robert Garvin  
David Garvin

John (his X) Pemberton