

## James J Rhoden

To understand who James J Rhoden is we have to utilize all information available and look back utilizing who he traveled with and where he came from.

James J Rhoden gives us varying information according to the Federal Census; In 1850, he states he was born 1820 in SC. In 1860, he says he was born 1815 in SC. In 1870, he says he was born 1818 in Georgia.

### 1840 – 1850

Going back to the first sighting we find of James J Rhoden in 1840 in Lowndes County Georgia we find that he is listed between the ages of 20 to 30 living next door to Jacob Rhoden. James has 1 son under 5 and one son 5-10 and one daughter 5-10. Utilizing the 1850 census we can identify the son 5-10 as John G and the daughter 5-10 as Anna Rhoden. Both of these children are only 10 years younger than James and Malinda on the 1850 census proving they are orphans from elsewhere to be explored more later. The oldest child of James and Malinda would be Levi b. 1839 as identified as his own child in 1840.

Where was James born. He states earlier in his life he was born in SC and later in life stating it was Georgia. We will discover that it is very unlikely James was born in SC and more likely he was born in GA as we will understand that Jacob left SC in the early 1800.. There are no known documents that prove who James J Rhoden's parents were. All we can do to draw conclusions is attempt to identify who he is with and how they may be connected.

We know that James J Rhoden married Malinda Moore daughter of John Moore and Nancy Ann O 'Steen. And that John Moore was the son of Caleb Moore and Unicy Brierly. Malinda also gives various birthdates in the various Census's. In 1840 she is listed at 20 to 30 years old, in 1850 she states 1820 Georgia. In 1860 she states 1814 GA and in 1870 she states 1810. The 1870 Enunciator utilizes the name Marthia with James J which I believe was an error but will note it here for record in case it proves she passed and he remarried. Daughter Rachel is living next door to this James with her Children oldest named James and Malinda confirming that this is our James J Rhoden.

Utilizing the census information we can presume that James and Malinda were both about the same age and both born around 1820. James either in SC or GA and Malinda in Georgia. All referencing census information as it relates to James we look at other Rhoden's who may be related.

Our first glimpse of James J Rhoden was in 1840 living in Lowndes Georgia. The only other Rhoden's utilizing every various spelling also living in this county were a Jacob Rhoden and a John Rhoden.

Jacob is now aged 50 – 59. He has one son 20 – 29, his wife living with him 50 – 59. He has 3 females 15 – 19 and one female 10 – 14. To understand Jacob better we look at him in 1850. Jacob continues to be in Lowndes County. He is located on **Page 61 Family #568**. Jacob Rhoden 63 b. 1787 SC. His wife is Polly MNU b. 1787 SC. He has one Child in the home named Tempy b. 1828 Georgia. Tempy would have been aged 12 in 1840 confirming this Jacob to be one in the same as the 1840 Jacob.

John Rhoden has 1 male under 5, 3 males 5 – 9, 2 males 10 – 14, 1 male 30 – 39, 1 female – 5, 1 female 5 – 9, 1 female 15 – 19, 1 female 30 – 39, and 1 female 70 – 79. This John would then be approximately 20 years younger than Jacob making it a possibility that he is his son which will continue to be explored. Looking at this we can see that there is one couple apx. Aged 30 – 39 with 9 children. The oldest child being aged 15 – 19 making this child unlikely but possible to her 30 – 39 year old parents. We also identify that a much older women aged 70 to 79 living with them which could prove to be a parent or grandparent and believed to be Mary Rhoden as will be explored.

Going forward to 1850 we also see a John Rhoden living in Lowndes county. He is on **page 61 Family # 563**. John Rhoden aged 47 b. 1803 SC. His wife Sallie b. 1805 SC. Child Mary b. 1832, Elizabeth b. 1836, Sarah Ann b. 1842, Henry b. 1848. This John does appear to be the same John we see in 1840. He at age 47 and his wife at age 45 match the male and female of age 30- 39. Mary age 8 and Elizabeth age 4 in 1840 would match 1 female under 5, and one female 5 – 9. However putting aside older children moved on we are now missing 1 male who would be 10 – 15 and maybe any of the 3 males who would now be aged 15 – 19., We are also missing the women who was aged 70 to 79 making that women now aged 80 - 89 believed to be Mary Rhoden now living with William Dowling.

So we now know Jacob, James and John lived Lowndes County in 1840 and in 1850. We have looked at both John and Jacob in both 1840 and in 1850 so lets look at James and any other Rhoden's living in 1850 for further clues.

James J Rhoden was found on **Page 62 Family # 571**. James J Rhoden b. 1820 SC with wife Malinda born 1820 GA. Children Anna b. 1830 GA, John, b. 1832 GA, Levi b. 1839 GA, William b. 1841 GA, Avery b. 1843 GA, Rachel b. 1845 GA, Tempy b. 1846 GA, Bryan b. 1848 GA, Hansford b. 1850 GA. As discussed earlier John and Anna would be the children stated in 1840 as male aged 5-9 and female aged 5 – 9. They would not be children of James and Malinda but it would appear that they raised them from early age making them orphans not workers taken in to help in 1850.

The next big clue is Mary Rhoden living next door to James J Rhoden in 1850. On **Page 62 Family # 572** is William Dowling b. 1792 SC and Elizabeth Dowling b. 1791 SC with children Mathew b. 1827, Rebecca b. 1830 SC. Also in the house is Mary Rhoden b. 1760 SC aged 90. She is listed as Mother which would then mean that Mary Rhoden is mother to Elizabeth Rhoden Dowling. So to better look at was this William Dowling and Elizabeth also with the above Rhoden's I again go back to 1840. William Dowling was in Lowndes County about 4 households from John Rhoden. There was one male 10 - 14, one male 15 - 19, 1 male 40 - 49, 1 female 10 - 14, and 1 female 40 - 49. As William is 58 and Mary is 59 in 1850 this would confirm both are the same. It is also noticed that Mary Rhoden was not living with her daughter Elizabeth in 1840 but is in 1850. It is also noticed that the above John Rhoden had a elderly women in his house who would be the same approximate age as this Mary Rhoden living in his house in 1840 and not in 1850. This leads me to believe that Mary Rhoden is the same women living with John in 1840 and Elizabeth in 1850. There close proximity in both years confirms this possibility and confirms a direct relationship to John Rhoden and Elizabeth Dowling. I will also add at this time for reference that there is a second William Dowling appears to be Jr living in Lowndes. He and a female aged 15 - 19.

The only other Rhodens living in Lowndes County at the same time as John, James, Jacob and Mary are younger Rhoden's who would have probably descended from the Rhodens already listed. They were as follows:

**On Page 55, Family #529** we find Isham Rhoden b. 1829 GA, married to Ellen b. 1833 with a child John. B. 1850 GA. There are others in the house that would not appear to be Isham's children. They are John b. 1830 GA, William b. 1834 GA and James b. 1840 GA. Isham was 11 years old in 1840. If we are to assume that Isham's parents were also in this county then the only option as parent would be John. Jacob nor James had a male aged 11 living in their home.

On page **Page 57, Family #541** we find a William Rhoden b. 1813 GA married to Elizabeth b. 1822 SC with children Sarah b 1842 GA, James H b. 1844 GA, Martha b. 1846 GA, Richard U b. 1850 GA. William would have been aged 27 in 1840. If William was not living on his own in 1840 Jacob would be the only option as his father utilizing the Rhoden's in Lowndes. Jacob had a male in the household in 1840 aged 20 - 29 and looking at the ages of the children the first in this household was not born until 1842 giving clue as to a Marriage sometime after 1840.

This includes all Rhoden's of various spellings living in Lowndes County GA at the time of our James J Rhoden. Although we have no proof that they are family I believe we have confirmed relationships with them all. We do have a question that remains though. Who are the orphan children living with James known as John and Anna and who are the orphans living with Isham John, William and James. Hopefully further research will identify these parents and connect us to more family.

Before we follow this Rhoden Clan down to Florida or before the FL / GA boarder lines moves lets first try to move back discovering who they might be and where they came from.

As stated earlier James was believed to be born between 1815 in Georgia or SC. As we know our first glimpse of him as an adult in 1840 we must now attempt to identify him as a child in 1830. Understanding that there is a relationship to Jacob, John, and Elizabeth Dowling both in Lowndes GA and in the future in Baker County I will look back utilizing them as anchors.

## 1830

In 1830 James would be approximately 10 – 15 years old. The Rhoden's again were found living in Lowndes county along with Elizabeth Rhoden Dowling. Utilizing the information as listed below you will see that James would be the son of Jacob as there is not a 10 – 15 year old male living with John.

Jacob Rhoden is found on **Page 21 Family #281**. He has 2 males 10 – 14, 1 m. 15 – 19, 1 male 40 – 49, 1 f - 5, 2 f 5 – 9, 1 f 30 – 39. James would fit into the 10 – 14 year old. This would also tell us James has two brothers one about the same age, and one older, and three sisters. The William found in 1850 would be aged 16 so he would be the older brother.

John Rhoden is found on **Page 19 Family 255** with 2 m – 5, 1 m. 20 – 29, 1 m. 30 – 39, 1 f 5 – 9, 1 f 20 – 29, 1 f 60 – 69. The John Rhoden we found in 1840 and 1850 would be aged 20 to 29 in this census. So we can assume that the same John is here with his wife and 3 children. We can also assume that Mary Rhoden is here with them. There is an additional male in the house aged 30 – 39. It could be one of Mary's Children which would also be the sibling of this John.

William Dowling is found on page **19 Family #252**. He has 1m -5, 1 m 30 – 39, 1 m. 60 – 69, 1 f 30 – 39. The William we found in 1840 & 1850 would be 38 years old confirming this to be William and Elizabeth with son Mathew. IT is noted here that they also have an elderly male in the house not seen in later years.

## 1820

We continue on our Journey back to 1820. James would be 0 -5 and Malinda would be born about the same.

Jacob Rhoden is found in **Wayne County GA on Page 5.** He has 3 males under 10, 1 male 26 – 44, 1 f – 10, and 1 f 26 – 44. Jacob would be 33 years old. We can assumed that James is counted here as we know that Jacob had 3 sons with only his oldest daughter having been born.

William Dowling is also found in Wayne County GA on page 4. He has 1 m. – 10, 1 m 16 – 25, 1 male 45 +, 1 f – 10, 1 f 16 – 25, 1 f 45+. William Dowling would be about 28 years old. Utilizing the information in 1830 we can see that this is the same family but that they have both a elderly male and female living in their home.

I will note here as well that Unicy Moore widow of Caleb Moore, mother to John Moore, father to Malinda is also in Wayne County living 5 homes from William Dowling on page 5. Malinda's father John Moore also migrates to Lowndes County.

Also traveling with Jacob is Jeremiah Johns with 1m – 10, 1 m 16-25, 1 m 26-44, 1 m 45+, 1F – 10 1 F 16-25, 1 F 45+ and I sac Johns. 4 m – 10m 1 n 10-15m 1 n 15 – 25m 1 n 45+m 2 /f 10-15m 1 /f 45+. I mention both of these individuals because I believe these are Jacobs uncles as reflected in the below deed and will be explored later. .

8 Jan 1819 (Barnwell) SC. Deed Patience JOHNS, widow of Jacob, John JOHNS, **Isaac Johns,** William JOHNS, Levi JOHNS, Cornelius JOHNS, George JOHNS, **Jeremiah JOHNS, Mary RODEN,** Sally PELLUMS, John McKINNEY, Elizabeth WALKER to Frederick SHEPHERD for \$600, 300 ac. granted to Andrew DEVANEY and 156 ac. granted to Jacob JOHNS, Cross Swamp on Saltkathchee River. Bk. L, pg. 268.

John Rhoden is not found in the 1820 census. John would be 17 years old. John is believed to be in Blount County Alabama at this time as according to Blount County early marriages John married Sallie Newman on 14 June 1821. John catches up to Jacob and William as he is found in 1821 at the Georgia Land Lottery. John would now be 18 and able to attain his own land.

### 1821 Georgia Land Lottery

Name	County	Military district	Lot	Section	Drew Land
Jacob Roden	Wayne	Jacobs	203	10	Dooly
John Roden	Wayne	Jacobs	180	13	Monroe
Surviller Roden orph.	Wayne	Jacobs	35	7	Dooly
William Dowling	Liberty	McCranies	252	6	Houston

\* I will also note several John Moore's also received land.

The rules of the Land Lottery stated that the acquired land from the Creek Indian Nation would be surveyed and divided into lots. The lots would be numbered and put into a wheel and constitute prizes. It required that the person be a US Citizen and have lived in GA at least 3 years but allowed such person to be out of state on business. That each male over 18 years of age was allowed one draw. Every married man with or without children 2 draws and if not married with a legitimate male child 2 draws. All widows with own residence one draw. All families with orphans under age 21 one draw unless orphan has the right to stand alone for their draw. An orphan who's father is dead can receive one draw and receive property of there own to be given in the same county as the eldest orphan and or the orphans guardian.

The lottery rules give us a really good clue that Surviller Roden is related to Jacob Rhoden as she is assigned to the same county as Jacob even though Jacob, John and Surviller all come from Jacobs District, Wayne County GA. Surviller / Survilla and Jacob both received their land in Dooly meaning that Jacob was Survilla's older brother and or her guardian. Military Service was not mandated to qualify but that they couldn't have evaded the service..

We have been able to establish that James, William and Tempy are the children of Jacob and Polly Rhoden with one unknown son. We have also determined that Jacob has a sister Savilla. We can assume that Elizabeth Rhoden Dowling is a sister of Jacob as she is always near to Jacob and or John and or James. We can also then assume that Mary Rhoden is the Mother of Jacob, John, Elizabeth and Savilla.

After much research it is realized that 1820 is the first known record of Jacob Rhoden. There was a Jacob Rhoden in TN with Rhodens who migrated from SC that was believed to be our Jacob Rhoden. Further research proves that this was not our Jacob Rhoden but was in fact Jacob Peck Rhoton/Roden who died according to his widows pension W2207 Mollie Rhoton/Roden of Jefferson County TN.

We know that Jacob and Mary and John and Elizabeth all came from SC. We know that their Mother was named Mary. Many different researchers have claimed different parents for them. Almost all claim William and Mary as parents of Jacob, John and Elizabeth. We know for fact that Mary is the mother. As such we have only two deeds that can provide us a clue as to the father.

The first is this: **18 Feb 1818 (Barnwell) SC.** Deed Mary **RODEN**, Benjamin SANDIFER, Rhody SANDIFER, William DOWLING, Elizabeth DOWLING, to Jesse RICE 100 ac granted to Aaron RICE 4 Dec 1786 on Little Saltcatcher River. Wit. ?? COPELAND, George **RODEN**, Sarah WILSON. *Bk. K, pg. 147.*

This deed we know belongs to our Mary as she is with Elizabeth Roden Dowling. This Deed mentions a George Roden as Wittness. This deed places our Mary into Barnwell as a widow in 1818. This deed also proves that William and Elizabeth have not yet migrated. We could assume that John is still with Mary as he was only 15. Jacob would be 21. He may or may not still be in SC. We know he qualifies for the land lottery in 1821 as a 3 year resident and is found in 1820 in Wayne GA so he may be gone or just getting ready to leave. My assumption as he did not sign the deed of sale is that he is gone. This deed does lead us to believe that Mary was married to a William as Aaron Rice was married to Ellender Rhoden sister of a William Rhoden.

The second deed: 8 Jan 1819 (Barnwell) SC. Deed Patience JOHNS, widow of Jacob, John JOHNS, Isaac Johns, William JOHNS, Levi JOHNS, Cornelius JOHNS, George JOHNS, Jeremiah JOHNS, Mary **RODEN**, Sally PELLUMS, John McKINNEY, Elizabeth WALKER to Frederick SHEPHERD for \$600, 300 ac. granted to Andrew DEVANEY and 156 ac. granted to Jacob JOHNS, Cross Swamp on Saltkathchee River. *Bk. L, pg. 268.*

This deed also proves that Mary was a widow by 1819 and lived in Barnwell. I believe this deed proves that the mother of our Rodens was Mary Johns Roden. Again some researchers agree with this others simply state that it is a different Mary. I believe it is Mary Johns Rhoden because of Jacob arriving in Wayne county with his Uncles Isaac and Jeremiah. Also because of Jacobs name I believe he was named of his grandfather Jacob Johns.

Knowing that all came from SC and knowing that they were all still located in SC in 1810 I looked at all possible Rodens. We know that Mary mother to Elizabeth who married William Dowling did not leave the state until after 1819. Elizabeth married in Barnwell 07 Jan 1813. William was son of Jabez Dowling and is easily identified in his house as male 16-25 in the 1810 census. So Elizabeth and John and possible Jacob must be with their mother in the 1810 or close by. Jabez is living in Barnwell District as was Mary according to the deeds. So we have to take a close look at 1810 to see if we can identify them. Not just including Barnwell but all possible Rodens in all possible counties.

Elizabeth would be 19,  
Jacob would be 23,  
John would be 7,  
Mary would be 50.

### **Barnwell**

Henry **2m-10**, 3m16-25, 1m45+, 3F-10, 1F10-15, 1F 26-44

John 1m45+, 1F10-15, 1F45+

Josiah 1m 16-25, 1 F -10, 1F 16-25

Leven 1m 16-25, 2F-10, 1F 16-25, 2 Slaves

**Nehemiah 1m-10, 1m26-44, 1F16-25, 1F26-44, 1F 45+** (Jacob Missing)

Wiley 1 m10-15, 1F16-25

William **1m-10**, 1m10-15, 1m26-44, 1F26-44

### **(19) 1810-Census, (Fairfield ) SC**

Jeremiah RODEN **1m 16-25**, 1m 26-44, 1 f -10, 1f 10 -15, **1f 16-25**, 1f 26-44.

**Mary RODEN, 3m -10, 2m 10-15, 1m 16-25, 2f -10, 1f 10-15, 2f 16-25, 1f 26-44.**

(Mary's age could be off.

### **1810 Census Edgefield**

Elisha **2m -10**, 1 m 10-15, **2m 16-25**, 1 m26-44, 2F 10-15, 1f 26-44

### **1810 Census Chester**

George **2m-10**, 1m 26-44, **1F 16-25**

Jas 1m 26-44, 1F-10, **1F16-25**

John **3m 16-25**, 1 male 45+, **2 F 16-25**, 1F 26-44 9 Slaves

Joshua **1 m -10**, 1m 26-44, 3F-10, 1 F26-44

William 2m 45+, **1F45+**

### **Orangeburg**

**Go Rhoden 1 m-10, 1m16-25, 1m 45+, 2F 16-25, 1F45+**

### **Horry SC**

Simon Roden 1m 26-44, 3F-10, 2F10-15, 1F 26-44 and 1 slave

### **Collecton**

William **3m-10**, **1m16-25**, 1m 26-44, 3F -2F-10, 2f 10-15, 1F26-44.

The above includes all possible Rodens in all possible counties. I have color coded each person for future researchers as this is where I will end for now the research of the possible father of Jacob. As seen above there are a few possibilities. Interestingly none prove a William. The widow Mary living in Fairfield is a possibility if she lied about her age in 1850. We have seen that many times before.

Go Rhoden in Orangeburg is the best possibility as he has every possible person living in the house. I will also note the George that witnessed the Barnwell deed of Mary and Elizabeth. And in Barnwell the best possibility is Nehemiah. He has everyone except Jacob himself but at 23 he could be with the other Rodens who ran off with Daniel Boone to Kentucky Tennessee and later Alabama. I say that because we must remember that John brother to Jacob did marry his wife in Alabama where the other Rodens were



residing. Each person will have to draw their own conclusion. If it were to be the widow Mary who had a husband named William just know that many other people have claimed them in many different ways. The truth is that proving either will belongs to us is impossible because the names were not mentioned.

William of Chester County died before 1800. He leaves all to wife Mary and son Johnathon and others. I doubt that this is ours because John is born in 1803.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> will for William of Barnwell leaves land to three sons William, Simeon and John and also has a wife Mary. He also mentions 7 kids. I doubt this is our William either because of the following deed.

27 Nov 1818 (Chester) SC. James RODEN, Jane (x) DAVIS "who was Jane RODEN", William RODEN, Lavina (x) RODEN, Mary (x) SHEPHERD "who was Mary RODEN", Savilla (x) HENSON "who was Savilla RODEN", heirs and legal representatives of William RODEN, deceased; power of attorney to "our friend and brother" Allen RODEN to sell a ttract of 150 ac. in Fairfield Co., SC which belong to "our deceased father". POA signed in Harrison Co., IN. Bk. T, p. 83.

This pretty much excludes all of our subjects with the possible exception of Savilla

I hope one day a researcher will be able to prove father to Jacob, John, Elizabeth and Savilla. I believe their mother without a doubt was Mary Johns Rhoden but their father remains unproven. If anyone makes further discoveries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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