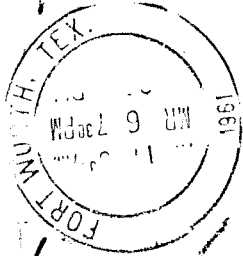


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Mr. -- Tatum
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Dear Mr. Tatum:

This is a peculiar way to address a letter, I will admit. But for several years as a sort of hobby I have been trying to collect information on the Tatum clan. My father Henry Pierce Tatum who was born near Elizabethtown, N. C. son of Ollen or Ollin Tatum and grandson of Jesse Tatum used to tell us that when he was a young man, probably on his way to Texas, he visited an uncle, Owen Tatum, near Monroeville, Alabama, in Monroe County. He told the tale that when Owen Tatum was a boy, probably in his 'teens, he helped drive a herd of cattle from N. C. to Alabama, married and raised a family there and never went back to N. C. That Owen Tatum was a farmer of considerable substance and did a good deal of trading in livestock. Now this Owen Tatum was a brother of Ollen Tatum, my grand father, and a grandson of Jesse Tatum, my great grandfather. Jesse Tatum's wife was an Elkins, but I do not know her given name.

Now knowing the above, the other day I went down to the Public Library here and viewed the microfilm of the 1860 census of Monroe County, Alabama. In it, sure enough, was listed Owen Tatum and his family. It was written in good handwriting in ink but some of it was very dim and hard to read accurately. But the census taker, whose name I did not take down, gave his postoffice as Burnt Corn, Alabama. I thought to myself, that is an odd name. But I looked ^{not} it up on a present day road map, and that is right, it is still there. I could make out for sure the age of Owen Tatum, - it was either 51 or 58, probably 51 in 1860.

Now it was probably about 1885 let us say that Papa visited him. If he was 51 he must have been born about 1809 and would have been about 76 in 1885. Ollen Tatum his brother was born in 1808. He had at least another brother whose name was Theophilus Tatum and they called him Off Tatum. Off Tatum had a son named Dan Tatum, and Dan Tatum had a son named Nash Tatum. Nash Tatum was Sheriff of Blader County, N. C. some thirty or so years ago. I do not know whether he is still living or not.

Now the census of Monroe County, Alabama, of 1860 gives Owen Tatum's family as follows: Owen Tatum, 51. Value of real estate: \$4000. Value of personal property: \$1,000. Place of birth: N. C. His wife is not listed, probably dead at the time but I do not remember Papa saying anything about it. Son, William age 19; Morly 17; John 15; Richard 13; Arsa or Ursa a girl 12; Morison 10; Hugh 5. Now this of course was just a year before the outbreak of the Civil War and it is possible that the older two boys went to the war, and may be never came back. It was I figure at least 25 may be more years later that Papa visited them and they that were living were then mature or middle aged. William would have been may be 45, Ursa 37 and Hugh 30 or more.

Now just as a matter of gneral interest in getting all the information I can on the Tatums I will appreciate it if who ever gets this letter will write me all you know of the descendents of this Owen Tatum, or pass this letter along to some other member of the clan so inclined.

Sincerely,

Wm. C. Tatum

"FAMILY TREE"

Note: It is known that Owen Tatum, Theophilus Tatum, and Ollen Tatum were brothers. Whether Claborn Tatum and Joshua Tatum were also brothers and sons of Jesse is not certain without further information on is not certain. They were of the proper age to be and also. Also Jesse in the census of 1820 of Bladen County, N. C. had 6 male members of his family beside himself. So Joshua and Claborn certainly were either brothers of the others or cousins. I have reason to believe that a Laban Tatum who was shown in the Sampson County N. C. census of 1808 and also in the 1790 census of Sampson County but never found in Bladen County was a brother of greatgrandfather Jesse, because Uncle Malcolm Mc I. Tatum said he could remember his father, Ollen Tatum exclaiming while talking to a cousin, an "Aunt" Peggie or Maggie: "Oh yes, I remember Uncle Laban"

JESSE TATUM & WIFE WHO WAS A MISS ELKINS
 Born before 1775 as he is shown on 1820
 census a being "over 45"

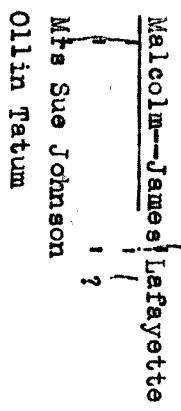
1860 census: OWEN TATUM
 Born Bladen Co. 1802
 1802 moved to Ala. Sarah 1814 (w.)
 when a boy.

1850 Census Claborn Tatum
 Born 1803
 Elizabeth
 Charity
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1850 census Joshua Tatum
 Born 1806
 Eliz. 1818 (w.)
 John D. 1832
 Robert W. 1834
 Julia A. 1845

1850 census THEOPHILUS TATUM
 Born 1807
 Anna M. 1816
 John H. 1842
 Daniel S. 1836
 Julia A. 1842
 Sarah C. 1844
 Harriett M. 1846
 Marshall N. 1848
 Susana E. 1850
 Lennon A. 1855
 Emeline 1857

Morly b. 1843
 John 1845
 Richard 1847
 Ursa 1848
 Morrison 1850
 Hugh



Family record & OLLIEN TATUM
 Born 1808
 Sarah Ann 1814
 1st wife, a Baker
 Richard W. 1831
 Jonathan S. 1834
 (Killed Siege of Vicksburg 5/21/163)
 Hanson 1836
 (Died young)
 Simeon (Died young) 1838
 Marshall N. 1841
 (Surren. with Gn. Lee 4/9/165)
 Nicholas G. 1844
 Catherine daught.
 Thom. & Mary McInt
 2nd wife 1820
 Sarah Jane 1846
 Malcolm McL. 1848
 John Wesley 1849
 Owen J. 1850
 Ellen C. 1852
 HENRY P. 1853
 (My dad)
 Alex. T (d. young)
 Albert D. 1857
 Purley (Preston) 1863

Notes: The year of birth in all but Ollen Tatum group is figured by subtracting the age at time of census from year of census, so in any case would be a year off.

March 10, 1961

MEMORANDUM

1860 Census made 24 August, 1860

In as much as I had lost my notes which I made a year or so ago I went back over to the Library and checked the U. S. Census Records of 1860 and 1870 of the Owen Tatum family of Monroe County Ala. I also checked the 1850 Census record but could not find his name listed, possibly I overlooked it, or possibly he was living in another county at the time. The writing, while of a high quality, is not always very plain, the paper has faded and the ink in many cases has faded, possibly of poor quality to start with. I detected some errors both in my making out of the spelling in some cases, and of my reading the figures of the ages of the 1860 census which was the one I found before.

1860

The 1860 Census as I now read it, partly with the aid of a magnifying glass to bring out unclear or indistinct letters or figures is as follows:
, Tatum, Owen, Farmer (Page 77 original numbering, page 843 government stamped numbering the first number apparently referring to Monroe County, and the stamped number referring to the whole state) Post Office: Burnt Corn. Census taker (Deputy Marshall) L. P. Clingman. No wife's name was given, probably deceased. Incidentally, there was no wife given in the 1870 Census either. Value of real estate 4000. Value of personal estate 7000

Children;

- William, age 12, Male (probably born 1848) *What became of William?*
- Milley, " age 12, Female, (also probably born 1848, and probably twins.) This girl's name in the 1870 Census spelled something like: Milleye. The last two letters I am not certain about.
- John, age 15 Male (Probably born 1845) *what became of John?*
- Richard " 13 Male (" " 1847) *what became of Arsa?*
- Arsa " 12 Female (" " 1848) not sure of spelling: may be Arsa, Anea, or Ansa.
- Monroe " 10 Male (" " 1850) this name I made out before I believe Morris or Morison.
- Hugh " 5 Male (" " 1855)

Now in the 1870 U. S. Census of Monroe County this same family is given. Page 145 original number and stamped number 479. The whole County post office is given as Dennards Bluff. So that must have been the post office of the 1860 census taker, Deputy Marshall, Samuel Barr. (At another entry I make out the name as Samuel Blair) This family census was made July 11, 1870. Some changes in the family have taken place since the 1860 census. William is not listed, probably moved away on his own, or deceased. The censuses give only the people who live in a particular dwelling in one group. Also Richard is apparently married but he and his wife live in the same dwelling. In the case of Milly of 1860 she is now of course 22 but spells her name Milleye or something of the kind. Probably you will know how it should be. Also the name *T* is now spelled Tatom instead of Tatum. (That is OK, my grandfather Ollen spelled it Tatom, as did the older set of his children. but Papa said most every one else spelled it tatum so he changed to spelling it Tatom. Also there is now a girl named Josephin, 11 years of age. I can not explain that. But possibly Owen Tatum's wife had recently died in 1860 and this infant may have taken care of by some relative or friend and was therefore not in the same dwelling with Owen and so technically was not listed. So to go ahead with the 1870 Census:

- Tatom, Owen, age 65, born N. Carolina, value real estate 1000. Value personal property 1200. (Now there is quite a fall in valuation from 1860. Possibly that is a realistic reflection of the effects of the Civil War)
- Tatom, Milleye, age 22, house work. (Wonder what ever became of Milly. Girls and everyone else had a rough time in the South coming up thru and after the Uncivil War!) I know. Ive heard too much talk
- Hugh age 16
- Monroe age 18. "hat became of him?
- Richard 22
- Marouritt (?) 18 (wife) (I believe Mrs Susie T. Johnson of Beatrice who answered my first letter is a descendent of Richard and Marouritt)
- Josephin 11.