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Purpose: To present research on Cesar Queen (GMP-063) and Angeline, children of Harriet (GMP-062)

Discussion:

The January 1851 inventory of the Batey & Thibodaux Plantation in Terrebonne Parish includes an enslaved girl named Angeline, age 10, and an enslaved boy named Cesar, age 12.¹ The April 1851 inventory and sale of the Batey & Thibodaux slaves indicates that the family group of Harriet, age 50; Cesar, age 12; and Angeline, age 10, were sold to Mrs. H. Gruneberg.² Harriet (GMP-062) has been identified as the wife of a freeman named James Queen who remained in Maryland after the 1838 sale.

In 1853, a sale of the estate of Mrs. H.C. Gruneberg (Emée Toups) took place. Her husband, Dr. H.C. Gruneberg, became the purchaser of the following slaves: Joe, 50; Harriett, 52; Angelina, 14, ruptured; and Ceazar, 16.³ In 1860, C. Henry Gruneberg, age 40, a horse trader, was living in Lafourche Parish. He had \$4,000 in real estate and \$7,000 in personal property.⁴ The 1860 slave schedule lists three slaves for C. Gruneberg: one male, age 50, one male, age 23, and one female, age 20.⁵ These three slaves are likely matches to Joe, Ceasar, and Angeline. If these identities are correct, Harriet likely died sometime between 1853 and 1860. Between 1860 and 1870, C. Henry Gruneberg moved his family to New Orleans. No further information could be found on what happened to his slaves after emancipation.

This report presents research findings on the possible identities of Cesar Queen (GMP-063) and Angeline.

Cesar Queen (GMP-063)

Cesar Queen (GMP-063) was born ca. 1838. The GMP believes he is the six-month-old unnamed infant of Harriet listed on Jesse Batey's 1839 purchase document. There is no good match for him on Henry Claiborne Thibodaux's 1847 mortgage document, however, the January 1851 inventory of the Batey estate lists Cesar, age 12. At the April 1851 sale of the Batey estate, Cesar, age 12,

was sold to Mrs. H. Gruneberg along with Harriet and Angeline. He may be the same as Joe, age 16, sold in 1853 from the estate of Mrs. H.C. Gruneberg (Emee Toups) to her husband, Dr. H.C. Gruneberg.⁶

Two men named Cesar (or similarly spelled) were researched as possibly being Cesar Queen. The first was Cezar Brown. He could not be identified on the 1870 census, but in 1880, the family of Cezar Brown, age 50, wife, Rechel, age 50, with children, Harriette, age 18, Cezer, age 19, and Jinny, age 11, and granddaughter, Mary Brown, age 3, is found living in Terrebonne Parish.⁷ Later censuses indicate that the younger Cezar Brown may have been born in Alabama. If so, the older Cezar Brown is not likely the same as Cesar Queen. However, this family of Cezar and Rechel Brown is somewhat of a fit for Rachael Campbell (GMP-263) sold with implied spouse Cesar and children Offy and Reuben to Henry M. Thibodaux (see below).

The second person researched was Ceasar Barber who was married in 1881 to Sophie Carter.⁸ This couple was found living in the vicinity of the former Batey & Thibodaux Plantation in 1880 and 1900, however, no living descendants have yet been identified.

Angeline

Extensive research was done on a woman or possibly two women named Angeline or Angelina Davis who lived in Terrebonne Parishes. This section presents those findings.

A 25-year-old woman named Angelina Davis is found on the 1870 census of Terrebonne Parish living in Ward 3, the Bayou Blue area, which was near the former Batey & Thibodaux Plantation. She was living in the household of 75-year-old Burley Good, born in Alabama.⁹ She is about five years younger than Angeline, daughter of Harriet.

On 1 June 1881, an Angeline Davis was married to Robert Davis by F.T. Chinn, minister. No parents are identified in the record. Witnesses were Wm. Jackson, Mich/I? Nicholson, and S.F. Raymond.¹⁰ The couple can be found on the 1870 and 1880 Lafourche Parish censuses.

In 1870, the household consisted of the following persons: Robert Davis, age 60, a carpenter born in South Carolina; Margarete, age 55, keeping house, born in Mississippi; Angelina, age 18, farm laborer, born in Mississippi; and Jane, age 2, born in Louisiana.¹¹ The household in 1880 consisted of: Robert Davis, age 30; Azelina Davis, age 26; and Jennie Davis, age 12. All were born in Louisiana, as were Azelina's parents.¹² These two records put Angelina Davis's year of birth at around 1852-54.

In 1884, an Angeline Davis purchased from Robert R. Barrow and Volumnia R. Barrow, wife of William J. Slatter, one half of two lots (Lots 1 and 2 in Block A) in Bateyville, a subdivision which had been created out of the former Batey & Thibodaux Plantation.¹³ Terrebonne Parish Tax Assessment rolls were searched and Angelina Davis was assessed the two half lots on Front Street up to 1916. Beginning in 1917, they were assessed to Leon Block.¹⁴ In 1916, Angeline Davis, a

widow residing in Los Angeles, California, sold the two lots to Leon Block.¹⁵

A baptismal record was found for Mary Jenne Davis, daughter of Angelina Davis, baptized 19 May 1869 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Houma, Louisiana. Godparents were listed as G.F. Beldan and Rosa Olivier.

At Nicholls State University Archives, a document dated 8 March 1885 was found in the Lafourche Parish Court Records, State of Louisiana vs. Robert Davis, 12th Judicial District Court, Lafourche Parish. Angeline Davis testified against her husband, Robert Davis. In the proceedings she identified her daughter as Jennie Berger or Janie Burger, and her cousin as Celeste Gibbs. Celeste Gibbs was very likely the daughter of Thomas Cooper, a cooper born in South Carolina ca. 1814-15, and Betsey. Thomas Cooper had been enslaved on the Batey & Thibodaux Plantation, but was not one of the GU272.¹⁶

As mentioned above, Angeline Davis was residing in Los Angeles, California, in 1916 when she sold her property in Bateyville. The witness to the sale was Janie Sikes. Jennie Sikes was located on the 1920 census in Los Angeles and in her household were two children, Ruth and Jesse Sikes, along with her mother, Angie Hunt.¹⁷ In 1930, Janie Sykes' household consisted of her mother, Angie Hunt, and son Jesse T. Sykes.¹⁸ The 1903 marriage record of Levi A. Hunt and Angie Davis was also found, but no parents for Angie Davis were listed. Finally, the death certificate of Angie Hunt, who died 14 Aug. 1935, was located in Los Angeles. The information, apparently taken from the hospital records, indicated that Angie Hunt was born 7 Aug. 1859 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and her parents were Robert Davis and Margaret, both born in Louisiana. Her age is given as 76, however, based on her age of 18 in 1870, she would have been around 83.

Based on her age (born ca. 1852-59), the identity of her parents on her death certificate (Robert and Margaret), and the corroborating evidence of the 1870 census, it does not appear that Angeline Davis was the same as Angeline (b. ca. 1840), daughter of Harriet Queen. Unfortunately, no living descendants of Angeline Davis appear to exist for DNA testing. Although Angeline Davis's daughter Janie had two children, it does not appear that either of them left descendants. Janie V. Sykes died in Los Angeles in 1935, Jesse Theo Sykes died in 1966, and Ruth Sykes Webster died in 1971.

It could not be determined if the 25-year Angelina Davis living with Burley Good in 1870 was the same person as Angelina Davis who married Robert Davis or a different woman enumerated twice on the 1870 census. She is closer in age to Angeline, daughter of Harriet, but nothing further could be found on her.

The last confirmed record of Angeline, daughter of Harriet, is her sale in 1853 from Mrs. Gruneberg's estate. Angeline was very likely the 20-year-old unnamed enslaved woman listed on the 1860 slave schedule as belonging to Mr. Gruneberg. Nothing definitive could be found on her after 1860.

Conclusion:

Nothing definitive could be found on either Cesar Queen (GMP-063) or Angeline, children of Harriet (GMP-062), after they were sold in 1853 to Dr. H.C. Gruneberg.

Endnotes:

1. Inventory of the Batey & Thibodaux Plantation, Conveyance Book N, p. 634, Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court, Houma, La.
2. Sale of the Batey & Thibodaux Plantation slaves, Civil & Probate vol. 23, probate #240, Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court, Houma, La.
3. Sale of estate of Mrs. H.C. Gruneberg, Conveyance Book GG, p. 138, Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court, Thibodaux, La.
4. 1860 U.S. census, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 7, p. 81, family #276, citing National Archives microfilm publication M653.
5. 1860 U.S. census, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, slave sched., Ward 7, p. 38, citing National Archives microfilm publication M653.
6. Sale of estate of Mrs. H.C. Gruneberg, Conveyance Book GG, p. 138, Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court, Thibodaux, La.
7. 1880 U.S. census, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Enumeration District 186, p. 231A (stamped), family #96, citing National Archives microfilm publication T9.
8. Donald J. Hebert, *South Louisiana Records, Church and Civil Records of Lafourche-Terrebonne Parishes, Volume 7 (1881-1885)* (Eunice: Hebert Publications, 1981), p. 29.
9. 1870 U.S. census, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 3, p. 370B (stamped), family #152, citing National Archives microfilm publication M593.
10. Marriages 1881, #103, Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court, Thibodaux, La.
11. 1870 U.S. census, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 2, p. 357A (stamped), family #99, citing National Archives microfilm publication M593.
12. 1880 U.S. census, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Enumeration District 128, p. 546A (stamped), family #10, citing National Archives microfilm publication T9.
13. Conveyance Book II, p. 88, Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court, Houma, La.
14. Terrebonne Parish Tax Assessment Rolls, no accession number, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.

15. Conveyance Book 91, p. 493, Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court, Houma, La.
16. On his way home from purchasing the Jesuit slaves in Washington, D.C., in 1838, Jesse Batey stopped in South Carolina and purchased two skilled laborers, one of whom was Thomas Cooper (Conveyance Book H, pp. 314-315, Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court). Celeste Gibbs, age 23, and single, can be found on the 1880 census listed as a servant, possibly in the household of Richard Pugh (Ward 1, E.D. 27, p. 539B, family #135). It is not known if Gibbs is a married name or if Thomas Cooper changed his surname from his occupation (cooper) to a family name (Gibbs). How Angeline Davis and Celeste Gibbs were cousins is undetermined, but it is likely that their mothers, both born in Mississippi, were sisters.
17. 1920 U.S. census, Los Angeles County, California, Los Angeles Assembly District 71, Enumeration District 282, p. 210A (stamped), family #70, citing National Archives publication T625.
18. 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles County, California, Los Angeles city, Enumeration District 315, p. 43B (stamped), family #222, citing National Archives microfilm publication T626.