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Purpose: To present research on Mathew Green as possibly being the son of Henrietta Cutchmore and Miles Green (GMP-189)

Discussion:

Baptismal records of Ascension Catholic Church in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, contain a baptism for Mathieu, son of Henny, slave of Henry Johnson. He was baptized 29 May 1848 at age five weeks.¹ Henny was considered as possibly being Henrietta Cutchmore (not a GU272 Ancestor, but likely an enslaved person sold by the Maryland Jesuits to Henry Johnson in 1835), who had one known son with Miles Green (GMP-189) named Basil Green. Mathieu was, therefore, explored as possibly being named Mathew Green.

Basil Green was born in Ascension 30 August 1847 and baptized 20 September 1847.² There is roughly only eight months between the birth of Basil and the birth of Mathieu, making it unlikely that Henrietta Cutchmore could have given birth to both so close together. Errors, however, can be made in the records, particularly when some time has passed between the birth and the baptism of the child. Additionally, language barriers, often a problem in Louisiana, can cause misunderstandings.

No slave named Matthew is found listed on the 1851 sale of Chatham. However, Henrietta Cutchmore cannot be identified on that sale either, even though she is known to have been alive at that time. Her whereabouts in 1870 are likewise unknown, but she was living in New Orleans from 1880 until her death there in 1909.³

A death certificate of a Mathew Green was located in New Orleans. It indicated he was born in Louisiana and died at age 46 on 20 March 1893 in New Orleans at 440 Philip Street.⁴

The 1870 census of Orleans lists Matthew Greene, age 22, mulatto, Jour. cooper, born Louisiana, with Irena, age 27, mulatto, born La., and Elias Brown, age 10, at school, born Louisiana.⁵ Nothing further could be found on the child Elias Brown.

The 1880 census of New Orleans lists a Mathew Green, age 33, born Louisiana, father born Maryland, and mother born Virginia, with wife Aurenia, age 37, on Philip Street. Nephews Alex Lewis, age 14, and Geo Lewis, age 11, were in the household.⁶

The two nephews in 1880 were researched to determine how they were related. They were found on the 1870 census of Harrison County, Mississippi, apparently the children of Jackson Lewis, age 37, born Louisiana, and Eliza Lewis, age 30, born Louisiana.⁷ The two boys were Alexander Lewis, age 4, and George Lewis, age 2. A death certificate for Eliza Ann Lewis indicated that she was a native of Franklin, Louisiana, aged 36, and died 10 September 1872 at 176 St. Andrew St. in New Orleans. Jackson Louisa was the informant.⁸ Another death certificate was found for Mrs. Jackson Lewis, native of Natchez, Miss., aged 35, who died 5 November 1879 at 407 Gravier St. in New Orleans. Jackson Lewis was the informant.⁹ The relationship between Alex and George Lewis to Mathew Green or his wife, Aurenia/Irene, could not be established.

New Orleans City Directories for the years 1868 to 1895 were searched and the following entries were found:

1895 - not found

1894 - Irene Green, wid. Matthew, r. 440 Philip

1893 - Matthew Green, cooper, r. 440 Philip, 4th Dist.

1892 - Matthew Green, cooper, r. 440 Philip, 4th Dist.

1891 - Matthew Green, cooper John McNamara, r. 440 Philip, 4th

1890 - Matthew Green, cooper John McNamara, r. 440 Philip, 4th

1889 - Matthew Green, r. 463? Philip St.

1888 - Mathias Green, cooper, r. 348? Jackson av. bet. Dryades & Rampart and/or

1888 - Matthew Green, cooper J. Kelly, r. Jackson av. bet. Dryades & Rampart

1886 - not found

1885 - not found

1884 - Matthew Green, cooper, r. 392 Jackson, 4th dist.

1883 - Matthew Green, cooper, r. 392 Jackson, 4th dist.

1882 - Matthew Green, cooper, r. 392 Jackson, 4th dist.

1881 - Matthew Green, cooper, r. 392 Jackson, 4th dist.

1880 - Matthew Green, cooper J. Kelly, r. 392 Jackson, 4th dist.

1879 - Matthew Green, cooper, 485 Josephine, 4th dist., r. 392 Jackson, 4th dist.

1878 - Mathew Green, cooper, 4. 392 Jackson, 4th dist.

1877 - Mathias Green, cooper, r. 513 Baronne

1876 - Mathias Green, cooper J.B. Meyers, r. 513 Baronne

1875 - Matthew Green, cooper John B. Meyers, r. 513 Baronne

1874 - Matthew Green, cooper George Johns, r. South Basin, cor. Lafayette

1873 - Matthew Green, cooper, J.B. Meyers, r. Lafayette, cor. Babin

1872 - Matthew Green, cooper, r. rear 250 Lafayette

1871 - Mathias (col'd), cooper, Pelican Cooper Shop, r. Basin, cor. Lafayette

1870 - not found

1869 - not found

1868 - not found

The 1890 Veterans census for New Orleans listed a Mathew Green in Co. F 73 USCI.¹⁰ Malissa Ruffner pulled a pension for him which indicated that this Mathew Green died 29 April 1913 and was a slave of Joseph Delery in Plaquemines Parish. Therefore, this is not the same Matthew Green who died in 1893.¹¹

Susan Gibson who was living in the household of Mathew Green in New Orleans in 1880 was also researched. She died 28 June 1888, was age 65, and was a native of Tennessee. At the time, she resided at 410 Jackson St. and the informant was Abe Jackson, a native of New Orleans residing at 326 First St.¹²

Conclusion:

Other than his father being from Maryland and his mother from Virginia (according to the 1880 census), no evidence linking Matthew Green to Mathieu, born at Chatham in 1848 to Henny, could be found.

Endnotes:

1. Fabrique de l'Eglise de la Paroisse d'Ascension; Baptisms of Persons of Color, Slave and Free, 1818-1825), ASC-19, 107, Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Archives, Baton Rouge, La.
2. Ibid., ASC, 19, 101.
3. Orleans Deaths, 1909, vol. 146, p. 816, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.
4. Orleans Deaths, 1893, vol. 103, p. 906, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.
5. 1870 U.S. census, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 3, p. 601A (stamped), family #421, citing National Archives microfilm publication M593.
6. 1880 U.S. census, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Enumeration District 73, p. 448A (stamped), family #607, citing National Archives microfilm publication T9.
7. 1870 U.S. census, Harrison County, Mississippi, pop. sched., Pass Christian Post Office, p. 376B (stamped), citing National Archives microfilm publication M593.
8. Orleans Deaths, 1872, vol. 55, p. 552, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.
9. Orleans Deaths, 1879, vol. 75, p. 745, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.
10. 1890 U.S. census, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Special Schedules Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Enumeration District 102, p. 1, citing

National Archives microfilm publication M123.

11. Matthew Green pension application no. 1,144,084, certificate no. 1,006,883; Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.
12. Orleans Deaths, 1888, vol. 93, p. 421, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.