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**Purpose:** To summarize information found on John/Jack Georgetown of Iberville Parish, Louisiana

**Discussion:**

An individual named Jack (sometimes John or Jacob) Georgetown living in Iberville Parish was researched in an attempt to determine if any connection could be made to the GU272, Georgetown University, or the Jesuits. This report summarizes the information found on Jack Georgetown.

John Georgetown is found on the 1870 census in Ward 3 of Iberville Parish. He was age 57, born in Louisiana, and owned \$100 in personal property. In the household were Ann, age 47, born in Virginia, and five children: Louisa, age 16; Walter, age 13; Mariah, age 7; Jacob, age 4; and George, age 2.<sup>1</sup>

A marriage record between Jack Georgetown and Ann Williams dated 5 Feb. 1876 is found in Iberville Parish. It identifies his parents as Anthony and Rachel Georgetown and her parents as Orman and Elizabeth Williams. They were married by Daniel Ellis, Minister of the Gospel, and the witnesses were Monroe Boston, Martha Lee, and Dedrick Reed.<sup>2</sup>

The 1880 census of Iberville Parish lists Jack Georgetown, age 65, born in Virginia, both parents born in Virginia, with wife Ann, age 55, born in Virginia, both parents born in Virginia. Jack's occupation is laborer. Children in their household were: Maria, age 22; Jacob, age 14; George, age 13; Anna, age 10; and Martha, age 8.<sup>3</sup>

Jack Georgetown died between 1880 and 1900. No death or burial record has been found.

In 1894, Ann Georgetown registered as a midwife.<sup>4</sup> By 1900, Ann Georgetown was a widow living with her son-in-law and daughter, George and Martha James. The census indicates she was born in May 1835 in Virginia, and both parents were born in Virginia. Her occupation is listed as midwife.<sup>5</sup> Ann Georgetown could not be located on the 1910 census, and likely died between 1900 and 1910.

The slaveholder of Jack Georgetown could not be determined. Iberville Parish slaveholders Joseph Ducatel Blanchard and his wife Euphemie Hotard were researched, as they held an enslaved woman named Ann who had a number of children baptized in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Plaquemine between the years 1851 and 1860. One of those children was named John Wallace, born in 1858, who was a potential match for Walter Georgetown (referred to as Walter Wallace Georgetown on some family trees), born ca. 1857. The other children, however, were not matches in either name or age to the other children of Jack and Ann Georgetown.<sup>6</sup> No civil records listing the enslaved persons belonging to Joseph Ducatel Blanchard and his wife Euphemie Hotard could be located. Joseph Ducatel Blanchard died in 1857, but no probate was opened for him.

In researching the extended Blanchard and Hotard families, two enslaved men named Jack (age 22) and Antoine (age 45) were found listed consecutively among the slaves belonging to Euphemie's father, Alexandre Hotard, in 1847. Alexander Hotard brought 25 enslaved persons into a partnership with Zenon LaBauve.<sup>7</sup> No other matches could be made among the enslaved persons belonging to either Hotard or LaBauve. Hotard purchased a 16-year-old boy named Jack in 1841 who is a match to the 22-year-old Jack in 1847.<sup>8</sup> This Jack (born ca. 1825), is slightly younger than Jack Georgetown, who is estimated to have been born around 1813-15.

Similarly, the probate of Jerome Blanchard, Joseph Ducatel's father, was reviewed. The 1834 inventory of his estate contained no enslaved persons matching the names of any Georgetown family members.<sup>9</sup>

DNA results of a Georgetown descendant were examined in 2017 and no matches were found among other GU272 descendants.

### **Conclusion:**

The 1880 census indicates that Jack Georgetown was born in Virginia. That census also indicates his parents (Anthony and Rachel) were born in Virginia. No good matches for any of them are found among the GU272 Ancestors. Furthermore, their slaveholders could not be identified. Consequently, the origins of the surname Georgetown remain unknown.

### **Endnotes:**

1. 1870 U.S. census, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 3, p. 311A (stamped), family #5, citing National Archives microfilm publication M593.
2. Marriage Book 4, p. 177, Iberville Parish Clerk of Court, Plaquemine, La.
3. 1880 U.S. census, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 6, Enumeration District 68, p. 150C (stamped), family #357, citing National Archives microfilm publication T9.

4. Judy Riffel, *Iberville Parish Records, Volume 3* (Baton Rouge: Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane, 2000), p. 192.
5. 1900 U.S. census, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 8, Enumeration District 22, p. 2604A (stamped), family #282, citing National Archives microfilm publication T623.
6. Baptisms of Robert, Rosa, Joseph Edmon, Moses, John Wallace, and Alfred, children of Ann, slave of Joseph Ducatel Blanchard or his widow, Register 3, pp. 9, 37, 73, 75, 91, and 111, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Plaquemine, La., Diocese of Baton Rouge Archives, Baton Rouge, La.
7. Conveyance Book 1, p. 38, Iberville Parish Clerk of Court, Plaquemine, La.
8. Conveyance Book U, p. 319, Iberville Parish Clerk of Court, Plaquemine, La.
9. Succession #437, Probate Court, Iberville Parish Clerk of Court, Plaquemine, La.