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Purpose: To summarize research on Maringouin people who could not be connected to the GU272

Discussion: The following is a summary of the research findings on various Maringouin people and families. In all cases, no connection to the GU272 could be established. Some of those studied were enslaved on or near West Oak Plantation, had ties to Maryland or to the GU272, but who could not be connected to a GU272 Ancestor.

Ely Murphy

According to his death certificate, Ely Murphy was born 15 May 1888, the son of Sam Murphy and Alice Murphy. He died unmarried on 10 January 1941 in Maringouin.¹ No baptismal record has been found.

Ely Murphy cannot be positively identified on the 1900 census. He is first found on the 1910 census living in the household of his grandmother, Menervy or Minerva Pitman in Maringouin. He was 21 years old. The only woman in the household who could be his mother is Minerva Pitman's daughter, Isabella Elan, age 37, who had been married eight years, had given birth to two children, only one of whom was living. Her husband is not in the household. Isabella cannot be located on the 1900 census, but in 1880, she is listed as Elezabet Pitman, age 7, in the household of Nathan and Manerver Pitman, in Ward 4 of Iberville Parish.² In 1878, she is listed as Isabella Williams, age 5, in the household of Minerva Williams.³

In 1917, Ely Murphy registered for the draft. He gave his date of birth as 15 April 1889 in Maringouin. He was single, residing in Pointe Coupee Parish, employed in Lottie, and his occupation was blacksmith.⁴ In 1920, he was enumerated as cousin in the household of Calvin and Lottie Johnson in Pointe Coupee Parish.⁵

Ellis Murphy, age 48, single, is found in Maringouin in 1940 living in the household of his mother, Elizabeth Walker, a widow, aged 65.⁶ Isabell Walker died in 1955 at the age of 77. Her death certificate states she was born in Rosedale and her parents were George Walker and Mary Pitman.⁷

Ely Murphy's death certificate identifying his mother as Alice is likely in error. His mother appears to be Isabelle Pittman, Williams, or Walker, daughter of Minerva Williams or Pitman.

Turning to Ely Murphy's father, Sam Murphy, there was a Samuel Murphy (born ca. 1868) whose mother's was named Alice Harris, daughter of Sam Harris (GMP-098) and Betsy Ware/West (GMP-117). This Samuel Murphy is found on the 1900 census living in the Maringouin area. He had been married for 11 years, but no wife is found in the household. His son, William Murphy, born May 1890, is in the household along with a boarder named Lizzie Jackson, born Apr. 1878. She is five years younger than Isabella Williams or Pitman. William Murphy is approximately the same age as Ely Murphy, however, there is insufficient evidence to conclude that William and Ely Murphy were the same person and that Ely Murphy was the son of Samuel Murphy, a grandson of Sam Harris and Betsy Ware/West.

William Thomas and Julia Scott and Harriet Hill

In 1900, William Thomas and his wife Julia are found in Ward 9 of Iberville Parish living in the vicinity of West Oak Plantation. William Thomas was born in 1865, Julia in 1870, and they had been married ten years (ca. 1890). Eight children were in their household: Ada (born 1891); Janie (born 1892); Elsie (born 1893); Clarence (born 1894); William, Jr. (born 1895); Nace (born 1897); and Priscilla (born 1899).⁸

Baptismal records of St. Joseph Catholic Church at Grosse Tete of three children, Illsey (Elsie), Clarence, and William, Jr., identify their mother as Julia Scott.⁹ No marriage record between William Thomas and Julia Scott could be found.

Julian Scott, age 10, is found on the 1878 Iberville Parish census. She was living in the household with Richard Ellis (age 19), Jane Ellis (age 35), Harriet Hill (age 14), and Emma Ellis (age 1).¹⁰ In 1880, the household consisted of Dick Ellis (age 22), his wife Jane Ellis (age 32), daughter Amma Ellis (age 2), and stepdaughters Julian Scott (age 10) and Harette Hill (age 14).¹¹ No marriage record between Richard and Jane Ellis could be found.

Jane and her daughters Julia and Harriet could not be identified on the 1870 census. The girls' fathers, Scott and Hill men, were likely GU272 ancestors or descendants, but could not be identified. Nothing further on Harriet Hill could be found after 1880. Julia Scott Thomas died some time after 1910. No death certificate could be found.

Annie Gray

Anna M. Smith, daughter of Robert Smith and Adeline Queen (GMP-116), was born circa 1859 and married circa 1886 to Nelson Gray, son of Thomas Gray and Adelpia West (GMP-072). Anna was still living in 1910 when she is found on the census with her husband in East Baton Rouge Parish.¹² Nelson Gray remarried in 1912 Charlotte Blackwell.¹³ A death certificate for Annie Gray, age 52, was found. She was age 52 and died 16 March 1918 near Hunters Lodge Plantation in Iberville Parish. The informant, William Porter of Plaquemine, did not know Annie's parents' names. She

was buried in St. Joseph Cemetery near Plaquemine.¹⁴ The GMP could not determine if this was Anna Smith Gray.

Endnotes:

1. Statewide Deaths, 1941, vol. 2, #746, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.
2. 1880 U.S. census, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 4, Enumeration District 71, p. 183B (stamped), family #22, citing National Archives microfilm publication T9.
3. Judy Riffel, *1878 Iberville Parish Census* (Baton Rouge: Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane, 1991), p. 115.
4. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005. Original data: United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509.
5. 1920 U.S. census, Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 10, Enumeration District 91, p. 241B (stamped), family #144, citing National Archives microfilm publication T625.
6. 1940 U.S. census, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 9, Maringouin, Enumeration District 22, p. 346A (stamped), family #14, citing National Archives microfilm publication T627.
7. Statewide Deaths, 1955, vol. 11, #28, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.
8. 1900 U.S. census, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 9, Enumeration District 23, p. 276B (stamped), family #254, citing National Archives microfilm publication T623.
9. *Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Church Records, Volume 19, 1892-1894* (Baton Rouge: Diocese of Baton Rouge, 2001), p. 633, and *Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Church Records, Volume 20, 1895-1896* (Baton Rouge: Diocese of Baton Rouge, 2003), p. 500.
10. Riffel, *1878 Iberville Parish Census*, p. 123.
11. 1880 U.S. census, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 9, Enumeration District 71, p. 181B (stamped), family #16, citing National Archives microfilm publication T9.
12. 1910 U.S. census, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, pop. sched., Ward 6, Enumeration District 33, p. 89B (stamped), family #248, citing National Archives microfilm publication T624.
13. Marriage Book 9, p. 706, Iberville Parish Clerk of Court, Plaquemine, La.

14. Statewide Deaths, 1918, vol. 8, #3725, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, La.