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Document Title: Transcriptions of Marriage Licenses for Absalom P. Montgomery Sr. and Absalom P. Montgomery Jr., 1834-1869, Pike County, Georgia

My Montgomery line begins with my great-grandmother, Cynthia Anna Montgomery West, daughter of Absalom P. Montgomery Jr.



Cynthia Anna Montgomery and Joseph Samuel West were married on 24 January 1887 in Montague Co., Texas. Anna was born 21 August 1869 in Pike Co., Georgia and died 6 September 1900 in Cloud Chief Twp, Washita Co., Oklahoma. Her parents were Absalom P. Montgomery Jr. and Cynthia M. "Hulda" Connor Montgomery. Joseph was born 27 February 1865 in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana and died 7 January 1927 in Kinta, Haskell Co., Oklahoma He was the son of Benjamin Franklin West and Lucinda Geiger West.

They had six children:

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| 1. Washington Ray West | 5. Effie Lucinda West |
| 2. Zack Simmeon West | 6. Archie Aquilla West |
| 3. Ella Arbella West | |
| 4. Letta Velma West | |

Joseph West married, second, Etta Brown West and they had nine children.

Source: Picture from Sam West, *The West Family Album*, n.d.

[Transcriptions are from photocopies of the original marriage records, with line breaks maintained.]

I. From: *Pike County, Georgia Marriages, 1832-1840, p. 86*

[Note: This is a possible first marriage for Absalom P. Montgomery, b ca 1814/15. No further information is available on Rachael Hammons and she does not appear in the 1850 US Census in Pike County with Absalom P. Montgomery and his family. He was the only Absalom Montgomery in Pike County, Georgia until his son was born in 1849. His uncle Absalom Montgomery's wife was named Nancy, and they lived in Wilkes County, Georgia.]

Georgia Pike County
To any Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court
Justice of the Peace, or Minister of the Gospel
You are hereby authorized to Join
ABSOLEM P. MONTGOMERY & RACHAEL HAMMONS
in the holy state of matrimony, according
to the constitution and Laws of this State: & for
So doing, this shall be your sufficient
License. Given under my hand & Seal
this 8th day of Dec^r. 1834
H. G. Johnson CCO [seal]
Georgia Pike County
I certify that **ABSOLEM P. MONTGOMERY**
& **RACHAEL HAMMONS** were duly Joined
in Matrimony by me, this 8th day of
December 1834.
/s/ John Heatly J.P.

II. *Pike County, Georgia Marriages 1832-1840, p. 174*

[Note: This is the first or second marriage for Absalom P. Montgomery, b ca 1814/5. He and Martha are together in the 1850 Census of Pike Co., GA, and Absalom P. Montgomery Jr. is shown as the eldest child in the family.]

Georgia Pike County
To any Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, Justice
of the Peace or minister of the Gospel
You are hereby authorized to Join **ABSOLEM**
P. MONTGOMERY, AND MARTHA JONES in the holy
State of Matrimony, according to the
constitution & Laws of this State & for so doing
this shall be your sufficient License.
Given under my hand & seal, this
11th Sept. 1838
H. G. Johnson C.C.O. [seal]
Georgia Pike County
I certify that Absolem P. Montgomery &
Martha Jones were duly Joined in
Matrimony, be me this, 12th Sept 1838
/s/ John Heatly J.P.

III. *Pike County, Georgia Marriages Book K, 1855-1872, p. 207*

[This is a second **or** third marriage for A. P. Montgomery, b ca 1814/5. Mary E. Montgomery, age 40 is shown as the wife of A. P. Montgomery in the Homestead Exemption petition filed on 27 April 1876. Minor children named are John C. and James E. Montgomery, 9 years and 6 years, respectively. (*Pike County, Georgia Superior Court Homestead Records, Vol. B. 1872-1877*).

State of Georgia}

Pike County}

To any Judge Justice of the Inferior Court or Justice of the Peace of Minister of the Gospel

You are hereby authorized to Join **MR. A. P. MONTGOMERY & MISS MARY E. HUGGINS** in the Holy State

of Matrimony according to the Constitution and Laws of this State and for so doing this

Shall be your Sufficient License.

Given under my hand and official Signature this October 19th 1865

Charles F. Redding[,] Clerk

Court ordinary

I do certify that A.P. Monl[sic]omery and Miss Mary E. Huggins were duly joined in Matrimony

by me on the 19th October 1865

J. P. MLeod [McLeod], MG

Recorded March 11th 18--[can't read]

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IV. *Pike County, Georgia Marriages Book K, 1855-1872, p. 325*

[Note: This is the marriage record for Absalom P. Montgomery (Jr.) and C[ynthia] M. Conner. There has been some confusion about how many wives he had. He had only one wife, as records in Georgia show. Cynthia is shown in the 1870 census as "Hulda," apparently her nickname, but records after 1870 show that C.M. and Hulda are the same person. The wife of A.P. Montgomery Jr. (b 1849) is shown as "C.M. Montgomery" on 25 January 1877, in a Homestead Exemption Petition given on 25 January 1877 (*Pike County, Georgia Superior Court Homestead Records, Vol. B. 1872-1877*).

Cynthiana [Cynthia Anna], aged 7, and William Montgomery, aged 5, are also named. The first name of "Cynthia" comes from Lawrence/Conner/Connor family records. We have no evidence of a second marriage for A. P. Montgomery Jr.]

Georgia}

Pike County}

To any Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, Justice of the Peace, or Minister of the Gospel:

You are hereby authorized to join **A. P. MONTGOMERY AND MISS C. M. CONNER** in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and

Laws of this State, and for doing this shall be your sufficient License.

Given under my hand, the 7th day of November 1868.

J.J. Harper, Ordinary

I certify that A.P. Montgomery and Miss C. M. Conner were
duly joined in Matrimony by me, the 19th day of November 1868.

J. W. Weaver, M. G.

Recorded July 28th 1869

J. J. Harper[,] Ordy