



**Family Portrait of John Hall, Sr.  
Springfield, Alabama, about 1845**

### **THE FAMILY HISTORY OF JOHN HALL, SR.**

**JOHN HALL SR.** was born on the 26th day of December, 1795 in Burke County in the state of North Carolina. When a small boy his parents (**JOHN HALL AND SUSANNAH WHITE**) moved to Tennessee stopping in McNairy County. There he met and married **MISS ELIZABETH ANDERSON** his first wife, unto whom were born nine children, five boys and four girls: **ALLEN, JOHN W., CLAIBORNE, JOSEPH W, BERRYMAN, ELIZABETH, EMELINE, SUSAN** and **SARAH ANN**.

After his father died in 1822 he and his family moved from Tennessee to Greene County, Alabama and settled in Springfield about six miles northwest of Eutaw, Alabama. He became a well-known planter and remained there on the same farm for over forty years. John died on the 31st day of May, 1870. He willed his portrait to his son Joseph. It now hangs in Mrs. Lida Hall's home in Eutaw. He is buried in the old home place family cemetery along with both of his wives (see **THE JOHN HALL FAMILY CEMETERY** on the USGENWEB site). As to John's brothers and sisters, we know but little, we know of the following ones, **JOSEPH**, who lived in Eutaw many years prior to his death, **DAVID** and **WESLEY** who lived many years prior to their death in Mississippi, **BERRYMAN** and **JOSHUA** who lived many years and died in southern Texas, both having several children. **JESSIE** remained in Tennessee and died there leaving no children.

John's first wife died soon after the birth of her youngest daughter **SARAH ANN** sometime around the year 1834 and he then married **ELIZABETH MOORE**, who was the daughter of **JORDAN MOORE**. She was born October 6th, 1805. Of these union eight children were born, five boys and three girls, all of whom lived to be grown and married. **JORDAN** was the oldest and was born on the 26th day of December 1835, the day John was forty years old. Then **WILLIAM A., AMANDA, MARY ANN, JAMES PETTY** born March 25, 1842, **JOHN, LEONIDAS** born January 15, 1846, and **CORNELIOUS C.** John's second wife Elizabeth died Feb. 9th, 1875 on the old home place in Springfield in Greene County, Alabama.

At the beginning of the Civil War, there were only three of the half brothers living and five of the younger set. Before the war closed, all eight were in the Confederate Army. **ALLEN**, the oldest died in Mobile, Alabama soon after his enlistment. **JORDAN** was killed in the battle of Sharpsburg Maryland the 17th day of September, 1862. **LEONIDAS**, a flag bearer of the 43rd Alabama Regiment, was wounded in the abdomen at Saylor's Creek three days before Appomattox. He lay on the battlefield for three days and was pronounced mortally wounded until he was picked up and treated at the Lincoln Hospital in Washington, D.C. He returned home in Greene County on July 9, 1865. The remaining five brothers, including one who was wounded, all returned home.

After the war was over **LEONIDAS** or Lonnie as he was called married **MISS MARY WILKERSON** of Greene County, Alabama. **LEONIDAS** moved to Arkansas, and then returned to Mississippi and from there to Dallas, Texas where for many years he was a dairyman. He also served as the Commander of the Dallas Camp of United Confederate Veterans. They had eight children, **LULAH, SARAH, LAURA MAY, HATTIE, HARRIETTE, THOMAS HALBERT, JOHN, AND MARY FRANCIS**. His wife died in 1912. He died on February 15, 1940 at the age of 94, seventy-five years after the doctors had pronounced him mortally wounded on the battlefield.

**THOMAS HALBERT HALL** was born on April 20, 1874 in Clay County, Mississippi. He married **MONEY BURKITT** on December 28, 1895. He spent 42 of his working years with the Frisco Railroad. They had eleven children, **LEMUEL, JOHN, MYRTIE MAY, JAMES, GRACE, TOM, WILLIAM, FRANCIS, SPURGEON, FLORENCE, AND NELSON**. Thomas died on November 10, 1965. Money died in 1966. Both were buried in Amory, Mississippi.

**SPURGEON HALL** was the ninth son of eleven children and was born on Green Street in Tupelo, Mississippi on October 16, 1912. As a boy he delivered newspapers, washed ice cream cans for McLeran Ice Cream Co., delivered telegrams for Western Union, sold ice cream and candy at school, bought feed sacks and sold them to the Oil Mill and wholesale houses. Later, he hauled coal after school and on Saturdays for the City Coal Co.

In 1933 he finished high school and left for Chicago where he was employed by Sears, Roebuck & Company. July 5, 1933 he married Miss **MARJORIE ELOISE NOEL** of Donaldsonville, Louisiana. January 1, 1935 they moved back to Tupelo, Mississippi where he started the Spurgeon Hall Refrigeration Company. Then he had an appliance and a toy store at Cross-town where his name is still inscribed on the building. He also had a farm with registered Jersey cows. Later, he built homes in Tupelo as well as commercial buildings. In 1956, he started the City Glass Company which he retired from 30 years later.

Spurgeon and family were longtime members of Calvary Baptist as was his father Thomas H. In January, 1952, he founded a mission church on North Spring Street. Later, they joined Harrisburg Baptist. He was a deacon in all of the churches he attended. Then the mission he founded became West Jackson Street Baptist and they were members there until his death October 18, 1995. He is buried in Lee Memorial Cemetery in Verona, Mississippi.

Spurgeon and Eloise had three children, all of them girls, **LILLIAN** born November 22, 1934, **MARJORIE** born April 3, 1936, AND **ELIZABETH ANN** born November 18, 1938. All three grew up and attended schools in Tupelo. Lillian married Charles Wright and now resides in New Albany, Mississippi. Marjorie married Stanley White (now divorced) and lives in Camden, Delaware. Elizabeth Ann met Charles Black at Mississippi College and they married in June, 1957. They have three children, **Alan (deceased), Laura, and Jacqueline** and live in Plano, Texas.

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