

The Vitals on Elizabeth Myers

2. Birth Date and Place: 1850 Dec 19 Barbour Co., Al. Erasmus and Elizabeth Myers family listed next to James Myers (Erasmus' half brother) and his family. Elizabeth was born in S.C. John Riley, Sr.'s last known daughter Mary was born in NC in 1815. Note: on the John Riley, Sr. Gen 1 web page "John and many of his offspring moved to Darlington District, SC, ca. 1815." In the enumeration which follows on the website, we see Erasmus' wife was born in 1820 in S.C. in accordance with the 1850 and 1860 Census.

5	7	Erasmus Nyers	46	u					
		Elizabeth	46	u					
		Isabel	47	u					
		Marta	6	u					
		George	47	u					
		Charles	6	u					
6	8	J. Nyers	42	u					
		Elizabeth	44	u					
		Eleonora	45	u					
		Marta	46	u					
		Elison	47	u					
		Samuel	48	u					
		Frederic	49	u					

3. 1860 Dale Co., Al. Erasmus and Elizabeth Myers extended family listing Thomas Myers as one of the sons. Important to remember Thomas Myers as he is a link to the Rileys (shown later.)

206	Edmund Mgers	51	M	Farmer	60	S. C.			
	Elizabeth	40	F			"			1
	Samuel	18	M	" Laborer		ala			
	Martha	16	F			"			
	George	12	M			"			
	William	7	"			"			
	Thomas	5	"			"			
	Mary	2	F			"			
	Elsie	1 1/2	"			"			

Among the last four children in the 1860 Census are:

William Myers

Thomas Myers—remember Thomas Myers as his death certificate will reveal his mother' maiden name

Mary Myers—death

Epsie Myers

Note on the 1860 Census, are two others: James Henry, and Sintha Myers. Joseph is thought to be a twin of Epsie and is not on the 1860 Census. There will be more about them later.

4. Thomas Myers death certificate notes his mother's maiden name as Riley.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1. FULL NAME <u>Thomas B. Myers</u>			10. DATE OF DEATH <u>Sept 9 1922</u>	
2. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Married</u>	11. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>August 1 1922</u> to <u>Sept 9 1922</u>	
3. DATE OF BIRTH <u>April 11 1855</u>			12. that I last saw him alive on <u>Sept 9 1922</u>	
7. AGE <u>67 yrs. 4 mos. 28 ds.</u>			and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>9 P.</u>	
8. OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u>				
9. BIRTHPLACE <u>Ala.</u>				
10. NAME OF FATHER <u>Erasmus Myers</u>				
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>Ala.</u>				
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Betsy Riley</u>				
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>S. C.</u>				
14. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospital, Institutions, Transients, or Resort Residents) <u>2</u> yrs. <u>2</u> mos. <u>28</u> ds.				

Now, for "Something about Mary", Mary Myers, that is, the daughter of Erasmus and Elizabeth. It might be noted that Mary Myers middle name is Elizabeth as proven on her death certificate. Was she named after Erasmus' wife? If so, then his wife's name would be **Mary Elizabeth**. If so, that would lead one to think that she could be the John Riley's Sr. last daughter **Mary**, but that has been disproven. Well, then, could they have named her "Mary" after his wife's mother? John Riley, Sr.'s wife's name is also Mary. Could there be a connection there?

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Bureau of the Census			Standard Certificate of Death		State File No. <u>23556</u>	
STATE OF ALABAMA			Registrar's No. <u>710888</u>			
1. PLACE OF DEATH: <u>Sendal 6009</u>			2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: <u>Ala. 166110</u>			
County <u>Blount</u> Best No. <u>6</u>			City or Town <u>Blount</u> Best No. <u>6</u>			
Street address <u>Blount</u>			City or Town <u>Blount</u>			
Length of stay in place of death <u>6 years</u>			Street address <u>Blount</u>			
3. (a) FULL NAME <u>Mary Elizabeth</u>			4. Sex <u>M</u>			
5. (b) If veteran, name war <u>No</u>			6. (c) Social Security No. <u>111</u>			
7. Birth date of deceased <u>Oct 15 1857</u>			8. AGE: Years <u>67</u> Months <u>15</u> Days <u>18</u>			
9. Birthplace <u>Ala.</u>			10. Usual occupation <u>Domestic</u>			
11. Industry or business <u>Domestic</u>			12. Name <u>Erasmus Myers</u>			
13. Birthplace <u>Ala.</u>			14. Maiden name <u>Ala.</u>			
15. Birthplace <u>Ala.</u>			16. (a) Informant's name <u>W. B. Riley</u>			
17. (a) Burial <u>Blount</u>			18. (b) Date <u>12-15-44</u>			
19. (a) Name of Undertaker <u>W. B. Riley</u>			20. (b) Address <u>Blount</u>			
21. (a) Name of Undertaker <u>W. B. Riley</u>			22. (b) Address <u>Blount</u>			
23. (a) Name of Undertaker <u>W. B. Riley</u>			24. (b) Address <u>Blount</u>			
25. (a) Name of Undertaker <u>W. B. Riley</u>			26. (b) Address <u>Blount</u>			
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Now, we have established:

- 1) Erasmus Myers wife was Betsey or Elizabeth **Riley**.
- 2) Their daughter's name was Mary Elizabeth Myers which is **speculated** to be her mother's first and middle name.
- 3) From the 1840 Census, Erasmus Myers and his wife were living among John Riley, Sr. and his three sons (Abraham, Moses, and Needham) and their wives and his daughters Lender and her husband Aris Woodham and last daughter Mary and husband Thomas Gay.

Therefore, it is reasonable to assume Erasmus was related to them some way, but how? One way would be through his wife as being the daughter of John Riley, Sr., namely, Mary or another sister. Yet, it was recently proved Elizabeth Myers is not John Riley's daughter Mary. That Mary married Thomas Gay who was also among the Riley clan. As such, that would be 3 sons and their wives and two daughters and their husbands. What about a 3rd daughter and her husband? That may not work either because she is not mentioned as an heir in John Riley, Sr.'s wife Mary's 1858 Henry Co. Probate papers in which it appears all living descendants were named to have a share in the estate. Where does she fit in? Is all this just a coincidence? But wait...there is more circumstantial evidence of a connection to Erasmus Myers' wife, Elizabeth Riley, to John Riley, Sr.'s family as noted below!

**Elizabeth Myers farmed out children to daughters of John Riley, Sr.
She also farmed out children to Daniel Riley's brother-in-law and wife**

5. Erasmus Myers died in 1864 leaving his wife Elizabeth with 7 minors. Those minors were:

William, Thomas, Mary, Epsie, Joseph, James Henry, Sintha

1866 State of Alabama Census, Dale Co.,

+	Mary Myers		1	1	2		4	3	2
+	Elizabeth Myers	2	1		3		1	1	2

Family lore says that after Erasmus died in 1864 (there is a whole other story on the manner of his death), Elizabeth was unable to care for all those kids—**so Elizabeth sent them out two by two to live with family and friends**. In 1866, she was already doing this leaving one girl and three boys to farm out. Mary Myers (above Elizabeth) is believed to be the wife of Daniel P. **Myers**—Erasmus' brother—the maiden name of Mary Myers needs researching.

6. Here's how Elizabeth "farmed" out her kids:
(Thomas + Joseph) (William + Henry) (Mary + Sintha) as follows:

1. 1870 July 16 Newton, Dale, Al. **Thomas Mires and brother Joseph**, both sons of Erasmus, living with Aris Woodham whose wife, **Caron Riley, the daughter of John Riley, Sr.**

54	Hoodham Ais	69 M W	Farmer	765-500	J C								/
	— Cora H	60 F W	Keeper house		A C						/	/	
55	— Daniel	20 M W	Woolari farm		Ola								
	— M A	18 F W	Keeper house		"						/	/	
	Mrs Thomas	13 M W	Wells in glass		"						/	/	
	— Joseph	11 M W	" " "		"						/	/	

2. 1870 July 20 Dale Clopton Al brothers **William and Henry Myres living with Elender Ward daughter of John Riley, Sr.** William and Henry are on next page as shown below.

71	Ward J G	61 m W	Harmus	3600	810													/
	Elender	55 F W	Kelp house															//
	L J	18 F W								Alt								
	Lucinota	13 F W								"								
69	Meyers William	17 m W	Works infam							Alt								/ /
	Meyers	9 m W								"								X X

3. 1870 June 9 Abbeville Henry Al -Thomas' sisters Mary Myres (13) and Sintha (8) living in separate home next door to Argent Brannon (female) who is the wife of the brother-in-law of Daniel Riley, son of John Riley, Sr. and likely under her care. Note: Argent Gay married Jehoiakim Brannon (died 1864), son of Rosier Brannon and Anzilla Galloway. Daniel Riley married Jehoiakim's sister Mary Ann Brannon.

64	Brownish Azule	37	F	N	Keipiriy House	1000	400	Alubano		
	— Thomas	19	M	N	Farm Labourer			Alubano		
	— Arizella	16	F	N	Ab Home			Alubano		
	— Robert	10	M	N	Ab Home			Alubano		
65	Myers Mary	13	F	N	Ab Home			Alubano		
	— Elizabeth	8	F	N				Alubano		

Summary of farmed out children: Erasmus Myers wife Elizabeth Riley farmed out 6 children to those related to John Riley, Sr.

Two boys went to Caron Riley Ward, daughter of John Riley, Sr.

Two boys went to Lender Riley Woodham, daughter of John Riley, Sr.

Two girls went to Argent Brannon, wife of brother-in-law of Daniel Riley, son of John Riley, Sr.

Conclusion:

- 1) Erasmus Myers and his wife are among John Riley's sons and daughters with their spouses in the 1840 Dale county, Alabama Census indicating a close relationship.
 - 2) Erasamus Myers wife Elizabeth maiden name is Riley
 - 3) Erasamus Myers daughter is named Mary Elizabeth indicating *perhaps* his wife's first name is Mary, but not necessarily.
 - 4) Erasamus Myers' wife Elizabeth farmed out 6 children out to two of John Riley's daughters and to John Riley's son Daniel's brother-in-law's wife.
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My goal is to find the identity of Elizabeth Riley Myers and my earlier evidence was pointing me to believe Elizabeth Myers and Mary Riley as being the same person. That was before a Riley researcher generously shared with me the following information indicating Mary Riley's husband was Thomas Gay, not Erasmus Myers. Keep the comments and the research coming...we all learn more by working together.

Reasons for believing JR, Sr.'s daughter Mary Riley is the wife of Thomas Gay:

1. 1820 Darlington Census there is a female 0-9 yrs old in John Riley's Sr. hsehold
2. 1830 Census , in Thomas Gay's hsehold there is a female age 16-20.
3. 1840 Dale County, Al: in Thomas Gay's hsehold there is a female age 20-29.
4. 1850 Dale County, Al: Mary Riley, age 80, living with a Mary Gay, age 35. Mary Gay was living on land Thomas Gay had purchased before his 1849 death.
5. 1858: Henry County, AL. Mary [Whitaker's] Riley's Probate lists "Mary Williams" as an heir. *
6. 1860 Henry Co., Al: "Mary Williams", age 55, and another "Mary Williams", age 8 living in the household of Jehoiakim and Argent Brannon.
7. 1870 Henry Co., Al: "Mary [Riley Gay] Williams", age 60 living alone but next to her older daughter Argent Brannon. **My note: Curiously, "Mary Myers and Sintha Myers", daughters of Erasmus and Elizabeth (Riley) Myers, are living on the opposite side of Argent Brannon. In other words, John Riley, Sr.'s daughter Mary is living on one side of Argent Brannon and Elizabeth Riley Myers' girls are living on the other side. Go figure that one! Are the girls related?**

* the Location and Date were given to me by another researcher.

Unless all this is a giant coincidence or big fish story, I believe with the facts presented show that the wife of Erasmus Myers, Elizabeth Riley is related to the John Riley, Sr. family in some way. It is a mystery. I am appealing to the John Riley, Sr. descendants for their opinion and feedback. So, what do you think? I would be glad to answer any questions. By the way, the death date and place of Elizabeth Riley Myers is still under investigation.