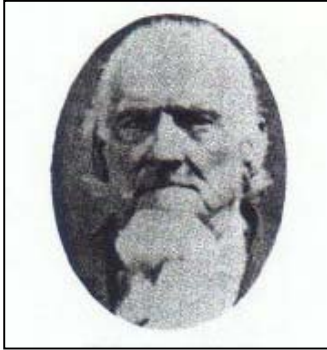


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s/o George & Mary Powell (Winfree) Denney – Chapter 4



Benjamin Allen Denney was b. in Smith County, TN, 8 July 1824, Smith Co., TN, son of George Denney b. 1800 in Person County, NC and Mary Powell Winfrey (*Winfree*) Denney b. 1802 (*b. 25 August 1799, Virgilina, Halifax, VA*). Other children were Martha, Nancy and Elizabeth. After Mary Winfrey Denney's death in 1833 George and children left Smith County for AL where he acted as overseer of a Mr. Wright's farm at Wirght, AL. George died in 1865, was buried at Waterloo, AL.

Benjamin Allen Denney received limited education in AL schools. He went to his sister, Martha D. Wilson's farm near Burnsville, MS. Later he came to visit his Aunt Sally Denney Taylor in Carroll County, TN and decided to stay.

The first record of deeds of purchase of land was 1859 of 166 acres in 1st Civil District from Brinkley Bishop's heirs for \$2250.66. At the time of his death in 1909 at his home place near Whithorne, seven miles east of Milan, he owned about 5000 acres.

In 1866 he md Martha Jane Utley, native of Carroll County b. 16 January 1835, Carroll Co., TN, daughter of Green and Elizabeth Justice Utley d. 19 January 1915, Milan, Gibson Co., TN. Their four children were:

- I. James Thomas Denney md (A) Emma Gregory, son: Ben Gregory Denney md 1st Ruth Threadgill, son: Ben Gregory Denney Jr. md 2nd Martha Sims, son: James Boyd Denney. (B) md Mattie Rogers, children: Samuel Rogers Denney md Elizabeth Fuqua, sons: Dr. Sam Joseph Denney and Dr. David Hillsman Denney; Mary Martha Denney md Paul Swink Pearce, sons: Paul Swink Pearce Jr. and James Thomas Pearce; Kathleen Doris Denney md William Donnell Young, son: William Donnell Young Jr. md Claudia Fields, son: John Dunlap Denney, II md Elizabeth Parker, son: John Michael Denney.
- II. Maggie Denney md Samuel Edward Caldwell, children: Sadie md Henry Christian Barham, children: Dorothy and Edward. Robert Lee Caldwell md 1st Lucille Patrick, son Robert Lee Caldwell Jr. md 2nd Marion Haynie, children: Mary Ann and twins, Sam and John.
- III. Robert Clinton Denney md Lizzie Gregory, sons: William Gregory Denney md Lanthus Pierce children: Dr. Robert Pierce Denney and Marie Denney Sturdivant. B.R.C. Denney. C. James Denney.

- IV. John Dunlap Denney md Mina Stone, children: A. Jane Denney Brown, B. Jean Stone Denney, C. Jack Thomas Denney.

In 1882 Benjamin Allen Denney was elected magistrate of Carroll County and held that position until his death. In 1894 he was elected President of the Milan Banking Company, established in 1873, the first bank in Gibson County. He held this office until his death in 1909. He was a life-long Democrat. He and his wife were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

*Benjamin Allen Denney is also listed in the book called: **Genealogical Records by Lela B. Winfree** on pg. 91. His mother **Mary Powell Winfree** was the daughter of **David Nicholas Winfree & Achsah Tuck**. Mary Powell was born 25 August 1799 and died ca. 1833. She md George Denny on 1 November 1823, at Smith Co., TN. She was born 25 August 1799 at Virgilina, Halifax, VA and died ca. 1833, Smith Co., TN. **George Denney** was born October 1800, Person Co., NC and died ca. 1865, Wright, Lauderdale, AL. George was the son of **Benjamin Denney and Kerehappuch Taylor**. **David Nicholas Winfree** was the son of **James Winfree** born about 1750 at Goshen, Granville, NC and died 23 November 1822, Virgilina, Granville, NC who md **Elizabeth Jones** about 1767 at Goshen, Granville, NC. She was born about 1750 at Granville, NC. She was the daughter of **Ambrose Jones and Catharine Collins**. Elizabeth died 23 May 1811 at Virgilian, Granville, NC. **Achsah Tuck** was the daughter of **John Tuck and Mary Powell**. Achsah died after 1850 at cove Hollow, DeKalb, TN, and was buried at Cove Hollow, KeKalb, Mt. Holly Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN.*

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