FROM THE ROOTS OF A TREE:

THE GENEALOGY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Family Tree for Martin Luther King, Jr.

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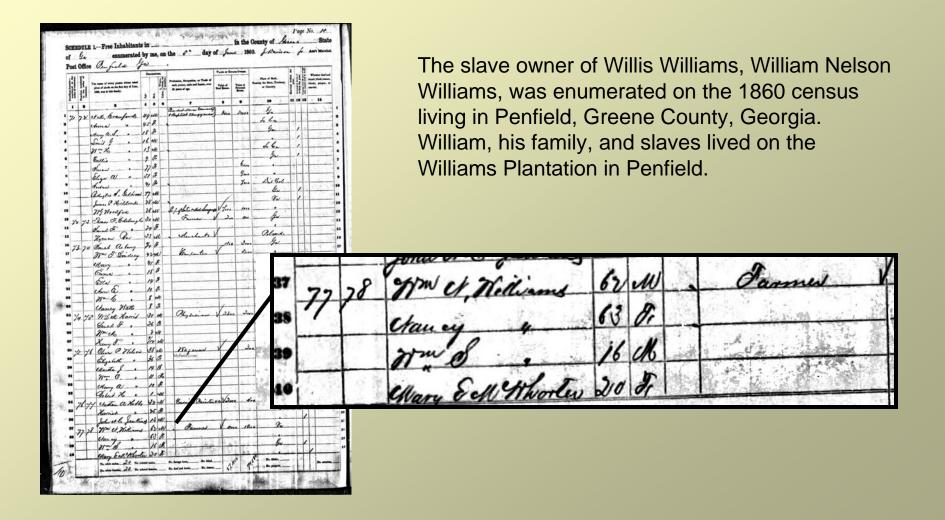
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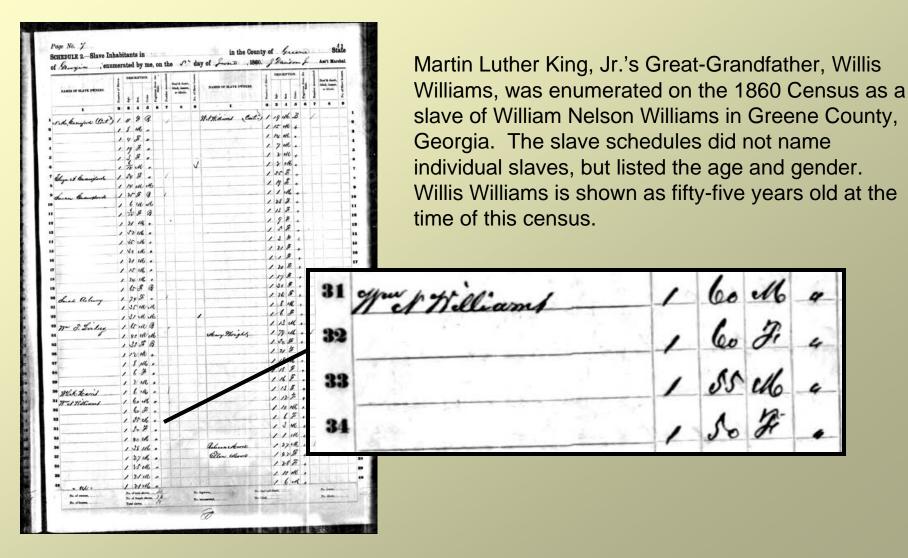
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Penfield, Greene County, Georgia



1860 Census – Slave Schedule

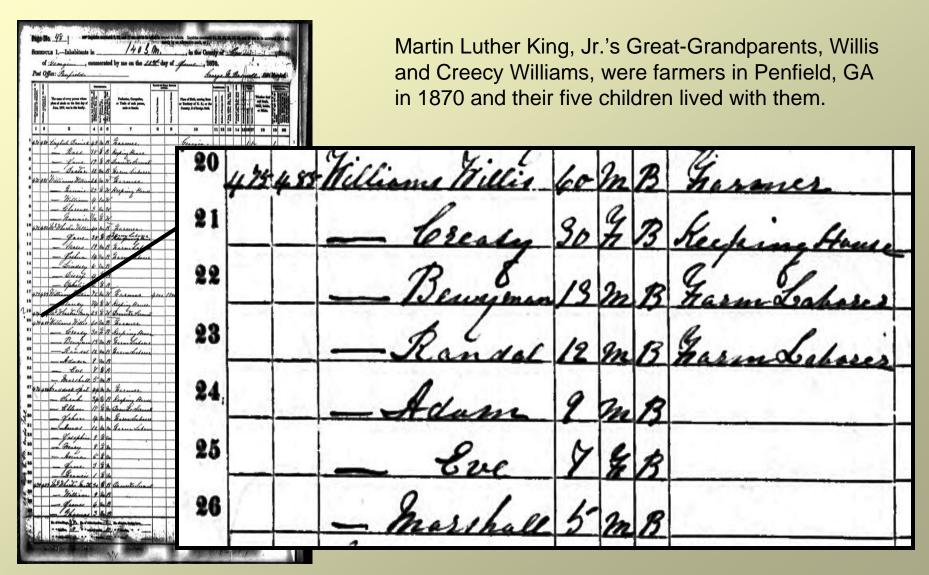
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Willis Williams

- Slave on Williams Plantation in Penfield, Greene County, Georgia
- He was a minister
- Willis, his wife, Creecy, and the family of William Nelson, all attended Shiloh Baptist Church in Penfield before the Civil War; Shiloh Baptist considered both slaves and whites as members of their church
- After the abolition of slavery, the Williams family stayed in Greene County farming, until the death of Willis Williams in 1874

District 140 (Penfield), Greene County, Georgia

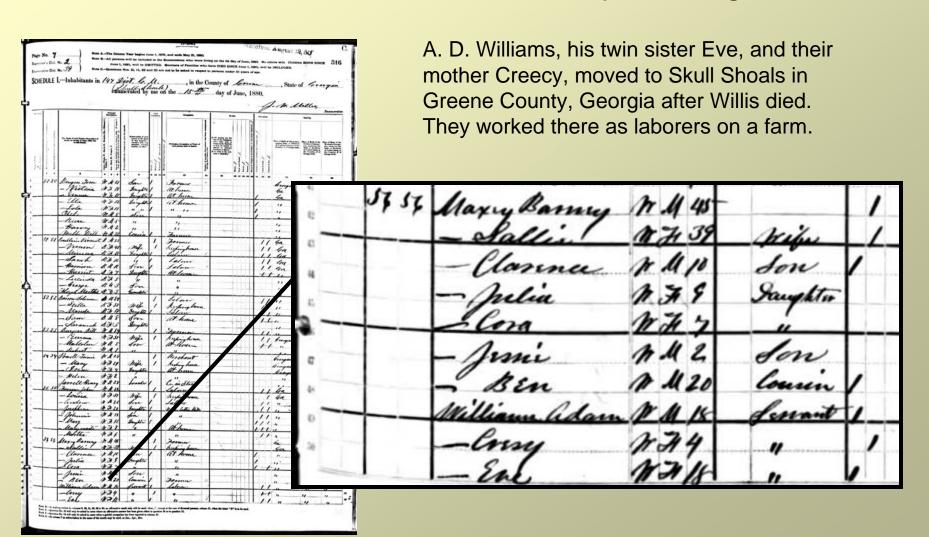


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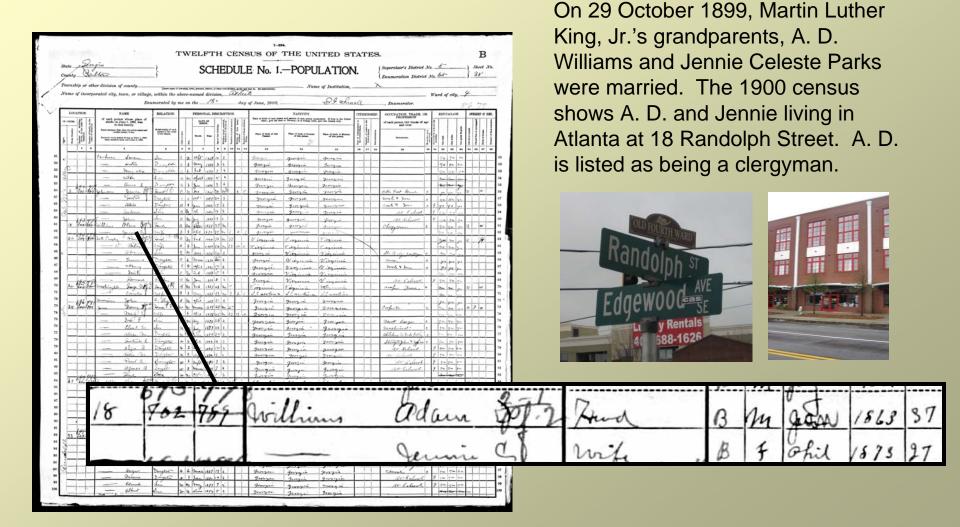
- Son of Willis and Creecy Williams, and Grandfather of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- A.D. and his mother left the Williams Plantation after his father's death in 1874
- He attended Atlanta Baptist College (later named Morehouse College) and graduated in May 1898
- He was the second pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta
- A.D. Williams was the organizer and 1st
 President of the Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP



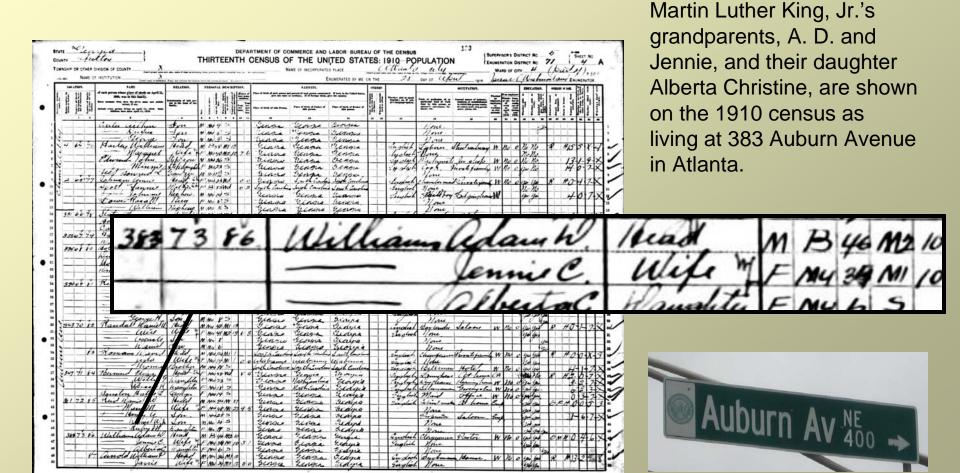
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Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia



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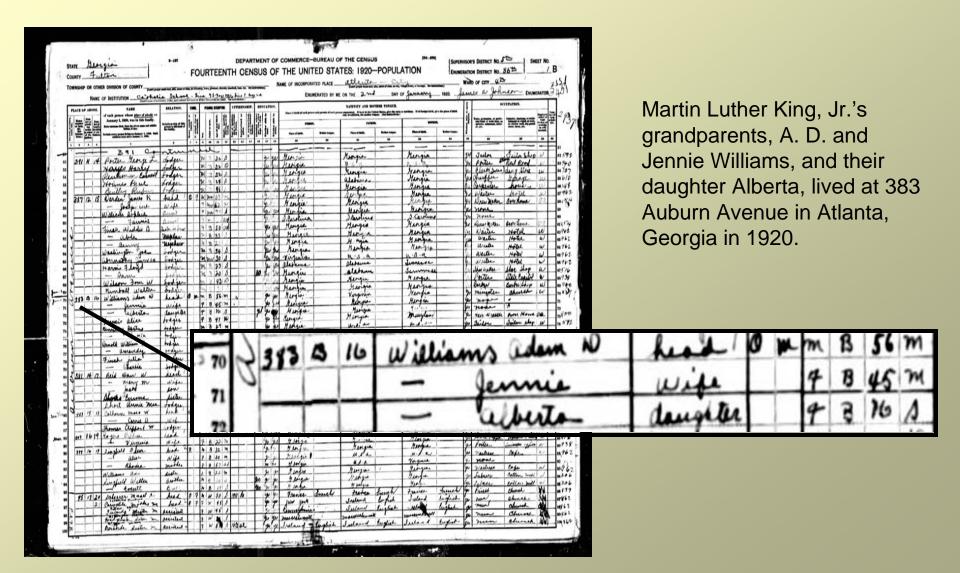


Alberta Christine Williams

- Mother of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Attended high school at Spelman
 Seminary in Atlanta
- Enrolled in the Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute in Hampton,
 Virginia, and received her teaching certificate in March of 1924
- She founded and trained the Ebenezer
 Baptist Church choir; organized and
 was president of the Ebenezer
 Women's Council from 1950 to 1962;
 and was the organist in the church
 from 1932 to 1972



Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia

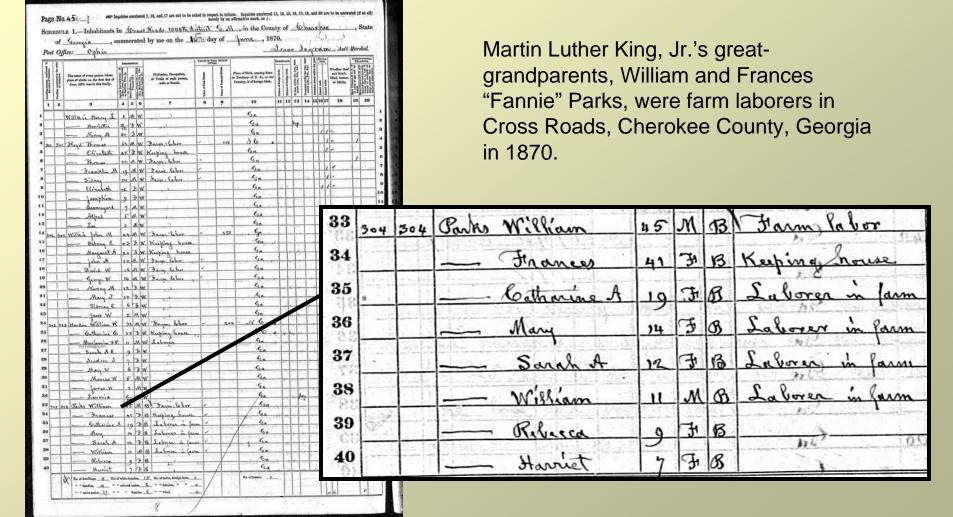


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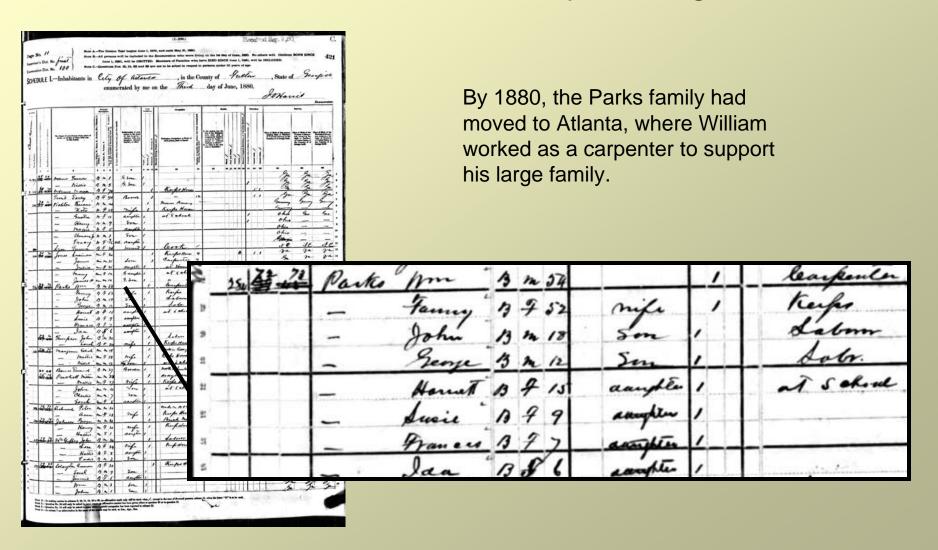
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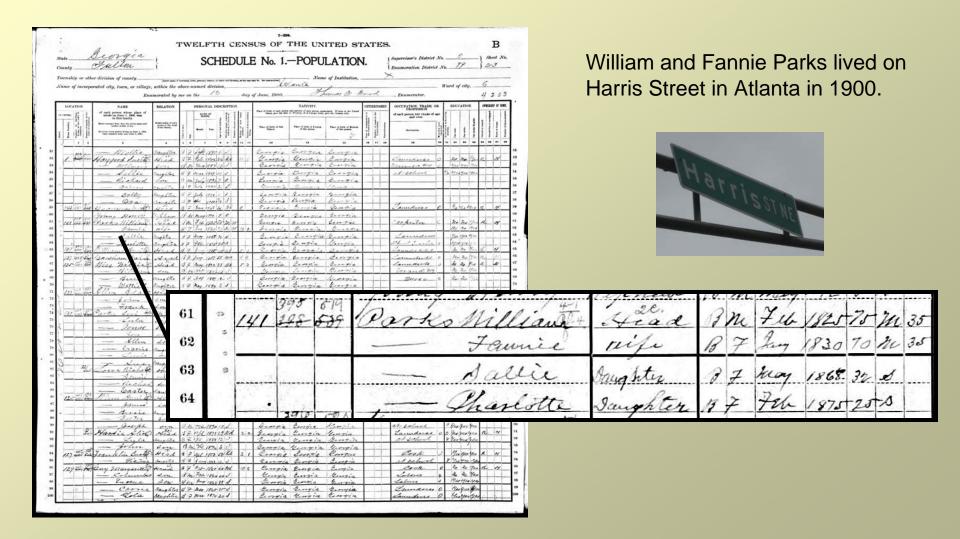
Cross Roads, Cherokee County, Georgia



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William and Fannie Parks

- Not much is known about Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Great-Grandparents
- The only information about William and Fannie Parks is what can be gathered from census records

Jennie Celeste Parks

- Jennie was one of 13 children
- Her father was a carpenter in Atlanta
- Jennie was the Grandmother of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was called "Mama" by her family
- She was the president of Ebenezer's Women's Missionary Society





At the age of fifteen, she attended
 Spelman Seminary in Atlanta

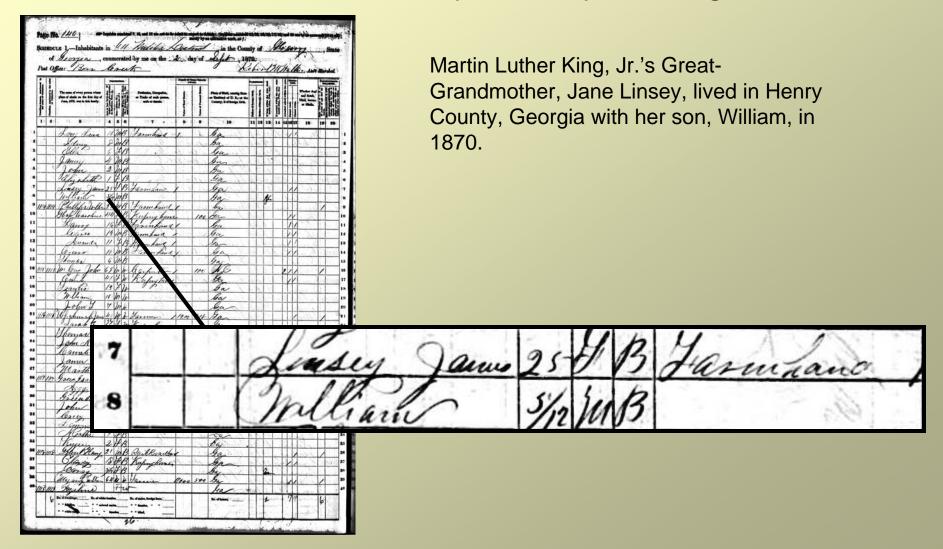
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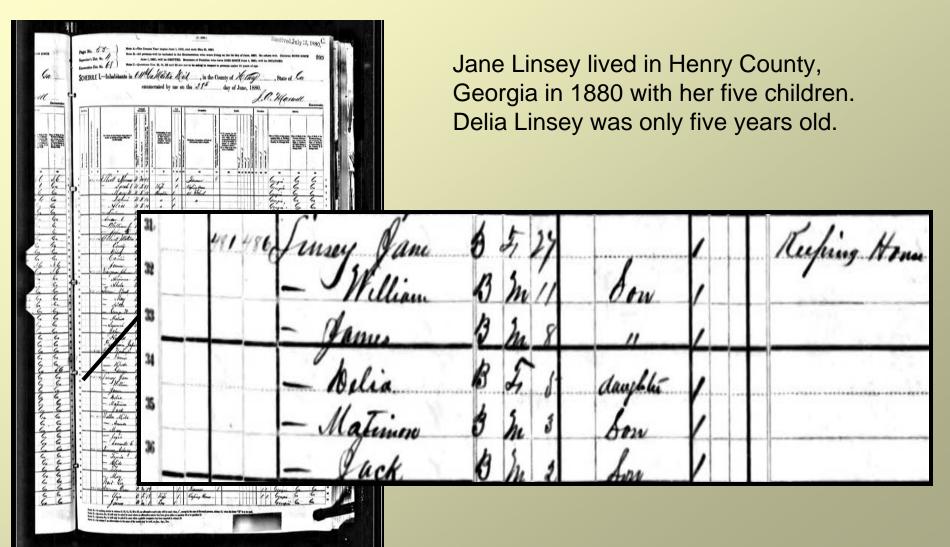
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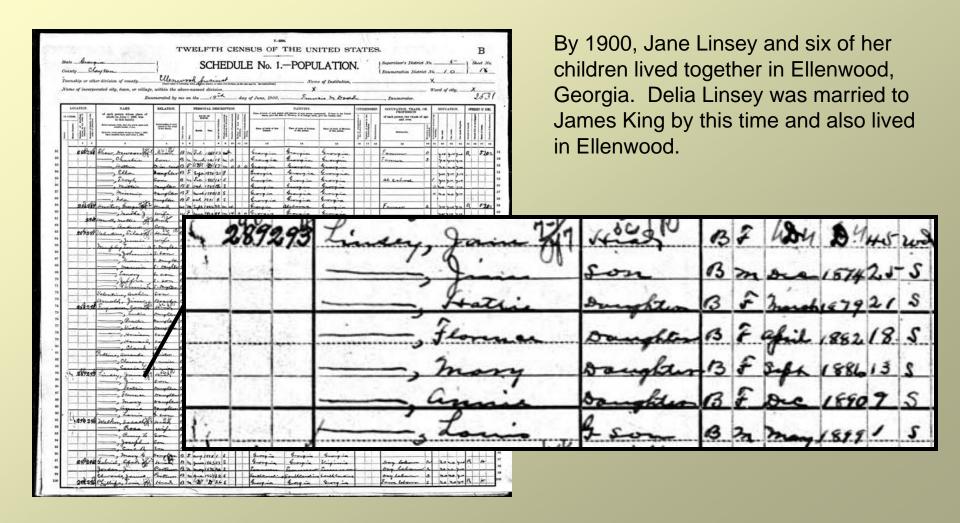
Jim Long and Jane Linsey

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Delia Linsey

- Grandmother of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Her father, Jim Long, was a former slave
- She had nine children with her husband, James King
- She attended Floyd Chapel Baptist Church in Stockbridge, Georgia with her children

Ellenwood, Clayton County, Georgia



The King Family

Jim Long

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Jane Linsey

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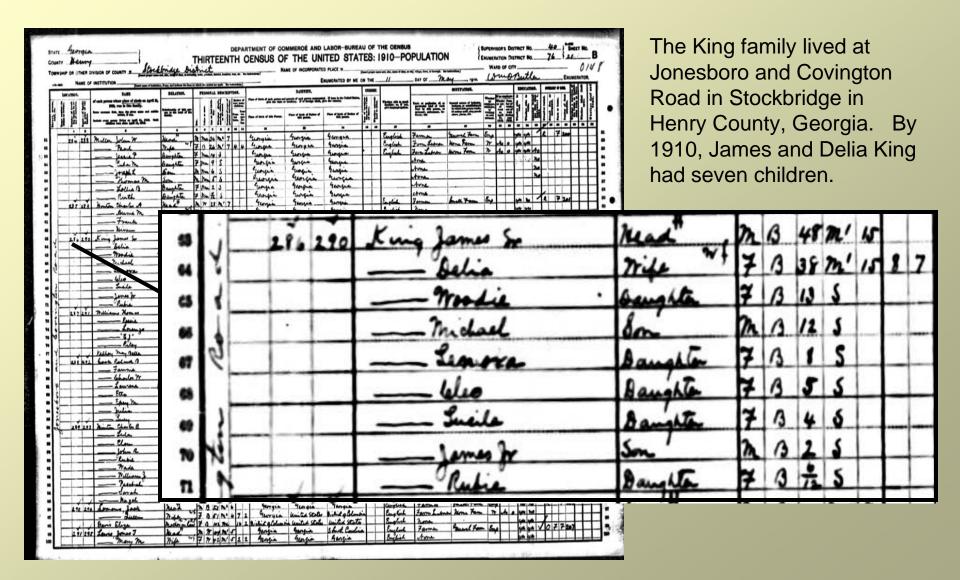
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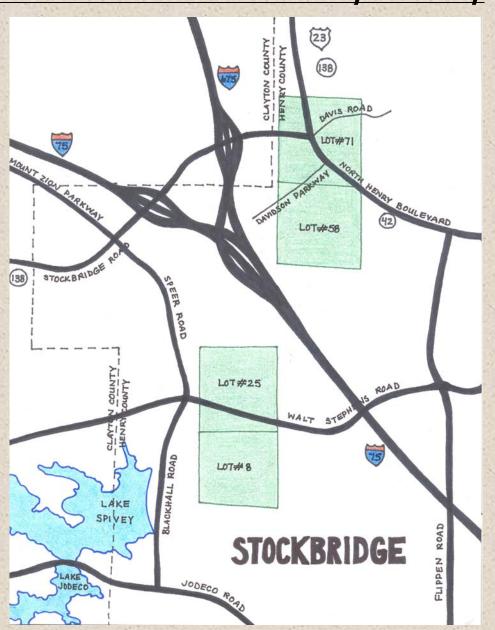


James Albert King

- Grandfather of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- James and his wife, Delia, were sharecroppers
- He worked at the rock quarry in Stockbridge for a while
- He and his family moved throughout Henry and Clayton
 Counties until they finally settled in Stockbridge, Georgia

Where the King Family Lived and Worked in Henry County

On February 12, 1970, an article was published in a Henry County newspaper, The Weekly-Advertiser, that talked about the King family working on farmland in Stockbridge in Henry County, Georgia. The land was owned by Rosa Lee Smith, who owned large landholdings in Henry County. On this map, the green shaded areas are where Rosa Lee Smith's farmland was located in Stockbridge.



Martin Luther "Daddy" King, Sr.

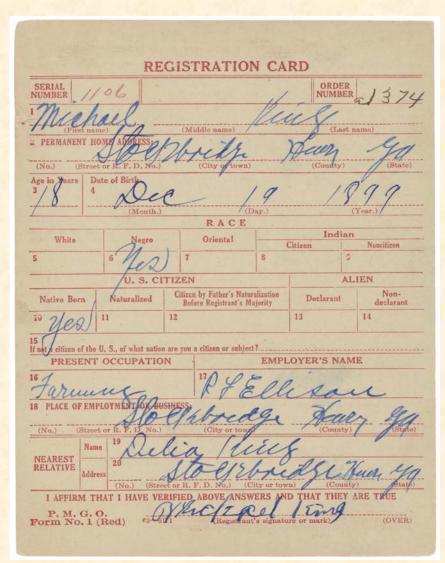
- He was born Michael L. King, but he changed both his and his son's names later to Martin Luther King; he was also known by many as "Daddy King"
- He was the son of sharecroppers and became a country preacher when he grew older
- Michael received his degree from Morehouse College in 1930
- Martin, Sr. became the minister of Ebenezer Baptist Church after the death of his father-in-law in 1931
- Martin Luther King, Sr. resigned from Ebenezer Baptist Church after the death of his wife, Alberta, in 1974



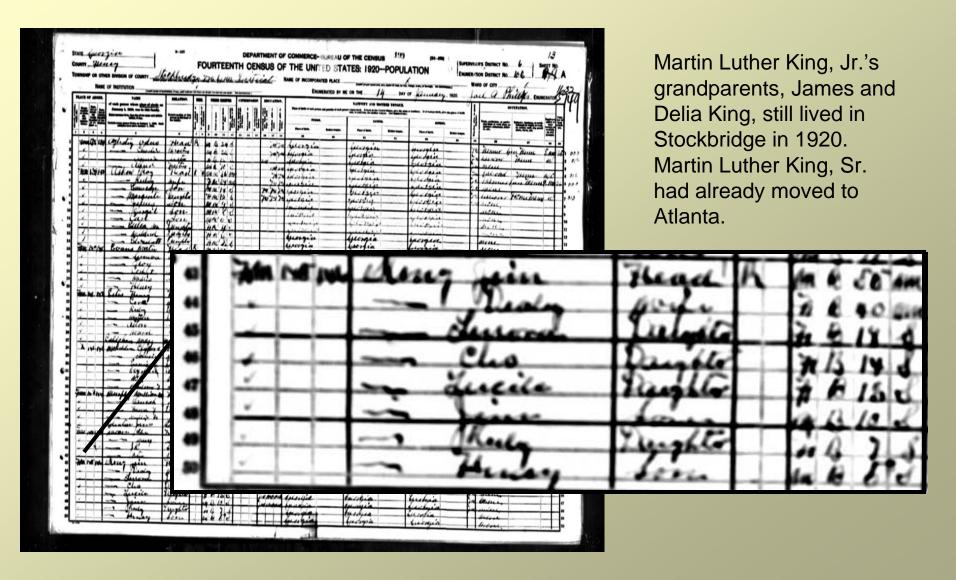


World War I Draft Registration Card for Michael King

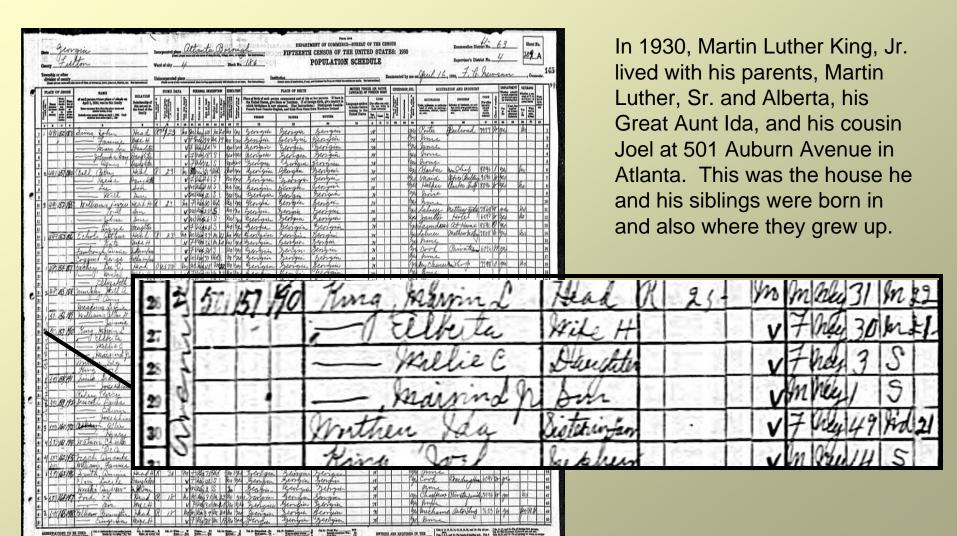
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s father (born Michael King) registered for the draft in Stockbridge, Henry County, Georgia on 12 September 1918. He was 18 years old and listed his mother as his nearest relative.



Stockbridge, Henry County, Georgia



Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia



501 Auburn Avenue



This was the house that the King family lived in on the 1930 Census, as well as the birth home of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his two siblings.



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Graduate of Morehouse College, class of 1948
- He was a leader of the Civil
 Rights Movement in the United
 States
- He was a minister at Ebenezer
 Baptist Church in Atlanta with his father
- Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on 4 April 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee



Draft Registration Card for Martin Luther King, Jr., 23 January 1947

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Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42
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Martin Luther King, Jr. registered for the draft on 23 January 1947 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a student at Morehouse College and lived with his parents at 193 Boulevard.

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