

## Family Group Sheet

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**Husband: John Edward Sentell**

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Born: November 04, 1784                      in: Halifax County, NC  
Died: Bef. 1840                                in: Butler County, AL  
Father: William Sentell  
Mother: Elizabeth Stephens

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**Wife: Mary Ann Unknown**

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Born: Abt. 1800                                in: Georgia  
Died: Bef. 1844                                in: Butler County, AL

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**CHILDREN**

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1 F	Name: Caroline Sentell Born: Abt. 1822 Died: Bef. 1870 Married: Spouse: Ellsberry Fail	in: Alabama in: Butler County, AL
2 F	Name: Martha J. Sentell Born: January 30, 1822 Died: October 11, 1891	in: Butler County, AL in: Clarke County, AL
3 F	Name: Nancy O. Sentell Born: February 14, 1825 Died: August 27, 1884 Married: Spouse: William Brooks	in: Butler County, AL in: Clarke County, AL
4 M	Name: James J. Sentell Born: Abt. 1829 Died: Bef. 1865 Married: January 25, 1855 Spouse: Emily Holt	in: Butler County, Alabama in: Clarke County, AL
5 F	Name: Francis Sentell Born: April 1834 Died: 1907 Married: Spouse: William Lumpkin Williams	in: Butler County, AL in: Thomasville, AL in: Unknown
6 F	Name: Melvina Sentell Born: Abt. 1836 Married: Spouse: Thomas Sherrod Darden	in: Butler County, Alabama
7 M	Name: Henry Sentell Born: Abt. 1840	in: Butler County, AL

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Died:	Bef. 1840
in:	Butler County, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Relationship with Father:	William Sentell - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Elizabeth Stephens - Natural
<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	

### Medical

#### Notes

*It is believed that John Edward Sentell was born on November 4, 1784, in Halifax County, North Carolina. Sentell separates from his family and is first recorded in Covington County Alabama in the early 1820's. Several published reports based on records of the founding of Covington County indicate Sentell was among the first white settlers in Covington County, having settled in the Conecuh River area near the current Conecuh-Covington County line.*

*Sentell was elected as a Justice of the Peace on May 10, 1823, from Beat #2, and on December 24, 1823, Sentell's home was designated as a voting precinct and it remained there until December, 1826.*

*The first public sale of land in Covington County began on Monday, December 8, 1823, and the land offered for sale was in Townships 1-5 in Ranges 14-16. John Edward Sentell bought the second tract of land in Section 28 of Township 3, Range 14 on that day.*

*The census records of 1820 for this area have been lost and it is impossible to determine if John E. Sentell was listed on these records.*

*In the 1830 census for Butler County, John E. Sentell is recorded along with a family on page 297. The location of his place of residence is just east of Greenville indicating that he and his family had moved from Covington County to Butler County. There are four land transaction records indicating Sentell purchased four parcels of land from April, 1837 through July, 1838. There is no other record of John E. Sentell after the 1838 land purchase.*

*In the 1840 Butler County census, Mary A. Sentell, along with a family is recorded on page 154. The place of residence of Mary A. Sentell is in the same district as the 1830 record for John E. Sentell. Probate Court records from Butler County indicate that Mary A. Sentell died prior to December 31, 1844. Court records indicate that Ellsberry Fail(s) was appointed as the Administrator of the estate of Mary A. Sentell. Fail(s) had married Caroline Sentell, the oldest daughter of John E. and Mary A. Sentell.*

*The Butler County Courthouse was destroyed by fire on the night of April 12, 1853, destroying all previous records housed therein. The records pertaining to the estate of Mary A. Sentell were rehabilitated in 1855 and contain a complete listing of the family members of Mary A. Sentell.*

*Information has been located in the Butler County Alabama Probate Court, Minute Book 13, pages 101-102 and 142-143, which indicates the heirs of his estate filed a petition to sell property owned by John E. Sentell, at the time of his death, to settle the estate. Ellsberry Fail, husband of Caroline Sentell Fail, and father of Mary E. Fail, Linnie Fail, John D. Fail, Betty Fail, and Callie Fail, filed the petition on behalf of his minor children.*

*The land was sold at public auction on 21 November 1870 to the highest bidder who was Martha J. Sentell, Nancy O. Sentell, Francis Sentell Williams, and S. T. Durden, the husband of Melvina Sentell Durden. The bid price was \$1,800.00 and the land involved was;*

*SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 Range 15.*

*SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 10, Range 15, being 200 +/- acres.*

*A check of Land Grant Office records at Cahaba indicate John E. Sentell purchased the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 10, Range 15, on 20 April 1837, certificate number 21694, being 80 acres and on 10 August*

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1837, John E. Sentell purchased the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 10, Range 15, being 40 acres, on certificate number 29876.

This record supplies the connection between John E. Sentell and Mary A. Sentell. Prior to this information all that was known was that John E. Sentell was listed in the 1830 census of Butler County. In the 1840 census there was a Mary A. Sentell but there was no indication they were related.

The oldest child, Caroline, married Ellsberry Fail(s) and raised a number of children in Butler County. A daughter Martha, b. January 30, 1822, d. October 11, 1891, in Clarke County Alabama, never married and was living with her younger sister Francis at the time of her death. The oldest son, James, also ended up in Clarke County marrying Emily Holt and raising several children. James died in the Civil War while serving with a unit from Clarke County. Nancy, b. February 14, 1825, d. August 27, 1884, in Clarke County. Nancy married William Brooks from Butler County and it is unknown if they had any children. A daughter Melvina married Sherrod T. Durden and moved to Clarke County. Sherrod was known for his carpentry skills and was a casket maker. Francis, b. 1834, d. 1907, married William Lumpkin Williams, who was from Georgia, and they settled in Clarke County. Francis gave birth to two sons, William H. and James E. Williams. William H. was born in Georgia and James E. was born in Clarke County. The youngest of the Sentell siblings was Henry who lived in Clarke County with his brother James.

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<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Mary Ann Unknown
Beginning status:	Married

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### Marriage Notes

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<b>Wife:</b>	<b>Mary Ann Unknown</b>
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Born:	Abt. 1800
in:	Georgia
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Died:	Bef. 1844
in:	Butler County, AL
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<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	
<b>Medical</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Caroline Sentell</b>
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Born:	Abt. 1822
in:	Alabama
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Died:	Bef. 1870
in:	Butler County, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Relationship with Father:	John Edward Sentell - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Ann Unknown - Natural

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### Medical

#### Notes

*The exact date of Caroline's death is unknown. Court papers found in Butler County Probate Court indicate that she had died prior to November, 1870.*

*Ellsberry Fail had filed a motion in Probate Court to force the sale of certain real property to be inherited by the heirs of Mary A. Sentell. Ellsberry Fail listed his children and there was no mention of Caroline Sentell Fail.*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	Ellsberry Fail
Beginning status:	Married

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Martha J. Sentell</b>
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Born:	January 30, 1822
in:	Butler County, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Died:	October 11, 1891
in:	Clarke County, Al
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Relationship with Father:	John Edward Sentell - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Ann Unknown - Natural
Fact 1:	CHOCTAW CORNER CEMETERY
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	
<b>Medical</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Marriage Information</b>	
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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Nancy O. Sentell</b>
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Born:	February 14, 1825
in:	Butler County, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Died:	August 27, 1884
in:	Clarke County, Al
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Relationship with Father:	John Edward Sentell - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Ann Unknown - Natural
Burial:	Choctaw Corner Cemetery, Thomasville, AL
Fact 1:	CHOCTAW CORNER CEMETERY
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.

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### Medical

### Notes

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*In 1870, Ellsberry Fail filed a petition in Butler County Probate Court to force the sale of land owned by John E. Sentell. When the land was sold at public auction, it was purchased by Martha Sentell, Nancy Sentell, Francis Williams, and S. T. Durden, husband of Melvina Sentell Durden.*

*There is no mention in any of the court papers of a husband of Nancy Sentell. The date of marriage between Nancy and William Brooks is unknown.*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	William Brooks
Beginning status:	Married

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>James J. Sentell</b>
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Born:	Abt. 1829
in:	Butler County, Alabama
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Died:	Bef. 1865
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Relationship with Father:	John Edward Sentell - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Ann Unknown - Natural

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### Medical

### Notes

*It is believed that James was killed during the Civil War. Complete information is not available at this time.*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Emily Holt
Married:	January 25, 1855
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Clarke County, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.

### Marriage Notes

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*This information can be found in Clarke County Probate Court Marriage Book B, page 220.*

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Francis Sentell</b>
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Born:	April 1834
in:	Butler County, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Died:	1907
in:	Thomasville, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Relationship with Father:	John Edward Sentell - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Ann Unknown - Natural
Burial:	Choctaw Corner Cemetery, Thomasville, AL
Fact 1:	CHOCTAW CEMETERY THOMASVILLE, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.

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### Medical

### Notes

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	William Lumpkin Williams
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Unknown
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.

### Marriage Notes

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UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE PLACE WHERE WILLIAM AND FRANCIS WERE MARRIED. IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ABOUT 1850-51.

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Melvina Sentell</b>
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Born:	Abt. 1836
in:	Butler County, Alabama
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Relationship with Father:	John Edward Sentell - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Ann Unknown - Natural

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### **Medical**

### *Notes*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	Thomas Sherrod Darden
Beginning status:	Married

### *Marriage Notes*

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Henry Sentell</b>
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Born:	Abt. 1840
in:	Butler County, AL
Source:	williamcounselman.FTW, Date of Import: Dec 11, 2003.
Relationship with Father:	John Edward Sentell - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Ann Unknown - Natural

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*Ball's "Clarke County Alabama" list the members of the "Grove Hill Guards" from 6 May 1861 to 1 Jan 1862. Henry Sentell is listed as a private in the company.*

*In a petition filed in Butler County Probate Court in 1870, Henry Sentell is not listed as a living child of John E. Sentell. The manner of his death and the date is unknown. Was he killed in the Civil War?*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
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#### Marriage Notes