

B^{ush}

Biography of Hiram Bush



Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville,
Kentucky

By his GG-Grandson: Barry George
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Hiram was born about 1828 in Georgia and died 9-Jun-1864 as a prisoner of war in Louisville, Kentucky during the War Between the States. His parents were believed to be **John Bush** and **Mary Holley**, married 13 Jan 1813 in Bulloch Co., Ga.ⁱ He married **Anice Louise Rodgers** 19 MAY 1850 in Coosa Co., ALAⁱⁱ. His siblings were **Solomon Johnson Harrison, Elizabeth, Herod, Rebecca Ann, Jasper, Martha and Lizzie Bush**.ⁱⁱⁱ

Hiram's family migration:

John Bush & Mary Polly Howard were both born in North Carolina.^{iv}
John Bush was born North Carolina & **Mary Holley** was born in Georgia.^v
Hiram Bush was born in Georgia & **Anice Rodgers** was born in South Carolina.^{vi}
Hiram moved from Georgia to Talladega County, Alabama when he was about 12 years old. He is listed with his family in the 1840 Talladega County census.^{vii}
In the 1850 census when he is 22 years old, he and his wife **Anice** are living with the **Rodgers** family in Coosa county Alabama^{viii}, his brothers **Solomon** and **Herod** were also living in Coosa County during this time. In 1850, his Mother and other siblings were still living in Talladega County, his Father assumed dead. In the 1860 Coosa County census, Hiram (a farmer) is listed with **Annie**, two sons and a daughter.^{ix} He died in 1864 and is buried in Kentucky.^x By 1870 **Hiram** had been killed in the Civil War and his wife **Anice** is listed in the Bibb County census with their two sons.^{xi} The 1900 Jefferson County census has **Anice** age 68 widowed from her second marriage to Emanuel Jarman and living with her daughter **Mary Elizabeth Bush Mahan**.^{xii}

Anice Louise Rodgers was the daughter of **Richard Rodgers** (b. 25-Sep-1796 d. 25-Jul-1884) and **Nancy Stoker** (b. Apr-1798 d. 8-Sep-1884) from South Carolina. Anice was born December 1831 in South Carolina and died 1916.^{xiii}

Hiram and **Anice "Annie"** had three children: **William** (b. 1851), **Mary Elizabeth** (b. Dec.1852 in Ala. d. 1911) and **John Schoolar** (b. 1856 in Ala. d. 10-Jul-1922). I

am uncertain of the spouse and descendants of their son **William. Mary Elizabeth** married **John Scott Mahan** December 24, 1868 in Shelby County, Alabama. **John S.** married **Matilda Elizabeth Moses** about 1877; she was born May-1859 and died 9-Nov-1920.

His father **John Bush** was born about 1790 in North Carolina and died sometime between 1840 and 1850.^{xiv} **Hiram** would have been between 24 and 34 when his father died. **Mary Holley** was born about 1800 in Georgia^{xv}, date of death uncertain but sometime after 1850, probably in Talladega County, Alabama. Hiram's grandparents were believed to be **John Bush** and **Mary Poly Howard** married about 1786. No information on **John Bush** but **Mary Howard** was born December 1768 in Wilkes Co., North Carolina and died 4 April 1836 in Wilkes Co., North Carolina, Buried in Howard Cemetery, Elksville, Wilkes Co., North Carolina. ^{xvi}

Hiram was a member of the 24th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Company "H" during the Civil War. (Company "H" was called the "Steele Guards" after John Steele. The company originated in Shelby County, Alabama). He enlisted 15-Apr-1862 in Montevallo, Shelby County, Alabama. Sometime between April and June, he was sick in the interior hospital, he returned to his unit in June, 1862. He was unaccounted for between August and September, 1862, and then he was listed on the prisoner rolls of 25-Oct-1862 at Cairo, Illinois en route for Vicksburg, Mississippi for exchange. On 1-Nov-1862, he was listed among the prisoners exchanged near Vicksburg, Mississippi on board the steamer Emerald. He was possible captured at either the battle of Iuka, Mississippi (Sep. 19-20, 1862) or Corinth, Mississippi (Oct. 3-4, 1862). **Hiram** later appeared on muster rolls from November, 1862 through February 1863 but on 19-Feb-1863 he was reported as deserted. From his prior records, desertion probably was not the case, as he had previously been reported absent and probable desertion, while in fact; he was a prisoner of war. The next record found was on 10-Aug-1863 when he received \$44 pay for the period 1-Jun-1863 to 30-Sep-1863. On 5-Feb-1864, Hiram appeared on a receipt for clothing roll and a muster roll on 1-Apr-1864 at Richmond, Virginia. Records differ by 2 days but **Hiram** was captured either the 20th or 22nd of May, 1864 at Cassville, Georgia by the 7th Regiment of Ohio which were forces under Maj. Gen. Thomas, Dept. of the Cumberland and was noted in Nashville, Tennessee 28-May-1864 as a prisoner of war. Then, from 30-May-1864 to 8-Jun-1864 he was a prisoner of war at Louisville, Kentucky where he died the 8th or 9th of June, 1864 in the prison hospital of acute dysentery (Chronic Diarrhea). He is buried at Cave Hill National Cemetery on Baxter Avenue in Louisville (Grave #85, range 2, this now is described as CS LOT 267, #57)..^{xvii}

The 24th Alabama Infantry was part of the Confederate Army in Tennessee. While in Tennessee, the unit was heavily engaged in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge. After Confederate efforts turned to the defense of Atlanta from Union forces under General William T. Sherman, the 24th Alabama was engaged at the Battle of Rocky Face, located in the Crow Valley near Dalton, Georgia.

I close with the words of Mrs. Sophie Fox Sea.

Historian Kentucky State Division, U.D.C. CAVE HILL CEMETERY
Louisville Kentucky

"I pray that some in ignorance of the last resting places of their beloved dead will find in this list that I have gathered with infinite reverence and pity the names sought for but never found, and know that the places where the dust of their loved ones are awaiting the trump of the archangel of the resurrection are indeed God's acres, cared for, beautified, even glorified, by the loving thought of comrades and friends."

In those regards, I had Hiram's unreadable, weathered tombstone of 142 years, cleaned by the staff at Cave Hill 22-Aug-2006, he has not been forgotten.

GG-Grandson,
Barry George

ⁱResearch by Jan Armstrong

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~janarmstrong/busg02.htm>

John BUSH (John BUSH1) was born ABT 1790 in NC. He married Mary HOLLEY 13 JAN 1813 in Bulloch Co., GA.

ⁱⁱ Research by Irma Roy

ⁱⁱⁱ Research of Anna Lee Clark and RootsWeb WorldConnect Project, 1 Nov 2001

^{iv} Research of Anna Lee Clark

^v Research by Jan Armstrong

^{vi} Research by Irma Roy

^{vii} From Caroline Hall , Fri, 10 Jan 2003:

Actually, there is only one Bush in Talladega county census in 1840, John Bush, page 287. Household consists of 2 males 10-15, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 40-50, 2 females 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 20-30, 1 female 40-50, 1 female 60-70.

My Notes (feb):

1 m 40-50 b. 1790-1800 John ??

1 m 15-20 b. 1820-1825

2 m 10-15 b. 1825-1830 Hiram ?? & Jasper ??

1 f 60-70 b. 1770-1780 Mary Howard ??

1 f 40-50 b. 1790-1800 Mary Holley ??

1 f 20-30 b. 1800-1820 Elizabeth ?? b. 1816 in 1850 census

1 f 15-20 b. 1820-1825

1 f 10-15 b. 1825-1830 Rebecca ??

2 f 5-10 b. 1830-1835

^{viii} 1850 census of Talladega Co

Mary Bush 50, F b. GA

Nancy Bush 18, F GA

Jane Bush 16, F AL

Jasper Bush 21, M GA
Nancy Bush 18, F AL

^{ix} 1860 Coosa County, Alabama Census, Southern Division, Rockford P.O., page
196 (116), #1575/1404

BUSH, Hiram 30 Farmer 300/600 Ala
Annis 23 House Wife Ala
Wm 9 Ala
Mary 7 Ala
John S. 4 Ala

^x Research by Erick Bush and Irma Roy

^{xi} 1870 Kingdom Beat, Bibb County, Alabama census: 53/53

BUSH, Anna?, 40, f, w, Keeping house, --/75, AL

Julian/William?, 18, m, w, Farming, AL

John, 15, m, w, AL

^{xii} 1900 Census, Jefferson County, Alabama, Precinct 1, Page 7B, # 134

MAHAN J.S. Head W M Oct 1842 57 M 31 Ala Tenn Tenn

Farmer

M. E. Wife W F Dec 1852 47 M 31 8-4 Ala Tenn Tenn

JARMAN, Annie Mother

in-law W F Dec 1831 68 WD 52 4-2 SC SC SC

^{xiii} Research by Irma Roy

^{xiv} John Bush listed in the 1840 Talladega county census but not in the 1850 census of the same county but
Mary age 50 in the 1850 census of Talladega County as head of household, apparently he died or was not
with the family between 1840 and 1850

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^{xvi} Research by Anna Lee Clark.

^{xvii} Military records receive from the National Archives in Washington, DC Aug-2006.