

**EASON FAMILY
SAND MOUNTAIN
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My great-grandmother, Celia Delwoth Eason (born 1848) moved to Sand Mountain, Alabama from Newton County, Georgia with her parents, Abraham Eason, Jr and Mary Granville, in 1857. They settled on a farm in the old "Sockfoot" area, now Hustleville near Short Creek.

Her future husband, James Leonard Henson, was born 1842 in Tennessee, moved to Cicero, ILL with his parents and in 1861 joined the Union Army in Williamson County, Illinois. He fought at Fort Donelson in west Tennessee, a short distance from Clarkesville, TN.

Now, to cut this short, James Leonard and Celia (17 years old) were married July 28, 1865 in Clarkesville, TN. In 1860 she was living with her parents on Sand Mountain, and there is no record of her leaving home. At the time of their marriage James was apparently on his way back to Ill to be discharged from the Union army.

My question: How did little Celia on Sand Mountain living with her family during the Civil War meet the Union soldier, James? And if she met him during the war (there were Union Army raids across Sand Mountain foraging for food along with the famous raid of Union Colonel Straight across a portion of Sand Mountain), was he able to come back to her farm and take her to be married in Tennessee? If not, how did she know to meet him at Clarkesville? And if so, how did she get there?

Members of the Eason family still living in the Hustleville area, and some avid Eason geneologists, do not have answers to this question.

Sorry to be so long-winded, but it takes it to tell the story !! What a miracle if this question gets answered by some of the Alabama Pioneers !!!!