

A Brief History of the  
James W, Bandy Family  
of Savannah,

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*James W. Bandy-- Riceplanter and householder* of the city of Savannah, born 9 November, 1809, died 9 June, 1893 at savannah, He was buried in lot 910 Laurel Grove Cemetery where the remains *of* his two wives, Louisa Fox Bandy and Anne B. Bandy are interred, A Confederate veteran, his grave in marked with and iron cross. He was survived by his son George W. Bandy *of* Savannah and by Joseph Henry Bandy,

*On* the ninth day of November in the year 1809 somewhere in south Carolina, James W. Bandy, future planter and householder of Savannah was born. Kroin all' appearances he grew up *in* South Carolina, coming to Savannah in his youth where, at the age of twenty-nine, ho married. On 12 April, 1838 he married the twenty-two year old Louisa Fox, Louisa was a native of Bryan county, born in 1816, m6ying to Savannah during her youth or childhood, She and James were married by the Reverand J.W. Remshart,6 Minister of the Gospel.

James and Louisa were to have several children, Among them were: Richard W, Bandy, who was born in 1 853, George W. Bandy,who was born in 1356 and another child, Joseph Henry Bandy, who lived with the Bandy's but whose relationship is not established was born in 1851, This family was to establish its residence on Jcmes Street in the Wesley Ward<sub>0</sub> Late in 1862 Louisa Fox handy died at the age of forty-four and was buried in Laurel Grove Cometary, lot number 937 with other members of the Fox family. Between Loaisa's death in 1862 and the census of 1870, probably after the Civil War (of which he was a veteran), and prior to the construction of his new hone at 521 Jones Street Iasb.in 1868 and 1869, he remarried. His second wife is known only as Anne E. Bandy.14

*In* the year 1870 the James W. Bandy Family was to appear .or the first and only tine in the Georgia Census. Appearing:

Bandy, James w. (age> 6i Planter	
Anne E.	2715 at home
Richard W.	1 7 clk on wharf
George W.	lit at school

the Savannah City Directory of 1271, Richard W. Bandy appears as a clerk for Furguson and Dixon on the wharf, residing at home with his father. James listed his occupation as **Irice** planter". By 1874, Richard is listed as a cabinet maker at 21 Jones Street (James' home) and on 13 1874 16 he died at the age of 21 from unknown causes, He was buried in lot 910, Laurel Grove cemetery in an unmarked grave.

In the City Directory of 1879 two more of the younger Bandys make their appearance George W. Bandy boarding at 21 Jones (with James), is a machinist for J.W. Tynan and Joseph H. Bandy, boarding at 21 Jones, age 28 is a tinner for the S.F.&W, Railyards. They would maintain these jobs for several years according to the City Directories of the period.

In December of 1880 Anne E. Bandy, James' second wife died and was buried in lot 910, Laurel Grove Cemetery James continued to live with his son(s) on Jones Street for eight years. In 1888 he moved his family to number 86 Anderson Street only to move again two years later (1890) to number 90 Anderson Street. He resided at this address until his death on 9 June, 1893. He was buried in lot 910, Laurel Grove Cemetery adjacent to his second wife Anne.

James W. Bandy listed Rice Planter as his occupation for the majority of his life, was a Confederate Veteran and was active as a Grand Juror on several occasions, His life style as a whole was apparently low key and he shunned record keeping and publicity to the great dismay of this biographer. His plantation as an educated guess was, more than likely, located in South Carolina as little rice was grown in Georgia during the middle and late nineteenth century, the crop however, was still quite popular until the depression of 1929 in South Carolina,

George 4. Bandy was quite different from his father occupationally.

In 28 years he held eleven jobs. From 1879 until 1907 he opened two saloons and two grocerie9 each of which were held and average of two years and in addition held seven machinist positions. In 1905 he drops out of local records as far as employment was concerned living with his wife (Mary A. Bandy, whom he married in 1897 at the age of 17, he was iti.) and his relatives at 31it Lincoln Street at first and possibly leaving Savannah until his return to the records in 1919 as a machinist. This last position he held until his death on it December, 1923 at the age of 67. He too was buried in lot 910, Laurel Grove Cemetary. His wife continued to reside on State Street for a few years after his death and died at 132 Houston Street on the twenty-fourth of June, 1932. She was buried in Catholic Cemetery.<sup>25</sup>

Joseph Henry Bandy lived with James Bandy until the latter's death in 1893 working as a tinner and as a city detective, In 1908 he also moved to 31h Lincoln Street and stayed for a number of years. In 1917 he and Joseph F. Bandy established Bandy and Company Auto Repair at 145 Barnard Street. At this tine he moved to Isle of Hope where he resided until his death 15 June, 1921 at the age of 70.

Joseph H. Bandy was also buried in Laurel Grove Cemetary. Currently, there arc several families of Bandy-s living in Savannah but, as in the Bandy family of James' generation, the biographer has not been able to establish concrete relationships other than sharing the name of Bandy. There, at present writLng, seem to be no descendants of George and Mary Bandy and no record of a marriage for Joseph Bandy.

## Endnotes

1. His tombstone and the Cemetary Record, Laurel Grove Cenetary.
2. Cemetary Record, Laurel Grove Cemetery (alphabetical).
3. Chatham County Marriage Record 1630—56.
4. Cemetary Record, Laurel Grove Cemetery
5. Ibid.
- 6, thatham County Marriage Record 1830—56.
7. A specific record of two children exists, there may have been more
8. From the age listed in the census of 1870 and the Cemetary Record, Laurel Grove Cemetary,
9. There is some confusion about the year of George's birth, His tombstone and the Cemetary Record, Laurel Grove Cenetary cite i868 as the year of his birth and his age at death \$5. However, this is impossible if he was 11.4 years old in the Census of 1870 and began working as a machinist in 1879, I doubt that he would have held that position at the age of 11. It is quite possible that he shaved several years from his age in 1857 when he married a 17 year old girl.
10. Cemetary Record, Laurel Grove Cemetary.
11. There is some conflict over the date of Louisa's death, the Cemetary Record cites 1 December, 1562, while the tombstone cites 2 November 1862, The newspaper announcement of her funeral is dated 31 October, 1862. I feel the newspaper account is more accurate in this instance<sub>0</sub>
12. Her grave is located in lot 937 the tombstone record is located in lot 910. The two lots are adjacent. There is one obelisk, erected in 1893 that contain Louisa's dates, Anne's dates and those of James,
- 13, This is the initial address that I was given in Davis Ward.
- lit, Her name is in the Census of 1870, the Cemetery Record, Laurel Grove Cemetary, and on her tombstone as Anne E. Bandy. The marriage more than likely took place outside of Chatham County as she was a native of South Carolina, according to the Cemetary Record. -

1\$, From her date of death and her age at death (57) she was actually  
47 years old,

16. Laurel Grove Cemetary Record<sub>0</sub>
17. I was unable to locate any of the Family's death certificates.
18. The Cometary Record, Laurel Grove Cemetary cites 10 December, 1880 while the tombstone cites 5 December, 1880 The stone was not erected until 1593 and there could be an error on it,
19. The tombstone and Cometary Record, Laurel Grove Cemetery both cite this date, The tombstone is a single obelisk in the center of lot 910, James' name is carved on the central panel, Louisa's nane 'and death date on the left and Anne's name aAd deathdate on the right, James' grave in marked with a Confederate Veteran's Marker,
20. His name only- appears in the newspaper with a group of names, He is listed as receiveing letters, and is listed several times as a juror. I was not able to locate and obituary.
- 21, He was not able to keep a saloon open on Indian Street and in Savannah that does not indicate a great business sense,
22. Listing found in the Savannah City Directory- of 1897.
23. The home of Samuel L. Bandy(8 November 1854) and his wife, Caroline A. Bandy-Chit September 1872) possibly a brother but more than likely his cousin.
24. This date is from his tombstone, verified by the Cometary Record, Laurel Grove Cemetary and the Savannah City Directory of 1924.
- 2\$, Cemetary Record, Catholic Cemetery, ( alphabetical) Section D, lot 32 Ea,
- 26, This house contained: Samuel L. Bandy, Caroline A. Bandy, Carrie Bandy, George W. Bandy, Nary A, Bandy and Joseph H, Bandy.
- 27, Possibly a nephew or a cousin *of* whom there is no prior mention in the Chathan County- Records, ( that I have examined)
28. Cemetary Record, Laurel Grove Cemetery,

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N.B. these were the most frequently used that come to mind at this writing.