

NATHANIEL FOY TREE

NOTES

NATHANIEL FOY was purchased by Joseph Mumford Foy in January 1857, along with his mother, NANCY, and his older brother, DANIEL – of Sampson County, NC. The two brothers are listed as part of the 59 slaves owned by Joseph M. Foy in his estate records of 1860, though NANCY is not referenced.

In the **NORTH CAROLINA COHABITATION RECORDS** from 1866, JOSEPH FOY and NANCY [Simpson/Simmons(?)] are noted to have been cohabitating together as husband and wife since 1826. Joseph may or may not have been the father of Daniel and Nathaniel, as he is not mentioned in the estate of Joseph Mumford Foy, or on any surviving slave receipts – this does not mean, however, that he was not a part of the extended Foy household, or even perhaps a freeman, or of mixed race, if not actually Caucasian, or even considered “passing.” As of this date, further investigation to unravel the origins and circumstances of Joseph Foy, husband of Nancy, continues.

Circa 1870, NATHANIEL FOY marries JOANNA, various records list her as Joanna Howard, Joanna Nixon, and Joanna Alexander.

FROM THE US FEDERAL CENSUS RECORDS

In 1900, Joanna Foy (37) is listed as married with children: Lucy (19), George (15), Louey (14), Mary M. (11), Hattie (8), and Arthur (6). They reside in the Cape Fear Township, New Hanover County, NC. Joanna is noted as having birthed eight children with six still living. Nathaniel Foy, her husband, is not listed on this record. Perhaps he was employed and living elsewhere, as most black tenant families were under the “stewardship” of their white employer.

In 1910, Nathaniel (54) and Joanna (49) are living in the Cape Fear Township, New Hanover County, NC with their four children: George (25), Mary (18), Hattie (14), and Arthur (13). Joanna is noted as having birthed eight children with six still living. *All are listed as mulatto.*

In 1920, Nathan/Nathaniel (64) and Joanna (55) are listed with son Arthur (25) in the Cape Fear Township, New Hanover County, NC.

Nathan/Nathaniel is listed as a farmer.

Nathaniel Foy’s Death Certificate certifies his death date of January 20, 1926. His wife is listed as Joanna Howard. It also notes that he was born in Sampson County, NC, and last his death was residing at Rock Hill in the Cape Fear Township, New Hanover County, NC. The death certificates of Nathaniel and Joanna’s children are unclear as to Joanna’s maiden name.