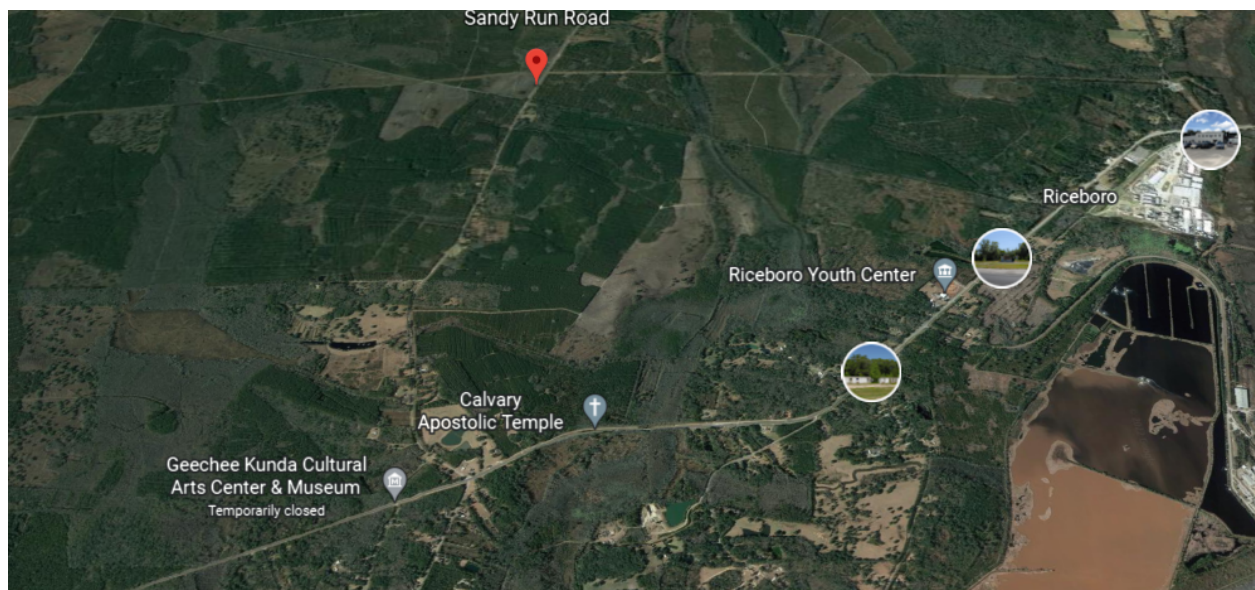


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SUMMARY

Gabriel Quarterman, who used the surname Way immediately after the Civil War, and changed to Quarterman between 1870 and 1880, lived in Liberty County's 15th District near Sandy Run road, until he died in 1922. His nearest white neighbor during the postbellum years was Roswell King III, who owned the South Hampton plantation/enslaved labor camp where the celebrities Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez were married in 2022. Gabriel Quarterman was held in slavery by John B. Barnard on the nearby North Hampton plantation, and he purchased a piece of Barnard's Fairfield plantation in 1909.



Approximate location of Gabriel Quarterman's land

Gabriel's father was named Sharper Quarterman. It appears likely that his mother was named Nelly, and that he had a brother named Mingo Quarterman. Sharper Quarterman and Nelly were living together in 1870, though were old enough that Gabriel and Mingo were no longer in the household.

Another man, Sam Quarterman, named Sharper Quarterman as his father when he applied for a Freedman's Bank record in 1873. It seems that he was part of a family that Sharper Quarterman had with another woman, named Nanny. Nanny and her children were held in slavery by William B. Fleming, who purchased Nanny and her children Hercules and Little Sharper from the John Lambert estate in 1840.

John Lambert had had a special interest in his enslaved people and had directed in his will before he died in 1780 that his estate be held together and the profits invested in charitable purposes, and his wishes were followed until 1838, when the trustees began to sell off the enslaved people and put the money in a foundation fund¹. Many freed people in Liberty County could trace their lineage back to the Lambert estate because it was held together for so long, and the income derived from their labor is still being used for charitable purposes through the Lambert Foundation to this day.

Nanny and her children Sharper, Samuel, Hercules, Malbro [alt: Marlborough], Julia, and Chloe remained with William B. Fleming until at least 1856 when they were last mentioned in records associated with him, and likely through Emancipation, as he did not die until after the Civil War.

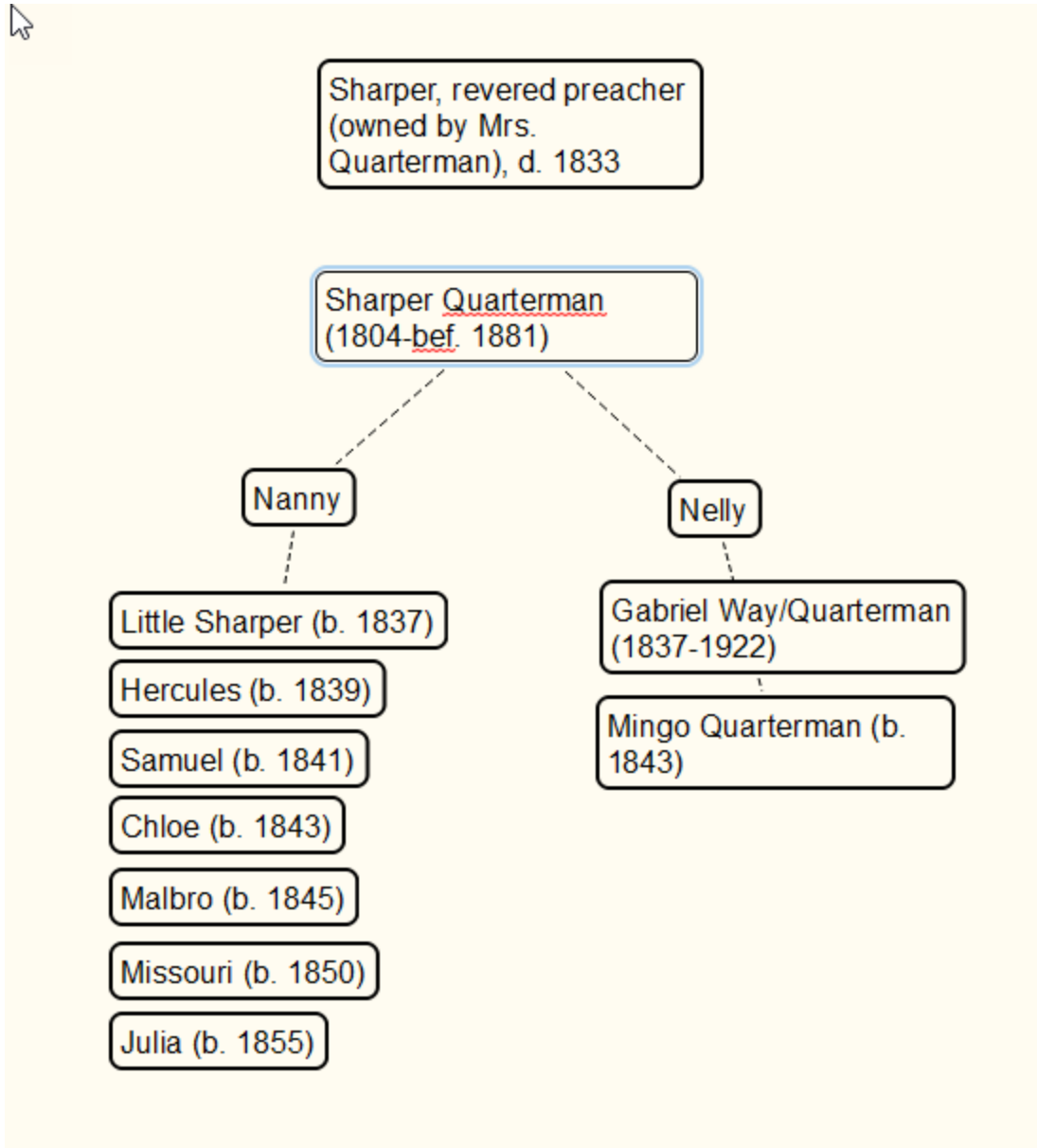
If Nanny and her children were held in slavery by a Fleming, and Nelly and her children by a Barnard, how did they come to use the surnames Way and Quarterman after Emancipation? Often this happens if an enslaved person is brought into a particular slaveholding family by a woman who married into it; the surname taken at Emancipation may be the wife's

¹ James Stacy, *History and Published Records of the Midway Congregational Church, Liberty County, Georgia*, The Reprint Company, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 2002, pp 191-193.

surname, almost like a way of pointing back to a family lineage for enslaved people.

In this case, however, it appears that there was a different reason. An enslaved man named Sharper, who was held in slavery by a Mrs. Quarterman, was a renowned preacher in Liberty County's African American community in the early 1800s. He was respected by both the Black and White community. It seems likely that either he was either related to this family, or that the surname was adopted in his honor.

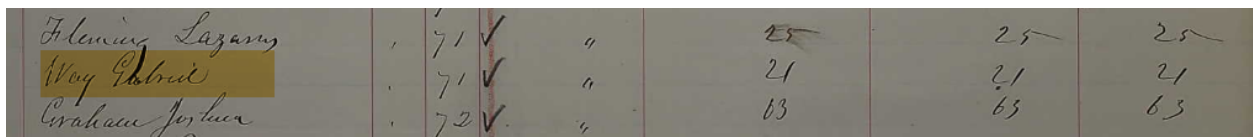
Following is a speculative tree for this family, supported by records below.



DETAILS AND RECORDS

Gabriel Way/Quarterman in Liberty County Records

In 1867, Gabriel, using the surname Way, registered to vote in Liberty County's 2d Election District, precinct 1, in Riceboro². As required, he swore that he had lived in the state, county and precinct for 21 years.



Fleming Lazarus	71	✓	"	25	25	25
Way Gabriel	71	✓	"	21	21	21
Graham Quarterman	72	✓	"	63	63	63

Gabriel Way's 1867 voter registration

In 1870, Gabriel and his wife Martha, using the surname Way, were living in Liberty County's Subdivision 180, next to Mingo and Eve Quarterman, and near Sharper and Nelly Quarterman, and Alfred and Violet Mullis³. They had a 2-year-old girl named Catherine, presumably their daughter, in their household, along with a 7-year-old girl named Amanda Quarterman. Amanda was not listed in age order with Catherine, which suggests that she was not Gabriel's and Martha's biological daughter, but may also just be a mistake by the census taker. The nearest white neighbor was Roswell King III.

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"Georgia, Returns of Qualified Voters and Reconstruction Oath Books, 1867-1869," Liberty County, Georgia, Precinct 1, Election District 2, entry for Gabriel Way, voter #142; database images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1857/images/32305_1220705227_0257-00011: accessed 6 Oct 2022), image 41 of 100.

³ 1870 U.S. census, Liberty County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 180, page 28, dwelling 261, family 261, enumerated on November 22, 1870, by Robert Q. Baker, entry for Gabriel and Martha Way household; digital image, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4263491_00408 : accessed 2 Oct 2022), image 28 of 52.

That same year (1880), Gabriel Quarterman was renting 15 acres of land in Liberty County's 15th District, presumably the land he was living on⁵.

NOTE C.—Enumerators will observe that there are 104 questions relating to each farm, which are arranged in four successive divisions of each schedule page.

SCHEDULE 2.—Productions of Agriculture in *Liberty* **the County of** *Liberty*, **State of** *Georgia*
 enumerated by me on the *18th* day of June, 1880. *G. Quarterman* Enumerator.

THE NAME	ACRES OF LAND				FARM VALUES				FISHERY				LABOR				GRASS LANDS					
	IMPROVED		UNIMPROVED		OF SOIL		OF BUILDING		OF LIVE STOCK		OF FISHERY		WHITE		BLACK		ACRES		CATTLE		HORSES	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	No.	Value	No.	Value	Acres	Acres	No.	Value	No.	Value
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	100	3	30	60	1	110															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	100			50	2	2															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	200			200	1	100															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	100			100	1	30															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	15			150	1	100															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	2			20	1	30															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	100			100	1	30															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	200			200	30	100															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	100			100	5	90															
<i>Robert Daniel</i>	1	2			20	2	6															

Gabriel Quarterman in the 1880 U.S. federal census agricultural schedule

In 1900, Gabe and Martha Quarterman, now married for 33 years, had daughters Rosa and Retta in their household, both listed as single, and Ann E. Quarterman, listed as a step-daughter⁶. Martha was said to have had 9 children with 5 of them then living.

2	2	<i>Quarterman Gabe</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>1838</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>
		<i>Martha</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>1836</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>
		<i>Rosa</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>1878</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>
		<i>Ann E.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>1878</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>
		<i>Retta</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>1880</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Georgia</i>

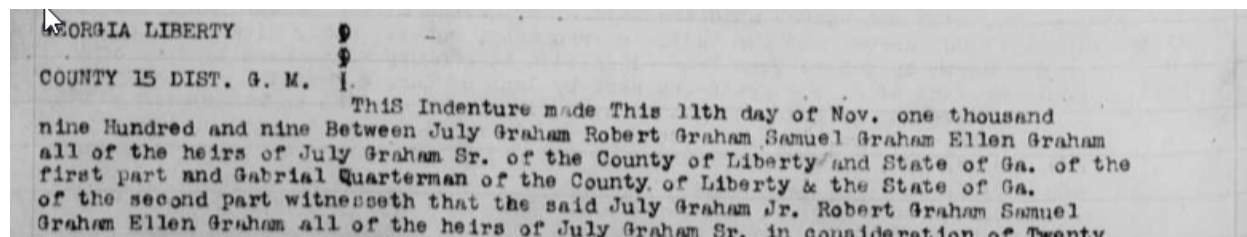
Gabriel and Martha Quarterman in the 1900 census

In 1909, Gabriel Quarterman bought land from the heirs of July Graham Sr (July Graham, Robert Graham, Samuel Graham, and Ellen Graham) for

⁵ 1880 U.S. census, Liberty County, Georgia, agricultural schedule, District 15, page 23, entry for Gabriel Quarterman; digital image, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1276/images/32668_236695-00065: accessed 2 Oct 2022), image 5 of 16.

⁶ 1900 U.S. Census, Liberty County, Georgia, population schedule, Militia District 15, enumeration district 81, sheet 1, line numbers 11-15, Gabe and Martha Quarterman household; digital image, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4120071_00579: accessed 6 Oct 2022), image 1 of 32.

\$25⁷. It consisted of 15 acres in the 15th District, bounded on the north by Porter Way, east by Phillis Steven[s], south by Caesar Steven[s], west by Mariah Guerrard.



Purchase of land by Gabriel Quarterman, 1909

Before 1909, Gabriel Quarterman had apparently purchased at least 50 acres of the Fairfield Plantation, because on June 3, 1909, he sold it to R.G. Wiggins of Chatham County⁸. The land was bounded on the east by the public road from Darien to Sunbury, on the south by land claimed by Clifford Williams, west by another part of the Fairfield Plantation, and on the north by property previously claimed by Lewis Blue but now owned by Wiggins. The 50-acre tract, according to Quarterman, was where he had been living, and he had come into possession of it via a verbal contract with T.J. Barnard. Quarterman reserved the right to live there until at least December 31, 1910, but to move by January 1, 1911.

⁷ Liberty County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, 1877-1882, Book AL (1911-1912), page 298-9, entry for Gabriel Quarterman, 11 Nov 1909; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-5SFD-S> : accessed 6 Oct 2022), Family History Library microfilm 008564345, image 553 of 707, item 2 of 2; citing original records of Liberty County Superior Court, Georgia.

⁸ Liberty County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, 1877-1882, Book AJ (1908-1910), page 302-3, entry for Gabriel Quarterman, 3 Jun 1909; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-576H> : accessed 6 Oct 2022), Family History Library microfilm 008564344, image 500 of 661, item 2 of 2; citing original records of Liberty County Superior Court, Georgia.

State of Georgia
 County of Chatham.

This Indenture made and entered into this Third day of June, 1909, between Gabriel Quarterman of Liberty County, Georgia, party of the first part, and R. L. Wiggins of Chatham County, Georgia, party of the second part.

Witnesseth:

That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty-four dollars and forty-five cents (\$54.45), cash in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, assign, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, his heirs, legal representatives and assigns, the following described tract of land, to-wit:

All that tract of land being part of Fairfield plantation containing fifty (50) acres, more or less, and bounded on the East by the public road from Darien to Saubury, on the South by land claimed by Clifford Williams, on the West by part of said Fairfield plantation, and on the North by property heretofore claimed by David Blue

1909 Sale of land by Gabriel Quarterman

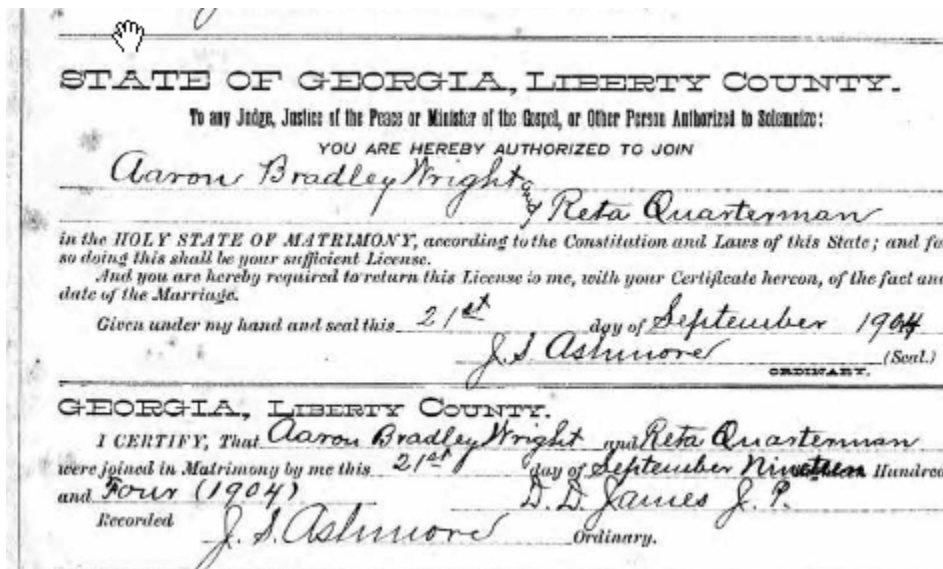
By 1910, Gabriel and Martha Quarterman still had Ritta, now listed as a widow, in their household with grandchildren Anna Liza, Gabe, and Albert⁹.

203	Quarterman, Gabriel	Martha	W	1867	11/30	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	English	Farmer	Own Farm
	Quarterman, Gabriel	Ritta	F	1864	11/33	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	English	Farmer	Own Farm
	Quarterman, Gabriel	Anna Liza	F	1891	11/22	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	English	Farmer	Own Farm
	Quarterman, Gabriel	Gabe	M	1892	11/22	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	English	Farmer	Own Farm
	Quarterman, Gabriel	Albert	M	1894	11/22	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	English	Farmer	Own Farm
204	Wright, James	Martha	W	1851	11/22	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	English	Farmer	Own Farm
205	Wright, James	Roughall	W	1842	11/22	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	English	Farmer	Own Farm

Gabriel and Martha Quarterman in the 1910 census

⁹ 1910 U.S. Census, Liberty County, Georgia, population schedule, Militia District 15, enumeration district 115, page 15A, line numbers 38-43, house 203, dwelling 203 ; digital image, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/31111_4327500-00671 : accessed 6 Oct 2022), image 24 of 36.

Oddly, there is a marriage certificate saying that Ritta had married Aaron Wright, their next-door neighbor, in 1904¹⁰, but the census did not reflect that. Gabriel and Martha were living near Roswell King III still.



Marriage record for Aaron Bradley Wright and Reta Quarterman, 1904

On March 9, 1914, Gabriel Quarterman sold to Calvin Abefelt of Liberty County for \$200 nine acres in the 15th District bounded north by C.B. Jones, east by Quarterman himself, south by Quarterman, and west by C.B. Jones¹¹. This was said to be a part of the land that Gabe Quarterman had bought from "Mr. Brewer." The deed record was witnessed by Lewis Blue. Blue had a deed record on the same page showing that he had sold land to July Harris, and that this land bordered on land belonging to Gabe

¹⁰ Liberty County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary Marriages White & Colored, Book B, 1897-1909, page 302, entry for Aaron Bradley Wright and Reta Quarterman, 21 September 1904, Liberty County, Georgia, by Justice of the Peace D.D. James; database images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/4766/images/40660_307901-00359 : accessed 6 Oct 2022), "Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978" > "Marriages (White and Colored), Book B, 1897-1909," image 187 of 276; citing County Marriage Records, 1828-1878, the Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia.

¹¹ Liberty County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, 1877-1882, Book AN (1913-1915), page 137, entry for Gabe Quarterman, 9 March 1914; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-RRQG> : accessed 6 Oct 2022), Family History Library microfilm 008564346, image 441 of 678, item 2 of 2; citing original records of Liberty County Superior Court, Georgia.

Quarterman and also on the Sandy Run Public Road, showing that Gabriel Quarterman lived near Sandy Run Road.

Georgia, Liberty County, 15 Dist.
This Indenture, made this ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, Between Gabe Quarterman of the County of Liberty, State of Ga., of the first part and Calvin Aberfelt of the County of Liberty, State of Ga., of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part for in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in hand paid to him by the party of the 2nd. at or before the sealing and delivery of the presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has grant, bargain, sell and conveyed unto the said party of 2nd part, that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 15 Dist. of said County and State, containing nine acres bounded as follows: On the North by the land C. B. Jones and East Gabe Quarterman & on the South by land of Gabe Quarterman & on the West by land of C. B. Jones, the said described tract of land is a part of the tract of Gabe Quarterman land which he had bet from Mr. Brewer. To have and hold together the said property with all the right and privilege and appurtenances and behoer Whereof the party of the first part will & defend all the right of any person against the said described property, and his heirs, executors, administrators will defend all claim against the described property of the party of the 2nd. part and his heirs, executors, administrator & assigns in fee simple whereof the said party and his heirs, executors, administrator and assigns has set his hand and affixed his seal & deliver the day and year above written.

Lewis Blue
July Harris
J. J. Baxter, J.P.

his
Gabe x Quarterman (L.S.)
mark

Recorded March 11, 1914.
J. B. Frazier
Clerk S. C. L. Co., Ga.

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Sale of land by Gabe Quarterman, 1914

On January 24, 1918, Gabe Quarterman sold to Jack Richardson for \$227 a 35-acre tract in Liberty County bounded north by C.B. Jones, east by land belonging to C.B. Jones but previously belonging to July Harris, south by the Sandy Run Road and west by land belonging to Calvin Aberfelt, Lilly Harris and Bellman¹².

¹² Liberty County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, 1877-1882, Book AQ, page 251-2, entry for Gabe Quarterman, 24 Jan 1918; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-59CM-X> : accessed 6 Oct 2022), Family History Library microfilm 008564348, image 165 of 745, item 1 of 2; citing original records of Liberty County Superior Court, Georgia.

State of Georgia, Liberty County.

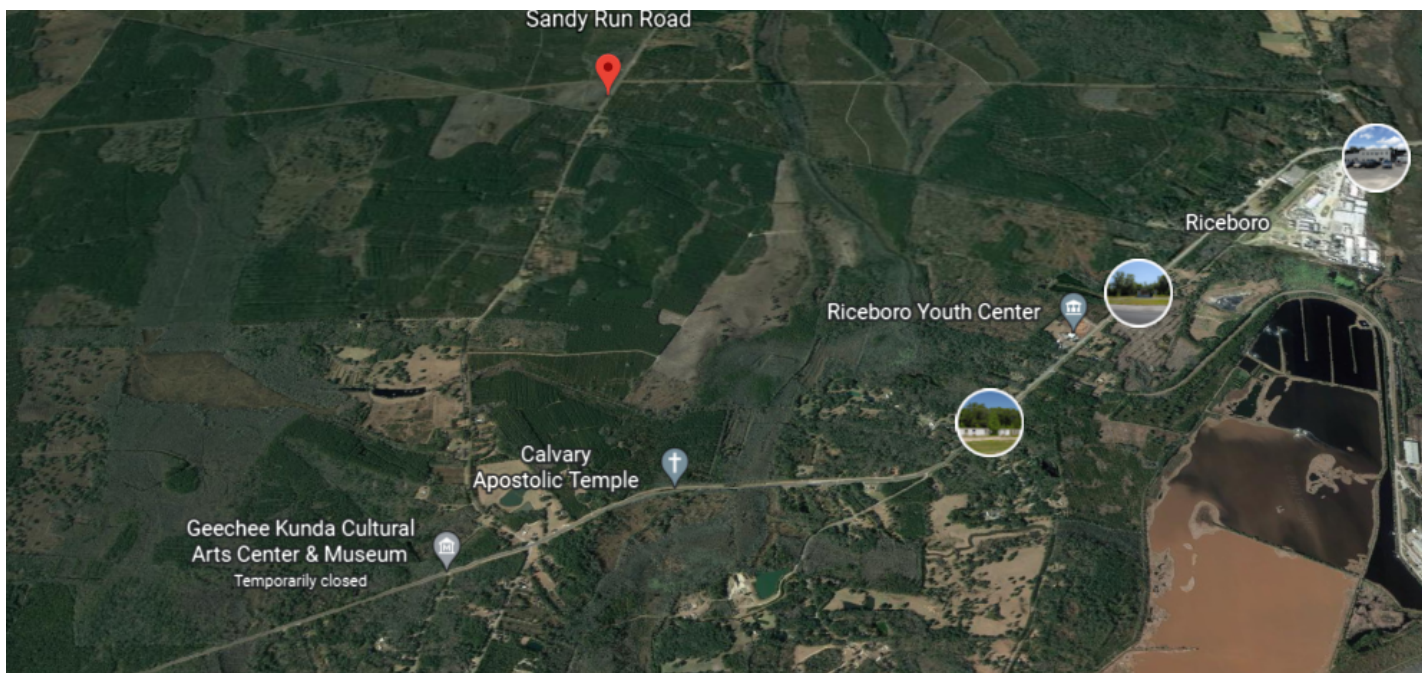
This Indenture, made the 24 day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen (1918) between Gabe Quarterman of the County of Liberty and State of Georgia of the one part, and Jack Richardson of the County of Liberty and State of Ga. of the other part.

Witnesseth, That the said Gabe Quarterman party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty Seven & 50/100 dollars (\$227.50) in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto the said Jack Richardson party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 15th Dist. G.M. of Liberty Co. Ga. containing thirty five (35) acres, more or less, and bounded North by land of C.B. Jones, East by land of C.B. Jones formerly July Harris, South by the Sandy Run road and west by lands of Calvin Aberfelt, Lilly Harris and Bellman.

To Have and to Hold the said bargained premises, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereto appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of him the said Jack Richardson his heirs, administrators and assigns, in fee simple. And the said Gabe Quarterman

Sale of land by Gabriel Quarterman, 1918

The land bought and sold by Gabriel Quarterman was likely to have been in this area of Liberty County:



From Google Earth

Gabriel Quarterman, by then a widower, died on April 11, 1922 in Liberty County's 15th District¹³. His son-in-law, Aaron Wright, was the informant for the death certificate. Gabriel Quarterman was said to be 85 years old, and to have died of old age, not attended by a physician. The undertaker was C.B. Jones, his neighbor and a member of the prominent white planter Jones family. Mr. Quarterman's father was said to have been Sharber [alt: Sharper] Quarterman, born in Liberty County, but no information about his mother was given.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1 PLACE OF DEATH. County of <u>Liberty</u> Militia District of <u>15th</u> or Inc. Town of _____ or (City of _____)			CERTIFICATE OF DEATH COMMONWEALTH OF GEORGIA Bureau of Vital Statistics STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
2 FULL NAME. <u>Gabriel Quarterman</u> <small>(If unnamed child give surname preceded by "Unnamed")</small>			File No.—For State Registrar Only. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">10036</div>	
3 MALE OR FEMALE <u>Male</u> <small>(Write the word)</small>			16 DATE OF DEATH <u>April 11th</u> 19 <u>22</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>	
4 COLOR OR RACE <u>Negro</u>			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 191____, to _____, 191____ that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 191____ and that death occurred on the date stated above, at _____ m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Old Age</u> <u>Not attended by Physician</u>	
5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED. <u>Widowed</u> <small>(Write the word)</small>			18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents) At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____ Former or usual residence _____	
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nov 2nd</u> 18 <u>37</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>			19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Richboro Ga</u>	
7 AGE <u>85</u> yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. <small>If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?</small>			20 UNDERTAKER <u>C.B. Jones</u> ADDRESS <u>Richboro Ga</u>	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>None</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____			21 WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Signed) _____ M. D. _____ 191____ (Address) _____	
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Liberty County Ga</u>			*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL.	
PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Sharber Quarterman</u>		(18) LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents) At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____ Former or usual residence _____	
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Liberty County Ga</u>		19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Richboro Ga</u>	
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Went Brown</u>		20 UNDERTAKER <u>C.B. Jones</u> ADDRESS <u>Richboro Ga</u>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Richboro Ga</u>		14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>Aaron Wright</u> (Address) <u>Richboro Ga</u>		
15 Filed <u>26</u> 19 <u>22</u> <u>J. J. Baxter</u> LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>Richboro Ga</u>				

Gabriel Quarterman's Death Certificate

¹³ "Georgia, Death Index, 1914-1940," entry for Gabriel Quarterman, 11 Apr 1922, District 15, Liberty County, Georgia], State File 10036; database images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2562/images/004178236_00303 : accessed 6 Oct 2022), image 303 of 1480; citing Family History Library microfilm #004178236; Original held by Georgia Department of Health and Vital Statistics, Atlanta, Georgia.

Aaron Wright, Quarterman's son-in-law, was married to his daughter Ritta Quarterman, who had been born around 1878. They had named a son Gabe, presumably after Gabriel Quarterman. Lewis Blue's son Lewis Blue was married to Gabriel Quarterman's daughter Amanda.

Gabriel Quarterman Before Emancipation

Gabriel Quarterman was almost certainly held in slavery by John B. Barnard (1807-1861), who owned the North Hampton plantation in Liberty County's 15th District.

According to *The Children of Pride*¹⁴, John Barnard had lived in Wilmington Island, Chatham County, son of Timothy Barnard and his first wife Amelia Guerard, until 1846, when he moved to North Hampton, "his plantation on the North Newport River." He was said to have been a selectman at the Midway Church. The Barnards were said to be close friends of the Roswell Kings and the Jones family. It will be remembered that Gabriel Quarterman's closest white neighbor was Roswell King III, who owned the South Hampton plantation, and that Gabriel Quarterman's property bordered that of C.B. Jones, a member of the white Jones family. (In fact, C.B. Jones was listed as the undertaker when Gabriel Quarterman died.)

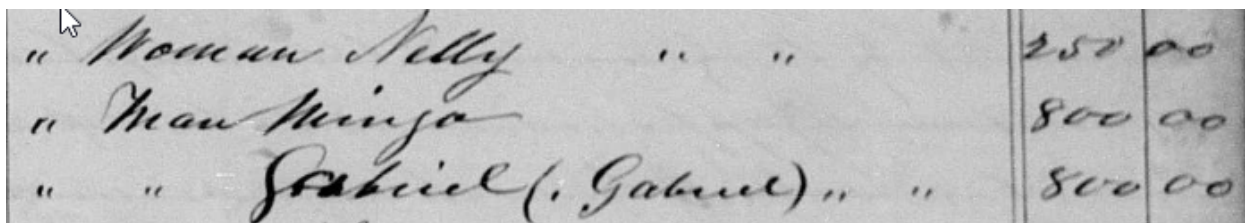
In a codicil to his 1861 will¹⁵, Barnard directed that his North Hampton plantation should not be sold during his wife Ann Pray Barnard's lifetime, and that "the negroes which may fall to the portion of my said wife [shall] be worked on said plantation." He also urged that the trustees hold off selling "property" as long as possible and that they "must sell the negroes in families and to kind and humane masters." Ann P. Barnard lived until 1891,

¹⁴ Robert Manson Myers (Ed.), *The Children of Pride: A True Story of Georgia and the Civil War*, Yale University Press, 1972, page 1460.

¹⁵ <https://theyhadnames.net/2018/07/23/liberty-county-will-john-b-barnard/>. For original copy of will, see: "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G93T-XBM7?cc=1999178&wc=9SB7-6T5%3A267679901%2C268014801> : 20 May 2014), Liberty > Miscellaneous probate records 1850-1863 vol C and L > image 278 of 703; county probate courthouses, Georgia.

and no record was found of the estate being divided, so Gabriel was most likely living on North Hampton plantation at Emancipation, and from the deed records, appears to have made a verbal contract with one of Barnard's sons, most likely Nathaniel Law Barnard, to purchase part of Barnard's Fairfield plantation.

John B. Barnard's estate was inventoried and appraised in early 1862¹⁶. The inventory referred to "the North Hampton plantation including the Fairfield Tract of 500 acres, and contained the names of 120 enslaved people, including Nelly, Mingo and Gabriel, listed in order.



A photograph of a handwritten document, likely a probate inventory, showing three entries. The entries are written in cursive and list names followed by monetary values. The first entry is "Woman Nelly" with a value of "250 00". The second entry is "Man Mingo" with a value of "800 00". The third entry is "Gabriel (, Gabriel)" with a value of "800 00". The document is aged and the ink is dark.

" Woman Nelly	" "	250 00
" Man Mingo		800 00
" " Gabriel (, Gabriel)"	" "	800 00

John B. Barnard 1862 estate inventory naming Nelly, Mingo, Gabriel

In 1847, John B. Barnard had used Nelly, Gabriel, and Mingo (listed in that order in a list of 38 enslaved people) as collateral on a promissory note to the company George W. Anderson & Brother¹⁷. This was a common transaction among white planters to raise cash for their next year's crops.

¹⁶ Abstract at: <https://theyhadnames.net/2019/03/25/liberty-county-estate-inventory-john-b-barnard/>. Find the digitized original at: "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L93T-XYPH?cc=1999178&wc=9SB7-6T5%3A267679901%2C268014801:20May2014>), Liberty > Miscellaneous probate records 1850-1863 vol C and L > image 283 of 703.

¹⁷ Abstract at: <https://theyhadnames.net/2019/12/05/used-as-collateral-barnard-anderson/>. Original at Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court "Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958," Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. M-N 1842-1854," Record Book M, pp. 640-2. Image #371-2 (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-54CC?i=370&cat=292358>)

Said George W Anderson & Brother the following negro
Slaves to wit, Tony, Rachael, Lissa, Inna, Clelly, young
Inna, Rose, Mitchell, Isaac, Daniel Henry, Geo, Ben,
Jay, Rosanna, Elay, Nelly, Gabriel Mingo Quarterman, Alley
Mary, Fannie, Dinah, Leah, Patsy, Charity, Chloe
Sarah, Elizabeth, Josephine, Smith, Jennette, Wier, Letty
Eve Charlotte, Elvira Betty, Sherry eight in number
together with the issue and increase of the said
female Slaves, To Have and to Hold the said
negro Slaves with the future issue and increase of the
female Slaves, unto the said G W Anderson & Brother
their Executors, administrators, and assigns and the
survivors of them his Executors administrators assigns
upon condition, nevertheless that if I the said John
B Barnard my heirs, Executors and administrators

Collateral mortgage by John B. Barnard, 1847.

It can be speculated that Nelly was the mother of Mingo and Gabriel, based on their positions in this listing and the estate inventory. This will be discussed more later.

In 1877 Mingo Quarterman applied for compensation from the U.S. government for property he said was taken by U.S. soldiers during Sherman's Army's raid of Liberty County in December 1864¹⁸. He testified that in 1864 he was living on John Barnard's North Hampton plantation and that he had lived all of his life in Liberty County.

¹⁸ Transcript and research about Mingo Quarterman's life at:
<https://theyhadnames.net/2020/12/11/mingo-quarterman-southern-claims-commission/>.

Sharper Quarterman in Postbellum Liberty County Records

Who was the Sharper Quarterman listed as Gabriel Quarterman's father in his death certificate? Given that the informant for Gabriel Quarterman's death certificate was his son-in-law, it is likely that he did know the name of Gabriel's father.

In 1867, a Sharper Quarterman registered to vote in Riceboro, Liberty County. The registrar recorded that he had lived in the state, county and precinct for 65 years¹⁹. Recall that Gabriel Quarterman was 21 years old at this time.

Jenkins Isaac	,	47	✓	"	22	22	22
Quarterman Sharper	,	47	✓	"	65	65	65
Francis Gano	,	47	✓	"	40	40	40

Sharper Quarterman's voter registration, 1867

In 1870, Sharper Quarterman, a Black farmer said to be aged 60 years old, was living with a 50-year-old Black woman named Nelly, presumably his wife, in Liberty County's Subdivision 180²⁰. It will be recalled that the position of the names in John Barnard's estate inventory and collateral mortgage suggested that Nelly was the mother of Gabriel and Mingo. This

¹⁹ "Georgia, Returns of Qualified Voters and Reconstruction Oath Books, 1867-1869," Riceboro, Liberty County, Georgia, Precinct 1, Election District 2, entry for Sharper Quarterman, voter 514; database images, Ancestry

(https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1857/images/32305_1220705227_0257-00029 : accessed 2 Oct 2022), image 50 of 100.

²⁰ 1870 U.S. census, Liberty County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 180, page 28, dwelling 265, family 265, enumerated on November 22, 1870, by Robert Q. Baker, entry for Sharper Quarterman household; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 Oct 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication M593_162.

would seem to support that.

262	262	Quarterman Mingo	27	M	B	Farmer
		- Eve	23	F	B	Keeping House
		- Hazard	6	M	B	
		- Smith	4	M	B	
		- Toney	1 1/2	M	B	
263	263	Jones Rosena	40	F	B	Farmer Laborer
		- Cornelius	2	M	B	
264	264	Mullis Alfred	23	M	B	Farmer
		- Violet	22	F	B	Keeping House
265	265	Quarterman Sharper	60	M	B	Farmer
		- Nelly	50	F	B	Keeping House
266	266	Edwards Charles	60	M	B	Farmer
		- Reedy	20	F	B	At Home

Sharper Quartermen in the 1870 census

Sharper Quartermen's neighbors in 1870 were Alfred and Violet Mullis, Rosena Jones, Mingo (27) and Eve (23) Quartermen, Charles Edwards, Samuel Carter, and Hannibal Barnard. Nearby were Gabriel (23) and Martha Way with their presumable daughter Catharine (2) and the 7-year-old girl named Amanda Quartermen. They were also near white planters Roswell (33) and Catherine King²¹.

In the 1870 agricultural census, Sharper Quartermen was listed on 4 acres. Listed near him were Samuel Carter, Hannibal Barnard, Charles Edwards, Alfred Mullis, Mingo Quartermen, Gabriel Way, and Roswell King²².

²¹ This would have been Roswell King III (1836-1911), son of the Roswell King Jr who owned South Hampton plantation in Liberty County.

²² 1870 U.S. census, Liberty County, Georgia, agricultural schedule, subdivision 180, page 4, entry for Sharper Quartermen; digital image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 2 Oct 2022), image 4 of 8.

29	Blue Levi	8	32	3					
30	Hawes John	10	40	3					
31	Hicks Matty	11	45	2					
32	King Roswell	250/1650	1000	200	500	2	4		
33	Way Gabriel	7	22	10				1	1
34	Quarterman Mingo	7	22	1					
35	Wright Alfred	5	20	2					
36	Quarterman Sharper	4	16	1			1		
37	Evans Charles	9	16	1					

Levi Blue, Roswell King, Gabriel Way, Mingo Quarterman, Sharper Quarterman in the 1870 agricultural schedule

In 1878, Sharper Quarterman paid tax on personal property with \$37; he did not pay poll tax²³. The fact that he did not pay poll tax likely indicates he was over 60 years old, as only men between the ages of 21 and 60 paid poll tax in Georgia at that time²⁴. He was one of 19 freedpeople with the surname Quarterman who paid property tax that year in Liberty County's 15th District. In 1880, he was one of 23 freedpeople with that surname paying property tax in the 15th District and again did not pay a poll tax. He owed tax on \$23 worth of personal property²⁵.

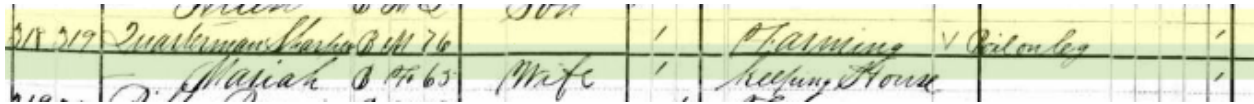
In 1880, Sharper Quarterman, a Black farmer aged 76 years old, lived in the 15th District with his wife, Mariah Quarterman, a 65-year-old Black woman²⁶. [Nelly likely had died.] Although their Black neighbors were now Paul and Ellen Anderson, Abram Way, Peggy Bibbs, and Emma Jones, their nearest white neighbor was still Roswell King. Sharper Quarterman was said to be ill with a boil on his leg.

²³ Liberty County, Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, District 15, 1878, entry for Sharper Quarterman; digitized images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 2 Oct 2022), image 90 of 702; citing Georgia Tax Digests, Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia.

²⁴ Georgia Archives, "Georgia Tax Records FAQs," digital image https://www.georgiaarchives.org/research/tax_records_faq : accessed 2 Oct 2022).

²⁵ Liberty County, Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, District 15, 1880, entry for Sharper Quarterman; digitized images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 2 Oct 2022), image 304 of 702; citing Georgia Tax Digests, Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia.

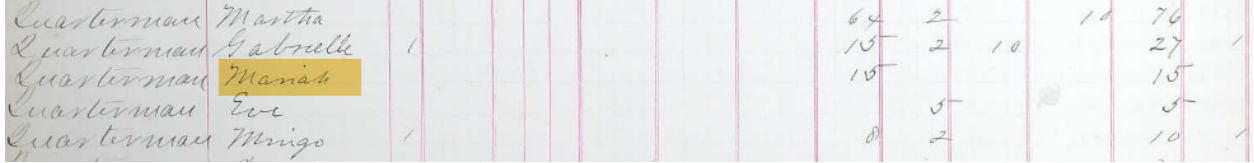
²⁶ 1880 U.S. Census, Liberty County, Georgia, population schedule, District 15, enumeration district 67, page 29, dwelling 318, family 319, entry for Sharper Quarterman household; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 2 Oct 2022).



Sharper and Mariah Quarterman in the 1880 census

No records were found after 1880 that appeared to be for this Sharper Quarterman. A Sharper Quarterman was found living in Savannah, though the records appeared to be for a different, probably younger man. In 1890, a Sharper Quarterman was listed in the Savannah City Directory working as a laborer and living at 66 Jones. [The Liberty County Sharper Quarterman would have been in his 80s at this time.] A Sharper Quarterman was treated by the Savannah City Physician as an indigent patient on August 4, 1889.

However, a Mariah Quarterman was listed in the 1881 Liberty County tax digest, paying taxes on \$17 worth of personal property²⁷. In 1882, Mariah Quarterman had paid tax on \$15 worth of personal property²⁸, and in 1883 on \$20²⁹. Because she was not seen on the same tax list with Sharper Quarterman (meaning she did not have independent property), it seems likely that Sharper Quarterman died between the 1880 census and the 1881 tax year.



Mariah Quarterman in the tax digest

²⁷ Liberty County, Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, District 15, 1881, entry for Mariah Quarterman; digitized images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1729/images/40881_1220705227_0839-00529 : accessed 6 Oct 2022), image 413 of 702.
²⁸ Liberty County, Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, District 15, 1882, entry for Mariah Quarterman; digitized images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1729/images/40881_1220705227_0839-00679 : accessed 6 Oct 2022), image 538 of 702.
²⁹ Liberty County, Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, District 15, 1883, entry for Mariah Quarterman; digitized images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1729/images/40881_1220705227_0839-00529 : accessed 6 Oct 2022), image 667 of 702.

Sharper as the Father of Sam Quarterman

In 1873, a Sam Quarterman opened a Freedman's Bank account. He stated that he was born in Liberty County, Georgia, and that he lived on Jones St and worked as a laborer for the paper company³⁰. He was 27 years old, had no children, and had been married to Nannie, who was deceased. The Freedman's Bank required information about depositors' parents and siblings, and Sam Quarterman said his father was Sharper, deceased, and his mother Nannie. His siblings were: "Hercules Molba [alt: Malbro, Marlborough], Julia Chloe." Under "remarks" was entered: Hercules dead, Missouri dead, Hackless dead.

No. 12560 RECORD	Sam Quarterman
Date,	Sept 6/73
Where born,	Liberty Co. Ga.
Where brought up,	
Residence,	Jones St Seane
Age,	27 years
Complexion,	Dark brown
Occupation,	Laborer
Works for	Paper Co.
Wife or Husband,	Nannie dead
Children,	None
Father,	Sharper dead
Mother,	Nannie
Brothers and Sisters,	Hercules, Molba, Julia, Chloe
REMARKS	Hercules dead Missouri dead Hackless "
Cont. write	
Signature	Sam Quarterman

Samuel Quarterman's Freedman's Bank record, 1873

³⁰ U.S. Freedman's Bank Records, 1865-1847 > Registers of Signatures of Depositors, 1865-1874 > Roll 10: Savannah, Georgia; Oct 22, 1872-Sep 1, 1874; indexed digital images, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/>; accessed 2 Oct 2022), image 368 of 785.

In December 1820, a boy named Sharper was named in the Liberty County estate inventory of William Fleming.³¹

Inventory & Appraisement of the personal property of the Estate of William Fleming decd. remaining in Liberty County, as shewn us by Oliver Stevens, Executor.

Negro man	Ludguc	600.	Brought forward	\$ 4950
"	Prince	600.	Boy William	200
"	Peter	600.	Girl Maria	275
Old Sampson		400.	" Chloee	275
Woman Hannah		500	Girl Mintu	100
" Nancy		500	" Senah	35
" Peggy		475	10 Cotton gins	70
Girl Phillis		350	Cotton whiffur	5
Old Delilah		275.		\$ 5020
Boy Morris		325		
" Sharper		325		
Carried forward		\$ 4950		

Sharper, a boy, in William Fleming's estate inventory, 1820

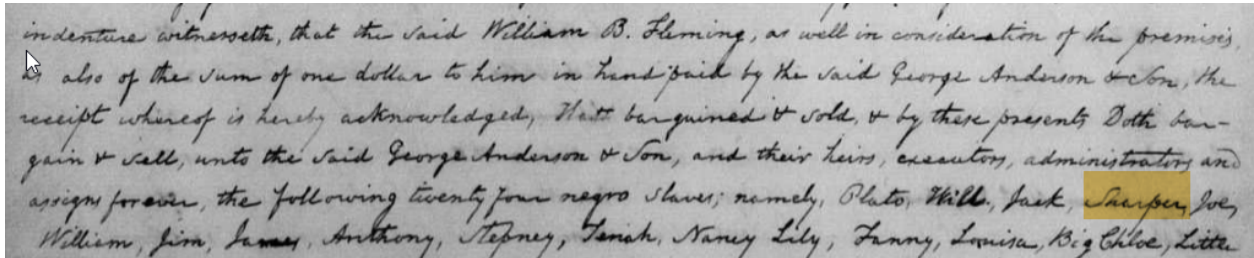
Fleming's will, dated February 12, 1820, left all of his property to his wife and children, excepting that William B. Fleming, who he said had inherited property from his grandmother, was not to receive any property from the estate that had been inherited from Peter Winn, the grandfather of his "other children."³²

On June 10, 1831, William Fleming's son, William B. Fleming, of Liberty County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$2000 to George W. Anderson and John W. Anderson, merchants and copartners in Savannah

³¹ "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L93L-P9K?cc=1999178&wc=9SYT-PT5%3A267679901%2C268032901> : 20 May 2014), Liberty > Wills, appraisements and bonds 1790-1850 vol B > image 399 of 689

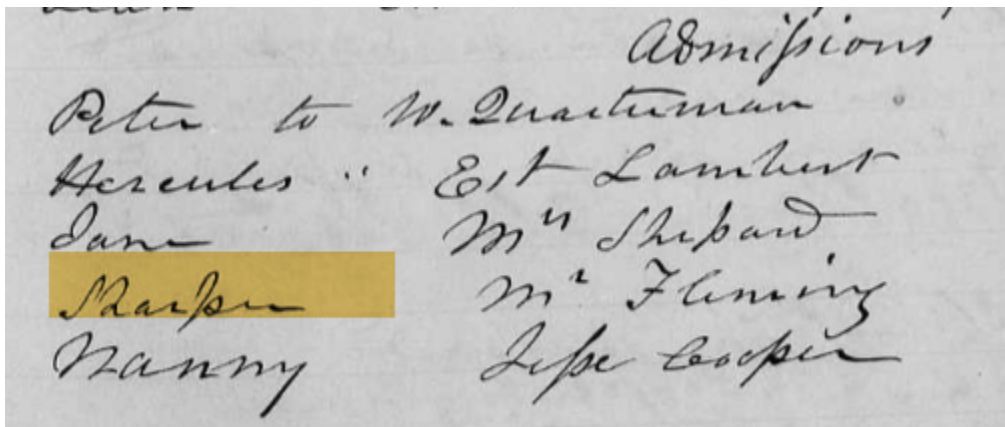
³² "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q5Q-G93L-P9Z4?cc=1999178&wc=9SYT-PT5%3A267679901%2C268032901> : 20 May 2014), Liberty > Wills, appraisements and bonds 1790-1850 vol B > image 139 of 689; county probate courthouses, Georgia.

doing business under the name George Anderson & Son, “twenty four negro slaves...namely, Plato, Will, Jack, Sharper, Joe, William, Jim, James, Anthony, Stepney, Tenah, Nancy, Lily, Fanny, Louisa, Big Chloe, Little Chloe, Henry, Rinah, Leah, Rachel, Hannah, Betty & Harriet.”³³ Witnessed by W.W. Gordon, Notary Public. Recorded in Liberty County Superior Court on December 14, 1832.



Sharper, used as collateral by William B. Fleming, 1831

On May 25, 1833, an enslaved man named Sharper belonging to “Mr. Fleming” was admitted to membership in the Midway Congregational Church.



Sharper admitted to Midway Church on May 25, 1833

In 1835, Sharper, belonging to William Fleming, was cited for a “difficulty” that also involved Prince (belonging to Oliver Stevens), Marlborough

³³ Source: Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court “Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958,” Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. K-L 1831-1842,” Record Book K, 1831-1838, pp. 62-3. Image #67 (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-T9V2-W?i=66&cat=292358>)

(belonging to the Quarterman Way estate) and Hagar (belonging to the estate of John Lambert).

New Cases
Pinner M^r & Stevens
Sharper M^r Wm Fleming
Hagar Est Lambert
Marlbrough Est 2 Way
Difficulty
not to communicate on tomorrow
and Sam to cite to appear at next

Sharper cited by Midway Church, 1835

On May 23, 1857, a Sharper belonging to Judge Fleming was admitted “de novo” [again] into the church. A note on the record stated that “Sharper withdrew from the Church many years since, believing he was no Christian & has lived in many respects as a man of the world. He now wishes to be considered a member in good standing. The clerk was instructed to search the records to see if he has not been cut off from the church.” He apparently did not find anything negative in the records, as Sharper was readmitted.

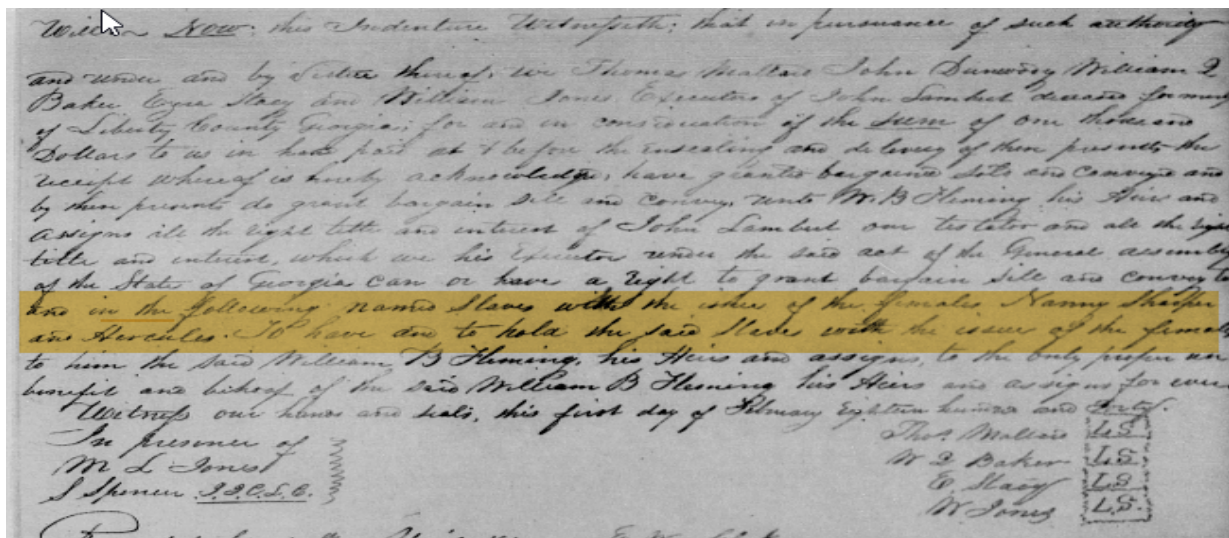
Saturday May 23^d 1857
Viola belonging to Est. Quarterman did not appear
Admission
Sharper servant of Judge Fleming received de novo into the Church *

Sharper readmitted to Midway Church, 1857

On April 24, 1837, William B. Fleming, Liberty County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$6600 to Geo. [George] W. Walthour “the following named Slaves with the issue of the females (viz) Joe, Will, Abram,

Hamsheir [alt: Hampshire], Jack, Little Jack, Jenney [alt: Jinny], Sharper, William, Big Chloe, Little Chloe, Louisa, Rhina, Doll, Teanor [alt: Tenah], Toney [alt: Tony], Betty, Leah fellow Hannah, Little Hannah, Henry, Elisa, Lucy Ann Henry Stepney Little Joe, Toney, Flora, Harriett, Rachell, Anthony [alt: Anthony], Peggy...”³⁴ Witnessed by Oliver W. Stevens, G.D. Beckwith. G.D. Beckwith probated the deed on July 15, 1837. Recorded in Liberty County Superior Court on July 18, 1837. [NOTE: Marked as satisfied in full as of January 27, 1866 by W. L. Walthour, the administrator for George W. Walthour’s estate. Satisfaction recorded on April 21, 1866.]

On February 1, 1840, the executors of John Lambert’s estate sold to William B. Fleming for \$1000 “the following named Slaves with the issue of the females Nanny Sharper and Hercules,” pursuant to the authorization granted them by an Act of the Georgia Assembly to sell John Lambert’s estate³⁵. [NOTE: It appears likely from the 1851 document that follows that Sharper and Hercules were Nanny’s children, possibly with the Sharper who was held in slavery by William B. Fleming Sr and Jr.]



Sale of Nanny, Hercules and Sharper to William B. Fleming, 1840

³⁴ Source: Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court “Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958,” Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. K-L 1831-1842,” Record Book K, 1831-1838, pp. 417-8. Image #261 (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-T9KV-V?i=260&cat=292358>)

³⁵ Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court “Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958,” Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. K-L 1831-1842,” Record Book L, 1838-1842, pp. 197-8. Image #427 (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-T92F-8?i=426&cat=292358>) (abstracted at: <https://theyhadnames.net/2020/02/23/bill-of-sale-lambert-fleming/>)

On February 1, 1840, William B. Fleming and Peter W. Fleming used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1160 to the executors of John Lambert's estate (Thomas Mallard, John Dunwody, Wm. Q. Baker, Ezra Stacy and William Jones) "the following named Slaves with the issue of the female to wit Nanny, Sharper and Hercules..."³⁶ Witnessed by M.L. Jones, S. Spencer, J.I.C.L.C. Recorded on March 23, 1840, by E. Way, Clerk.

On March 1, 1851, William B. Fleming and Thomas W. Fleming used as collateral on a promissory note to the executors of John Lambert's estate (Thomas Mallard, Ezra Stacy, William Q. Baker, William Jones, and John B. Mallard) "the following property to wit Nanny aged about thirty years little Sharper aged fourteen years Hercules aged twelve years Samuel aged ten years Chloe aged eight years Marlbro aged six years Missouri aged one year."³⁷ Witnessed by Joseph S. Law, S.A. Fraser, J.I.C.L.C. Recorded on April 2, 1851.

In March 1854, William B. Fleming used as collateral on a promissory note to Thomas W. Fleming, executor of James Wilson Winn, "the following named slaves with the issue of the females, To have and to hold said slaves (viz) Nanny Little Sharper Hercules Samuel Chloe Malbro Missouri and Sarah worth according to valuation three thousand and ten dollars said slaves being already subject to a mortgage to the executors of the estate of Lambert..."³⁸

On April 1, 1856, William B. Fleming used as collateral on a promissory note of \$800 to Thomas W. Fleming, agent of John W. Quarterman, "the

³⁶ Source: Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court "Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958," Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. K-L 1831-1842," Record Book L, 1838-1842, pp. 181-2. Image #419 (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-T9L4-X?cat=292358>)

³⁷ Source: Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court "Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958," Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. M-N 1842-1854," Record Book N, pp. 322-4. Image #581-2 (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-53B9?i=580&cat=292358>)

³⁸ Source: Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court "Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958," Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. O-P 1854-1870," Record Book O, pp. 3-4. Images #34-35. (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-RS5Z-1?i=33&cat=292358>)

following named Slaves with the issue of the females (viz) Nanny Little Sharper Samuel Molbro [alt: Marlboro or Marlborough] Missouri and Julia children of the said Nanny said negroes being already subject to a mortgage to the executor of John Lambert...³⁹ Witnessed by T.W. Quarterman, J.P. and Geo. T. Handley. Recorded on October 3, 1856, by S.A. Fraser, Clerk. [Note: the estate of the Reverend John W. Quarterman, a missionary to China, was appraised and divided in 1859. No Sharper was named in the inventory.]

William B. Fleming Jr died after the Civil War, so no probate records naming these enslaved individuals would exist if they were still being held in slavery by him at Emancipation.

What Happened to Nanny's Children?

From the foregoing records, it appears that Nanny's children were Little Sharper, Samuel, Molbro, Missouri, Julia, and Hackless. Son Samuel, who had opened the Freedmen's Bank account, was born around 1841, according to the antebellum records. He said in his Bank account information that he had no children and had been married to Nanny, who had died. A 22-year-old Nanny Quarterman was listed in census mortality records as having died in February 1869; immediately after her was listed 1-year-old Sharper Quarterman, who had died a few months later. It seems likely that this was Samuel Quarterman's family.

His brother Sharper (Little Sharper) was born around 1837. A Sharper Way, born around 1837, had a wife named Rachael, and an infant child named Samuel. (It was common for brothers to name children after each other.) A Sharper Way also testified in 1877 in the Southern Claims Commission petition of Jupiter James, stating that he was born about 1837 and had

³⁹ Source: Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court "Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958," Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. O-P 1854-1870," Record Book O, p 239. Image #154. (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QP-RS5C-C?i=153&cat=292358>)

lived in Liberty County all his life. He said he was Jupiter James' cousin and that they lived on the same place during the Civil War.

A Hercules Quarterman, born about 1839, was listed in the 1870 census with wife Elizabeth and children Carrie and Candia.

Chloe Lambert, born about 1843, was living with 1-year-old Peter in 1870, very near to Julia Quarterman, 15 years old, who was living with Nanny Lambert, 60 years old. (Recall that Nanny and her children Hercules and Sharper had been purchased by Fleming from the John Lambert estate.)

There was a Marlbro (Marlborough) Quarterman in the 1870 census; however, the Malbro in the Fleming records would have been born around 1845, and the 1870 census Marlborough Quarterman was born around 1830. A Marlborough Quarterman also testified in Jacob Golding's South Claims Commission claim that he was born around 1825 and had lived on the Quarterman estate all his life. It seems this is likely not the Marlbro of the Fleming records.

Timeline for Nanny's Children

Name	1856 Fleming record	1870 Quartermans	1873 Freedmans Bank record
Sharper (father)	Not mentioned	1810 (with Nellie)	Dead
Nannie (mother)	1826	1830 (with William Quarterman; a 5-year-old child named Sharper Quarterman in the family)	
Nanny (wife)			Dead (a Nanny Quarterman died)

			in 1869 in Liberty County; listed as dying a few months later was a 1-year-old Sharper Quarterman)
Sharper	1837	Sharper Way born 1837 with wife Rachael and an infant named Samuel) (A Sharper Quarterman born 1855 in household with Joshua and Rebecca Quarterman but out of age order, near Thomas W. Quarterman)	Not mentioned
Hercules	1839	1835	Dead
Samuel	1841	1848	1846
Chloe	1843	1840 (A Chloe Lambert living with 1-year-old Peter near Nanny Lambert and Julia Quarterman)	
Malbro	1845	1830 [no Marlbro Way]	
Missouri	1850	No one by that name	Dead

Julia	1855	1855 (living with Nanny Lambert (age 60))	
Hackless	Not mentioned		Dead

This helps account for Nanny Quarterman’s children as named by Sam Quarterman, but where did use of the surnames Quarterman and Way come in, given that Nanny and her children were owned for most of their lives by the Fleming family?

There is another intriguing set of records.

In 1819, an enslaved man or boy named Sharper was listed in William E. Way’s estate inventory⁴⁰. The 25 enslaved people were divided into two lots, lot #1 drawn by Quarterman Way and the other by Robert Quarterman. Sharper fell into the lot drawn by Quarterman Way. William E. Way’s wife’s maiden name was Elizabeth Quarterman. Robert Quarterman was representing his wife, Mary Jemima Way, daughter of William E. Way.

⁴⁰ For an abstract, see <https://theyhadnames.net/2020/03/14/liberty-county-estate-inventory-division-william-e-way/>. Source: Family Search.org. Liberty County Superior Court “Deeds and mortgages, 1777-1920; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1777-1958,” Film: Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-I 1816-1831,” Record Book H, p. 298. Image #182 (Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS42-SSTM-G?cat=292358>)

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State of Georgia
 Liberty County } We, the subscribers, having been requested by
 Mr. John Way, admr of the Estate of William E. Way deceased, to
 make a division of said Estate between Mr. Robert Quarterman
 and Mr. Quarterman Way, proceeded to appraise and divide the
 same as follows:

Lot No. 1.		Lot No. 2.	
Sharper	400.00	Bucko	100.00
Linda	250.00	Rox	100.00
Toney	350.00	Polydore	800.00
Chloe	650.00	Binder	500.00
Betsy	400.00	Litus	800.00
Joshua	500.00	Kate	425.00
Mary & infant	800.00	Elsy	400.00
Bob	350.00	Maria	300.00
Child Toney	175.00	Venus	150.00
Old Jack	125.00	Peter	200.00
Marborough	800.00	Rachel	150.00
	\$ 5300.00	Lisah	600.00
Chaise	100.00	Child Chloe	175.00
Horse cream	50.00	Jemmy	800.00
2 gins	20.00		\$ 5650.00
Millstones	15.00	Horse Selim \$100 Horse Black \$50	150.00
Whipsaw	12.00	Cart wheels \$20. Wind fan \$15	35.00
Grindstone	8.00	lockport saw & books tools \$3.50	8.50

Sharper in 1819 William E. Way estate inventory

Sharper was a storied name among the Liberty County African American community. A Sharper, belonging to Mrs. Quarterman, was a moral and spiritual leader of the community. According to the *History and Published Records of the Midway Congregational Church, Liberty County, Georgia*⁴¹, Sharper “was a man of deep piety and zeal, and enjoyed the confidence of

⁴¹ James Stacy, *History and Published Records of the Midway Congregational Church, Liberty County, Georgia*, The Reprint Company, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 2002, page 165.

the whole community till his death, in the spring of 1833.” Sharper also held services “at the plantations of Mr. Lambert, Mr. James James, and others.” It will be remembered that Nanny, Hercules and Little Sharper were purchased from the John Lambert estate by William B. Fleming, and that Jupiter James testified in his Southern Claims Commission petition that he and Sharper Way were cousins.



Midway Congregational Church. This building, which dates from 1792, still stands today. The nearby [Midway Museum](#) tells its story.

It is very possible that Reverend Sharper was the father, or another relative, of the Sharper Quarterman (1804-bef. 1881) who fathered Gabriel, Mingo, Samuel, Hercules, Malbro, Julia, and Chloe, and that this is why the surnames Way and Quarterman were so often used by them and their descendants, even though the surnames of their last enslavers before Emancipation were different.