

## Biographical Notes and Lineage for THE PALMER – EDWARDS CONNECTION

The Palmer/Mansell/Rowe/Edwards Connection from VA, SC, GA, AL, MS submitted by  
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The Palmer family came into the Presley line via the Mansell connection. The patriarch of the Palmer family was **Ellis (Elias) Palmer**, born 1725 in Virginia and married to **Anne Rudd**. The Palmers, Georgia branch, intermarried with the Mansell, Rowe, Edwards families to name a few. This is one connection the Presley line:

“In 1816 **Hezekiah Palmer** sold his land in Union Co. S.C. and moved to Green Co. Ga. Near Richland Creek, and his brother, Amasa, and sister Nancy, wife of **William Edwards**, was living therebefore Jan. 7, 1811. Hezekiah was a farmer and a preacher also a blacksmith, a trade Absalom Roberts his father-in-law taught him. Hezekiah died in Benton County, Alabama leaving twelve children and wife, Elizabeth... active up until her death in the 1850s. She now rests in the New Zion church cemetery, Marion County Alabama.

**NOTE: Benjamin Palmer** served in the Colonial Army during The Revolutionary War. He lived near Brown's Creek, in Union County, South Carolina, until 1816 when he moved to Greene County, Georgia where, on February 27, 1816, he bought 20 acres of land from John Oslin. This land was on the waters of Richland Creek. On November 14, 1817 he bought 100 acres, more or less, from Edward Woodham. Benjamin sold his land to his older son, Elijah, on August 10, 1819 and moved to Hancock County, Georgia, at, on Shoulder Bone Creek and the Oconie River. He was a farmer and a preacher in the Fairforest Church. He and his family lived just across the river from the Indians and about 1829 they moved to Walton County, Georgia. In 1831, he, his wife Elizabeth Roberts Palmer and three of their 12 children, Russell Porter, Joseph Marvin and Benjamin Franklin, moved to Benton County, (later named Calhoun County) Alabama, where they lived again among the Indians. The rest of their children were left in 1 CONC Georgia. Benjamin Hezakiah died in Benton County, Alabama in 1839. Elizabeth Roberts Palmer and her three sons Left Benton County and came to Marion County, Alabama in 1844. After Benjamin Hezakiah's death everything the family owned was sold at public auction, with Elizabeth and the children buying back whatever they wanted. For example, Elizabeth bought back all her pots, pans and silverware. It isn't known if the sale was forced upon them for some reason or if this was just a way the family decided upon to get the money to travel on and start a new home when they got to their destination. At the time of Benjamin's death, the family owned one young male slave. This slave was sold for onethousand dollars, an unusually high sum of money for the year of 1838.

**The children of Elias Palmer and Ann Rudd Palmer were (as so named in the Last Will and Testament of Ellis Palmer proven 1800):**

1. **John Palmer\*** born 6 Sep. 1753 in Farnham, Richmond, Virginia; died 19 Aug. 1828 in Union, South Carolina. Married (1) **Martha "Patsy" Williams** 1773, Northumberland, Virginia; and (2) married Hannah White Cole 19 Oct. 1813, Union, South Carolina.

2. Elijah Palmer
3. Elisha Palmer
4. Gideon Palmer
5. Judah Palmer
6. Hocky Palmer
7. Rhoda Palmer Porter
8. Russell Palmer
9. Sally Palmer Reese
10. Thomas Palmer
11. Whitty Palmer Canada

**The children of John Palmer and Martha Williams are:**

1. **William Willis Palmer\*** b.13 Jan. 1803 in Union, South Carolina; died 5 May 1882 in Monroe, Walton Co., Georgia; married Sarah Floyd 22 Sept. 1825 in Monroe, Walton Co., Georgia.

**The children of William Palmer and Sarah Floyd Palmer are:**

- ...a. Desiree Palmer
- ...b. Martha Ann Palmer
- ...c. Mary Palmer
- ...d. Elizabeth Jane Palmer
- ...e. Sarah Elender Palmer<br>

...f. **William Palmer\*** b. 1835, Georgia; d. Sept. 1862 at the Battle of Antietam (CSA); married **Mary Ann Reed** 9 Feb. 1854 at Georgia.

**The children of William Palmer and Mary Ann Reed Palmer are:**

...1a. John William Palmer b.1855 d. 1899

...1b. Matilda Jane Palmer b. 1857 d. 1952

...1c. Elijah H. Palmer b. 1860 d. ?

...1d. **Robert Calvin Palmer\*** b. 15 Nov. 1862 in Monroe, Walton Co., Georgia; d. 29 Sept. 1938 in Georgia; married Ida S. Rowe. The 1900 census shows Robert and Ida living in DeSoto, MS. Ida Rowe was the daughter of Charles B. and Mary King Rowe of Monroe, Walton Co., Georgia.

**The children of John Palmer and (2) Hannah White Cole (as proven by the Will of John Palmer 1826) are:**

1. Amasa Palmer

2. **Benjamin Hezekiah Palmer** b. 9 Nov. 1778 in Union Co., SC d. 1838 in Benton Co., AL. He m. Elizabeth Roberts

3. Nancy Palmer m. **William Edwards** of Greene Co., GA

4. John Palmer

5. Sally Palmer

6. Rebekah Palmer

7. Rhoda Palmer

8. Ellis Palmer

**The children of Benjamin Hezakiah Palmer and Elizabeth Roberts Palmer are:**

1. Elijah Palmer b. 1804 d. 1882

2. Elizabeth Palmer b. 1805 d. ?

3. John Palmer b. 1808 d. 1884

4. Nancy Palmer b. 1810 d. 1880

5. Ann Palmer b. 1812 d. 1881

6. Augustus Henry Palmer b. 1816 d. ?

7. David S. Palmer b. 1817 d. 1888

8. **Russell Porter Palmer\*** b. 5 Sept. 1818 Richland Creek, Greene Co., Georgia; d. 27 Jul. 1908 in Palmer, Marion Co., Alabama; married Morning Dizenie Mansell 1843 in Marion Co., Alabama. Morning Dizenie was the daughter of Morning Dove White and William Mansell, gggrandparents of Elvis Presley.

Morning Dove White was of the Cherokee Nation in Alabama and she and Dr. Porter lived for a time with the native Americans.

9. Joseph Marvin Palmer b. 1828 d. 1900

10. Benjamin Hezekiah Palmer b. 1829 d. 1895

**The Children of Dr. Russell P. Palmer and Morning Dizenie Mansell Palmer are:**

1. William Russell Palmer Born 1844. 1st Married Susan Nichols 2th ----Lewis.

2. Joseph Washington Palmer 1845 Born In Marion Co. Alabama. Married Rebecca Brown.

3. Benjamin Franklin (MD) Born 1847 Married Mattie Parker.

4. Hezekiah White Palmer Born 1849. Married Susan Frances Duke; Died 1922.

5. Lafayett T. Palmer Born 1855 Married Eliz. Carter.

6. George Flowers Palmer Born July 1857; Married Elez Jane Hallmark.

7. John Howard Palmer (MD) Born Sept. 10, 1859. Married Nancy Ann Ozbirn.

8. Zachariah Gaynes Palmer Born 1860---1882 Married Nellie Armstrong.

9. Elizabeth Dizenia Palmer 1863 Married James William Copper.

10. Estun A. Palmer 1865 Married Elizabeth Armstrong.

11. Alexander Sherman Palmer (MD) born 1868 Married Anna Moore.

12. G. Grant Palmer born 1870 Married Lucretia Robinson.

## Obituary for Ida Sybilla Rowe Palmer (submitted by Barbara Lee Rowe)

*"Mrs. Ida Palmer died April 20 at the age of 85.*

*Mrs. Ida Rowe Palmer died April 20 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. O. W. Hattaway of Monroe. She had been ill for seven weeks. Funeral services were held at 3 pm Wednesday from the Campton Methodist Church of which she was a consecrated member for many years. Rev. Clyde E. Smith, Rev. Paul Fry, and Rev. Tom Gassaway served as the officiating ministers and the E.L. Almand Company had charge of the arrangements. Burial followed in the church cemetery.*

*Born in Walton County in 1868, Mrs. Palmer was 85 years, nine months, and 21 days old at the time of her death. She was the daughter of the late Charles Bradley Rowe and Mrs. Mary King. Her husband, the late Robert Calvin Palmer, succumbed Sept. 29, 1938"*

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