

Did You Know?

Questions about B. B. Sams fifteen children and second wife.

"Wasn't the name of B.B. Sams' second wife, really Martha Fripp?" - Actually, Martha's father was Joseph Edwards and her mother was Rebecca Fripp. Her full name was Martha Fripp Edwards. Berner's first wife, Elizabeth Hann Fripp and his second wife, Martha Fripp Edwards were first cousins.

"How many of the fifteen children died young?" - as happened too often before modern medicine was available. Berners Sams was wealthy and there were several doctors in the Sams family. The children were blessed with the best of care. Actually, William Washington Sams and Ariana Adeline Sams previously mentioned were the only children who died as infants. Listed below are the children's date of birth and death, age at time of death, and where died or buried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Aged</u>	<u>Where died or buried</u>
Berners Bainbridge	1814	1850	36	Beaufort
Melvin Melius	1815	1900	84	Probably Beaufort
William Washington	1817	1817	3 mos	Dataw
Ariana Adeline	1818	1819	8 mos	Dataw
Donald Decatur	1820	1898	78	Probably Charleston, SC
Elvelina Edings	1822	1861	39	Beaufort
Franklin Fripp	1824	1885	61	Beaufort
James Julius	1826	1918	92	Baltimore, MD
Robert Randolph	1827	1910	83	Probably Beaufort
Horace Hann	1829	1865	36	Greenboro, NC
Elizabeth Exima	1831	1906	75	Beaufort
Adelaide Arianna	1832	1909	76	Cocoa, FL
Barnwell Bonum	1835	1903	68	Wadmalaw Island. SC
Charles Clement	1837	1865	28	not known
Sarah Stanyarne	1840	1902	62	Courtenay, FL

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