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Martha Davis

Not much is known about Martha Davis or her family.

1880 – In the 1880 census, Martha can be found living with her husband, James Davis, b. 1850 in Precinct 1 of Montgomery, Texas. James is a logger by profession and Martha lists her occupation as “keeping house.” Martha lists her birth state as Alabama while James lists his as Texas. The couple has 3 children, all born in Texas: Sallie, 14, Jessie, 12, and Cambill, 6.

1898 – The only record we have of Martha is her burial in the Conroe Community Cemetery. Her headstone reveals a date of death of August 6, 1898 and that she was 50 years old. The inscription reads: “A dear one from us has gone but not forgotten.”

About a year or so after her death, her husband remarries and can be found in the 1900 census in Montgomery county.

In doing some research, it seems possible and even likely that Martha and James were former slaves of James R. Davis who was a lawyer in Montgomery County. While we cannot yet verify this, their ages line up with slaves owned by James. His brother, Nathaniel was also a lawyer in the same town and also had some slaves. There were a couple of other slave owners with the last name of Davis that have been attached to her profile on FamilySearch. They have many slaves.

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