

**FAMILY OF  
CHARLES ALONZO TUMLIN  
AND  
MARGARET MELINDA GAINES TUMLIN**

Charles Alonzo Tumlin was born on June 3, 1874, near Buford, GA (Hall County). He was the fourth of thirteen children born to Thomas Jefferson Tumlin and Martha Louise Hammond Tumlin. His ancestors originally came from Scotland and migrated to South Carolina, Georgia, and finally to Alabama. He married Margaret Melinda Gaines on December 30, 1894. She was the sixth of thirteen children born to John Lilburn Gaines and Mary Caroline Major Gaines. To this union were also born thirteen children. They are: (1) Guy Leonas Tumlin (buried in Howell Cemetery, Cherokee County, AL); (2) Charles Edgebert Tumlin (buried in Mt. View Memory Gardens, Rainsville, AL); (3) Wilburn Gaines Tumlin (buried in Warrens Graveyard near Rainsville, AL); (4) Willie Thomas Tumlin (buried in Mt. View Memory Gardens, Rainsville, AL); (5) Irene Mae Tumlin Parker (buried in Broadway Cemetery, Rainsville, AL); (6) Hubert Roy Tumlin (buried in Mt. View Memory Gardens, Rainsville, AL); (7) Bernice Estelle Tumlin Land Bishop (buried in Mt. View Memory Gardens, Rainsville, AL); (8) a daughter who died in infancy and buried in Antioch Cemetery, near Fyffe, AL; (9) Irby Rathmore Tumlin (buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Ft. Payne, AL); (10) Allene Eugenia Tumlin Dilbeck (buried in Mt. View Memory Gardens, Rainsville, AL); (11) Myrtle Laura Tumlin Baxter (buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Ft. Payne, AL); (12) Albert Houston Tumlin (buried in Broadway Cemetery, Rainsville, AL) Houston was elected a DeKalb County Commissioner 3 terms in the 1950s; and (13) Mary Nell Tumlin (buried in Broadway Cemetery, Rainsville, AL).

Charles, known as Charlie, and Margaret moved to DeKalb County on Sand Mountain near Grove Oak about 1903 after having five children in Georgia and Gadsden, AL. By 1906, they moved to the Antioch Community near Fyffe where most of the children were born. While living close to Straight Creek and Sauty Creek, it was decided to build another school between Powell and Antioch. It was named the Tumlin School (also known as Frog Pond School) after Charlie Tumlin who became a trustee, had the most children in the school, and

who gave the land for the school. The family later moved to Fyffe, Gadsden, and finally to Rainsville in the early 1920s. Charlie bought 120 acres from Mr. Tol Parker and the homeplace was located about one mile south of Rainsville at the corner of McCurdy Avenue and Garrett St. Later Charlie built a brick house across Garrett St. which faced McCurdy Avenue. Both houses have been torn down. Charlie and Margaret were members of Broadway Baptist Church in Rainsville and were buried in the church cemetery in 1958 and 1945, respectively. Charlie was a farmer all his life and was very active in the Democrat Party of DeKalb County. Several grandchildren, Hubert Paul Tumlin, Randy Tumlin, Mark Tumlin, and Betty Land Parris still live in Rainsville.

As a sidelight, the Tumlin family and the White family are blood kin as outlined below:

“These two families have had a tremendous influence on the early growth and development of Rainsville and Sand Mountain.

William (Buck) Hammond and Millie Russman (buried in Sholes Creek Cemetery, Gwinnett County, GA) had several children among whom were two daughters, Lucendie (Cindy) Hammond born May 27, 1845 and Martha Louise Hammond born September 28, 1851. Cindy Hammond married William Harrison White, born November 29, 1841 (both are buried in Sugar Hill Cemetery, Buford, GA). William and Cindy had nine children, the 8<sup>th</sup> child being Barto A. White, born November 27, 1881, who was the grandfather of Dr. Marvin L. Barron, Senator Lowell Barron, and Louise Barron Sanderson of Rainsville.

The other sister, Martha Louise, married Thomas Jefferson Tumlin, born April 9, 1848 in Lumpkin County, GA. Thomas and Martha are buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Ft. Payne, AL. They had thirteen children, the 4<sup>th</sup> being Charles (Charlie) Alonzo Tumlin, born June 3, 1874 in Hall County, GA. Charlie Tumlin was the father of Rainsville residents, Roy Tumlin, Houston Tumlin, Edge Tumlin, Allene Tumlin Dilbeck, Bernice Tumlin Land, and Irby Tumlin and the grandfather of current Rainsville natives/residents, Randy Tumlin, Mark Tumlin, Betty Land Parris, Mary Gail Tumlin, and Hubert Paul Tumlin, Ralph Wayne Dilbeck.”