

List of Births as taken from the "Day Book of Henry S. Gibson"

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Henry S. Gibson was born in England to the Rev. Samuel Gibson and Elizabeth Roe. As an infant his family removed to America and settled in the Milford community of Greenville County.

This ledger of transactions includes entries of his life as a blacksmith, merchant, and the birthing of babies, both white and black. The daybook names numerous individuals with which he did business through the years.

As for the lists of births, they are just a few of the pages from this daybook and often include the child's name, parents and date of birth, sometimes recording the birthing fee charged which was generally \$2.00. Mr. Gibson added a notation on one of the birth pages explaining: "In War Times this was done for the Public Good generally spaking, this July 4 1871".

Transcribed here are the lists of births as found in this ledger. Whether he or a midwife performed the births, or whether he just recorded the births as a local record is not mentioned. But the daybook provides an excellent view of the Milford and surrounding community, its residents at the time, and a rare opportunity for African American researchers.

Entries are transcribed as found. Brackets [] indicate transcribers notations.

Surnames found in the birth lists:

Alewine, Babb, Ballenger, Berry, Bomar, Brag, Bruce, Cauple (*Cauble*), Clayton, Cooper, Cox, Crain, Crane, Cunningham, Davis, Dickson, Dunnihoo, Farmer, Few, Gibson, Gilreath, Green, Grose, Harrison, Hawkins, Henson, Holcomb, Hollinsworth, Howell, Hudson, James, Jinkins, Kendrick, Landrum, Mays, McKay, Moon, Moore, Morrow, Mostiller, Pennington, Phillips, Priest, Prince, Ragan, Rector, Roe, Samons, Smith, Stone, Sudduth, Tate, Taylor, Thomas, Timons, Turner, Underwood, Vehorn, Wade, West, Westmoreland, Wheeler, Williams, Wilson, Wingo.

Source:

Title: Day book of Henry S. Gibson, blacksmith; Gibson, Henry Samuel, 1816-1891. Publication info 1837-1904. Physical descrip 1 v. (unpaged), Photocopy ; Columbia, S.C. : Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina. General Note: Lists accounts of blacksmith work done between 1837 and 1860. From 1860-1899, blacksmithing becomes less important, and the ledger records sales of corn, wheat, fodder, seed corn, bacon, molasses, etc. Some accounts relate to day labor. The last pages list births of whites and slaves.

Call number: 929.3757 SC; Greenville County, S.C. Library, Greenville, S.C

Additional reading:

1. *Title: Descendants of Rev. Samuel Gibson (and Elizabeth Roe). Author: Thomas A. Roe; 1983, Call Number: 929.2, Greenville Co. S.C. Library, Greenville, S.C.*

2. *Title: Descendants of Henry Samuel Gibson (and Adeline Cunningham) Author: Thomas A. Roe; 1998, Call Number: 929.2, Greenville Co. S.C. Library, Greenville, S.C.*

A List of Births 1858
Samuel Thomas Gibson son of R.B.D. Gibson and Theresa Gibson was born December 8th 1858.
Cletsy, slave of J. Grose was born May 20th 1858.
Clercy, slave of Ephigim Few was born April 2d 1858.
Lilly Izado daughter of Andrew and Sarah Dunnihoo was born June 16th 1858.
Belton O'neal son of J.W. and Louise Gilreath was born Oct. 1st 1858.
Nancy Margaret daughter of William and Martha Howell was born April 17th 1858.
I.N. Prince was born August 6th 1858.
William Thomas son of William and Margaret Henson was born December 18th 1858.
Osian slave of John Cunningham was born September 19th 1858.
Andrew was born Feb 9th Chancy was born March 28th Slaves of Ms Susan Kendrick 1858.
Ann M. Hudson was born 2d of October.
Emily Caroline daughter of Clevelin and ___ Cunningham was born Sept 29th 1858.
Kathaline the daughter of Willis Bruce and Elizure was born Sept 29th 1858.
Rosalee daughter of John and Mary Sudduth was born July 14th 1858.
Sarah J. the daughter of Green and Malinda Rector was born Nov. the 21" 1858.
Mary Elizabeth was born ___.
Eliza Ann the Slave of Wm Dickson was born 19 of November.

A List of Births 1859
James James Jessina was born January 5th 1859.
W. J. Gibson Delula Paid
W. J. Gilreath Paid
W. D. Berry Janlet was born Feb. 10 1859.
Joseph Emanuel son of George and Mary Alewine was born March 5th 1859.
Nancy Margaret daughter of William and Martha Howell was born April 17th 185_ [<i>crossed through, same entry on 1858 list</i>]
Thomas Slave of J. W. Gilreath was born Feb. 6th 1859.
G. The nerest? W born born March 27th 1859 [<i>date crossed out</i>]
W M Few Eliza E Few Slave Lewis was born April 25 1859.
name Lilly Izado daughter of Elijah and Dolly ann Cooper was born April 26th 1859.
Daughter of John an Frances Cox born April 8th 1859 Manuerva Caroline was ___.
Wm. Cunningham S[lave] Louisa was born April 2?.
Wm. Cummingham S[lave] Samuel David was born May 10th 1859.
Zion the slave of W. Taylor was born March 27 1859.
Lewis Green Slave name Anderson was born June 29.
Sarah Eler daughter of W. J. and Mary A Pennington was born April 19 th 1859.
Smith Slave of W. Taylor was born May 29th 1859.
Henry C. Samons son of Dudley and ___ Samons was born May 26 1859.
Martha? Jane Holcomb daughter ___ and Delia Holcomb was born June 1 st 1859.
___ Margaret daughter of Patman and ___ Balenger was born March 21 1859.
David son of E. and Amandy Few ___ born April 16.
Martha? Leucresia daughter of H. and ___ Cauple was born Aug 20.
___ of Phillip and Elizer Mostiller ___ Aug the 25th 1859 Malinda.
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Joeannah Savannah the daughter of Wm. And Rebecker Moor was born Sept 4th 1859.
Wm. Henry son of Reuben and Carol Harrison was born Nov? the 18th.
Mary Caroline daughter of Perry and E___ Gilreath was born May ___th.
William and Lucy Phillips son John Henry was born December 11 1859.
Susan Kendrick's Slave Isom was born Sep 9 1859.
James Bery [<i>crossed out</i>].
Wm Bomar and Elizabeth son Spa ___ was born June 1 1859.
Wm Crane and Emily son Larance was born November the 10 1859.
John Grose and Louisa Slave Gorge was born Sept 18 1859.
Lewis Vehorn? And Malisa son William Henry was born November 22 1859.

A List of Births 1860
Parmellar Caroline daughter of William and Jane Bab was born October1 1860. [<i>on a page by itself</i>]
James [Robert crossed out] son of William and Martha Howell was born Jan ___.
James son of Jasper and Margaret Farmer was born 7th Jan 1860.
James Benjamin son of Wm. ___ and Sarah ann was born Jan 11th 1860. [<i>Jenkins</i>]
William H. and Frances Samons daughter Lou Eller was born ___ 1st 1860.
Madison and Delphia Henson daughter Nancy Adeline was born January 31.
William and Mary Underwood son Robert was born January 19 1860.
John and Juliet Harison son Thomas Larence? was born March 18th.
Franklin and Mary Tate son wa_? born May 25 name Benjamin Franklin.
Aron and Jane E. Henson son Aron Theodore was born May 22.
William and Mary Timons daughter was born Celia Adeline 24 of June 1860.
Ellich Wheeler and mary daughter Mary J. Zab ___ was born February 13 1860.
Lewis Wheeler and Mary daughter Aner Elizabeth was born February 22 1860.
Clevelin Cunningham and Elizabeth daughter Mary [Wieham?] was born Oct 14 1860.
Paton and Caroline daughter Elizabeth Aner was born Sept 12 1860. [<i>no surname, pos. Peyton & Caroline Goodlett Ballenger</i>]
Lillie Idar daughter of William and Rebekah McKay? Was born Oct 17th [or 7th]
Lulley Anner daughter of William and ___ Hawkins was born Oct. 29.
Elenor Luller daughter of W. J. and ___ Gilreath was born Sep 9th.
Elias Earl son of Franklin and ___ Halcomb was born Sep 27th.
Luther Slave of Asa Cunningham born Oct the 25.
Mary Caroline daughter of S___ and Elizabeth Wade was born Oct 22d.
John M. son of John and Sofa ___ was born Aug 8th.
Narcissa ann daughter of Sampson and Lucy Bab was born June 1.

A List of Births for 1861
James Oliver son of H and Jane Cauble was born January 26th 1861.
Fanny Smith Slave name Joseph was born February 9 1861.
Henry Thomas son of W. D. Bery was born January 9 1861.
[<i>no name</i>] Daughter of William and Margaret Henson was born April 11.
Hanor? Margaret Slave of J. K. Dickson was born January 17th. 1866 [<i>1866 date appears to have been added later and not the birth year.</i>]
[Here a line was drawn and entries below made as noted.]

1867 Dates for Births not paid.
Wesmorelan \$2
Manley Smith \$2
Berry Willson \$2
William Turner \$2
Bery Watson \$2 [<i>crossed through</i>]
Ambris Williams \$2
Ragins \$2
Brag's \$2
Hollinsworth \$2
1867 July 4 James Moon \$2
July 5 William Cunningham \$2
Robert Stone 6 July paid
William Davis \$2
Dowy Morrow \$2
[column two of page, appears to be carried over from previous list from 1867]
List of Births not paid 1867
Westmoreland [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
Manly Smith [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
Berry Wilson [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
William Turner \$2
Ambris Williams [<i>crossed through</i>] Decs? \$2
Raguin \$2
Brag [<i>crossed through</i>] Dec? Paid \$2
Hollinsworth \$2
Sampson Bab [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
James Moon [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
William Cunningham [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
Dow Morrow [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
John Cox [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
Mr Priest \$1
Mr James Few 3cts. \$2
M Wingo Paid \$1.50 \$2
Thomas Howel \$2
William Underwood [<i>crossed through</i>] \$2
William Phillips
John Cunningham [<i>crossed through</i>] paid \$2
Robert Waed [<i>crossed through</i>] paid \$2
H? Landrum \$2
Simpson West \$2
Patan Clayton \$2
W Howell [<i>crossed through</i>] paid \$2
Freedman Ray \$2
Hamp? \$2
Alford Thomas \$2
William Davis \$2
Shadrick Crain \$2
Wm Jinkins \$2
B F Tate \$2
Ned Balinger \$2
Henry Roe
Jessa
Clinch Mays

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