

THE TRASK 250⁺

Making Connections



ABOUT THE TRASK 250

This project documents the origins and legacy of more than 250 people who were enslaved in Louisiana and Mississippi. To date, more than 6,000 individuals have been connected to the original group through traditional genealogy and more than 355 descendants have been confirmed as descendants to through DNA.

who is
NICKA SMITH?

How can I find out if I'm related?

The descendants of those formerly enslaved by the Carter, Trask, Ventress, Welch and affiliated families live across the world and racially identify in a multitude of ways. Outlined below are some of the clues that can help you determine if you're connected them.

Does your family has ties to any of the following locations in 1870 or earlier?

- Concordia Parish, Louisiana (Black Hawk, Ferriday, Vidalia)
- Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana (Ventress, New Roads)
- Adams County, Mississippi (Natchez)
- Wilkinson County, Mississippi (Fort Adams, Woodville, Lessley)



Do any of your ancestors have one, or more, of the surnames listed? (right)

Have you traced those ancestors to the following locations on the 1870 United States Census?

- District 1, Wilkinson County, Mississippi
- District 4, Wilkinson County, Mississippi
- Ward 2, Concordia Parish, Louisiana
- Ward 13, Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana

Does your family also have ties to any of the following locations after 1900?

- Chicago, Cook, Illinois
- Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- East Carroll Parish, Louisiana
- Iberville Parish, Louisiana
- Madison Parish, Louisiana
- New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana
- Sunflower County, Mississippi (Indianola)

Have you seen the locations and surnames, along with the same family groups repeated among your autosomal DNA matches?

If you've answered yes to any of the questions, there is a good chance that you're connected!

SURNAMES AMONG THE TRASK 250

Aguillard	Green
Aubert	Jackson
Batiste/Baptiste	Jolla
Battley	Jones
Bajoie	Kaigler/Kaiglear
Bland	Lyle/Lyles
Bolden	Mattire/Mattyre
Bridgewater	McQuarter/McQuirter
Brown	Monroe
Buck	Mitchell
Cador/Kador	Morgan
Carter	Meyer/Meyers
Celestin/Celestine	Nelson
Christophe/Christopher	Palmer
Clark	Parker
Collins	Powell
Connick	Prater
Davis	Price
Dunbar	Reynolds
Ellois	Ross
Fountain	Runnels/Runnells
Halloman/Holloman	Sago
Harris	Stirgus/Sturgis
Hawkins	Tolliver/Toliver
Haywood	Trask/Trass
Haynes	Walker
Hays	Williams
Hebert	

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