I have Samuel Gann b. abt 1766 in either NC or VA married on 24 Apr 1788 Greene Co., GA to Margaret Mary Hambrion.  Samuel has been given the parents Nathan Gann, Sr. b. abt. 1729 VA and unknown.  I have 7 children for Nathan Gann, Sr.

The only child of Samuel Gann and Margaret Mary Hambrion I'm aware of was Samuel Gann, Jr. b. abt 1793 GA and married Sarah Lee.  They lived in Buncombe, Clarke Co., GA

Believe this to be the Samuel Gann found on the 1850 Buncombe, Clarke County,Georgia census.  He is listed at household number 639, family number 639 age 57, a farmer, born in Georgia with a worth of $500.  He is married to Sarah age 43 also born in Georgia. with children, Margy age 17,  then there are two Cook children, Isaiah age 13, and William age 4.

1860 United States Federal Census   
about Samuel Gann   
Name: Samuel Gann   
Age in 1860: 60    
Birth Year: abt 1800    
Birthplace: Georgia    
Home in 1860: Buncombe, Clarke, Georgia   
Gender: Male    
Post Office: Watkinsville   
Value of real estate: View image   
Household Members: Name Age   
Samuel Gann 60  born GA, a farmer  
Sarah Gann 50  born VA  
Margaret Gann 25  born GA  
William Gann 14  born GA.  
Isaac Cook 23  born Georgia is listed as idiotic  
Buchey Lee 56  b. Virginia,  is a female who may be Sarah's sister.  She is listed as Idiotic.

If this is the correct Samuel Gann it seems his wife may have been married to a Cook before she married Samuel Gann.

Clarke County Georgia Tax digests 1811-1820 shows Nathan Gann, Sr and Nathan Gann, Jr. William Gann, Sr and John Gann, Sr.  In 1814 William Jr shows up, in 1818 Micajah Gann shows up and in 1820 Samuel Gann appears.  These would all be sons of Nathan Gann, Sr.

Nathan Gann is on the 1820 Clarke Co. Georgia census, along with his sons, Nathan Jr, Micajah, John, & William.  Also on this census is William Sr, William Jr, and Mary Gann.

For at least a 30 yr period there are families of Epps living around the Ganns in Clarke Co. GA.  Have not found a marriage between Ganns and Epps but may need to look further as there are several females whose husband's names are  not known.  From what Wesley Gann states there was a marriage between a Samuel Gann and Epps in 1832.  Don't know who this Samuel is as of now, now the female Epps given name.

Samuel(1)son of Nathan Sr.  Married Mary Hambrick in Greene County, GA 4/24/1788. Clarke County was not formed until Dec. 1801

He is executor of Joseph Hambrick's will Greene County, GA 8/7/1792

His actual death date is unknown, but Mary Gann won 2 draws in the 1805 Land Lottery for Clarke County. She had to be a widow with minor children to qualify.

Samuel(1) and Mary had a son Samuel(2) born abt. 1800

Samuel(2)hereafter just referred to as Samuel,  is in the 1820 Clarke Census along with his mother Mary and 2 females Julia Ann (age 0-9) and Peggy (age10-15). Attached is an Excel sheet on some theories about these two girls, ages don't match and no wife is listed in this census year.

Samuel Married Sally Lee in Dec,1821.The 1830 census has Samuel with Julia Ann (10-14) Martha (5-9) Stephen C. (0-4) and Samuel F. (5-9).Martha and Stephen are listed in the Poor School records. Along with these kids, there is an unknown male age (20-29) which may be our missing William? Only thing is, why is he not found in prior censuses? The only one that I see loosely fitting is William Gann Jr. who was recently divorced. More on him later.

By the 1840 census Samuel is married to Sarah Epps (10/4/1832). This couple runs all the way up to the 1880 Clarke Census, and includes an Isaac Cook and Betsy Lee (sister-in-law?) both documented as idiotic in 1860.

Their son Samuel F.  moved into Cobb County, GA., so I don't have as much on him but in 1840 he is neighbors with a William and Nathan Gann. When his estate is settled in 1842, Nathan and Sarah Gann are documented as purchasing items at the estate sale.

Now as far as William JR, and maybe I'm opening a can of worms. He is pretty well documented until he just fell off the side of the earth (or moved to Alabama, which is worse?) Sorry, couldn't help it----

First let me say that it is my belief that There were only 4 sons of Nathan Gann Sr.- Samuel, Nathan Jr., John Sr., and William Sr. (Maybe James)

William Jr. first appears in the Clarke County Tax Record in 1814 and is paying his first poll (head) tax, meaning he is twenty one years of age but owns no property. I use this as a base to place his birth at abt. 1793. By 1816, he is listed separately from the rest of the Gann's (Samuel, John, William, and the Nathans)

William Jr. marries Polly Stephens July 15,1819.

The 1820 census has William Jr. with 3 sons under age 10, and one daughter under 10. You figure 2 years per child=8 years, and it doesn't add up with the marriage date? Jr. is listed as 26-44, and Polly 16-25. This age bracket for kids would fit for John Sr.'s son William, but that marriage to Elizabeth Summers and everything else about that does not fit?

Anyhow, Polly turned out to be a real hussy. In 1826, she is brought up on charges of adultery. Seems she was keeping time with a James Vincent (Kin to the sheriff?)

Athens, Georgia Newspaper Clippings (Southern Banner)

Tuesday March 7, 1826

Presentments of the Grand Jury of Clarke County, at February term of Superior Court 1826. The Grand Jurors for the county of Clarke, for Feb. term 1826, make the following presentments.............................................

We present James Vincent and Polly Gann for living together in a state of adultery--witnesses James Shaw, Obed. Vincent, and James Allen...(signed) Milner Echols, Foreman. The above and foregoing are truly copied from the minutes of the Superior Court of Clarke County this 23d day of February, 1826. (signed) Robert Ligon, Clerk.

A witness in the case was James Shaw. Mary (Polly) dumps William in  September 1829 to marry James Shaw, but their first marriage is not legal because she was not legally divorced from William Jr. James and Polly retied the knot 2/11/1830. I know nothing else on William Gann Jr. beyond this date.

In closing, I would like to interject one thing into the focus for the search for our missing William (and yes Toby, Littleton too). Until the early Gann settlers in GA, TN, and even NC and SC are known, how can we truly begin to understand where our Alabama cousins were from? as Alabama did not even aquire statehood  until 1819.  I state one fact as example, not just because it's my direct line, simply states my point. In the 1820 Clarke County GA Census William Gann Sr., Including his wife Dolly has **11** people in their household, can any one name one of them?