

From LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, *The Source: The Garrett, Neely, and Sullivan Families* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Family Heritage Publishers, 2008), 259-261.

Haily Sullivan

Haily Sullivan¹⁸⁸ was born in 1815 in South Carolina; she was the mother of Lue (Garlington) and Perry, I. The grandchildren of this slave woman were early graduates of historically Black colleges such as Spelman, Johnson C. Smith, and Tuskegee, and her descendants include two medical doctors (Sylvia Alfreda Merchant and Tonni Bacoat Jones) and many educators (including Searight Sullivan, Mary Humbert, Altamease Culver, and Arnold Sullivan).

Relationship to the Garrett and Neely Families

The former Frances Latimer, wife of Wister Lee Garrett, was the sister of Emma L. Irby,¹⁸⁹ the maternal grandmother of Searight Sullivan's children by his second wife, Fannie. Thus, Wick Garrett's children were first cousins to Searight's children by Fannie. Maggie Sullivan, the sister of Searight Sullivan, married Berry Franklin Neely, a son of Richard Neely, Sr. and the former Harriet Dial. Also, Etta Garlington, a grandchild of Haily Sullivan (and Maggie and Searight Sullivan's first cousin) married Walter Neely, another son of Richard Neely and the former Harriet Dial.



The ties that bind these families go beyond mere legal relationships. Emma Irby lived for a time on Wick Garrett's plantation, and so her Sullivan grandchildren have childhood memories of visiting that place (Perry Sullivan, II, in particular, remembers being fascinated by the fact that Wick and Frances's kitchen was housed in a separate structure that was connected to the main

¹⁸⁸Materials regarding The Sullivans were compiled by Perry Sullivan, II, the son of Searight Sullivan (the third child of Perry, I and Harriet Sullivan) and Arthuree Alberta McCoy, the daughter of Searight's sister, Maggie. LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson supplemented this compilation, based on information from Altamease Culver, the sister of Perry, II, and obituaries provided by Ethel Price and Linda Kumi.

¹⁸⁹Emma Irby was also the mother of Henry Arnold; the father of her children was a Native American who "came from" a reservation (Source: Altamease Sullivan Culver).

house). When Searight and Fannie Sullivan moved their family to Tampa Florida in 1925; they were joined by Thomas Garrett, the son of Wick Lee Garrett and the former Francis Latimer. Mary Anne Gadson and her brother, Kenneth Franklin (both of whom are listed under “Neelys”) remain close to the children of Searight Sullivan who are living in Tampa, Florida. In 1989, Sullivans hosted the GNS reunion in Tampa, and another branch of the Sullivans hosted the 1992 reunion in Detroit.

Lue Garlington

Lue Garlington (b. 1855) was the daughter of Haily Sullivan. She married Smith Garlington (b. 1853); their children were: Emma, Ida, and Etta. **Etta Neely**, the daughter of the former **Lue Sullivan** and Smith **Garlington**; married **Walter Neely**, the father of her seven children (see Walter Neely’s entry for the names of their children).

Perry Sullivan, I

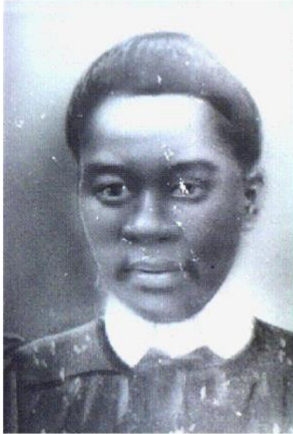


Perry Sullivan, I

Perry Sullivan, I (b. 1852, d. 1934) was the son of Haily Sullivan. He had three wives: the former Harriet Young; Martha; and the former Louise Jeter. Perry and Harriet Young had seven children: Willie; Mary (Humbert); Searight; **Maggie Florence** (b. Dec. 26, 1879; d. Dec. 17, 1958, married the Reverend **Berry Franklin Neely**; see his entry for the names of their children); Oscar; Thomas; and Conway; an eighth child, James, died in infancy. Both Searight and Maggie Sullivan Neely attended the 1899-1900 term of the Brainard Institute in Chester, SC, the class portrait of which is included above on the first page of the chapter on Neelys.

Willie Sullivan (b. Sept. 10, 1872) the first child of **Perry Sullivan, I** and the former Harriet Young; married Minnie; they had no children.

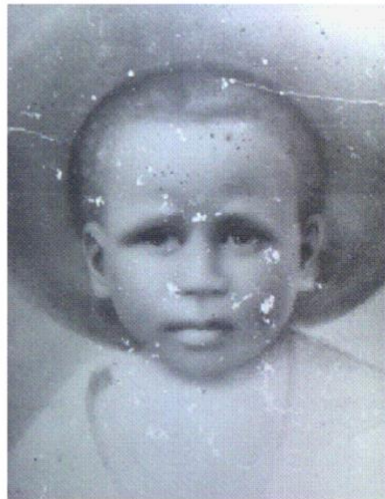
Mary Humbert (b. Nov. 16, 1874) the second child of **Perry Sullivan, I** and the former Harriet Young; married Thomas ("Tom") Humbert, producing three children: Seabrook; Gettis; and Sullivan; she graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., and was a public school teacher.



Mary Sullivan Humbert



Seabrook Humbert



Gettis Humbert

Searight Sullivan (b. Sept. 2, 1876) the third child of **Perry Sullivan, I** and the former Harriet Young; attended Tuskegee. He married twice. The first marriage to Emma Paden Sullivan produced five children: Geneva, Evera, Bernice, and Odessa (Webster) (the youngest was a son who passed in infancy). The second marriage was to the former Fannie Arnold; Fannie was one of his students; the children of this marriage were: Levo (Oliver, Fannie's natural daughter who was adopted by Searight); Emogen (Stubbs); Perry, II; Altamease (Culver); and Arnold (two daughters passed in infancy).



Emma Irby



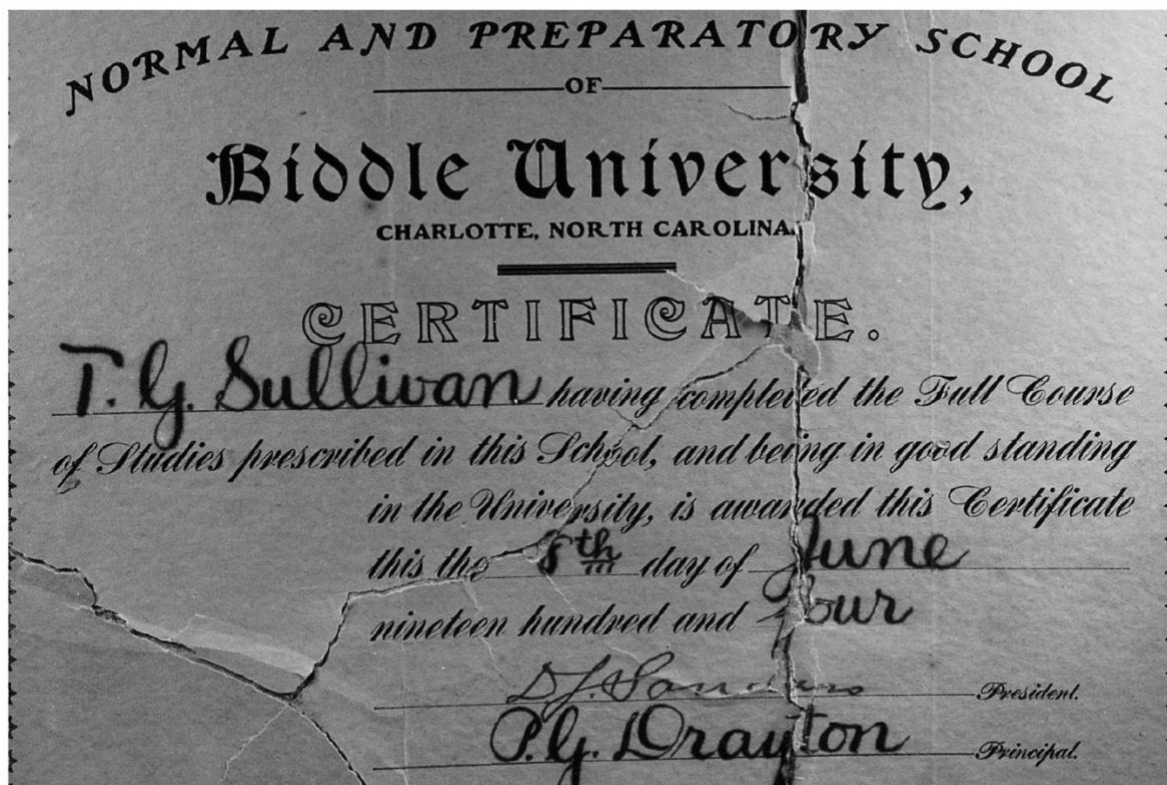
Fannie Mae Arnold Sullivan



Henry Arnold

Oscar Sullivan (b. Aug. 6, 1882) the fifth child of Perry Sullivan and the former Harriet Young; married Fraizer, and had four children: Ira, a daughter; Nathaniel; Minus; and Otis.

Thomas Sullivan (b. Aug 23, 1884) sixth child of Perry Sullivan, I and the former Harriet Young. Ethel Price (listed under Neelys) preserved a degree, granted on June 8, 1904, from Biddle University (now, Johnson C. Smith) in Charlotte, N.C., to Thomas.



From LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, "The Freedman Richard Neely: One Family's American Beginning." *Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society* 34 (2017): 74-75.

Wick Garrett was married to the former Frances J. Latimer.¹ The Garrett family's oral tradition is that Frances J. Latimer was the sister of Emma Arnold, and the two were enumerated with those surnames as granddaughters in the 1880 census record for their apparent grandparents—Robert and Clarke Todd.² Emma had a daughter named Fannie Arnold³ who married a man named Searight Sullivan.⁴ Searight Sullivan's sister, Maggie, married Berry Franklin, Richard Neely's son.⁵ Richard's son Walter married Searight and Maggie's first cousin, Etta Garlington (whose mother was the sister of Searight and Maggie Sullivan's father).⁶ Thus, close family ties were fostered among future generations of cousins who were related to the Garrett, Neely, and Sullivan families.⁷

In the 1930s members of all three families—Garretts, Neelys, and Sullivans—migrated to the City of Tampa, in Florida.⁸ This mass migration of related families is likely to have resulted from the Great Depression that began with the first bank panic in 1930, continued as the Gross National Product went into free fall, and culminated in 25 percent unemployment by 1933.⁹ As one student of history observed: "In times of economic collapse, people from rural areas ended up leaving family ... and heading for the big cities."¹⁰

¹ South Carolina State Board of Health, death certificate no. 53-016937 (1953), "Francis" [sic] J. Garrett; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Columbia; digital image viewed on *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2015). Frances's husband name was erroneously recorded as "Whister" [sic].

² 1870 U.S. census, Laurens County, South Carolina, population schedule, p. 27 (penned), dwelling 248, family 248, Emma Arnold and Frances Latimer, granddaughters in the household of Robert Todd; NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1501. Also, apparently, the same two girls were enumerated with the surname "Arnold" in 1870. 1870 U.S. census, Laurens County, South Carolina, population schedule, p. 1 (penned), dwelling 618, family 684, Henry Arnold; NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1501. Henry headed a household that included a twenty-two-year-old woman named Harriet, a thirteen-year-old boy named Rody, a five-year old girl named Francis [sic], and a three-month old girl named Emma, all with the surname "Arnold." It is likely that the twelve-year-old enumerated as a stepson in Emma Sullivan's 1900 household was named after the Henry Arnold who headed the household in which Emma and Frances were enumerated in the 1870 census. Frances's death certificate names her father as Albert Latimer, a man who apparently asserted his paternity by the time Frances was enumerated as Francis Latimer in 1880. Note also that Frances and Wick Garrett named a son "Albert," the child who married Richard's granddaughter, Mattie Neely.

³ 1900 U.S. census, Laurens County, South Carolina, population schedule, Waterloo Township, p. 303 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 60, sheet 16-A, dwelling 291, family 291, [Relof?] Arnold; NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1534. Nine-year old Fannie Arnold was enumerated as a stepdaughter in a household that included 12-year old Henry Arnold, also a stepchild, and Emma Sullivan, the wife of the head.

⁴ *Searight Family Tree*, two-page (undated) genealogical summary provided to the author by the late Perry Sullivan, II, the son of "Fannie Arnold Sullivan" and Searight Sullivan.

⁵ *Haily Sullivan Family Chart*.

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ Garrett-Nelson, *The Source, The Garrett, Neely, and Sullivan Families*, 2.

⁸ 1940 U.S. census, Hillsborough County, Florida, population schedule, Tampa City, ward 1, p. 90 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 6, sheet 10-A, household 75, Thomas Garrett; NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 633; image viewed on *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>). Thomas and wife Lillian lived in the same place in 1935. Thomas was a son of Wick Garrett. Laurens Co., SC, Will of Wick L. Garrett. Also, 1930 U.S. census, Hillsborough County, Florida, population schedule, Tampa City, ward 5, p. 160 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 29-41, sheet 6-B, dwelling 134, family 134, Calvin "Nely," a cousin in the household of Early "Nely;" NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 319. Also, 1940 U.S. census, Hillsborough County, Florida, population schedule, Tampa City, ward 9, p. 128 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 70-10, sheet 1-B, household 16, Pearl Roland enumerated as the wife in George Roland's household; NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 633; digital image viewed on *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>). Also, 1930 U.S. census, Hillsborough County, Florida, population schedule, Tampa City, ward 9, p. 118 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 29-75, sheet 6-B, dwelling 140, family 148, Fannie Sullivan, the wife in a household headed by "C. Right" [sic] Sullivan; NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 320.

⁹ Judy Jacobson, *History for Genealogists, Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors*, (Printed for Clearfield Company by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 2009), 48-49.

¹⁰ *Ibid.* at 49.