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Sarah (Hewlett) Atlas Line

As a continually growing branch of the Atlas family tree, the [William Steven Atlas, Sr.](#) line is the second largest branch of the family. In lieu of this, research was started into the origins of William, Sr.'s wife, [Sarah \(Hewlett\) Atlas](#).

Sarah (Hewlett) Atlas was the daughter of Robert J. Hewlett and an unknown woman. She was born between 1840 and 1849 in Louisiana and died [May 25, 1926](#) in East Carroll Parish, LA. By 1870, she was living in (East) Carroll Parish, LA and was already married to William Steven Atlas, Sr.

More About Sarah (Hewlett) Atlas' Parents, Home Life, and Possible Slavery Ties

The first clues into Sarah's family came from a conveyance book record in West Feliciana Parish, LA.

West Feliciana Parish, LA - Conveyance Book Z, Page 428 - Sarah Atlas by AIF to Willis T. Forrester on 01/12/1909 – Book Z, Page 428 – ¼ LT 5 for ½ LT 4 SQ 11 – Mary Hewlett (who became Mary Diggs, widow of Perry Diggs, who became Mary Jackson, widow of Isaac Jackson of Lake Providence, LA) and Sarah Hewlett (who became Sarah Atlas, widow of William Atlas of Lake Providence, LA), Rosalie Ogden (of Saint Francisville, LA, widow of Reuben Ogden), Henry and Emaline Hewlett (nee Emaline Pruett), (represented by Henry Hewlett through power of attorney, who also is trading with them), traded their ¼ undivided interest of lot 5 in square 11 in St. Francesville worth \$200 with J. Hereford Perey (husband of nee Christine Howell of Saint Francisville, LA) and Willis Forrester (husband of nee Emelie Weber of Saint Francisville, LA). Perey and Forrester trade to Jackson, Ogden, Atlas and Hewlett their undivided ½ interest in lot 4, square 11 worth \$200. Mortgage on some of the land for Henry Hewlett and Rosaline Ogden in Mortgage Record Q, page 478. None of the parties could read or write as they did not sign their names.

On the 1870 US Census, Sarah's sister Rosaline and brother Henry/Harry are found living with their father, Robert Hewlett and their paternal grandmother, Suckey Hewlett. Suckey may have been a nickname for Suzanne or Suzanna.

1870 US Census Information – Ward 1, West Feliciana Parish. Listed and indexed as Robert Huelet. Age 60, born in VA, a drayman with \$3,000 worth of real estate and \$1,000 worth of personal estate. Cannot read or write.

1870 US Census Information – Ward 1, West Feliciana Parish. Listed and indexed as Henry Huelet. Age 27, born in LA, a farmer, cannot read or write. Eventually married Emaline Pruett.

1870 US Census Information – Ward 1, West Feliciana Parish. Listed and indexed as Rosa Huelet. Age 20, born in LA, attending school. Eventually married Reuben Ogden

1870 US Census Information – Ward 1, West Feliciana Parish. Listed and indexed as Suckey Huelet. Age 78, born in LA, keeps house, cannot read or write.

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| 6 | Huelet Robt | 60 | M B | Drayman | 3000 | 1000 | Virginia |
| | Henry | 27 | M B | Farmer | | | Louisiana |
| | Rosa | 20 | F B | attends school | | | Do |
| | Suckey | 78 | F B | Keeps House | | | Do |

1870 US Census Record – West Feliciana Parish, LA, Robert Hewlett and Family



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A child mentioned in the conveyance book record but not on this the 1870 census record is Mary Hewlett. She was born about 1840 in Louisiana, who married Perry Diggs and who married Isaac Jackson of Lake Providence.

Mary, like Sarah, was also widowed by January 12, 1909. Mary had a son named Robert, age 6, born about 1864, on the 1870 US Census. It appears as though Robert is the son of Mary and Perry Diggs as he is listed as a stepson on the 1880 US Census with Mary and Isaac Jackson. Robert eventually married a woman named Fannie and had the following children as per the 1900 US Census: Robert, Jr. age 12, Lillian, Ezra, Napoleon, and Ophelia. Robert Jr. appears to be enumerated twice as he's also listed with his grandparents Mary and Isaac a couple doors down.

To date, it is unknown how Sarah got from West Feliciana Parish to East Carroll Paris as these cities are 162 miles away from one another.

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| 1 | 2004 2004 X X | Atlas Wm | 25 | M | B | Farmer |
| 2 | | Sarah | 30 | F | B | No House |
| 3 | | King | 1 | M | B | at Home |
| 4 | | Mary | 2 | F | B | |
| 5 | | William | 3 | M | B | |
| 6 | | John | 1 | M | B | |
| 7 | | Baby | 4/12 | F | B | |
| 8 | 2004 2004 2 X | Jackson Isaac | 25 | M | B | Farmer |
| 9 | | Mary | 30 | F | B | No House |
| 10 | | Robt | 6 | M | B | at Home |

1870 US Census Record – East Carroll Parish, LA, Wm. and Sarah Atlas and family; Isaac and Mary Jackson and family

More About Robert J. Hewlett

From the ["Index to Reports for the First Session of the Forty-Fourth Congress, First Session \(June 10, 1876\), Congress of the United States, in the House of Representatives, Testimony in Regard to Alleged Outrages in West Feliciana Parish"](#)

Page 729 – "On motion of Mr. Levy, Resolved, That the special committee appointed by the House of Representatives to investigate the custom-house and other Government offices in Louisiana, and also the alleged outrages in Coushatta, be, and is hereby, further instructed to investigate and report upon the outrages alleged to have been recently committed in the parish of West Feliciana, in said state, and that said committee, or any subcommittee thereof, is invested with authority to visit said parish, make necessary investigations, to summon and administer oaths to witnesses, to send for persons and papers, and, in regard to this additional duty, is clothed with all the powers heretofore conferred on said committee by resolutions of this House. Attest: Geo. M. Adams, Clerk"

Page 767 – "Robert Hewlett, (c.), now holds the following offices: Commissioner of insane asylum [In Jackson, LA]; mayor of Saint Francisville, and member of police-jury of the same ward; is ignorant; can't hardly read or write; has seven hundred and sixty dollars worth of property acquired during the war; has been parish treasurer."

Robert J. Hewlett [was a former slave of Mrs. James A. New](#) who was willed his freedom in 1858. It's unclear as to whether or not his children and/or the mother of his children were willed their freedom or if they were owned by the same slaveowner. It was customary for children to take on the disposition of their mother with regard to slavery.

Efforts to locate additional information are continual.