

# Gourdin-Gourdine Research Project

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PURPOSE / GOAL

## To Compile and Publish A Genealogical Compendium of Gourdin-Gourdine Families of African Descent in America with Origins in South Carolina

### Greetings Family

**M**y name is John Raymond Gourdin, and I am the Family Genealogist for the Gourdin-Gourdine Family Association ([www.ggfa.org](http://www.ggfa.org)).

**I**n 1995, after more than 20 years of family/genealogy research, I published a family book – “Gourdin[e]: A French-African-American Family from South Carolina.” The book captured the history and genealogy of three Gourdin-Gourdine family branches, with dates back to mid-1600 France, and includes nearly 3,000 Gourdin, Gourdine, and related families members residing in more than 15 states. I suppose many of you are intimately familiar with this book. The three family branches:

- \* Robert Marion Gourdin (b. 1799, Georgetown & Williamsburg County, SC)
- \* William Mackey Gourdine (b. 1832, Pineville, Berkeley, SC)
- \* Sandy Gourdine (b. 1832, Goose Creek, Berkeley, SC)

**T**he Gourdin[e] book can now be found on the shelves of several hundred libraries, genealogical and historical societies, and the homes of families across the nation.

**O**ver the past fifteen years I have been researching and compiling family information for an even more ambitious goal. It is my goal, within the next couple of years, to publish an updated and expanded version of our family (families), tentatively titled – “A Genealogical Compendium of Gourdin-Gourdine Families of African Descent in America with origins in South Carolina.”

**T**his revised edition will capture the genealogy of 15 to 20 family branches which will include ALL Gourdin, Gourdine and related individuals in America (African Descent with roots in South Carolina). Over the past month I’ve found Facebook to be an excellent means of reaching out to the “Now Generation.” This level of communication technology was unavailable 15 years ago, and it is my hope and desire that this communication connection will enhance the thoroughness of my research.

**F**or more than 10 years I have communicated with and worked with different Gourdin and Gourdine family researchers and presently have a genealogy

## **The Project (cont'd)**

database/charts/records/etc of 14 families:

- \* Benjamin Mackey Gourdine (b. 1841, Pineville/St. Stephen, SC)
- \* Dublin Gourdine (b. 1835, Goose Creek, SC)
- \* Edward L. Gourdine (b. 1857, Pineville/St. Stephen, SC)
- \* Erasmus Henry Gourdine (b. 1832, Charleston, SC)
- \* James Gourdin (1830, Sullivans Island, SC)
- \* James Edmund Gourdine (b. 1860, Cordesville, SC)
- \* Jethro Gourdine (1838, Pineville, SC)
- \* Robert Marion Gourdin (b. 1799, Georgetown/Williamsburg County, SC)
- \* Samuel Gourdine (b. 1850, James Island, SC)
- \* Sandy Gourdine (b. 1832, Goose Creek, SC)
- \* William Gourdine (b. 1884, New York (SC?))
- \* William Gourdine (b. 1825, South Carolina)
- \* William Mackey Gourdine (b. 1832, Pineville/St. Stephen, SC)
- \* William S. Gourdin (b. 1819, Charleston, SC)

**E**ach family/branch is represented by family researchers who - in addition to compiling names and family information from living family members - are continually researching documents and records to uncover family data the 19th Century and earlier. As we proceed with this research, the numbers of families/branches are expected to expand as we identify individuals from families other than those listed above and collapse as we connect families we delve into a next earlier generation(s).

**Y**our participation and input in this once in a lifetime research are most welcome. For each individual included in this Compendium we need their:

- \* Full Name
- \* Date and place of Birth,  
and whenever appropriate
- \* Date and Place of Marriage
- \* Date and Place of Death

SO, do you know your ancestral tree? Drop me a line or give me a call and let's get to the ROOTS of your concerns.

In Family Love,  
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