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If you ever stared into the midnight sky, with stars glimmering in the distance, you probably asked yourself two pivotal questions, "Who am I", and "Where did I come from." These two questions were probably pondered by the simplest form of mankind. After years of learning and teaching psychology, I have frequently sought to understand the creation of my existence and you probably have as well. I truly believe a person's growth is bidirectional influenced by social identification that begins with parents (mother/father), and then to extended family members (siblings/cousins). It is my opinion the sooner I understand my existence the sooner I can help another person understand their existence; and the sooner we both can make positive contributions to a healthy civilization.

This book is an inquiry concerning the birth, growth, and dispositions of 22 descendants of Henry Williams and his wife Hattie Durings (Durham) of Browns Crossing, Baldwin County, Georgia. Henry & Hattie were likely born around 1880.

From most accounts of the mid 1800s, Georgia and its southern confederates were slave states. Therefore, my assumption is that I originated from a lineage of slaves that existed in the southern region of the United States of America. My identity, thus, is linked both consciously and unconsciously to the events that took place around this time in history. Many authors have written books explaining the prodigious growth of free life and slavery in America. Similarly, this book evaluates the growth and challenges of

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the Williams and Jones descendants whose great great great grandparents were considered property.

Reading and digesting the content of this book may stir thoughts and powerful feelings for many of you. Reflecting on the events of our journey, you may feel positive and negative emotions regarding the historical and current course of civilization. As you read this book, I encourage you to self-explore obstacles that may limit your racial and cultural competency and try to understand the worldview of those who differ from you in race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and other sociodemographic characteristics. Often what is revealed about man may prove disturbing, but you can confidently change your reactions to the world around you as you interact with others. I hope this book heighten your awareness and help you understand where you and your family originated from and where you are today.

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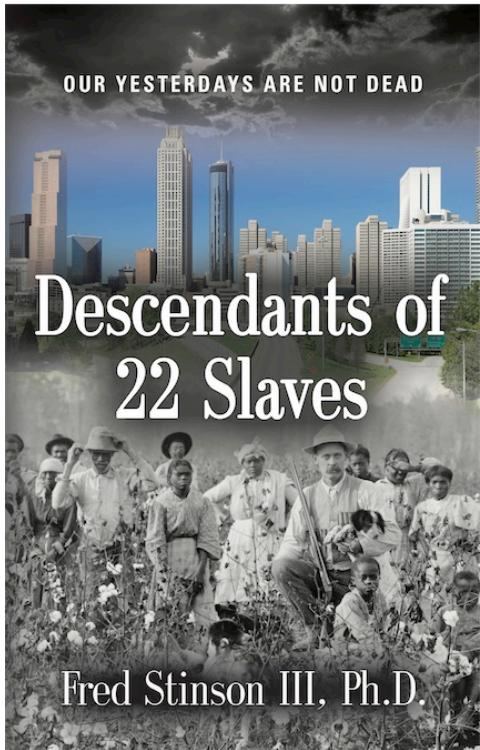
I would like to express my deepest love and gratitude to the Williams and Jones Family. Two set of descendants that have tremendously impacted my life. Their resilience and love have helped me to understand life and psychology.

I want to acknowledge my immediate family and extended relatives around the world. My nickname is "papa," 1 of the 12 Stinson's. I grew up on a dirt road in Macon, Georgia but have travelled the streets of Atlanta, Chicago, New York City, San Diego, Montreal, Barcelona, and other great cities.

I want to acknowledge God for the visions and the strength to achieve them. This book is a historical record of 22 descendants of the Williams Family and how they connected with the Jones Family. If you are not a part of the Williams or Jones legacy, I beseech you to look into the stars often and see the Greatness within you.

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