


**Jeremiah J. (J.J.) Hamilton**  
Representative in 12th (1869-71) Legislature  
From History of Travis and Bastrop Counties  
By E. Evelyn Moreno

## Jeremiah Hamilton

**HAMILTON, JEREMIAH J. (1838–1905?).**  
Jeremiah Hamilton, a black political and civic leader, was born in July 1838 in Tennessee. He arrived in Texas as a slave in 1847. After emancipation he married a woman named Ellen in 1867, and they had seven children, of whom five survived. Hamilton lived in Bastrop County and became a spokesman for black workers as early as 1866. Thereafter he ran successfully in 1869 for the Texas House of Representatives in the Twelfth Legislature as a Republican. As a legislator he generally favored bills to advance law enforcement, education, and civil rights. After his legislative term Hamilton remained in Austin, where he worked primarily as a carpenter. Hamilton apparently died early in the twentieth century, for his name disappeared from the Austin city directories after 1905.



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## What's in a Name?

in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Records Collections

DECEASED ANCESTOR'S NAME

First Names  
Jeremiah

Last Names  
Hamilton


SEARCH WITH A LIFE EVENT:

Birthplace  
Tennessee

Birth Year (Range)  
1837 1839

SEARCH WITH A RELATIONSHIP:

Spouse's First Names  
Ellen



Detail Source

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Name                      | Jerry Hamilton             |
| Age                       | 41                         |
| Birth Date                | Abt 1839                   |
| Birthplace                | Tennessee                  |
| Home in 1880              | Austin, Travis, Texas, USA |
| Street                    | Walnut                     |
| Dwelling Number           | 202                        |
| Race                      | Black                      |
| Gender                    | Male                       |
| Relation to Head of House | Self (Head)                |
| Marital Status            | Married                    |
| Spouse's Name             | Ellen Hamilton             |
| Father's Birthplace       | Tennessee                  |

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## What's in a Name?

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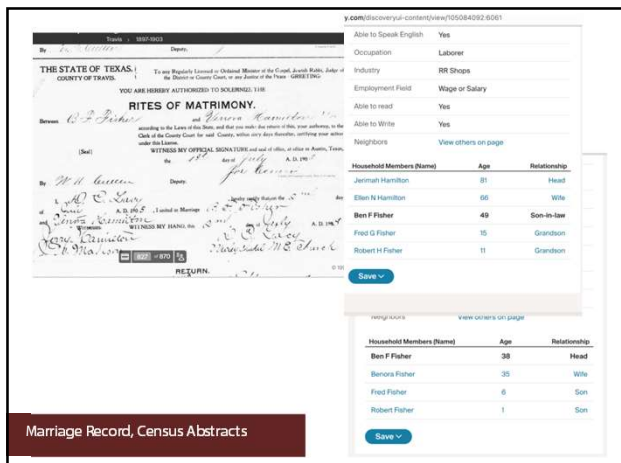
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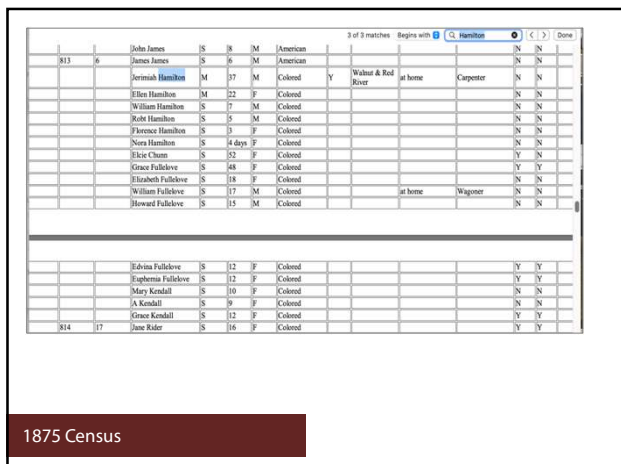
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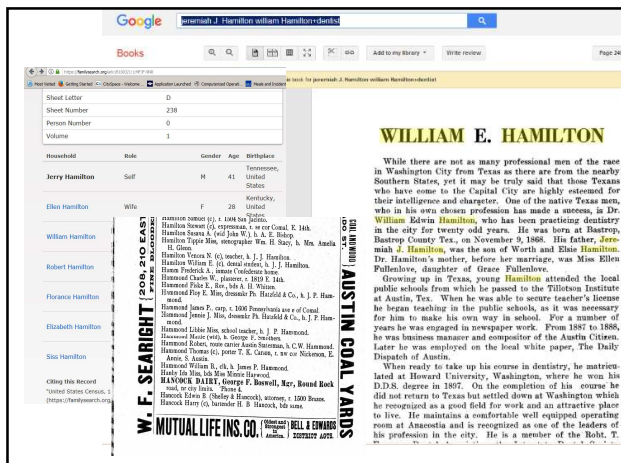
Marriage Record, Census Abstracts

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1875 Census

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