

Mary Ann Cheairs Campbell
1816-?
Enslaved at Rippa Villa

- 1816 Mary Ann was born (most likely in Tennessee.)¹
- 1841 February 5: Mary Ann gave birth to son, Gilbert. Gilbert's father was Nat Cheairs, the youngest son of her owner, Nathaniel F. Cheairs III. Within three months of her son's birth, Nat married Susan McKissack.
- 1846 October 2: Nathaniel F. Cheairs III died and Mary Ann and her son fell to his wife Sarah Cheairs. Sarah would have been Gilbert's grandmother. Listed in the inventory of slaves was Mary, age 30, Gilbert, 5 and Parkham, 6 months. Parkham was most likely Mary's child as well.
- 1858 June 26: Sarah Cheairs died and Mary Ann fell to her daughter Louisa Cheairs Campbell in Missouri and Gilbert fell to daughter Nancy Cheairs Perkins in Arkansas. Gilbert's pension for the US Army gives us this vital information. He said that his mother took on the last name of Campbell at this time. Gilbert's wife Addie never met Mary Ann, and Gilbert and Addie were married in 1880.

There is no further known detail on Mary Ann Cheairs Campbell's life at this time.

¹ Gilbert Cheairs gave Tennessee as his mothers birth location on the 1900 Federal Census. It is the only document we have to give this detail.