# Notable Southern Families

### FAIN OF TENNESSEE

## DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS FAIN

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No greater calamity can befall a people than to break utterly with the past. —William E. Gladstone

#### A WORD OF APPRECIATION

The author desires to thank many members of the Fain Family for interest and co-operation in the preparation of this pamphlet. Historians and Librarians have also given much assistance

Many Histories, Bibles, Documents, Family Letters and County, State, and Government Records have been consulted.

The early information was collected by the late Col. Samuel Fain of Jefferson City, Tennessee, grandson of Nicholas Fain, and the late Fain Anderson, of Washington College, Tennessee, contributed valuable material, such as dates and revolutionary records.

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### NICHOLAS FAIN THE EMIGRANT

The Fain Family name is found spelled in various ways. Fain,, Fane and Fayne, for instance. All these branches have, however, a common origin in France.

The Inquisition and persecution in France drove the Fain Family to Ireland for safety about 1685.

Nicholas Fain, a member of this family, was born in Ireland about 1730. He married about 1752, Elizabeth Tay-34 lor, who was born in England about 1754. They emigrated to America and settled first in Chester County, Pa., where their children were born. They moved to Virginia and then to Washington County, N. C., now Washington Co., Tenn. In Ireland, they belonged to the Episcopal Church but in Tennessee they were Bapists. Their descendants are many of them Presbyterians.

The family has a remarkable military record as Nicholas Fain served in the Revolution with at least five of his seven sons, Samuel, John, William, Thomas and Ebenezer. One son, David, was killed by Indians and the seventh and youngest son, Reuben Fain, is credited by tradition with Revolutionary service although no pro f of his service has as yet been found. It is a well known fact however, that in Washington and Greene Counties (now Tennessee) hundreds of young men served under Sevier and Shelby and other officers though their names were never entered on any roll. It is therefore more than probable that Reuben Fain, seventh son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Taylor Fain, did serve in the Revolution. The record of these seven sons, does not complete the military achievement of the family for the only daughter,

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Elizabeth Fain, married Andrew Evans who was a Revolutionary soldier. The family has, therefore, the unusual record of the father, five sons and the only son-in-law in the battle of King's Mountain while the father and the seven sons served in the Revolution.

Nicholas Fain's service is proved by the Revolutionary Army accounts in the State Auditor's Department, Raleigh, N. C. Vol. I. No. 1-6. The following special certificate paid into the comptroller's office by John Armstrong, Book 3, page 332. Nicholas Fain, 27th of June, 182-7-14.

Nicholas Fain bought 130 acres of land on Wolfe Creek, on the South Fork of the Holston River in Washington Co., Va., January 29th 1774. This was before he moved to Washington Co., N. C. He died at his home on Knob Creek, Washington Co., N. C., about 1785. His widow, Elizabeth Taylor Fain, was living in 1795.

Nicholas and Elizabeth Taylor Fain had eight children, seven sons and one daughter.

Hundreds of well-known people are descended from the pioneers, Nicholas and Elizabeth Taylor Fain. Every effort has been made to complete the descending lines, or at least to make them so clear that some names, which have been omitted because it was impossible to secure data, can be easily connected.

#### CHILDREN OF NICHOLAS AND ELIZABETH TAYLOR FAIN

I. Samuel Fain.

- II. John Fain.
- III. David Fain.
- IV. William Fain.
- V. Thomas Fain.

VI. Ebenezer Fain.

VII. Reuben Fain.

VIII. Elizabeth Fain.

#### I. SAMUEL FAIN

I. Samuel Fain, eldest son of Nicholas Fain and Elizabeth Taylor Fain, was born January 20, 1753. He accompanied his parents in their removal from Pennsylvania to Virginia and thence to what is now Tennessee and he served with his father and four brothers in the Revolution. He was in the battles of Point Pleasant and King's Mountain. Proof of his service is found in Summer's History of Southwest Virginia, page 155, Ramsey's Annals of Tennessee, page 116, Spear's Prominent Tennesseans, page 218, and North Carolina Official Records.

There appear in the Revolutionary Army accounts in the State Auditor's Department, Raleigh, North Carolina, Vol. I., No. 1-6, the following special certicifates pain into the Comptroller's office by John Armstrong, No. 3321, Samuel Fain, 27th June, 1782-5, and No. 954, Samuel Fain 12th June, 1783-6-6.

Samuel Fain married, about 1777, Rosanna McMahan, daughter of John McMahan, of Washington Co., N. C. She was born in Chester Co., Pa., about 1755.

They had seven children:

- (1) John Fain, born April 30, 1778.
- (2) Elizabeth Fain, born July 12, 1779.
- (3) William Fain, born July 17, 1781.
- (4) Isabella Fain, born April 15, 1783.
- (5) Nicholas Fain, born May 10, 1785.
- (6) Margaret Fain, born February 17, 1788.
- (7) Samuel Fain, Jr., born May, 1790.

#### (I) John Fain

(1). John Fain, son of Samuel and Rosanna McMahan Fain, was born April 30, 1778. He died October 11, 1852. He married December 12, 1812, Amelia S. Gillespie, born February 14, 1794, died February 21, 1864. She was the daughter of Captain Thomas Gillespie, a Revolutionary officer, and Agnes Orr Gillespie. Their children were:

(A) William Deaderick Fain, son of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, born Sept. 14, 1813, died Sept. 13, 1883, married March 4, 1845, Elizabeth C. Moore, born November 5, 1823, died July 26, 1847. They lived at Stone Mountain, Ga. Their daughter, Elizabeth Amelia Jane Fain, married George Parrot, of Atlanta, Ga. and had four children: (a). William Marcus Parrott, born October 5, 1868, died young; (b). Mary Gilbert Parrott, born June 21, 1872; (c). George Theodore Parrott, born August 1, 1874: (b). John Parrott, born March 9, 1876, died young.

(B) Thomas Gillespie Fain, son of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, was born May 20, 1815. He died in Dandridge, Tenn., 1890, unmarried.

(C) James Harry Fain, son of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, was born August 31, 1817. He died, unmarried, August 20, 1836.

(D) Nancy Fain, daughter of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, was born September 20, 1819: died December 11, 1820.

(E) Samuel Nicholas Fain, son of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain. was born Oc pber 1, 1821. He died June 2, 1893. He married June 6, 1807 his cousin. Sallie G. Fain. daughter of Richard Fain. She was born February 10, 1838 and died June 19, 1812. They lived in Jefferson Co., Tenn. They had five children: (a). Eliza Amelia Fain, born April 28, 1868: (b). Mattie Gillespie Fain. born November 3, 1870; (c). John Richard Fain, born December 1, 1873; (d). Fannie Russell Fain, born August 7, 1876; (e): Bessie Rhea Fain, born October 26,1878.

(F) Martha Gillespie Fain, daughter of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, was born February 26, 1824; she died February 14, 1863. She married. December 9, 1846, Leonard Gansevoort Ross, of New York. Leonard Gansevoort Ross was a native of New York State, the son of Colonel Theodore Ross and Elizabeth Richards Gansevoort, a daughter of Judge Leonard Gansevoort, Jr.,

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ards Gansevoort, a daughter of Judge Leonard Gansevoort, Jr., who was judge of the court of Albany, New York for many years, and served as Paymaster in the Revolutionary War. Theodore Ross, his father, was Colonel of the 15th Cavalry, New York State Militia in the War 1812, and member of the State Assembly from Essex County, New York, the 27th 28th and 29th sessions. Theodore Ross was the son of Daniel Ross III of the Ancient and Noble House of Ross, Rosshire in the Highlands of Scotland.

The children of Leonard Gansevoort Ross and Martha Gillespie Fain Ross were:

(a) John Fain Ross. born October 29, 1848; married October 1, 1876, Florence Elizabeth Clark and had seven children: (1) Martha Fain Ross, born August 29, 1877; married July 25, 1899, Edwin de Lancy Smith, born May 8, 1875 in Macon, Ga. They have a son, Edwin Ross Smith, born October 10, 1901. (2) Margaret C. Ross, born January 29, 1879. (3) Amelia Fain Ross, born October 23, 1880. (4) Elizabeth Mary Ross, born May 5, 1882; married May 28, 1913, John McClellan Formwalt. They have a son. John McClellan Formwalt junior, born May 24, 1915. (5) Blanche Katherine Ross, born January 21, 1884, (6) Robbie Theodore Ross, born Dec. 16, 1886 (7) John Clark Ross, born March 24, 1889.

(b) Samuel Van Rensselar Ross, born July 19, 1851; died July 25, 1926. He married Ida Cook, of Kansas. They had five children: (1) Albert Ross, (2) Robert Ross, (3) George Ross, (4) Clara Ross, who married Charles Deondof, of California, (5) Mabel Ross, who married Vernon Gould McCann of California.

(c) Amelia Fain Koss, born Febrlary 6, 1853; died July 26, 1906. She married O. B. Havis, but had no children.
(d) William Brazelton Ross, born January 1, 1853; married August 20, 1892, Lulu Pollard, of Florida. They had five children: (1) Lieut. Charles H. Ross, U. S. Navy; married 1925, Helen Stewart. of Portland, Oregon, (2) Ollie Lea Ross, born August 6, 1893; married August 16, 1922, Charles Alfred Gibson, of San Francisco, Calif., (3) William Brazelton Ross, junior, born November 16, 1896, (4) Katherine Ross, born June 28, 1898; married March 5, 1920, Lieut William D. Dadd, U. S. Navy. They have a son, William Charles Dadd. (5) Louise Ross born July 25, 1900, married April 3, 1927, Eugene Bradley Evans, of Oakland, Cal. (e) Leonard Gansevoort Ross, junior, born January 31, 1857; died November 18, 1920. He married Lulu Martin,

(e) Leonard Gansevoort Ross, junior, born January 31, 1857; died November 18, 1920. He married Lulu Martin, of Atlanta, Ga. They had two children: (1) John Pew Ross, (2) Willie Theo Ross who married Alfred Guinn. They had two sons.

(f) Theodore George Ross, born February 18, 1859; married Effie Hayworth, born 1855. They had one son, Theodore George Koss, junior, born January 14, 1904 in Baltimore, Md.

(G) Elizabeth Isabella Fain, daughter of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, born February 26, 1826, died July 23, 1858. She married June 6, 1849, John King, born December 4, 1819. They lived at King's Point, near Chattanooga, Tenn. They had three children:

(a) Amelia King, born March 20, 1850: died October 1871. She married June 21, 1870, John M. Gillespie and had one son. John King Gillespie, born September 1871; married October 24, 1895, Hortense Booth and lives in Knoxville. They have three children: (1) John King Gillespie, junior, who married Margaret McClellan. (2) Booth Gillespie, who married Emily Gilling, of North Carolina, (3) Hortense Gillespie.

(3) Hortense Gillespie.
(b) Mary Guy King, born April 8, 1852; married November 7, 1882. William R. Frye.

(c) John F. King, born February 6, 1866; died April 20, 1904; unmarried.

(H) Margaret Jane Fain, daughter. of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, was born April 12, 1828, died Dec. 4, 1877. She married July 25, 1854, Dr. Aaron C. White, born March 18, 1822: died August 19, 1874. They resided at Spring Hill, Tenn. They had five children.

(a) Rose White. who married John W. Chears, and had four children: (1) Irene Mayes, (2) Margaret Fain, died young, (3) John W. Chears, Jr., who married Elizabeth Moore of Florida, and had two children, Elbridge Wharton Chears and Jane Chears; and (4) Rose White.
(b) Dr. John Fain White married Caroline Harrell, of

(b) Dr. John Fain White married Caroline Harrell, of Memphis, Tenn., and had one son, John Fain White, who died in infancy.

(c) Lucy Gillespie White married Daniel Briscoe, of Knoxville, and had two children: (1) Lucian Briscoe, who married Helen McMillan. (2) Margaret Briscoe, who married Col. Allen Mitchell Burdett, United States Army. They have two sons, Lucian and Allen Mitchell Burdett, Jr.

(d) Ellen Amelia White.

(e) Caroline Wharton White.

(f) Mary White

(I) John Newton Fain, son of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, born July 17, 1830, died March 18, 1890. He married August 10, 1854, Maria L. E. Moore, born February 28, 1837, died May 25, 1860, daughter of Col. William Moore. They had a child, Maria Fain, who died unmarried. John Newton Fain married August 13, 1865, the sister of his first wife, Mattie E. Moore, born July 3, 1842, died June 21, 1872. They had children; Flora Fain, who married Dr. M. Z. Crist, of Atlanta, Ga., and John W. Fain. John Newton Fain married a third time but had no children by his third marriage.

(J) George Alexander Fain, son of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, was born November 12, 1832. He died January 4, 1901. He married July 21, 1854, Eliza Ruth Moore, born November 10, 1834, died November 18, 1908, daughter of Col. William Moore and his second wife, Mary Ann Earnest. They had nine children:

(a) Minnie Fain, born 1856, married Gen. Pickle, a distinguished lawyer of Knoxville, who was Attorney General of Tennessee for sixteen years, born 1845, died 1917. Mrs. Pickle lives in Florida.

(b) William Moore Fain, born 1858, married twice. He first married Lucie Estelle Meek of Dandridge, Tenn. His second wife was Lula Anderson of Ringgold, Ga. His children by his first wife were (1) Charles Moore Fain, married Jessie Colhoun and had Elizabeth Lucille, Margaret Col-

mack; they have one daughter, Katherine King Carmack who houn, and Mary Nell; (2) William L. Fain, married Eva Bell and had five children; (3) George Gillespie Fain, married Ollie Stephenson and had Willie Nell, Margaret, Francis and Garnet; (4) Daniel L. Fain married first, Stuart Anderson and had two sons and married second — Judge and has two children. William Moore Fain by his second wife had two children (5) Clarence S. Fain; and (6) Eliza Ruth Fain.

(c) Eliza Ruth Fain, born 1860 ,married Dr. Galyon and had a son, George Gillespie Galyon.

(d) Isabelle Fain born 1862, died 1883, unmarried.

(e) George Alexander Fain, junior, born 1863, married Bessie Lea, of Cleveland, Tenn.

(f) Martha Fain, born 1865, died 1867.

(g) Dr. Samuel W. Fain, born 1867, married Mary Clark, of Yorkville, S. C. They had five children: (1) Fred Harris Fain, (2) Margaret Fain, (3) Clark Fain, (4) Frank Fain, (5) Isabelle Fain.

(h) Katherine Fain, born 1869, married ——— Richardson, a Presbyterian minister. She had no children.

(i) Ollie Fain, born 1875, married Samuel Franklin. They had three children: (1) Samuel Franklin, junior. (2) Benjamin Franklin, (3) Katherine Franklin.

(K) Mary Taylor Fain, youngest child of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain, was born September 1, 1835, died June 22, 1880. She married May 20, 1857, Stephen Cocke, They had one daughter, Ida Cocke who married Dr. Daniel Howell and had a child, Willis Westmorland Howell.

(2) Elizabeth Fain

(2) Elizabeth Fain, daughter of Samuel and Rosanna McMahan Fain, was born July 12, 1779. She died April 14, 1849. She married December 23, 1802, Josiah Clawson. of

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Greeneville, Tenn., son of Samuel and Ruth Little Clawson. Their children were:

(A) Samuel Fain Clawson, born November 19, 1803.

(B) John Fain Clawson, born October 16, 1805.

(C) Ruth Little Clawson, born August 16, 1807. married Abner Frazier. Thier son, Capt. Samuel Abner Frazier, born January 29, 1840, died December 11, 1921. He was a distinguished officer in the Confederate Army. He married Annie Elizabeth Keith, of Athens, Tenn., daughter of Col. Alexander and Sarah Foree Keith. They had two children, Sarah Ruth Frazier and Alexander Keith Frazier, both of whom were elected to the Tennessee Legislature.

> A Descendant of the Fain Family The First Woman Elected to the Tennessee Legislature

Miss Sarah Ruth Frazier, a great-great-great granddaughter of Nicholas Fain, the Emigrant, was the first woman elected to the Tennessee Legislature after the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

(D) Rosanna Clawson, born November 7, 1809, died March 15, 1890; married March 8, 1827, Robert Harvey Wilson at Greeneville, Tenn. They moved to Alabama to live. Their five children were:

(a) Mary Elizabeth Wilson, born August 23, 1828.

(b) William Bicknell Wilson, born November 15, 1830.

(c) James Josiah Wilson, born December 22, 1833, married Mary Boyd, of Kentucky.

(d) Margaret Wilson, born January 8, 1836.

(e) Lucinda Wilson, born February 9, 1839.

(f) Isabella Ruth Wilson born November 11, 1841, in Oxford, Ala., died in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 16,

1910: married January 18, 1875 Humphrey B. Heywood, They had three children: (1) Ruth Lawrence Heywood, born December 19, 1875, married April 20, 1898, John William Smith, born at Afton, Va., August 28, 1865. They had two children: William Heywood Smith, died young, and Ruth Dabney Smith, born Sept. 25, 1907, (2) Humphrey Barrett Heywood, junior, born October 18, 1878, married July 24, 1907, Helen Wilcox. They had four children: Humphrey Barrett Heywood, III, born July 1907, Helen Clair Heywood, born 1910, Ruth Wilcox Heywood, born June 28, 1912, and Martha, (3) Blanche Wilson Heywood, born September 12, 1884.

(g) Samuel Franklin Wilson, born January 13, 1845.

- (h) Eliza Wilson, born March 8, 1847.
- (i) Robert John Wilson born December 29, 1849.
- (j) Martha Wilson, born September 23, 1852, married,
- Dec. 10, 1871, James Rogers. They had six children: (1) Robert Bernard Rogers, born August 1, 1872; (2) Samuel Clawson Rogers, born Nov. 20 1875; (3) John Clifford Rogers, born 1877; (4) Franklin Locke Rogers, born June 5, 1883; (6) Minnie Ruth Rogers, born March 8, 1888, died Oct. 7, 1890.

(k) George Washington Wilson, born March 18, 1855.

- (E) Margaret Bicknell Clawson, born July 2, 1812.
- (F) Isabella Temple Clawson, born March 4, 1815.
- (G) John Milton Clawson, born October 16. 1817.
- (H) James Gallahan Clawson, born April 4, 1820.
- (I) Elizabeth Amelia Clawson, born June 3, 1822.

#### (3) William Fain

(3) William Fain, son of Samuel and Rosanna Mc-Mahan Fain, was born July 17, 1781. He married Sallie Noland. After his death she married — Goodson.

#### (4) Isabella Fain

(4) Isabella Fain, daughter of Samuel and Rosanna McMahan Fain, was born April 15, 1783. She married twice; married first, Josiah Temple; married second, David Holt. Isabella Fain died Oct. 25, 1852.

#### (5) Nicholas Fain

(5) Nicholas Fain, son of Samuel and Rosanna Mc-Mahan Fain, was born May 10, 1785. He died Feb. 24, 1830, near Columbia, Tenn. He married twice.

#### (6) Margaret Fain

(6) Margaret Fain, daughter of Samuel and Rosanna McMahan Fain, was born February 17, 1788. She died June 30, 1863. She married, 1863, Samuel Bicknell, born Feb. 17, 1780, in Jefferson County, Tenn. They had seven children:

(A) William Bicknell.

(B) James W. Bicknell, born October 21, 1813, lived in Redwood, California, where he was a lawyer and a Judge. He died 1884.

(C) Mary Ann Bicknell died 1843, married Dr. Guilford Cannon. She had no children.

(D) John Young Bicknell, a graduate of West Point, died in Maryville, Tenn. at the close of the Mexican War.

(E) Charles C. Bicknell, moved to Modesta, Calif.

(F) Margaret Elizabeth Bicknell, married W. C. Dale, of California.

(G) Samuel Temple Bicknell married and had two daughters, Laura Bicknell, who married Samuel Thorne,

and Margaret Bicknell. Samuel Bicknell lived in Columbia, Tenn. He was a member of the Tennessee Legislature and died in Nashville while in office.

(7) Samuel Fain, Jr.

(7) Samuel Fain, Jr., son of Samuel and Rosanna Mc-Mahan Fain. was born May, 1790; died December 16, 1831. He married Susan Wharton, of Elkton, Tenn.

#### II. CAPTAIN JOHN FAIN

II. Captain John Fain, the second son of Nicholas Fain and Elizabeth Taylor Fain, was born in Chester Co., Pa. in 1755. He was killed by Indians at Sitico August 8, 1788. His will was dated July 15, 1788. He served in the Revolution and was in the battles of Point Pleasant and King's Mountain. Proof of his revolutionary service is in Summers History of Southwest Virginia, Ramsey's Annals of Tennessee, Haywood's History of Tennessee and Spear's History of Prominent Tennesseeans. John Fain bought 30 acres of land on Wolf Creek, on the South Fork of the Holston River, Washington County, Virginia. This was before the family moved to Washington County, N. C.

He married in 1781 Nancy Agnes McMahan, born in Chester County, Pa. August 17, 1763, died in Washington County, Tenn. in March 1842. She was the daughter of John McMahan. Their children were:

- (1) Nicholas Fain
- (2) Ruth Fain
- (3) Thomas Fain
- (4) John Reuben Fain

#### I. Nicholas Fain

(1) Nicholas Fain, son of Capt John Fain and Nancy Agnes McMahan Fain was born February 4, 1782; he died July 2, 1849; he married twice, married first June 26, 1806 Sallie Gammon; he married second a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Rhea Anderson; they lived at Rogersville. Their children were:

Fain; (g) Hiram Fain; (h) Nicholas Fain; (i) Isaac Fain; (j) Powell Fain; and (k) Richard Fain, Jr.

2. Ruth Fain

(2) Ruth Fain, daughter of Capt. John and Nancy Agnes McMahan Fain, was born January 23, 1784. She died July 23, 1853; she married December 15, 1803, Peter Earnest born February 27, 1777, died February 17, 1862. They lived in Greene County, Tennessee and had twelve children.

Their children were:

(A) Nancy Earnest, born November 7, 1804, married Dr. Robert Rankin.

(B) John Fain Sevier Earnest, born March 11, 1806, married ——— Cannon.

(C) Joseph Hammer Earnest, born October 5, 1807, married Maria Louisa Bonaparte ———.

(D) Henry Stevens Earnest, born April 14, 1809.

(E) Mary Ann Earnest, born July 24, 1811, died Jan. uary 5, 1874, in Rome, Ga. She married November 28, 1833, in Greene County, Tenn., Col. William Moore; she was his second wife. He was born in Mecklenburg County, Va. May 3, 1791; he died April 9, 1854.

Among their children: Rebecca Moore, born December 11, 1835, died August 10, 1915, married August 10, 1859, John King, of King's Point near Chattanooga whose first wife was Elizabeth Isabella Fain, daughter of John and Amelia Gillespie Fain. John King was born December 14, 1819. He died April 4, 1884. Their children were:

(a) Lula King, married Alfred C. Taylor and had eight children, namely; (1) Lula King married Ernest Mooney and had Sue Bradford Mooney who died young; (2) Virginia. married Holland Peasley; (3) Martha; (4) Jane; (5) Catherine; (6) Ashby; and two children who died young.

(b) Inez King married February 8, 1887, B. F. Fritts and had children: Captain Fred Wiehl Fritts, a soldier in the World War, died in France, married Elizabeth Mynders; King Crutchfield Fritts married Helen Arnold of Wisconsin and Frank Shannon Fritts, died young; William Frye Fritts, served at a Lieutenant in the World War, married Vance Talbot of Nashville, and has William Frye Fritts. Jr. and Vance Fritts.

(c) Katherine Gillespie King married Jesse Callaway Carmach and has a daughter who 20 married Hale Holland and has a daughter, Katherine Virginia Holland.

(d) Edwin Crutchfield King married Nannie Jones and had children: Edwin Crutchfield King, Jr.; Inez King married Norman Covington and had two sons.

(e) Isabella Moore King died unmarried.

(f) William Moore King died young.

(g) Ann Earnest King died young.

(h) Alexander King died young.

(F) Eliza Gammon Earnest, born October 2, 1813, married Dr. Alexander Brabson.

(G) Nicholas Washington Earnest, born October 29, 1815, married Catherine Caroline Cannon.

(H) Manuroy Jane Earnest, born March 2, 1818.

(I) Julie Wooford Earnest, born January 23, 1820, married B------ Stephens.

(J) Benjamin Franklin Earnest, born August 3, 1821, married December 1868, Mary M. Rhea.

(K) Sarah Ruth Earnest, born March 3, 1823, married Isaac Allen.

(L) Catherine Jane Earnest, born May 8, 1825, married Col. John McLinn.

#### 3. Thomas Fain

3. Thomas Fain, son of Capt. John Fain and Nancy Agnes McMahan Fain, was born December 11, 1785; he died February 2, 1862: he married, March 26, 1812, Sallie Crawford. They lived in Sullivan County, Tenn.

#### 4. John Reuben Fain

4. John Reuben Fain, son the Capt. John Fain and Nancy Agnes McMahan Fain, was born January 4, 1788: he died April 18, 1869; he married August 16, 1808, Ellen Crawford. They lived in Blountville, Sullivan County, Tenn. Their children were:

(A) Thomas Fain, Jr. born July 31, 1809, married

about 1834, Rachel Anderson, born February 14, 1814, died July 10, 1888. Their children were:

(a) General John Fain, born Dec. 20, 1835, married Dec. 17, 1857, Caroline Bickley of Gladeville, Va. born Feb. 7. 1842 and had eight children: (1) Isabelle Elizabeth who married Walter Hammond of Johnson City. Tenn.; (2) Sara Pet, who lives in Bristol, Tenn.; (3) Hanna who married Joseph B. Bickley, a cousin, and had two children, Joseph Bickley of Cincinnati, and Eufaula Bickley of Bristol, Tenn.; (4) William Hugel who married Elizabeth Funiegan of New York; (5) Nancy Virginia who married Harry Lee Crockett of Wytheville, Va. and has three children, Harry Lee, Jr., Fain and Frederick Crockett; (6) Caroline Amelia who married Dr. Carol Montgomery Newman of the Virginia Polptechnie Institute; (7) Alice Eugenia who married Malcolin Jackson Morrison of Kingsport, Ky.; and (8) Florence, who married Col. Duval Garland Cravens of Sewanee Military Academy, Sewanee, Tenn.

(b) Nancy Jane Fain who married Lott Pence.

(c) William H. Fain who married Alice Spurgeon and had four children; Rachel, Maggie, Samuel Patton and Carrie.

(d) Hugh Fain.

(e) Hannah Fain.

(f) Samuel Fain who married Jennie R. Hicks and had five children; Thomas H., Ellen. Hugh Lott, Mary and Mattie Belle.

(g) Belle R. Fain who married John P. Gardener and had six children: Rachella, Maggie, Mattie, Thomas, Alice and William.

(h) Amelia Fain who died young.

(i) George Thomas Fain who died young.

(B) Hugh C. Fain

(C) John H. Fain

(D) Hannah Amanda Fain married Samuel Anderson; their son was the late Fain Anderson of East Tennessee.

- (E) Ruth Fain married Anderson.
- (F) Nancy Fain married Henry Anderson.
- (G) Amelia Fain married ------ Mitchell.
- (H) Elizabeth Fain married W. B. Neal.
- (I) Ellen Fain died unmarried.

#### III. DAVID FAIN

III. David Fain, third son of Nicholas Fain and Elizabeth Taylor Fain was born in Chester County, Pa. about 1756. He was killed by Indians near Crab Orchard, Ky.

Crab Orchard was a station on the "Wilderness Road" and it is now Crab Orchard Springs in Lincoln County, Kentucky. Many revolutionary soldiers, including Nathaniel Hart, were killed in the neighborhood. It is believed that David Fain was unmarried when he was killed. Some years later, his only sister, Elizabeth Fain Evans and her husband, Andrew Evans, moved to Kentucky and they found, near the place where he was killed, his silver knee buckles engraved with his name. These were kept in the family for many years. This information was given to the author in a letter from the late Fain Anderson of Washington County, Tennessee.

#### IV. WILLIAM FAIN

(IV) William Fain, fourth son of Nicholas Fain and Elizabeth Taylor Fain, was born in Chester County, Pa., in 1757. He served in the Revolution, Reference for his service may be found in the North Carolina records. He was in the battle of King's Mountain with his father and four brothers.

He married in 1781 Sallie McMahan, daughter of John McMahan of Washington County, Tenn. They lived in Washington County.

Their children were:

(1) David Fain, born Oct. 19, 1782, married Bettie Young.

(2) Rosanna Fain, born Feb. 25, 1784, married Jonathan Young.

(3) Ebenezer Fain, born April 7, 1786, married Mary Campbell, Nov. 17, 1818. They lived in Athens, Tenn.

(4) William Fain, Jr. born Jan. 4, 1788.

(5) Bettie Fain born June 23, 1789, married Robert Gray.

(6) John McMahan Fain, born March 25, 1791, married Mary Bicknell.

(7) John Samuel Fain, born June 22, 1793, married Margaret Campbell, August 12, 1817.

(8) Sallie Fain, born June 15, 1795, married Abram Jobe of Washington, Tenn.

(9) Mary Ann Fain born Sept. 1797, married Nelson Bicknell of Dandridge, Tenn.

(10) Nancy Newton Fain, born Feb. 9, 1800, married George Davenport.

## V THOMAS FAIN

(V). Thomas Fain, fifth son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Taylor Fain was born in Chester County Pa., in 1759.

He served in the Revolution and was in the battle of King's Mountain. Reference for service, North Carolina Records.

He married about 1781 Mary Pennemore, of Georgia. They lived near Savannah, Ga.

Their children were:

(1) Mathew Fain, born 1782: died 1869, married Elizabeth Newton.

- (2) Rebecca Fain married James McMullen.
- (3) Lavinia Fain married William McMullen.
- (4) Mary Fain married John Martin.
- (5) Clara Fain married Reuben Strickland.
- (6) Vinsia Fain married George McCall.
- (7) Thomas Fain married Elizabeth Love.
- (8) Nancy Fain married Mathew Whitten.
- (9) Levisia Fain married Joseph Marshall.

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#### VI EBENEZER FAIN

(VI). Ebenezer Fain, sixth son of Nicholas Fain and Elizabeth Taylor Fain, was born in Chester County Pa., August 27, 1762. He died December 29, 1842 in Hutcheson Co. Ga. He served in the Revolution and was in the battle of King's Mountain. He moved to Georgia and drew a pension in that State. His pension record shows that he entered the War of the Revolution when only fourteen years old while living in Washington County, Virginia. He enlisted June 1776 and serve. three months as a private under Captain James Montgomery and Col. William Christian, of Virginia. June 1, 1780 he served three months under Captains William Trimble and Cunningham and Charles Robertson in North Carolina. He also served under Coi. Clash in Georgia. Sept. 15, 1780 he enlisted for three months under Capt. Christopher Taylor and Col. John Sevier of North Carolina. In 1781 served six months under Capt. Chris topher Cunningham and Colonels John Sevier and Carter, of North Carolina. He engaged in the battles of Musgrove's Mill, Woffords Iron Works and King's Mountain where he was wounded in the leg. He applied for pension March 11, 1838 while living in Georgia.

He married June, 1781 Mary Mercer who died February 11 1846.

Their children were:

- (1) David Fain
- (2) John Fain
- (3) Elizabeth Fain
- (4) Margaret Fain
- (5) Sarah Fain
- (6) Mercer Fain
- (7) Mary Ann Fain
- (8) Rebecca Fain
- (9) Polly Ann Fain

#### (1) David Fain

(1) David Fain, son of Ebenezer Fain and Mary Mercer Fain married Rebecca Moore of North Carolina. Their children were:

(A) Ebenezer Fain

(B) Samuel Fain

(C) David Fain

(D) John Simpson Fain served in three wars, the Florida War, the Mexican War and the War Between the States. He commanded a regiment in the Mexican War and also commanded a Regiment in the Confederate Army in the War Between the States. He married twice, first Jane Adeline Addington, and second, Myra Melissa Lee. His children by his first wife were (a) Andrew Young Fain married Melvina Pritchett, (b) David March Fain married Adeline Red-ding; and (c) Tom Cobb Fain married Willie Kate Gillespie of Dallas. Texxas. The children by the second wife were: (d) Jasper Leonidas Fain, married Ida Farabee; (e) Newton Telemachus Fain married Ella Peeler; (f) Ira Mortimer Fain married Eva Mirks; (g) Augustus Billups Fain married Lula Hatcher; (h) Herschel Virgil Fain married Ella Chestnut; (i) John Vance Fain married Martha Estelle Chockley and has a child Walter Raymond Fain; (j) Lida Elura Fain married Mary Garvin; (k) Ida Enola Fain married Bart Gober; (1) Ada Iola Fain married Quincey Taylor.

- (E) Hollan Fain
- (F) Thomas W. Fain
- (G) Mary Ann Fain married Robert Trammell
- (H) Margaret Fain married Charles Crumby
- (I) Elizabeth Fain married William Thomas

(J) Rebecca Fain married John Higgens

(K) Nicholas Mercer Fain moved to Jacksonville, Texas. He married Henrietta Caroline McCormic. Their children were (a) Samuel Addison Fain, who lives in Dallas, Texas. and (b) Tupper Carrington Fain who died in Jacksonville. Texas, in 1905.

#### (2) John Fain

(2) John Fain, son of Ebenezer Fain and Mary Mercer Fain died July 15, 1873. He married Elizabeth Butts. Their children were:

(A) Mercer Fain married Caroline McClellan. Their children were:

(a) William L. Fain married Fannie Gowan; (b) Clarissa Fain (c) John E. Fain; (d) Florence L. Fain married Abner McD. Harshaw; (e) Robert Mercer Fain married Mary Singleton; (f) Jasper E. Fain; (g) Allen A. Fain; (h) Thomas Fain; and (i) Jefferson Davis Fain.

(B) John B. Fain married Sarah Wood

(C) William Clayton Fain married Margaret McClellan

(D) Mary Ann Fain married Richard Mason

(E) Sarah Caroline Fain married twice, married first Artberry Thomas

(F) Thomas T. Fain married first Martha Roper, married second Mildred Goodrum.

(G) Newton A. Fain married Sarah Wilson.

- (H) Carroll L. Fain
- (I) Allen S. Fain
- (J) E. Jasper Fain

#### (3) Elizabeth Fain

(3) Elizabeth Fain, daughter of Ebenezer Fain, and Mary Mercer Fain, born July6, 1791, died May 6, 1870, married twice, first Henry Wetzel and second John Thomas.

#### (4) Margaret Fain

(4) Margaret Fain, daughter of Ebenezer Fain and Mary Mercer Fain, born July 6, 1791, died May 6, 1870, married John Trammell.

#### (5) Sarah Fain

(5) Sarah Fain, daughter of Ebenezer Fain and Mary Mercer Fain, married John Howard.

(6) Mercer Fain

(6) Mercer Fain, son of Ebenezer Fain and Mary Mercer Fain, married Martha Springfield.

Their children were:

(A) John Fain

(B) Benjamin Fain

(C) William Fain

- (D) Mercer Fain
- (E) Margaret Fain

#### (7) Mary Ann Fain

(7) Mary Ann Fain, daughter of Ebenezer Fain and Mary Mercer Fain, married Samuel McJudkin.

(8) Rebecca Fain

(8) Rebecca Fain, daughter of Ebenezer Fain and Mary Mercer Fain, married John Hughes.

(9) Polly Ann Fain

(9) Polly Ann Fain, daughter of Ebenezer Fain and Mary Mercer Fain, married Herbert Harwell.

Note: It is said by some descendants that Ebenezer Fain married Mary Black but his pension record gives his wife's name as Mary Mercer.

#### VII REUBEN FAIN

(VII). Reuben Fain, the seventh son of Nicholas Fain and Elizabeth Taylor Fain was born in Chester County, Pa. about 1764. His descendants say that he served in the Revolution and this is probably correct. He married twice. His first wife was Fannie Medlock; his second wife was Isabella Taggett.

His children by his first marriage were:

(1) John Fain, married Rhoda Bicknell of Jefferson Co., Tennessee.

(2). Elizabeth Fain, died at Dandridge, Tenn., 1876.

(3). Nicholas Fain.

(4). Jason Fain.

(5). Mary Fain.

His children by his second marriage were:

(8). Josiah Fain

#### 8. Josiah Fain

(8) Josiah Fain, son of Reuben Fain and Isabella Taggett Fain, born about 1800, married September 10, 1829, Mahala Denton. Their children were: (A) Stewart Fain, married — Toole.

(B) William A. Fain married first, Elizabeth Smith, born Jan. 21, 1848, died Jan. 22, 1879, daughter of John Smith; their children were (a) Clarence. (b) May, (c) Ida, (d) Allie, and (e) Elizabeth.

(C) Josiah Fain.

\_\_\_\_\_ a daughter who married James (D) -Woodside. Their daughter Alice Woodside, married first. William Harris, and second, — Hough.

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#### VIII ELIZABETH FAIN

VIII. Elizabeth Fain the only daughter of Nicholas Fain and Elizabeth Taylor Fain was born in Chester County Penn. She died in August 1850. She married Andrew Evans, 1780, they moved to Kentucky and thence to Indiana where they died.

Their children were:

- (1). David Evans, married Elizabeth McCullogh.
- (2). John Fain Evans.

(3). Jesse Evans born March 13, 1787, died Dec. 13, 1875, married Hetty Newell near Gosport, Ind.

- Samuel married Marjorie Moddrell. (4).
- (5). Andrew Evans married Susan Newell.
- (6). William Evans married Maxmilla Cunningham.
- (7). James Evans married Jane Newell.
- (8). Elizabeth Taylor Evans married Matthew Wilson.
  (9). Nancy Evans married Lewis Morgan.
- (10). Mary Evans married Joel Richardson.

(11). Rachel Evans married November, 1831, James Burcham, of Kossuth, Ind.