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of  
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*To the memory of Henry Johnson*

*Who gave his life for American Independence*

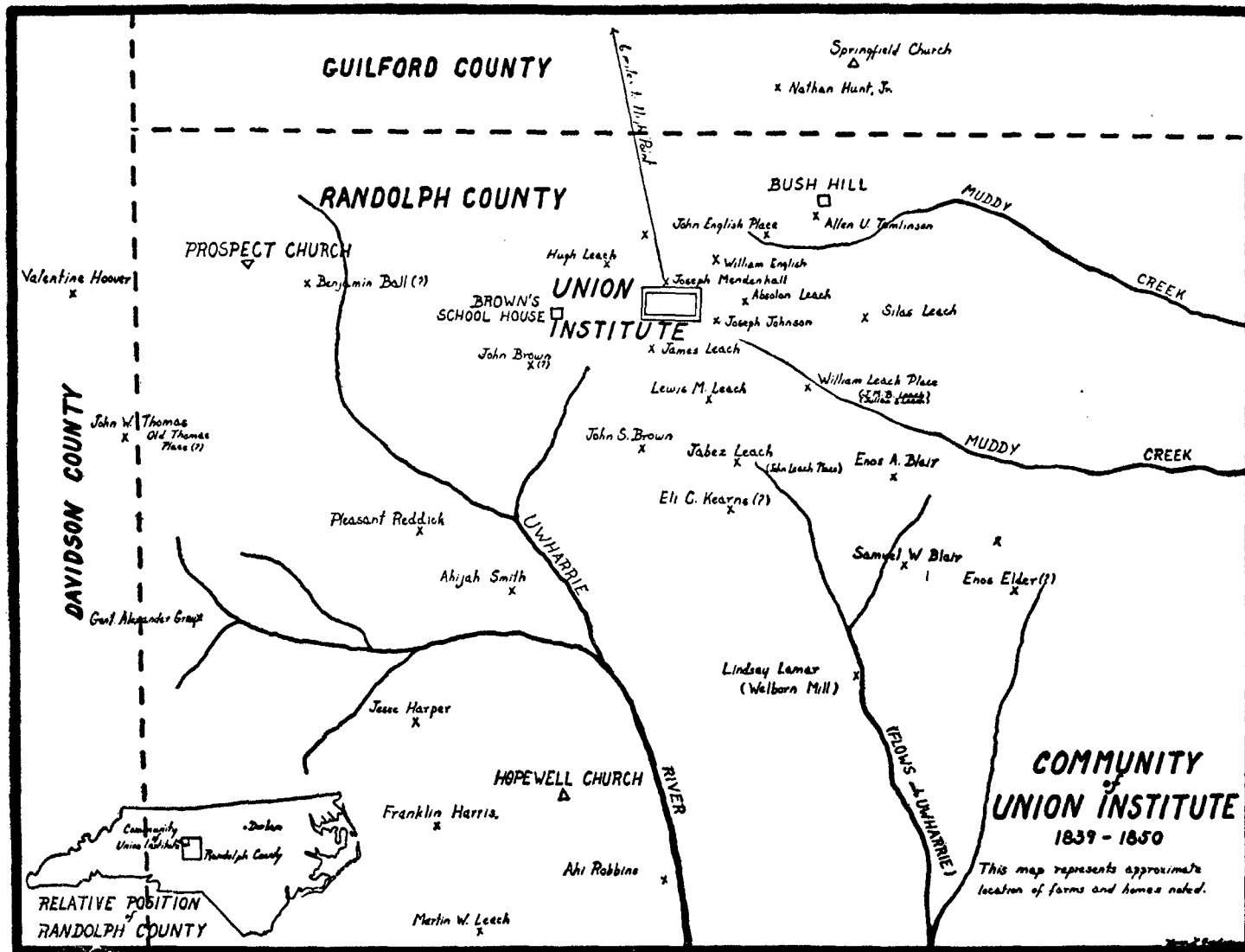


## PREFACE

The historic interest of a place centers in the people, or families who found, occupy and adorn them, and connects them with the stirring legends and important events in the annals of the place. Robert Louis Stevenson spent years tracing his Highland ancestry because he felt that through ancestry one becomes a part of the movement of a country's tradition and history.

To be proud of one's ancestry, or to wish to be proud of it, is an almost universal instinct. At a very early age every normal child begins to boast of the superiority of his, or her immediate ancestors to the immediate ancestors of other children. Cultured people everywhere are becoming more and more interested in genealogy.

Considering how one's ancestors multiply by geometrical recession, so to speak, it is obvious that not even the most passionate genealogical zealot can hope to learn even the names of more than a relatively small number of the vast multitude of his ancestors.



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(Courtesy of the Bureau of Public Information, Duke University)

This section of central North Carolina was the home of the institutional ancestors of Duke University. Most of the early settlers were Quakers, but many were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. Most of the Presbyterians and a few of the Quakers turned Methodists. Religion was strongly emphasized in the community, and Dr. Craven advertised that "the Bible is attended to" at Union Institute. There were about 300 conversions in religious services at the school during the period, 1843-50.

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## THE KELLY JOHNSON LETTER

On Saturday morning following Thanksgiving Day, 1947, came the message that during the previous night Emma Johnson's house and all her belongings in storage there had been destroyed by fire. To those of us who knew the history of this little house that had stood just off the campus of Trinity College in Randolph, this message brought peculiar sadness. To Emma—eighty-three and known to possess unusual christian fortitude—it brought tears of grief.

After the death of Emma's sister, Rose Leach Johnson, on May 25, 1941, Emma was the only surviving member of her immediate family. Reluctant to leave the house that had been occupied by her family for over seventy years, Emma decided to live there alone. It was the home her father, the Reverend Dougan Clark Johnson, had established for himself and his family in 1873, after he had lost his voice and was compelled to retire from the Ministry.

A few years later Emma was permanently injured from a fall and it became necessary for her to rent out her home and enter a nursing home in High Point. Lack of room in her new quarters made it advisable for her to leave behind everything except personal necessities. Even such treasures as family photographs, the Family Bible, and her father's books and papers were left in storage at the old homestead.

Among the books that were burned with the old home that November night were the two Bibles that had been presented to Dougan Johnson and his brother Lemuel back in 1853 when these two composed the first graduating class of Normal (later Trinity) College. Perhaps the next most treasured possession lost in that fire was the original Kelly Johnson Letter which had been left in the custody of Dougan Johnson years before by the Reverend LeRoy Johnson (to whom the letter was written) when the latter was moving to the West.

Fortunately, Rose and Emma Johnson had permitted a relative to copy that letter and there were a few copies of it still in existence. The loss of the original gave birth to the idea of taking steps to insure the preservation of the family history it contained. The first plan was to place typewritten copies of the letter in a few of our most widely used genealogical libraries and in the Duke University Library.

Easy access to the abundant resources for genealogical research in Washington led to findings of such value as to warrant expansion of the initial plan. The Revolutionary War pension records of John, Robert, and Joseph Johnson verify Kelly Johnson's statement that all four brothers served in that war, also that Henry was killed by the Tories. Through these pension records it was possible to identify the particular locality in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in which the Johnson family lived as Paxtang township—now Dauphin county. These resources and the untiring cooperation of interested and resourceful persons have made it possible to develop the Kelly Johnson Letter into "The Johnson and Their Kin of Randolph."

It can now be said of the Kelly Johnson Letter that it has stood the test of careful research; it has served as the key to the early history of the Johnsons and their kin.

"Maud, Nov. 13, 1890

"Dear Son:

"I will now try to fulfill a promise I made some time ago.

"About the year 1773 or 4, four young men and a young woman (their sister) came to N. C. from Lancaster County, Penn. Their names were: Robert Johnson, John Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Henry Johnson, and Mary Johnson. They settled in the upper part of Randolph County. In a year or two the Revolutionary War came on and they all served as soldiers through the war. They talked very Irish. Their parents came from Ireland and settled in the county and state named above—Lancaster, Penn.

"In those days there was a young man by the name of Henry Lytle who married Peggy Harmon and settled about one mile east of W. N. Elder's store. They had three children, to wit, Betsey, Rosie, and Nancy (Irish). After the war the above Johnsons settled down. Betsey Lytle married Daniel Merrill. They settled a little south of where Uncle John Elder died. Betsey, his wife, died away back yonder. Merrill then went to Guilford County, N.E. of Greensboro, and married the Widow Polly Thomas, mother of John W. Thomas. She, as you will see became my father's aunt.

"I do not know who Robert Johnson married. He settled on Caraway on the south side of the old Asheboro road, 1/4 mile east of the Isaac White place, where Newby Farlow now lives. Robert sold out and left this country when I was about 12 years old.

"John Johnson married Rosie Lytle. They settled about 1/2 mile from Robert on the north side of the old Asheboro road, and about 1/2 mile east of Neas Elder's store. They were the father and mother of Aunt Polly Mendenhall.

"Joseph (my grandfather) married Nancy Lytle (my grandmother). They settled and died at what we called "the old place," now owned by Lee Elder. He died Nov. 11, 1839. My grandmother died April, 1843.

"Henry Johnson was killed by the Tories about the close, or just after the close of the Revolutionary War, two or three hundred yards east of Dorsett's old store (Floyd's). Joseph and Henry Johnson bought a large tract of land and divided it between them. Grandfather settled on the northern part. Henry took the southern part which included all the Dempsey Brown and Whit Kennedy lands. Henry was not married when he was killed.

"Mary Johnson married Benjamin Means (very Irish). They settled and died where Elias Elder now lives. The house Oliver lived in before he left was one of the houses Means built and lived in.

"John Veach, your great grandfather, was of Irish descent and a native of Pasquotank County, N. C., I think. He served through the Revolutionary War, then drifted to Davidson County, near Zion church where he married Chloe Hilton. They settled and died where Isham, or Isum, Regan now lives. They had two sons, James and John. They called the old man Jacky, so when I speak of the old man I will call him Jacky. When I speak of your grandpa I will call him John.

"Away back yonder there was a young man who lived in Maryland and married Sally McGrowder. Their ancestors came from Wales. His name was Ezekiel Jones, a Methodist local preacher. After some time his wife, Sally, died. Zeak then came to Davidson County, N. C., and bought land one mile west of Zion Church. (He first settled and lived eight miles from Fredericktown, now Frederick City), went back and moved his family, two boys, or sons, Joseph and Jason, and three daughters, Ruth, Rachel, and Patsy. Joseph Jones married, settled, and died in Davy County, N. C. He was a local preacher in the M. E. Church. Jason settled on the headwaters Rich Fork. He was a cabinet workman and made the bedstead I now

sleep on. Your grandmother Veach was born in the year 1777 and was about 18 when she came to N. C. Your grandfather Veach was born in 1783.

"After a while, John Veach and Rachel Jones concluded to marry. Jacky did everything in his power to prevent it. Jacky was a Hard Shell Baptist, Rachel a Methodist which he just despised. They married, but Jacky would not suffer Rachel to come to his house for years—called her Delilah as long as he lived.

"Ruth, Jacky's oldest daughter, never married and lived with her father until his death—then made her home at your grandpa's. Ruth died on May 19, 1856. Patsy Jones married a Leonard over on Rich Fork. John Veach was a large fleshy man. He had very fair skin, blue eyes (one smaller than the other), and carried his head a little to one side. He died suddenly on Nov. 24, 1848.

"I have scribbled over a good deal of paper—select what you want and throw the rest aside. Yesterday and today it has looked very much like rain. It is so dark today I can hardly see the rule marks on my paper. According to my weak judgment the indications are that we will have a warm winter, tho it may turn a somersault around Christmas.

"I am feeling about as well as usual and hope this will find all well at your house.

"Kelly Johnson"

## JOHNSON

### Evolution of a Family Name

This name, in its many variations, may be found in the early records of Scotland, Ireland, and England. The various forms found in Scotland are: Johnston, Johnstone, Johnsons, Johnson, Jonesone, and Jonson. Those of the Gaelic dialect of Ulster Province, Ireland (which may be traced back for seven generations to Owen O'Neill, Prince of Ulster) are: MacEvin, MacSevin, MacSeavin, MacShane, which forms have been Anglicized Johnson, Johnstone, Jackson, Jenkins, Jenkinson, and Fitzjohn. In all of its variations, Johnson means, literally, esteem, or son of the man who was esteemed.

Shortly after 1172, John, the founder of the family of Johnstone, gave his name to his lands in Annandale, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, whence John's son Gilbert took his surname and became known as Gilbert Johnstone, or Gilbert, son of John. Who John, the father of Gilbert, was it is now impossible to determine. He may have been a native settler who, when the Bruces were made Lords of Annandale in 1291, elected to hold his lands from them; more likely, he followed his overlords from their more southern estates in Yorkshire and was gifted to the lands to which he gave his name, and which later formed the parish and Barony of Johnstone (Black—Vol. 6, p. 285).

Another version is that the name originated from Joneson, a North English form of Johnson, "son of John." Watier Jonesone of Berwickshire rendered homage in 1296 (Bain—Origin of Surnames, Vol. 2, p. 207). The following corroborates this version: "William Jonesone, merchant of Aberdeen, complained that his goods shipped in a Flemish vessel had been arrested at Grymesby in 1368" (Black—Vol. 6, p. 146). "John Johnson (fils John), a Scot going abroad, had protection through England in 1371" (Ibid, p. 384).

The name Johnson appears in a list of Huguenots and Protestants from France who, about the year 1551, settled in Great Britain and Ireland where it was modernized Johnstone, or Johnston (O'Hart, Vol. 2, p. 489). Under the caption, "Modern Irish Gentry," sub-headed, "Families who came into Ireland with the Cromwellian Settlement of the Revolution," appears the name Johnsons (O'Hart, Vol. 2, p. 23).

John Johns(t)on, founder of the Johnson family of Randolph, appears in the early records of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, under the surnames of Johnston and Johnson. From the time he bought land in North Carolina until his death, he used Johnston exclusively (See his land record and will). His son John is said to have used Johnston as his surname while he was engaged in the campaign against the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina; but as captain of the Rowan County Militia, he used Johnson. His widow used Johnston and Johnson interchangeably in her application for benefits under his service.

After the second generation, all of the descendants of John Johnston (I), except those of the line of his grandson Hezekiah, discontinued the use of the letter "t" in their last name and have been known as Johnsons.



## THE COAT OF ARMS

Handed down from generation to generation as a sacred emblem of family honor, the coat of arms of one's ancestors is as essential to a genealogical record as the name of the ancestors who bore them. It is an eloquent symbol of ancestry and blood. The Arms anciently borne by the family of Johnson are described in heraldic terms as follows:

**Arms:** Gu. on a chevron, between three fleur-de-lis, arg., as many escallops of the field.

**Crest:** A key and sword in saltive ppr.

**Motto:** Celer et Audax (swift and bold).

**Meaning of Colors:**

Gu (red)—signifies Military Fortitude and Magnanimity

Arg (silver)—signifies Peace and Sincerity

Ppr.—signifies proper color of object mentioned

**Meaning of Objects Mentioned:**

The Chevron—means protection. It represents the roof-tree of a house and has been given to those who had built churches, fortresses, or some other worthy enterprise.

The Fleur-de-lis (the lily)—the emblem of Purity, or whiteness of soul. The golden lily is the emblem of France. The heraldic lily is often used in English armory as a direct reference to the early French wars in which the original bearers were engaged.

The Escallop—was introduced into armory at the time of the Crusades and signifies long journeys or voyages to far countries. It was the emblem of Santiago, or St. James, and is used very often in heraldry.

The Key—often borne as an emblem of guardianship and dominion.

The Sword—a weapon fitted for execution and justice, was considered the true emblem of military honor.

The leaf-like arrangement around the shield is known as the mantle, or hood. The six beads (red and silver) on the top of the helmet upon which the crest rests form what is known as the wreath. The seven small spots of red on the front of the helmet are supposed to be the inside, or lining of the helmet (always red cloth, or flannel) showing out (Donal MacEocagain, armorial artist).

## MIGRATIONS

"History is made not by rulers, battles or treaties,  
but by the migration of people."

Among the "Scots Who Hae Wi' Wallace Bled" appear many family names that are included in this genealogy—Blair, Brown, Clark (Clarke), Dear, Elder, Graham, Gray, Johnston, Kennedy, Lachlan (Laughlin), Means (Menzie), Morrison. Let us follow the migration of members of these clans from Scotland to the New World and from Pennsylvania to North Carolina.

When James VI of Scotland became King of England in 1603 (as James I) he became very zealous in persecuting the Catholics in Ireland—in order to promote a general interest in patriotism. Some of his Majesty's officials, claiming to have discovered a plot in Ireland to instigate a revolt against the King, confiscated six counties in Ulster Province, evicted their inhabitants and replaced them by settlers from Scotland and England. King James encouraged his Presbyterian subjects to occupy the confiscated lands. This migration, beginning in the early part of the 17th century (about seventy-five years before the founding of Pennsylvania), included hordes of Protestants. About five hundred thousand acres were forfeited to the Crown and Ulster became the most Protestant part of Ireland (Hallam, ).

Toward the middle of the 17th century the confiscation of Irish lands by Cromwell increased the emigration to still greater proportions and many Englishmen joined in the movement to Ulster. The Scotch emigrants who occupied Northern Ireland have since been known in England as Ulstermen. In America they became known as the Scotch-Irish.

In 1625, Charles I came to the English throne. He attempted to force the Presbyterians in Ireland to conform to the Established Church of England. About the same time, the Irish rose up to expel the Scotchmen and succeeded in killing a few thousands of them. So, between these two persecutors, the Scotch Presbyterians, already sturdy by reason of their race and religion, were forced to endure further discipline, suffering and martyrdom.

McAlarney (p. 52) has this to say about the migration of the Scotch-Irish to America:

"The first settlers in all this neighborhood (Paxtang), with one exception, came from North Ireland—Ulster province. They were termed the Scotch-Irish—Scotch planters of the Irish soil. 'They call us Scotch-Irish and other ill-mannered names' wrote good old Parson Elder, 'but the epithet of reproach has become the synonym of a people characteristic of all that is noble and grand in our American History.' . . . The planting of Ulster with the Scotch settlers is an important epoch, not only in the history of Ireland, but also in the establishment of Presbyterianism. Their life in that country was as brief as it was memorable. Because of the rapacity and greed of the landlords, of the 'test act' which deprived them of holding public office, and of the petty annoyances of prelacy . . . in the early part of the 18th century, many counties in Northern Ireland were emptied of their Scotch inhabitants . . ."

By that time the New World was inviting settlers and many of the Scotch Presbyterians left Ireland and came to America—more especially after the long leases under which they held the land in Ireland began to expire. This migration started about the year 1700 and continued for forty or fifty years. One band of them took up valuable lands in Pennsylvania. Their original settlement was made in Donegal and North Columbia, Lancaster County. Another band of those bold frontiersmen settled south of the present city of Harrisburg, in what was once known as Paxton, or Paxtan (modernized by historians as Paxtang) township of Lancaster County. The many variations of this name—Pextang, Pextany, Paextank, etc.—are said to be derived from Peshtank, the Indian name for small stream. The early history of this section of Lancaster County contains the names of many families who are listed in

the 1790 census of Randolph and Guilford Counties, namely, Elder, Gray, Means, Kennedy, Lytle, Morrison, Graham, Clark, Blair, and Johns(t)on.

That notable immigration of the English and the Scotch-Irish made Presbyteranism the dominant religious force in Delaware, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1706, the first presbytery in America, known from its accustomed place of meeting as the Presbytery of Philadelphia, was established (*Encyclopedia Britannica* (1947), Vol. 18, p. 447). Among the earliest churches of this presbytery were: Donegal (organized in 1714), Hanover, Paxton (Paxtang), and Derry. The minister who served as the second pastor of the sister churches, Derry and Paxton, was the Rev. John Elder, the famed "Fighting Parson," who served in that capacity for more than forty years. Paxtang church was once known by the name Paxton—in honor of Paxton Manor, home of the Elders in Scotland, it is said. Among those who signed the Call to John Elder were John Gray, Alexander Johnston, and Alexander Johnson (McAlarney, pp. 67, 68).

After the Treaty with the Five Nations (in 1736) under which the land west of the Susquehanna was purchased from the Indians, Scotch Presbyterians in New Jersey as well as in Pennsylvania began to move across the Susquehanna River in hordes (Prowell, Vol. 1, pp. 121-2). By 1733 the wilderness known as Paxton Township (after 1785, Dauphin County), was thinly settled by Scotch-Irish immigrants, a simple, sincere, religious people who, as early as 1719-20, had begun to improve the farmlands.

These heroic people who were permitted to locate in Pennsylvania only by right of sovereignty, or as traders, suffered much at the hands of the Proprietors, as well as from the French and the Indians. On June 17, 1743 Richard Peters, Esq., Secretary to the Proprietors, accompanied by a sheriff and a magistrate, went to Marsh Creek, Adams (then Lancaster) County, to warn off and dispossess the "Squatters" and to measure the Manor Lands. The people there, about seventy in number, assembled and forbade Peters and his assistants to proceed. Peters, the sheriff and the magistrate persisted, so the settlers broke their instruments and forced them to leave; afterwards, the settlers were indicted, became subdued and made their agreements for leases which, in most cases, were so lenient that they were able to buy the lands before the leases expired. On the list of the names of the leading settlers on Marsh Creek at that time is one John Johnston (Rupp, pp. ).

With the matter of land holdings settled, the Scotch-Irish were yet to undergo great hardships. Unfriendly Indians carried away their children—some as young as five years—and kept them in captivity for years. On one occasion in 1759, ninety-four men, women and children were seen fleeing from their homes for safety. There was so much sickness at the time that many could neither resist nor flee. Those who could, sought refuge at Fort Loudon (Loudon, p. 196). On July 21, 1763 at Sherman's Valley, came the disturbing news: ". . .three indians were seen about ten o'clock in the morning, one Pomeroy and his wife and the wife of one Johnson were surprised in a house between Shippensburg and North Mountain and left for dead, but one of the women, when found, showed signs of life. She was brought to Shippensburg where she died some hours later in a most miserable condition, being scalped, one of her shoulders and arms broken and her skull fractured by the stroke of a tomahawk. . . . On the 25 day of July, there were in Shippensburg 1384 of our poor distressed back inhabitants, viz., men, 301; women, 345; children, 738; many of whom were obliged to lie in barns, stables, cellars, or under leaky sheds, the dwellings were so crowded." (Ellis & Hungerford, Vol. 1).

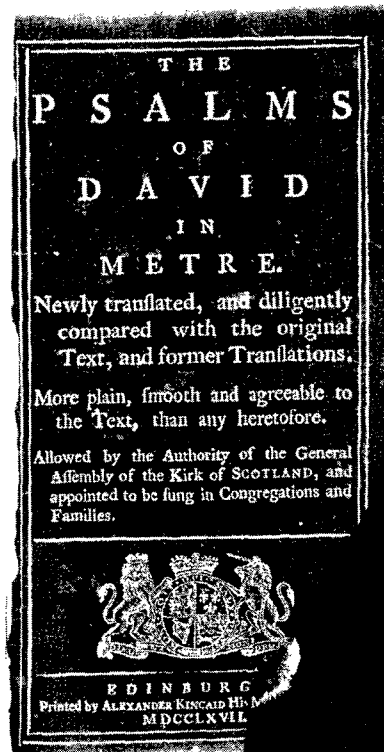
As early as July 22, 1750 the Reverend John Elder and the men of Paxtang, Derry and Hanover churches petitioned the Hon. John Penn, Governor of Pennsylvania, for protection against the French and Indians (*Biographical Encyclopedia*, Dauphin Co., p. 22). In 1763, John Elder organized the Paxtang Rangers, also known as the Paxtang Boys, that was composed of volunteers from his two churches in Lower Paxtang—Derry, east of the present location of Harrisburg, and Paxtang, on the Susquehanna a few miles to the southeast. Parson Elder who was accustomed to wearing a cocked hat and carrying a gun into the pulpit, was appointed their Captain.

Therefore, it is not surprising that the Scotch-Irish began to leave Pennsylvania in large numbers. By 1770 many of them had settled in North Carolina. The following account is quoted from Stockard, p. 14): ". . . one band of the Scotch-Irish came from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. . . from the stock of the Scotch-Irish who came from northern Ireland (say Hawks, Swaim and Graham in their History of the Revolution, p. 51), came the Carolina Immigrants. . . There were Germans, Quakers, and Scotch-Irish in other counties, but no other county besides Guilford had all three together."

From Scotland, by way of Northern Ireland, came the Blairs, the Browns, the Clarks, the Elders, the Grahams, the Laughlins, the Meanses, and the Johnstons-Johnsons. From England came the Leaches, the Lees, the Mendenhalls, the Merrills, the Veaches, and the Welborns. After pioneering in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia, these families settled in the forests of what is now known as the Piedmont Section of North Carolina. They established homes in what is now northwest Randolph and contiguous sections of Davidson and Guilford Counties—territory then lacking roads, schools and churches. The Presbyterians, as is the custom of most people who settle in a community where the church of their forefathers is in the minority, joined either the Methodist, the Baptists, or the Friends.

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"Religious and intellectually minded, they brought along their Bibles; erected the log church and the log schoolhouse side by side."



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# THEY FIGHT FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

HENRY JOHNSON

"Life, after all, is not a matter of duration, but of donation."

Four of John Johnston's sons are known to have taken part in the American Revolution. Henry was the only one who made the supreme sacrifice. Kelly Johnson has told us that "just before, or just after the close of the Revolutionary War, two or three hundred yards east of the Dorsetts' old store, Henry Johnson was killed by the Tories." J. Addison Blair (p. 21) has this to say about that tragic event: ". . . it was Clark [Capt. William Clark], who captured and killed John Elrod and Samuel Still, two notorious Tories who lived in the fork of the Yadkin River. These men had made a raid into Randolph and murdered Henry Johnson in the road near where J. M. Blair now lives."

The pension file of Capt. William Clark (R 1968) contains two references to the death of Henry Johnson. One of these may be found in the affidavit of Elizabeth Sumner Johnson, widow of Robert Johnson, who at the time the affidavit was made was living in Knox County, Tennessee. The other one of the two references is by Alexander Gray (General of the N.C. Militia, War of 1812) who was a neighbor of the Clarks and the Johnsons: ". . . three Tories who were passing through Randolph took Henry Johnson and a man named Tucker. They made Johnson stand against a tree and all three fired on him and shot him down - Tucker took to his heels, made his escape and gave the alarm. . . ." A slightly different account was given by Henry's brother Joseph in his own pension file.

William P. Clark gives a fuller account of the execution of Henry Johnson: "Two Tories, Major Elrod and Samuel Still, were returning from a visit to the British Commander, Major Craig, at Wilmington when, somewhere in the vicinity of Johnsonville, they met up with Henry Johnson, a Whig who had been released from captivity on parole. Henry, who had been on an errand to the home of a neighbor, was carrying a rifle, supposedly to shoot squirrels. He made no demonstration of hostility, but Elrod and Still accused him of violating his parole and killed him - then left the neighborhood immediately." William Clark's account of what followed is reproduced here in condensed form.

Aroused by the cold-blooded murder of Henry Johnson, a company of mounted men of the community, including Colonel Thomas Dougan, Captain William Clark, William Bell, Bartholomew Grogan, Jacky Veatch (John Veach), and a number of others, went quickly in pursuit of Elrod and Still. They hastened to the Tory neighborhood in the Forks of the Yadkin. With great caution they located Elrod's house, a primitive log cabin. Inside were three men all asleep - two on the bed and one on the floor in front of the fireplace. There was consultation and some hesitancy as to who would make the attack. Suddenly, Capt. Clark rushed to the cabin and hurled himself against the door with such force that the door was ripped from its hinges and thrown across the cabin. Elrod and Still were taken prisoners immediately, but their execution was stayed until after daybreak. Early the next morning, a short distance from the cabin, they were each tied to a tree and shot. It is said that Capt. Clark left the scene before they were put to death. Their mission completed, the men returned to Randolph - to find that during their absence Fanning had made a raid in the community and destroyed the home of Capt. Clark and of several other of the company. But for the atrocious murder of Henry Johnson - planned as a decoy - the brave men who pursued and executed those three Tories would have been on hand to defend their homes and their families during Fanning's raid.

Apparently, Henry Johnson had been married, but had no children. After writing about the seven Clark brothers, William P. Clark adds the following: "There is a tradition that Henry Johnson who was killed by Elrod and Still had married a sister of the Clarks, a tradition most probably true, but lacking in verification." Kelly Johnson's statement,

"Henry was not married when killed," implies that Henry, aged thirty, was a widower at the time of his death. The will of Samuel Clark, father of the Clarks, dated September 6, 1783, and probated during the September term of Court of that year, makes no mention of a daughter of the devisor. From this fact it seems evident that if "the Clarks" had a sister, she was not living when their father made his will, that she may have died before Henry Johnson was killed.

The records of Randolph County which was formed during the most critical period of the Revolution are of no assistance in establishing the marriage of Henry Johnson. During the fourteen years between the formation of the county (in 1779) and the establishment of a permanent seat of government in Asheboro (in 1793), county officials were compelled to operate and keep their records in temporary quarters. The first three terms of court were held in the home of Abram Reece. Consequently, many of the early marriage bonds were misplaced or lost; those of John Johns(t)on (issued in 1783), of Joseph Johns(t)on (issued in 1786) and of Robert Johns(t)on (issued in 1791) were, according to affidavits contained in their pension files, hopelessly lost. It is not surprising, therefore, that a marriage bond issued to Henry, who died in 1781-2, cannot be found.

A careful consideration of the foregoing facts and circumstances leads us to conclude that Henry Johnson married a sister of "the Clarks," that he was a widower when he was killed.

The sacrifice that Henry Johnson made for the cause of American Independence is well established. His grave, somewhere in northwestern Randolph, is yet to be identified.

#### JAMES BLAIR

James Blair, son of Colbert and Sarah Morgan Blair, entered the service in the summer of 1778 while a resident of Burke County, North Carolina. He first served under Capt. Bowman as a Private and an Orderly Sergeant, Regiment of Colonel McDowell, North Carolina Line. He was discharged after five months, but volunteered again in 1799. During this tour of duty he served as an Ensign under Colonel Hambright.

On October 27, 1837, while a resident of Habersham County, Georgia, James Blair was granted pension benefits for his Revolutionary War services. His pension File (S. 22 125) contains an affidavit executed by Captain John Stoneypher in which the affiant stated:

. . . I saw James Blair serving under Captain Richardson, Colonel Joseph McDowell, and General Rutherford, in the said County of Burke which was a five months tour. . . . He also served at the Battle of Kings Mountain as a light horseman, under Captain Barton, Regiment of Colonel Cleveland. . . . I saw said Blair start to Moravian Town in charge of some prisoners. He was an esteemed and valuable soldier. (See introduction to the Blair family.)

Among others attesting to James Blair's services was Marmaduke Vickory. J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions at that time, in an itemized statement of the Revolutionary War services of James Blair accredits him with having served as an Indian Spy for seven months under Captain Price, and as a Captain for eleven months, under General Perkins.

David Schneck, in his History of North Carolina, 1780-81 (p. 139), gives the following:

. . . On Friday, the 29th, the route lay up Grassy Creek to its head, and over Gillespies' Gap, on Blue Ridge. Here they divided, Campbell following a trail six miles south to Woffort's Fort, the others, to Honeycutt's Creek. At the latter place,

Colonel Charles McDowell rejoined the forces and imparted information he had acquired. He had sent James Blair to hasten Cleveland's march. Blair met Colonel Cleveland on the way at Fort Defiance, but was waylaid by a stealthy Tory and wounded from ambuscade.

Rev. William H. Foote, D.D., in his "Sketches of Virginia" (p. 377), gives us the sequel to nineteen year old Jimmy Blair's ride to Ft. Defiance:

The call of Gen. Greene for aid in his memorable retreat from Cornwallis, recorded by authorities of the State, aroused the Valley-men to come out of their quiet abode, with the habiliments of war. The hope of Greene, that after seeing the retreat of Morgan into Virginia, with his prisoners from the victory at Cowpens, he should there meet reinforcements, sufficient to enable him to turn upon his pursuer, were fully realized. Campbell, immortalized at King's Mountain, came with his volunteers from the extreme south-west, and McDowell and Moffitt rallied the volunteers of Augusta and Rockbridge and Botetourt, and joined the anxious general on the Dan.

. . . Certain it is that in the ever famous battle at Guilford Court House the Valley-men stood conspicuous and none fought more bravely than the men from Waddell's charge. . . . they maintained their post till orders from the Commander-in-Chief directed them to seek safety in flight, and rally at the appointed place. . . they knew not how to retreat; they fled. . . . In their flight they lost more than in battle. . . . Many families in Augusta mourned the slain of that day; and some of the congregation of Tinkling Spring carried numerous scars of that retreat to old age.

When making his application for service benefits (Oct. 14, 1837), James Blair stated that he was then seventy-six years old; that he had been told by his parents that he was born in Augusta County, Virginia, on March 2, 1761; that for forty years prior to the time he settled in Habersham County (Ga.) he had lived in Pendleton, South Carolina; that his Revolutionary War discharge had been destroyed when his home was burned. He made no mention of a wife or children.

#### SAMUEL BLAIR

On June 7, 1832, while a resident of Davidson County, Tennessee, Samuel Blair, son of John and Jean (Jane) Blair, applied for pension benefits on his Guilford County (N.C.) service. His application accredits him with having served for three months under Capt. Nathaniel Peoples; it was rejected because he had not served the required six months.

Attesting to his service were John Blair, brother-in-law, and John's wife, Peggy (Mary) Blair, residents of Robertson County, Tennessee. On May 19, 1884, S. W. Blair, and G. K. Blair, sons of Samuel and residents of Nashville, made inquiry about their eligibility for Bounty Lands (R-910).

#### GEORGE CLARK

William P. Clark tells us that all seven of the sons of Samuel and Elizabeth Clark saw active service in the Revolutionary War. George was the only one of the seven who applied for pension benefits. This may be attributed to the association, or affiliation of those who remained in Randolph with the Quakers after the close of the war. The Quakers, or Friends were conscientious objectors to military service and its benefits.

The pension records at National Archives (File #S-3 157) show that on January 6, 1834, George Clark, at that time a resident of Dickson County, Tennessee, was granted a pension. In his application he stated that he was born on June 22, 1749, in York County, Pennsylvania; that he volunteered for Revolutionary War Service from Guilford County, North Carolina,

and that before he was discharged from duty the part of Guilford in which he lived became a part of Randolph.

The military services upon which George Clark based his claim are as follows: In 1776 he volunteered for three months and served as a private under Capt. Bell in the Campaign around Camden, South Carolina; later in that year, he volunteered for the second time for three months. This time he served in the Company of Capt. John Collier, under command of Lt. Col. John Paisley and General Rutherford in the Campaign against the Cherokee Indians on the Tennessee River. In 1777 he volunteered for the third time and served in the Company of Capt. Bell, under the command of Col. Paisley which organization marched into South Carolina and stopped at Camden. Attestation to this service was made by Robert and Thomas Dougan of Randolph County.

The pension file makes no mention of George Clark's marital status, however, this information was not necessary for the soldier to qualify for a pension.

#### JOHN CLARK

J. Addison Blair, in writing of the Randolph County courts, held at Johnsonville from the time the county was formed until Asheboro became the county seat (in 1793), quotes the following from the minute docket of the court:

December Court, 1790 - It is ordered that Captain John Clark take the keys of the Court House into his possession and keep the doors and windows shut except on such days as the public business or devine service requires them to be open (pp. 38-44, 1944 Edition).

William P. Clark tells us that John Clark (6/7/1759-2/6/1816) was a captain in the North Carolina Militia, that in later years he was a merchant doing business at Johnsonville, formerly the county seat of Randolph.

John's wife died October 9, 1817, therefore she did not apply for a pension.

#### JOSEPH CLARK

In the pension file of Joseph and Nancy Lytle Johns(t)on (W-5 033) we learn that during the early part of 1779 a troop of light horse (cavalry) was organized in Randolph County for the purpose of suppressing the Tories who were ravaging that section of the state. This troop was composed of men from the Militia who agreed to furnish their own horses, to equip themselves otherwise, and to furnish their arms and ammunition. These men were placed under the command of Captain (later, Col.) Thomas Dougan. William P. Clark tells us that Joseph Clark was an officer in the Cavalry, that most of his service was rendered in South Carolina.

The Clarks were neighbors of Col. Thomas Dougan and William Clark, brother of Joseph, married the Colonel's sister, two facts that would make Joseph Clark likely to be included in Col. Dougan's company of Light Horse.

The following certified statement, issued by the North Carolina Historical Commission on March 1, 1939, from papers and vouchers in the office of the Comptroller General (Box C), speaks for itself:



State of N. Carolina

Salisbury District (No. 6650). Agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly passed in Wake County the 14th of July, 1781, Joseph Clark was allowed three p[ounds] ten shillings specie for militia service, by the board of Auditors Feb. ry 7th 1784.

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Signed: C. C. Crittenden Secretary

The exact date of Joseph Clark's death is unknown. He is listed in the census of 1790 (p. 101) as the head of a family of 6 females. This is the only time Joseph Clark is listed in the census records. Nancy, Joseph's widow, remarried prior to October 5, 1793, and it is assumed that Joseph's death occurred between the above-given dates. The Pension Act was passed in 1832, therefore no application was filed for benefits on the services of this Revolutionary soldier.

#### THOMAS CLARK(E)

Thomas Clark, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Bennett Clark, was assigned to the First North Carolina Continental Regiment from its organization until the close of the war (Heitman, p. 45). His previous service has not been established, but it is logical to suppose that he had been a member of the Militia. He entered the service from Guilford County, but his home was located in that part of Guilford that (in 1779) became north west Randolph.

At the time the First Regiment was organized, September 1, 1775, he held the rank of Major, under Col. James Moore. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on April 10, 1776; to Colonel, on February 5, 1777. According to Pierce's Register of Revolutionary Claims, claim numbers from 89501 through 91855 were assigned to the men who served under Col. Clark.

Col. Thomas Clark was wounded at Stono Ferry on June 20, 1779, and was taken prisoner at Charleston on May 12, 1780. In "King's Mountain and its Heroes" (Draper, p. 23). we read as follows: ". . . a sortie was planned for the fourth of April, to be commanded by Gen. Scott - one battalion led by Colonel Clarke and Maj. Hogg of North Carolina."

Colonel Thomas Clark retired, January 1, 1783, and died, December 25, 1792 (Heitman, p. 158).

#### CAPTAIN WILLIAM CLARK

During the year 1845 John, youngest son of William and Eleanor Clark, initiated an application for Bounty Lands for the heirs of Captain William Clark in compensation for their father's Revolutionary War services. As no application for veteran's benefits for the services of William Clark had been filed during the lifetime of the soldier or, after his death on July 21, 1836, by the widow (who died, June 5, 1839), the laws governing pensions at that time made it compulsory for John's application to be rejected.

While John Clark's efforts (extended over a period of ten years) brought the heirs no Bounty Lands they were not in vain. The application file, now at National Archives, is a veritable storehouse of Revolutionary War history of north west Randolph. It was in the

above-mentioned file (R. 1 968) that most of the information concerning the Revolutionary War Services of Captain Clark and the data on his family were found. This file also contains a statement, under date, May 8, 1856, issued by George W. Brooks, Comptroller General, State of North Carolina, which shows that, "William Clark . . . Captain," was on the Payroll for military service on the following dates: May, 1777; October, 1779; January, 1782; February, 1782.

William Clark is said to have served under General Benjamin Lincoln who, in 1779, succeeded General Howe. It is thought that he was sent into South Carolina in 1780 in the futile attempt to prevent the fall of Charleston into the hands of the British, in May of that year. If William Clark was taken prisoner at Charleston he was either exchanged or made his escape, for he participated in the Battle of Cowpens (S.C.) on January 17, 1781 (File R. 1 968). His being detailed to scout duty with Colonel Thomas Dougan (his brother-in-law), Captain William Bell and others prevented William Clark from taking part in the Battle of Guilford Court House, on March 15, 1781. He was probably with the forces of General Greene while they were pursuing Cornwallis during his march to Camden, through the Deep River section of Randolph, to Little River, Montgomery County, and back via Ramsey's Mill (Clark).

File R. 1 968 contains several affidavits concerning the military services and religious scruples of Captain Clark. The following is an excerpt from the affidavit of Robert Johnson, son of Robert and Elizabeth Sumner Johnson, a former neighbor of the William Clarks in Randolph, who at the time he made the affidavit (April 26, 1847) was a resident of Knox County, Tennessee:

. . . William Clark and his company pursued the Tories who murdered my uncle Henry Johnson which made a lasting impression on my mind. I left Randolph County in 1835, at which time William Clark was a member of the Quaker church. While in Randolph County I saw William Clark shedding tears in the meeting house and heard him say that he was fearful that he had shed innocent blood during the Revolution.

We shall now quote from the affidavit of Alexander Gray, General of the North Carolina Militia, War of 1812:

. . . In the spring of 1792 I removed to Johnsonville at which the court of said County [Randolph] was at that time held; commenced buying as a merchant and boarded part of the time with John Clarke, brother of Captain William Clarke, who said that William resided about 2 miles from that place. About that date I first became acquainted with Captain William Clarke and I knew him well from that time until his death. He was a regular customer at my store for a space of 12 to 15 years.

At the time I settled in Randolph (1792) our Revolutionary struggle was one of the principal topics of conversation. Much was said, many incidents related by Capt. William Clarke and others who had served as Militia officers or soldiers, viz. Col. Jeduthan Harper, Col. Thomas Dougan, Dan. Merrill, John Graham, William Bell, John Veach - all men of respectability and of as good standing as any men in the community - and others who resided in the neighborhood of Capt. William Clarke. [General Gray then relates some of the accounts of the depredations of the Tories, under the leadership of Col. David Fanning, in Randolph - the murder of Col. Balfour, Capt. Bryant, and of Henry Johnson. See sketch of Henry Johnson] . . . I was told by many of those who had served in the militia that they were afraid to sleep in their dwellings of nights, that those who were not serving in some militia company generally slept out in a private place, lest they be murdered by Fanning's men before morning.

I know nothing of the time Capt. William Clarke served in the Revolutionary War, or of his grade as an officer in that service except what I heard from Capt. William Clarke himself and from those Gentlemen herein before named (who themselves had been in the Revolutionary service) and from others who because of their standing and character there could be no doubt as to the correctness of the statements they made. Which were that William Clarke was captain of the militia in the Revolutionary War; that he was an active vigilant officer in defending his country against Col. David

Fanning and the Tories under his command; that he was in this service for a considerable portion of the time.

Capt. William Clarke and his company were in the Battle of Eutaw Springs where he (Capt. Wm. Clarke) said he killed a British officer - an act that he regretted all his life and seldom spoke of without shedding tears. He said that he and the officer he killed were each engaged in dressing the lines of their respective companies, preparatory to entering into battle, when he, Capt. Clarke, took a gun from the hands of one of his men, shot the British officer and saw him fall. . . . Captain Clarke considered this a murderous act, as neither of their companies were then engaged in battle.

In subsequent life, Capt. William Clarke became a member of the Quaker Society and when urged by his children or others to apply for a pension he usually replied that he would not receive pay for services which his conscience condemned.

In witness of all which I do hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of October, 1855.

Alexander Gray [aged 87]

Others, besides Robert Johnson and Alexander Gray, who made affidavits in behalf of the heirs of William Clarke were: Elizabeth Sumner Johnson, aged 72, of Knox County, Tennessee; John Aldred, aged 82, and Thomas Gibson, aged 82, of Randolph.

#### JOHN JOHNS(T)ON, II.

The pension file of Rosannah Johns(t)on (W - 5011) contains several letters of declaration regarding the military services of her late husband who died in 1802. The following excerpts from these letters give us a comprehensive account of Captain Johns(t)on's contribution to the cause of American independence.

. . . Capt. John Johnson of Randolph County, North Carolina, was a Private for 3 mo., 19 da., and a Captain for 3 years.

#### Cherokee Indian War:

. . . John Johnson was a private under General Griffy Rutherford, Col. James Martin & Lt. Col. John Paisley, and Capt. John Collier in the campaigning against the Cherokee Indians. . . he entered the service in July, 1776; rendezvoused at Martinsville, Guilford County, North Carolina, thense to Salisbury, North Carolina, to Sherrill's Ford on the Catawba River, thense across the river and marched up the other side to Cathey's Fort or Ford on said River, thense west through the Wilderness to the French Broad River and across said river, thense to the Cherokee Territories on the Tennessee River, thense to Indian towns on the Higwapee River. From thense he marched back and was discharged, 18th of October, 1776. The said John Johnson was a Johnston in the above-mentioned campaign against the Indians. He was not engaged in any battles during the time of this campaign.

This deponent says further that he was in the same company with the above-named Johnston.

His  
Dan X Merrell  
Mark

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 31st day of January, 1839.

John H. Hale, J.P.

#### Revolutionary War:

I, Sherwood Kennedy, saw John Johnson, resident of Randolph County, North Carolina, married to Rosannah, daughter of Henry Lytell of Randolph County, on February 8, 1783, at the house of William Millikan, Esq., who performed the ceremony of marriage.

. . . John Johnson was Captain of a corps of Militia under command of General John Butler and Col. John Collier, and Lt. Col. Jeduthan Harper. He rendezvoused at Bell's Mill, Randolph County in the autumn of 1780 and marched thense to Salisbury in Rowan County, North Carolina. This corps of Militia was called out against the British in their march from Charlotte, North Carolina, eastward.

This deponent further saith that he was in the same campaign, that said John Johnson was discharged at Salisbury in the year written above.

Sherwood Kennedy

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 2nd day of February, 1839.

John H. Hale, J.P.

State of North Carolina, County of Randolph

On this, the 30th day of April, 1844, personally appeared before me, Hezekiah Dorsett, acting Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Court of Common Pleas for said county, Rosannah Johnston, a resident of aforesaid county and state, aged 80 years, who is first duly sworn, in order to obtain a pension. . . that she is the widow of John Johnson (or Johnston) who was a Captain in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution. . . . She further declared that she is still a widow.

Her  
Rosannah X Johnston  
Mark

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on the day & year before written.

I, the said Justice of the Peace, do certify that Rosannah Johnston . . . is by reason of old age unable to attend court to make her said declaration . . . that she is the identical widow of John Johnston who was a Captain in the War of the Revolution as stated by declarent.

Given under my hand and seal this the 30th day of April, 1844.

Hezekiah Dorsett, J.P.

As shown by her pension file, Rosannah Johns(t)on received an annual pension of \$72.20; her final quarterly payment was made on March 4, 1853.

#### JOSEPH JOHNSTON, I

On the 6th day of November, 1832, Joseph Johnston, "aged 79 years, May 5th last," appeared before the County Court of Common Pleas, Randolph County, and made affidavit to his Revolutionary War services in support of his claim to pension benefits. His statements on that occasion (Pension File, W-5033), describe so intimately the conditions that prevailed in Randolph County and the Carolinas from 1779 to December, 1781, that they are considered worthy to be quoted here, in part.

I was born in Paxton township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In the year 1772, I removed to North Carolina and settled in Randolph county. . . . In the early part of 1779, perhaps in January, I volunteered for three months, under Colonel Collier and Col. Balfour. . . . Because of the perilous condition of the country, it was deemed expedient to raise some troopers. . . . John Graham and I agreed to arm and equip ourselves as troopers, being informed by our commanding officers that if we would do so, two months' service as a trooper would be equivalent to three months' service on foot.

We were then placed under the command of Capt. Thomas Dougan who commanded a troop of light horse. Our first service consisted in bringing in some drafted Militia from the lower part of Randolph County who were suspected of being inclined to join the tories. We were employed in keeping down the Tories in the county of Randolph & adjacent counties, & our services were peculiarly dangerous and arduous, being subjected to be dispatched at the shortest notice on tory expeditions, in the most inclement weather & and at all times and hours of the night. We however were not in any battles with the tories previous to Gates' defeat.

After the disastrous defeat of the American Army at Camden, Young Davis, then Col. of Cavalry & afterwards General, also General Locke & Genl. Davidson, apprehensive of the ruinous consequences of that defeat & the subsequent approach of Lord Cornwallis to N.C., thought it best to raise a larger body of cavalry . . . to which end they sent requisitions to Col. Collier of Randolph county (among others) to send a quota of troopers. Whereupon, Capt. Dougan was ordered to join Col. Davis with his troop, which he did, at or near Gen. Locke's in Rowan county.

We immediately marched to meet the invading army under Cornwallis. We met at Charlotte where we had an engagement principally with the cavalry in which the brave and promising son of General Locke was killed by my side. We were compelled to retreat, being overpowered by numbers: our object being principally to harass and impede their march. We retreated to the neighborhood of Salisbury in the Phifer settlement. From this place we marched under Davis to Rocky River in Mecklenburg county, the British still in Charlotte. This engagement at Charlotte was about the latter part of the summer, or in the fall of 1780. We lay at Rocky River until the battle of Kings Mt. . . .

I think it was Oct. 7, when Cornwallis retreated to S.C. for reinforcements & was pursued by Col. Davis as far as Catawba. I was sent over the river with a reconnoitering party, & returning the same night, found John Graham standing sentry. Col. Davis then marched us back to Mecklenburg & finding his troop a good deal fatigued & exhausted with their active service, he thought as Cornwallis had left N.C., he could give us some rest. He accordingly gave us permission to quarter about the neighborhood for a few days, with directions to operate with secrecy & promptness. We did so, & he then marched us into S.C. near the Waxhaw settlement, where we continued until we were dismissed (?). While there, Graham & I were sent out with a reconnoitering party with directions to quarter with a Mrs. Doby, a whig lady, & get what information we could respecting the movements of the enemy. When we returned to camp we found Gen. Morgan, Col. William Augustine Washington of the Cav., & Col. Howard with his Inf. who had joined Col. Davis in our absence. At this place we were discharged, sometime in the month of December, 1781, so well as we can recollect, for before our discharge Gen. Morgan, with Col. Washington & Col. Howard, had left us & gone South. After our discharge some few weeks, the battle of Cowpens was fought. We received no written discharge, for that was considered not so much as a final discharge as a respite until again called on. Being troopers, we held ourselves always ready.

Up to this time we (Graham & I) had served at the best, nine months. Shortly after this I went with others to guard the property of many of the citizens across the Roanoke & upon my return, it being understood by the tories that Graham and I had returned home they came down upon us & made us prisoners & we were detained by them for two days & nights when the generosity of Col. Fields (a tory), a quality very rare among them, we were discharged on parole & I was thus saved, in all probability, from the halter or the dungeon. All this occurred some short time before the battle of Guilford.

Graham & I were also in some other excursions after tories who had on one occasion inhumanely murdered by brother Henry and one Tucker, but while these excursions did not amount to much length of time, say one month altogether, there was considerable danger in them.

I have resided since the Revolution in this County & now reside in it. I have no documentary evidence of my service, but expect to be able to prove some portions of it by Dan. Merrill, & can prove the whole of it by John Graham who was my brother in arms throughout the whole of it. I can establish my reputation for Revolutionary service by Genl. George Hoover & General Alexander Gray & John Elder. I hereby relinquish

every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present one & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any other state.

Sworn to and subscribed to by

Joseph Johnston

We have reason to assume that the home of Joseph and Nancy Lytle Johnston, built on the northern part of the tract told about in the Kelly Johnson letter, is still in existence; that it was later owned and occupied by Joseph, II, and his family. The following is an account of a visit to this old home in 1950: "This afternoon, we rode out by Hopewell, on through Trinity, and found the old home of Joseph Johnson (later known as the Lee Elder old home). It is located only a short distance from Old Trinity and a little way from the public road. It is owned and occupied by an elderly man by the name of Gray who lives alone. Mr. Gray says Lee Elder built the front part, but he doesn't know who built the old part, or the "L." To my mind, there is no doubt about this part being the house that the first Joseph Johnson built. It has an open fireplace on the second floor as well as on the first, and the chimney is constructed of native rock. While it appears to be years older than the addition, the "L," including its winding staircase, is still useable. In front of the house there is an open well, Joseph Johnson's I suppose, and a boxwood tree that is almost as tall as the house. . . . I feel sure that this boxwood was planted by the first Joseph Johnson. Inside the house is an old cannon ball, so old that it is rusty, probably a relic of the Revolution. What a privilege to visit the home of a Revolutionary War soldier! I feel sure that Joseph Johnson (the first) and his family, and Henry Johnson also, are all buried on this place, or at Hopewell - in graves that are unmarked" (Letter by Will R. Owen, dated 3-5-50).

From his pension file we learn that Joseph Johnston, I, and Nancy Lytle were married in 1786, Randolph County. Also, that Joseph died on November 16, 1838, after which time his pension benefits were transferred to his widow who died on March 5, 1843.

#### ROBERT JOHNS(T)ON

From the pension file of Robert Johns(t)on (W-371) comes the following first-hand account of the Revolutionary War services of Robert, youngest of the four Johns(t)on brothers known to have volunteered for service during the Revolution.

On the 6th day of September, 1834, Robert Johnson, resident of Hawkins County, Tennessee, aged 74, who being duly sworn according to law, did on his oath make the following declaration:

. . . I entered the service of the united States in the year 1780 as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Collier, Major Sharpand, and Capt. Johnson. I was then living in Randolph County, state of North Carolina. I entered the service on the first of October, 1780, and marched to Salisbury and lay there sometime. From there we marched on, crossing the Yadkin River at the shallow ford. From there we went on through Salem where we joined General Green at the High rock ford. We lay there until Greene called all his forces together and then marched toward Guilford Court House where we were met by the British under the command of Cornwallis and a severe battle took place, sometime in March, 1781.

From there, Greene and his men marched on to South Carolina. I . . . staid with General Greene until I was discharged at Rugder's (?) mill by Col. Collier and returned home in my own County of Randolph, about the first of May as well as I now recall being gone eight months. After I arrived at home the tories were so troublesome it was dangerous for a Whig to stay at home. The first of June, 1781, I volunteered myself again under the same officers for to go against the tories that had collected in different parts of the county doing mischief. We marched against one Fannen, a tory officer, and his men at Sumey's mill. We defeated them, killing

thirty-six of his men and Fannin was wounded, but made his escape. We were always scouting about from place to place against the tories. One night we came up with Fannin and his men at Arno Needham's place and fired on them. They fled and Fannin escaped again. We were continuously engaged against the tories.

. . . The tories being routed out of that part of the county . . . I was discharged and returned home being in actual service for six months. I entered the service this time from Randolph County, North Carolina. I was discharged the first of December, as well as I recollect. . . . Col. Collier called out his men several times during the winter of 1781 and the spring of 1782 to go on trips against the tories, but these were of short duration . . . for the time during which this service was rendered, I was not employed in any civil pursuit. . . ."

I was born in the year 1760, in the state of Pennsylvania. I am now living in Hawkins County, Tennessee.

R. Johnson

Throughout this pension file the name Johnson is used.

### JOSHUA LEE

On June 15, 1776, at the age of twelve, Joshua Lee volunteered for service as a "water boy" with the Continental Forces, Virginia Line. He was among the youngest accepted for service during the Revolution. He was the only Joshua Lee to serve during this war.

On June 15, 1777, Joshua Lee enlisted as a private, Company of Capt. Gross Scruggs, 5th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Lt. Col. and Col. Josiah Parker. In October, 1777, he was "Left sick in Virginia." Later, he was enrolled as a private, Company of Capt. John Watts, 1st Regiment, Light Dragoons, Continental Troops, which organization was also designated 1st Regiment, Virginia Light Dragoons. His name appears in an account between the United States and him which shows the U.S. debtor to for the year 1782, and from January 1 to November 16, 1783.

B. Franklin Lee, grandson of Joshua and historian of the Lee family, wrote as follows: "Grandpa often told me about the battle of Guilford Court House and said he saw big trees snapped off like broomstraws by the big guns there."

### CAPTAIN BENJAMIN MERRILL

. . . I would not exchange conditions with even the Governor himself.

In the early 1760's, taxes in North Carolina under Governor Tryon, the Crown, and the County Officers became burdensome. By 1767, they were intolerable and the term "Regulator" came into use. Rowan was one of the four counties in which the War of the Regulation broke out. The Regulators met in Orange County in April of 1767, at which time they drew up four Resolves. Two of these, stated in simpler words, are as follows: "1. We will pay no more taxes unless we are satisfied they are according to Law. 2. We will pay no officer more fees than the law specifies." Because of unjust taxation the indignation of the people of Rowan became so aroused that a public meeting was held at the Court House in Salisbury on March 7, 1771.

On May 15, 1771, at Alamance Creek "the first freemen in America died seeking their rights." At Alamance, Regulators from Anson, Granville, Orange, and Rowan, the four Counties that engaged in the War of the Regulation, were met by Royal forces under the

command of Governor Tryon (Horne, p. 310). The Regulators were no match for the well-trained Militia, but they fought well as long as their ammunition lasted, then fled from the scene."

Benjamin Merrill, a Captain of the Rowan County Militia prior to the Regulation movement, was on his way to join the Regulators at Alamance with a company of more than three hundred men when he intercepted General H. Waddell and forced him to flee to Salisbury, after taking most of Waddell's men prisoners. When he and his men were within a day's march of Alamance, Capt. Merrill heard of the victory of the Governor's army. With regret that he and his men were not present during the battle to fight with his fellow patriots, he disbanded his men and returned home (Merrill, pp. 7-10).

Benjamin Merrill, a former Captain in the Rowan County Militia, was one of six leaders of the Regulators who were tried and convicted of high treason and sentenced to be hanged at Hillsborough on June 19, 1771. By the manner of their execution, Governor Tryon hoped to terrify all other Regulators into submission. The sentence of Benjamin Merrill is quoted below.

I must now close my afflicting duty by pronouncing upon you the awful Sentence of the Law; which is, that you, Benjamin Merrill, be carried to the place from whence you came, that you be drawn from thence to the Place of Execution, where you are to be hanged by the Neck, that you be cut down while yet alive, that your bowels be taken out and burnt before your Face, that your head be cut off, your body be divided into Four Quarters, and this be at his Majesty's Disposal; and the Lord have Mercy on your Soul. (Col. Rec., Vol. 8, pr. 643, From the Boston Gazette, 21st of October, 1771, p. 863.)

But, in the words of Robert Burns, "The best laid plans of mice and men oft gang alee." The execution of Benjamin Merrill, the manner in which he went to the gallows, aroused the sympathy and indignation of the colonists far beyond the borders of North Carolina and incited them toward revolution. Let us see what the Press had to say about the incident.

By accounts from North Carolina we are informed that Captain Benjamin Merrill who was lately executed for high Treason in opposing the Career of Governor Tryon, died in the most Heroic manner, his Children being around him and animating him at the Place of Execution. He declared he died in Peace with his Maker and in the Cause of his oppressed Countrymen; and that he would not exchange conditions with even the Governor himself (Ibid, p. 639 - From the Boston Gazette, 22nd Oct., 1771, pp. 850, 852-3).

The person whose fate probably excited more compassion than that of any other Regulator put to death was Captain Benjamin Merrill who was an officer of the Militia in Rowan county and raised a company of men to join the insurgents. He was largely instrumental in turning back the brigade of General Waddell. Afterwards, he was captured by a force under Colonel Fanning, and his life paid the penalty. It is said that when he was brought out for execution, one of Tryon's soldier was heard to declare that, "If all men went to the gallows with such a character as Captain Merrill's, hanging would be an honorable death" (Haywood, pp. 146-7).

Under the law against Treason, as laid down by the Act of Assembly, heretofore quoted, the property of all convicted Regulators was forfeited; but in the case of at least two (Merrill and Matear), the lands were restored to their families, (Col. Rec., Vol. 9, p. 65.)

In his attempt to regain the prestige he had lost because of the execution of the five Regulators, Governor Tryon took care that the last request of Captain Merrill - ". . . that some part of my estate be spared to the widow and the fatherless" - was granted. Governor Tryon was being transferred as Royal Governor to the Colony of New York, but before leaving North Carolina he expressed in writing a wish to his successor, Josiah Martin, ". . . that the plantation and Estate of Benjamin Merrill may be granted to his wife and 8 children he left behind him." (Ibid., p. 65.)



## DANIEL MERRILL

Daniel Merrill spent the remainder of his life after his parents settled in what is now Randolph county on the old home place on Uwharrie creek. In the family burial ground nearby he sleeps in a grave from which the marker has recently disappeared - most likely, beside his first wife, Elizabeth Lytle Merrill.

Daniel is accredited with two tours of duty during the Revolutionary War. From July 22, 1776, until October, 1776, he marched under the command of General Rutherford in the campaign against the Cherokee Indians. About October 15, 1780, he volunteered under Captain John Johns(t)on under the command of General Butler who stationed his Army at Salisbury to await the approach of Lord Cornwallis. The original of Daniel's discharge from this period of service, submitted to the Commissioner of Pensions with his application for service benefits prior to 1782 is now at National Archives. It reads as follows:

"Dan'l Merrill  
Salisbury, 15th Decem., 1780  
is discharged from this tour of Duty  
  
By order of Gen'l Butler. "John Jonston, Capt."

From his pension file (S. 7 222) we learn that after the battle of Guilford Court House (3-15-1781) Daniel was called out repeatedly to combat the Tories who were on the rampage in his section of the state. At one time he was fired on by the Tories whose bullets pierced his clothing in several places and killed the horse he was riding. He was then taken prisoner and treated with great cruelty. On April 13, 1781, he received a dangerous wound on the head by a blow from a broadsword. This left a scar that Daniel carried to his grave.

Lytle Merrill, eldest son of Daniel and Elizabeth, is said to have had a son (David) and three daughters whose given names are unknown to the writer. The 1830 census for Randolph county lists Lytle Merril, over 35 and under 40, as head of a household with two others - 1 male over 15 and under 20; 1 female over 30 and under 35. This indicates that if there were daughters in this family, they were all married prior to the time the 1830 census was taken. National Archives has no census report for Randolph in 1820.

Nothing is known of Daniel's three daughters, Mary, Martha, and Rosannah, except the dates of their births, information that was sent about 1845 by Miss Eliza Coltrane and \_\_\_\_\_ Jones of Randolph to a member of the Jesse Merrill family, then living in Tennessee. This fact seems to indicate that one of the three married a Coltrane, another a Jones and remained in Randolph; that the other one, if there were three of them, may have married and migrated westward as did Zaza, Jesse and many others from that section of Randolph.

Zaza, second son of Daniel and Elizabeth, is also listed in the 1830 census of Randolph county. His household consisted of: 1. male over 30 and under 40 (Zaza); 2 males under 5; 1 male over 5 and under 10; 2 males over 10 and under 15; 1 female over 25 and under 30 (Rebecca); 1 female under 5; 1 female over 5 and under 10. Joseph Alexander is of the opinion that Zaza settled first in Missouri. He recalls that years ago his mother (who was Zaza's niece) tried to locate Zaza and his family in Osage county, Missouri, but was unable to do so. Mr. Alexander thinks that Zaza may have moved on to Jackson county, Missouri. A search of the census reports for these two counties for the years 1840, 1850 and 1860, failed to reveal any record of Zaza in either of these counties. Jesse Merrill appeared in the Randolph county census for the last time in 1830. The only Merrill household reported in Randolph in 1840 is that of Daniel Merrill, composed of: 1 male over 80 and under 90; 1 female over 30 and under 40. These records support the statement of Joseph Alexander that Zaza and Jesse moved to the west during the early 1830's.

Jesse Merrill became one of the pioneer settlers of McNairy county, Tennessee, where many of his descendants now live. Jesse's old home is located one and one-half miles north of Adamsville. In his possession was a very old Bible that contained the vital statistics of the family. Many years ago this Bible was destroyed when the home of a grandson to whom it had been given was burned. Robert Merrill of Chewalla, Tennessee, one of the four surviving grandchildren of Jesse and Martha, has the candlestand that was brought over from England by Richard and Sarah Merrill in 1675. Paul Merrill, nephew of Robert, is the next in line for this heirloom that is handed down to the oldest male in the family. During the winter of 1845-46, Jesse Merrill was called back to North Carolina to claim his share of his father's estate and he made the trip on horseback. During his return to Tennessee he was caught in a blizzard and his feet were frostbitten. He stopped at the home of an Indian woman who applied poultices made of Indian turnips. Within a few days, Jesse was able to resume his journey.

In the sketch of Clinton Johnson we are told that on December 10, 1846, he bought the Merrill farm from the administrator of the Daniel Merrill estate. Parcel by parcel, the 585 acres of this estate changed hands; yet, as late as 1900 it was referred to as "the Merrill place."

Elizabeth Lytle, first wife of Daniel Merrill, died in 1810. Forty-five, even eighty years, later we find a descendant of each of Elizabeth's two sisters - Rosannah and Nancy who married into the Johnson family - claiming kinship with two of Daniel's succeeding three wives. In 1845, Clinton Johnson (g-nephew of Elizabeth Lytle Merrill) wrote to the Commissioner of Pensions in Washington concerning pension benefits for Hannah, fourth wife and widow of Daniel Merrill. In this letter, Clinton Johnson refers to Daniel's widow as "my aunt." The other one of these two letters, written by Kelly Johnson (g-nephew of Daniel Merrill's first wife, Elizabeth Lytle Merrill) in 1890, contains the following statement concerning Daniel's second wife: ". . . Betsy, his wife, died away back yonder. Merrill then went to Guilford County, northeast of Greensboro, and married the Widow Polly Thomas, mother of John W. Thomas. She, as you will see, became my father's aunt."

To anyone who has lived among the Johnsons of northwest Randolph the above-quoted references to Margaret and Hannah Merrill, third and fourth wives of Daniel Merrill, are very significant. It was only by his first marriage (to Elizabeth Lytle) that Danile Merrill was related to Clinton and Kelly Johnson. Clinton's reference to Hannah as "my [great] aunt," and Kelly's reference to Margaret as "my father's aunt," reflects the approval of Elizabeth Lytle Merrill's kin for Margaret and Hannah who succeeded Elizabeth in the marriage relationship with Daniel Merrill. It also denotes their deep and lasting affection Daniel Merrill.

#### WILLIAM MERRILL

William Merrill also made the supreme sacrifice for the cause of Freedom. His passing was less spectacular than that of his brother Benjamin. The following excerpts from "Personal Notes" by Orson Merrill, dated 1886 and based on family tradition, tells the story. ". . . The old gentleman was carried away by the British soldiers. Two of his boys, Benjamin and John, were out hunting and saw soldiers with a light and heard their father's voice, but they were afraid to shoot for fear they would hit their father. He was never heard of afterwards and it is supposed that he was hanged. The soldiers were raiding through the country and came to their house while the boys were away and helped themselves to what they wanted. Their mother told them what she thought of them and they split her tongue. The boys forever afterwards hated the sight of a Tory as they had carried their father away, plundered their house, and split their mother's tongue, so they fought for our country's freedom."

Records of the Veterans Administration, now consigned to National Archives, show that William Merrill served with the Continental Forces, North Carolina Line, under Lt. Col. [Archibald] Lytle. William Merrill's widow died in 1813, about twenty years before the enactment of the first pension law; therefore, no pension was granted on his services. Each of the three sons of William and Mary, Benjamin (S. 8 891), John (S. 7 220), and Daniel (S. 7 222), were granted pension benefits for their services during the Revolution.

#### JOHN VEACH

The pension file of William Clark(e) (R-1 968) contains the following testimony concerning the Revolutionary War services of John Veach: ". . . At the time I settled in Randolph (1792) our revolutionary struggle was one of the principal topics of conversation. Much was said and many incidents related by Capt. William Clarke and others who had served as militia officers and soldiers, viz., Colonel Jeduthan Harper, Col. Thomas Dougan, Dan. Merrill, John Graham, William Bell, and John Veach - all men of respectability and good standing in the neighborhood of Capt. William Clarke. . ."

Dated 2nd. Oct., 1855

"Alexander Gray, aged 87"

Additional information concerning the Revolutionary services of John Veach is given in the account of the execution of Elrod and Still (R-1 968).

## THEY START A SCHOOL

"The progress of the world rests upon the influence of the obscure. God uses the obscure - everyday people doing the best of their ability--to lift the level of life."

Dr. Dred Peacock, in his address, "The Early Days of Trinity," delivered in 1929 before the Annual Western North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, carries us back to the very beginning of neighborhood schools in what is now known as Old Trinity. The following is quoted from this address.

". . . Four families, the Leaches, the Mendenhalls, the Browns, and the Johnsons were the first to build in and around what is now the village of Trinity. . . . until their advent there was not a single house nor even a road to be seen thereabouts. The first school in the settlement was conducted by a Mother in Israel who was not willing that her children grow up as weeds in the wilderness. She taught them in her own home and, in the kindness of her heart, permitted children from other homes to attend. . . ." (Duke University Alumni Register, Vol. XVI, No. 1, Jan., 1930.)

This "mother in Israel" was Margaret Mendenhall Leach (10/5/1800 - 1/23/1870) who, in 1823, became the wife of James Leach. Deeply conscious of the importance of learning, Margaret managed to have the time for teaching her own children and those of her neighbors to read and write and to master the fundamentals of arithmetic.

The school conducted by Margaret Mendenhall Leach in her home for the little Leaches, Mendenhalls, Browns, and Johnsons was the fore-runner of the one that was started about the year 1838 by Margaret's husband (James Leach), her half-brother (Joseph Mendenhall), her half-sister's husband (John Brown), and her brother-in-law (Joseph Johnson) at Brown's Schoolhouse. One of the two who graduated from Brown's Schoolhouse (in 1839) was Margaret's oldest child, Irene, who, in 1844, became the wife of Braxton Craven, president of this school which was then known as Union Institute Academy.

John Brown, Joseph Johnson, James Leach, and Joseph Mendenhall, the four men who, in the fall of 1837 and the spring of 1838, decided that the younger generation who were growing up in the north west corner of Randolph were to have a better school, were all closely related. Their kinship originated with Mary Morgan and Nancy Merrill.

Mary Morgan married first, about 1780, John Brown. After his death she was married to John Leach. By her two marriages Mary had eleven children, five of whom married as shown below.

David Brown married Sarah Johnson, only sister of Joseph Johnson  
John Brown married Jane, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Merrill Clark  
Nancy Brown married William Leach, a first cousin of her step-father, John Leach  
Rosannah Leach, child of Mary's second marriage, married Joseph Johnson  
James Leach married Margaret Mendenhall, a half-sister of Joseph Mendenhall

Nancy Merrill, the other ancestor in common, was married first to Captain Joseph Clark. After his death Nancy became the second wife of Benjamin Mendenhall. By her two marriages Nancy became the mother of nine children and the step-mother of two others. Four of the eleven married as follows.

Jane Clark married John Brown (as shown above)  
Joseph Mendenhall, Nancy's step-son, married Mary Johnson, a double first-cousin of Joseph Johnson  
Rachel Mendenhall, Nancy's daughter, married John Johnson (III), who also was a double first-cousin of Joseph Johnson  
Margaret Mendenhall, another daughter, married James Leach, son of John and Mary Morgan Brown Leach (as shown above)

Two events in the early life of Brantley York, described in his autobiography, afford us a glimpse of the home life of two of these families and intimates their outlook on life. They also demonstrate the influence of encouraging words.

The first of these events took place in the early 1820's when Brantley York, then in his teens and yet to see an English Grammar for the first time, was treated kindly and given words of appraisal by a young couple, John and Rachel Mendenhall Johnson. It is quoted below:

I was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, January 3, 1805, on a small stream called Bush Creek, some six miles north of Franklinville. . . . In the latter part of 1817, my father's family left the old home on Bush Creek and removed some 18 miles to the northwest and settled on a plantation on what we called Salem Road, some six miles east, or rather northeast, of what is now Trinity College. I worked for nearly all the farmers in the neighborhood, but more for a man by the name of John Johnson than for any other, perhaps. [John Johnson, born 5-5-1796, son of John and Rosannah, married, Randolph County, 11-16-1815, Rachel Mendenhall, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Merrill Clark Mendenhall.] Mr. Johnson was a young married man, having a wife and two children. He was industrious and frugal, but uneducated and superstitious. He would not commence any piece of work whatsoever on Friday as he regarded that as unlucky. By no means religious, he used profane language but seldom. While I was working for him an incident occurred that is worthy of recording. I shall merely state the facts without comment and let the reader draw his own conclusion. Mr. Johnson and his wife were very kind to me and I loved to work for them. On a certain day we were pulling fodder. Mr. Johnson was a few paces ahead of me when he stopped suddenly and turned around and looked me steadily in the face and said without even a smile: "Brantley, you will make a preacher, and when you become a preacher I want you to tell me what to do." That man lived to hear me preach two or three sermons before he took sick and died. (Brantley York, pp. 10, 11.)

The other incident took place about four years later when, as Brantley expressed it, the York family was "down and out."

In the latter part of the year 1820 (as I now recollect) my family removed westward some five miles. . . . While working for Mr. [William] Leach, . . . in the immediate neighborhood in which Trinity College now stands . . . I found a warm sympathizer and a fast friend in the person of Mrs. Leach [Nancy, daughter of John and Mary Morgan Brown]. She was a lady, though not thoroughly educated, of a strong mind and fluent in conversation. One day at the dinner table she said to me, in her familiar way, "Brantley, your hair is too long for this hot weather, wouldn't you like to have it trimmed?" I answered in the affirmative. "Well," said she, "when dinner is over, come into my room and I will trim it for you." After trimming my hair, she placed the palms of her hands against my forehead, with her fingers extending into my hair, pressed me erect, and stepping back, looked me straight in the face and remarked, "Brantley, you will not always be in the fields working with negroes." These words fell upon my ears as words of prophecy. Although I had an insatiable desire for an education, I had neither the time nor the books for study; but that lady lived to see her prediction fulfilled, for she often heard me preach and lecture and saw me as the Principal of a high school. (York, pp. 10, 11.)

Truly, it can be said that the Johnsons and their kin started the neighborhood school at Brown's Schoolhouse.

During the early 1800's formal teaching in this community, as in other neighborhoods in Randolph County, was limited to the three R's, taught by the parents in the home. In 1822 General Alexander Gray was supporting what was known as the Evans School, but there is no record to show that this school was in existence in 1837 (Chaffin, p. 42). Eventually, the itinerant schoolmaster came that way and was available for subscription schools during the few months of the year when the youngsters could be spared from the farm. Such schools were conducted in farm buildings that were not needed for other purposes. They lasted for a few months during the winter season and during the summer, or the "lay by" season - for some, only so long as their parents were financially able to pay their tuition.

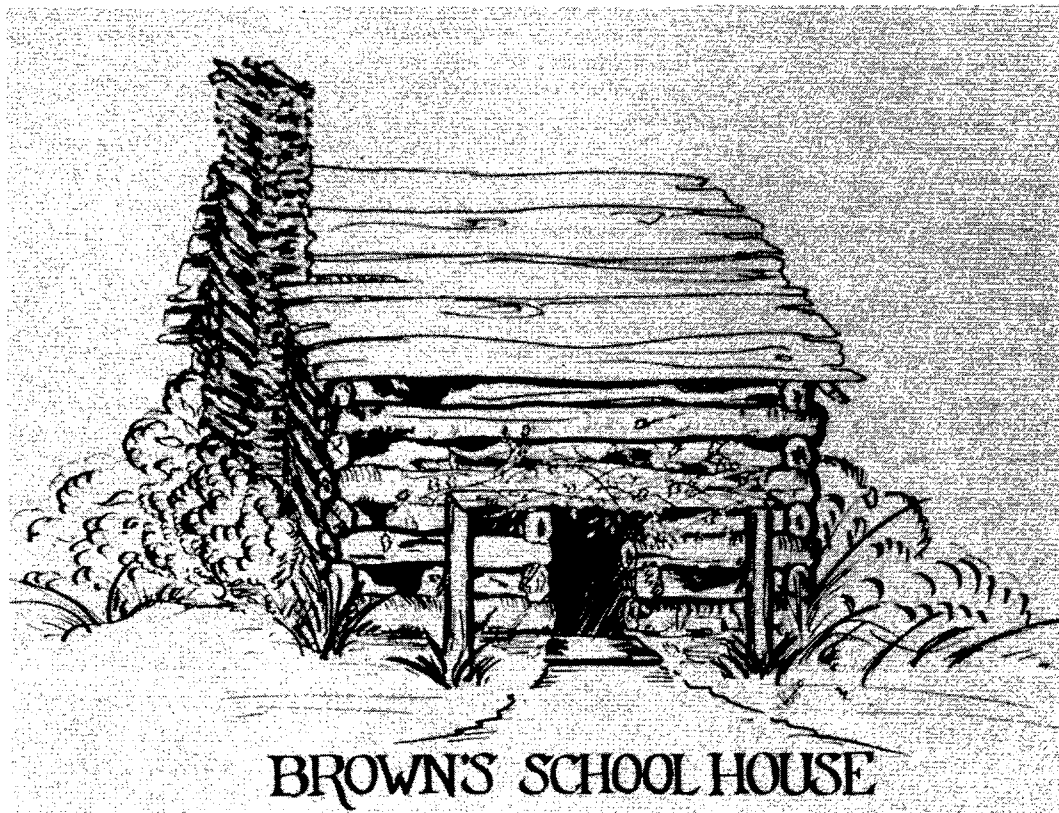
These schools encouraged the building of plantation schoolhouses by the few farmers who could afford them. Sometime before 1837 John Brown (1875-1843) had built a schoolhouse on his farm in the north west corner of Randolph. It was in that little schoolhouse (16 by 20 ft) that Allen Frazier conducted an "old field" school that was attended, not only by the children of the John Browns, but by neighboring children as well.

Such was the beginning of a course of instruction that continued in unbroken succession into Duke University.

For the description of Brown's Schoolhouse and how the school began to grow we quote from the Autobiography of Brantley York (1805-1891).

In the latter part of the year 1837, I was invited by several gentlemen in the neighborhood of Trinity College to teach a school in that community; after some deliberation, I consented.

Early in the spring of 1838, I opened a school in a house known as Brown's schoolhouse. This house was located about three-quarters of a mile from the place where Trinity College now stands. It was a very inferior building of round logs and covered with common boards. The floor was laid with puncheons and slabs. The chimney was made of wood with little or no clay in it, and tapered up in the form of a partridge trap. The hearth was of dirt. The whole was in bad repair; when it rained it was with difficulty that the books and paper could be kept dry. This house was entirely too small to accommodate the students, consequently, we were necessitated to erect a brush arbor in front of the south door, and part of the students were under the arbor and part in the house.



*(Courtesy of the Bureau of Public Information, Duke University)*

A tiny log cabin, housing an "old field" school in the 1830's launched an educational endeavor which is today Duke University.

It would have been easier for the thirty-three-year-old minister to quit his new job on that first day - but he didn't. Instead, he buttoned his threadbare coat and went out in search of scrap lumber with which to repair the leaky roof and the school went on. But Brantley York had visions of better things, and the perseverance to make them come to pass. Again we quote from his autobiography.

As soon as the farmers had laid by their crops, the citizens met in order to select a place to build a better house. A committee was appointed (as well as I recollect) to select a suitable site, and after examining several places, the place where Trinity College now stands was finally chosen as the most convenient location. In a few weeks a log building, 30 by 20 feet, was erected.

Early in the month of August (1838), we moved from Brown's schoolhouse to the one just completed. [School was in session and we are told that the pupils, forty or fifty in number, ranging from little children to grown-ups, formed a procession led by their teacher.] We commenced teaching in this new building with sixty-nine students. It was soon ascertained that this building, though much larger and far superior to the one we had just left, was inadequate to accommodate our present number of students.

At the close of school in the spring of 1839, an "exhibition" was held during which the pupils "said their pieces" from a stage made of a large wooden box. Two graduated from Brown's Schoolhouse School (the name by which the school was still known). The graduates were Ped Thomas, son of John W. Thomas, and Irene Leach, daughter of James Leach, later the wife of Braxton Craven (Chaffin, p. 40).

The first examination held in this building was in the spring of 1839. Previous to this examination, I had resolved to attempt to establish a permanent institution of learning at this place, based on an Educational Association, and with a view to reaching the common walks of life with a more thorough education than had been previously offered them. I consulted with one man only, namely, Mr. Jabez Leach, in regard to this plan, previous to the examination. During the examination, which lasted two days, I was requested by several citizens to deliver a lecture; the time fixed upon for it was the second day, immediately after dinner. My theme was, "The importance of establishing a permanent institution of learning of high grade at this place." The lecture having closed, I presented the plan I had previously arranged and it was approved by all. A subscription was taken up for the purpose of erecting a suitable building, and between three and four hundred dollars was subscribed. A committee consisting of three, viz.: General Alexander Gray, J. M. Leach, and the writer, was appointed to draft a Constitution and By Laws for the government of the Association. The meeting then adjourned to meet ten or twelve days later, at which time the committee was requested to report.

#### Union Institute Educational Society

At the time appointed, the people of the neighborhood met at the place designated to organize an Educational Society, and to do such other things that might be deemed important in advancing the interest of the Institution. Up to this time, the Institution had been a "local habitation," but had no name. The Principal of the school was requested to give it a name. The name he gave it was Union Institute, which name it held until it became Normal College.

The Institution was located between two populous neighborhoods, the one on the south was called Hopewell, the inhabitants of which were generally Methodists; the one on the north, Springfield, whose inhabitants were principally Quakers. The object in naming it Union Institute was to unite these two neighborhoods in the interest of the school. This was happily effected.

The Committee appointed to draft a Constitution reported. Each member had made a draft separately and from these drafts a Constitution had been formed and was then adopted. The association thus formed was denominated Union Institute Educational Society. General Alexander Gray was chosen President; J. M. Leach, Esq., Secretary. The names of the other officers are not recollected. The Principal of the School (B. York) was requested to act as agent for the Society.

Members of the Society who signed the Constitution were: William English, Jabez Leach, Kelly Johnson, Samuel W. Blair, John Smith Blair, Lewis Leach, Enos Elder, Zebidee Johnson, Ahijah Smith, James Madison Brown Leach, Hugh Leach, James Leach, Brantley York, Joseph Johnson, John English, Lindsay Lamar, Ahi Robbins, Joseph Mendenhall, Absolon Leach, Alexander Robbins, Valentine Hoover, Pleasant Ruddick (Reddick), and John Russom(?) (Chaffin, p. 45).

The Society resolved to erect a frame building, fifty feet by twenty-five feet, one-story, with an eight foot passage through the middle, dividing the building into two rooms of equal size, each room to have two fire-places. The rooms were entered from doors opening into the passage. A building committee was then chosen to carry into effect the resolution of the Society. The Constitution provided that the Principal and all the officers of the Society should be elected annually by ballot.

This organization was the beginning of Trinity College.

(York, pp. 44-47)

John Spurgeon Brown, son of John Brown who donated the first schoolhouse, was an active member of the Educational Society and served frequently as one of its officers.

The Academy was built on land owned by Joseph Johnson, James Leach, and Joseph Mendenhall, where the corners of the Johnson, Leach, and Mendenhall lands adjoin (Register Book No. 29, 309-311, Office of the Register of Deeds, Randolph Co.; Union Institute Academy Constitution and Minutes, 1839-1853). These three men, promoters of the "neighborhood school" from its beginning, permitted the Academy to erect buildings on their lands and to use them in any way it was needed for the welfare or improvement of the school. The lumber for the Academy was hauled by Joseph Johnson from a sawmill on Hanby's, or Hamby's Creek in Davidson County, a distance of twelve miles. A committee composed of Ahi Robbins, Joseph Johnson, and Martin W. Leach secured from Joseph Mendenhall and James Leach an accession of three acres of land for the use of the Academy (Chaffin, pp. 45, 48).

In 1840 the school was enlarged and named Union Institute. The first board of trustees was composed of Nathan Hunt, Joseph Mendenhall, Joseph Johnson, Lewis Leach, Jabez Leach, Martin W. Leach, and Ahi Robbins (High Point Enterprise, Dec., 29, 1924). In 1841 Union Institute was incorporated under an act of legislature as Union Institute Academy. It operated under this name until 1851, during which year it became Normal College.

Members of the first board of trustees of Normal College included the following men from the community: Martin W. Leach, Ahi Robbins, Joseph Johnson, James Leach, Braxton Craven, and Charles M. Lines (Chaffin, p. 93).\*

Among those who signed the memorial that accompanied the bill containing the changes to the first charter of Normal College that was introduced to the Senate in 1851, were James Leach and Joseph Johnson. The Bond of security to the Directory of the Literary Fund, dated February 1, 1854, was signed by Joseph Johnson.

The title to the property of Normal College presented some difficulty, so in 1858, the trustees authorized Braxton Craven, W. E. Peel, and J. C. Blocker "to submit the land title to legal counsel and obtain a written decision." In December of that year a deed was

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\*Charles M. Lines, born about 1803, helped to reorganize Trinity College after the War Between the States. He is said to have graduated from Yale University and to have migrated from New Haven, Connecticut, to north west Randolph in quest of a milder climate because a member of his family, a daughter, had "consumption." Royal Lines, Charles youngest son, was born in North Carolina, about the year 1842. The 1850 census (p. 178) shows the occupation of Charles M. Lines as "Farmer." He is said to have also been a shoemaker. His two sons, Charles M. and George Lines, operated Thomasville's first enterprises, the Lines Shoe Factory and the C.M. & G. Lines general merchandise store.

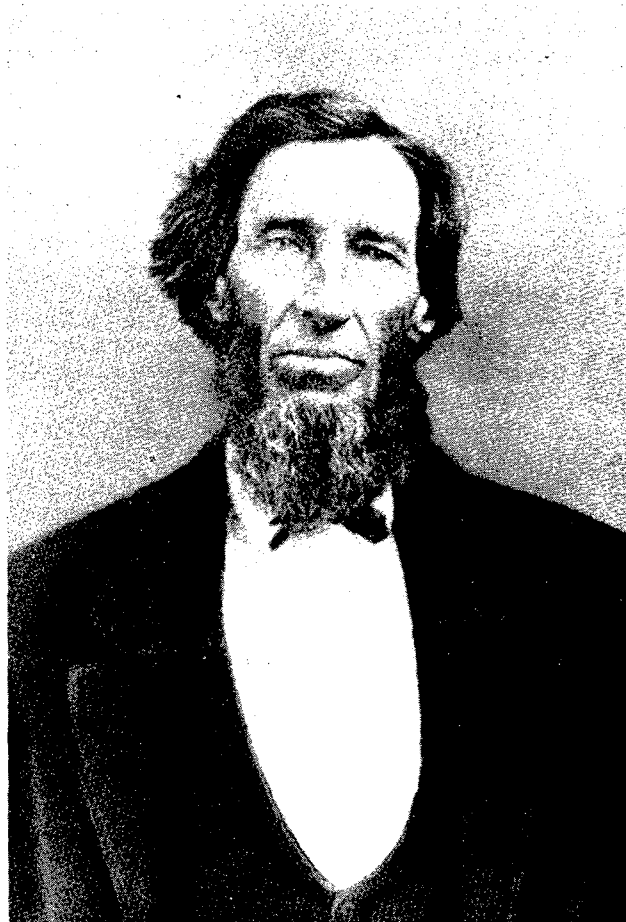


drawn up and accepted by the trustees. In no way did this deed cancel the provisions of the old one, except in so far as the title was to be invested in a "Literary Institution for the North Carolina Conference." The holdings of the College were increased to sixteen acres, more or less, by the purchase of additional land from James Leach, Joseph Johnson, J. L. Wright, A. M. Frazier, and Jesse Wilborne. Each of these men was paid \$10 for his share of the land deeded to the College (Chaffin, p. 175).

The following summary of the services of Joseph Johnson to the institutions of learning in north west Randolph, recently designated by Dr. Nora Campbell Chaffin as the Beginnings of Duke University, was contributed by the research librarian at Duke University, March 9, 1949:

. . . Joseph Johnson was named a trustee of Union Institute Academy when it was incorporated by the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1841. He remained a trustee until 1860, during which time the name was changed from Normal Institute Academy to Normal College in 1851, and from Normal College to Trinity College in 1859. His name does not appear in the list of trustees in the 1860-1861 Trinity College Catalogue, and therefore we assume that his trusteeship ended in 1860. Joseph Johnson died, September 9, 1861. He was also a member of the Executive Committee of Union Institute, Normal College, and Trinity College, until 1859. Dougan C. Johnson and Lemuel Johnson, sons of Joseph Johnson, formed the first Graduating Class of Normal College in 1853 (Source: Trinity College Alumni Register, Vol. 3, No. 2 (July, 1871, p. 94)).

NORMAL COLLEGE—CLASS OF 1853



Dougan Clark Johnson

He was born on October 10, 1825, fourth son of Joseph and Rosannah Leach Johnson, at what is now Trinity, North Carolina. He sprang from a Presbyterian family who became good Methodists. Early in life he began to feel that he must become a preacher. Converted at a revival meeting held at the college in 1847, he joined Hopewell church in 1849. After his graduation from Normal College, he was licensed to preach and joined the Conference at Raleigh (in 1853).

The Services of Dougan Clark(e) Johnson in the Conference, chiefly as a circuit rider, were performed in the following assignments: First year, stationed at Beaufort, two years, Onslow Circuit; one year, Hillsboro Station; one year, Raleigh City Mission; one year, Onslow Circuit where, on December 20, 1860, he was married to Mary Thompson; two years, Elizabethtown Circuit; one year, Everettsville Circuit; one year, Duplin Circuit; one year, Randolph Circuit; one year, Circuit of Richlands and Haw Branch; another year (his 4th), Onslow Circuit; one year, Mattamuskeet Circuit. While on the circuit last named, his health failed and his voice became so impaired that he spoke with great difficulty which made it necessary for him to be placed on the supernumerary list by the next Conference.

After a year's leave, he reported for service and was assigned to Asheboro Circuit. He was reassigned to the same work the following year, but before the end of the second term he lost his voice entirely and had to retire from active work. From 1873 until his death (February 1, 1878) he was numbered among the superannuated.

His life was one of earnest, hard labor; his duty, however difficult, was never neglected. Only once during his twenty years of service did he fail to meet an appointment. Although he had the ability to make his sermons into literary productions of the best quality, he wasted no time for display. In the pulpit, he was direct, impressive, and effective. He was popular everywhere he went and, at the time of his death, there was perhaps no one who had aught to say against him.

For months before death came, he was conscious of the gathering shadows, but could see light beyond them and spoke words of cheer to those around him. After carefully arranging his affairs and planning for his family, this sweet-spirited holy man of God died in the fullness of Christian faith and joy. (Source: Obituary of Dougan Clarke Johnson, copied from the Minutes of the North Carolina Conference for the year, 1878.)

The family continued to live at their home in Old Trinity. His daughter, Rose Leach Johnson, taught in the public schools of that vicinity, reported the Trinity news to the High Point Enterprise, and contributed articles on the early history of Trinity to the Trinity College Alumni Register. For several years prior to his death (March 3, 1919) Dougan Clarke Johnson, youngest son of the Rev. Dougan C. Johnson, was principal of the high school at Trinity. Emma, youngest daughter, was (to use her own words) the "Martha" of the family. She survived the other members of her immediate family by several years and died in High Point on January 28, 1952, at the home of a nephew, Dougan Clark Johnson, III.

Dougan Clarke Johnson and his immediate family are buried at Trinity.



Lemuel Johnson

Born January 15, 1828, at the present location of Trinity, Lemuel Johnson, sixth son of Joseph and Rosannah Leach Johnson, was a Trinity College man of the first order. For the greater part of his life he was either a student or an instructor at Trinity College and its forerunners, Union Institute Academy and Normal College. On August 14, 1850, he graduated from the Academy as valedictorian of his class. He was the second to receive a diploma from Normal College in 1853, his brother Dougan having preceded him in order of sequence in the graduation exercises.

For more than thirty-five years Lemuel Johnson served in some capacity as an instructor at Old Trinity. He began as a student helper in the Academy. During the term of 1853-54, he was a "Tutor" in Normal College. The following year, he was appointed Professor of Mathematics, which position he held for thirty-three years. In June, 1864, he was appointed Librarian and Treasurer of Trinity College, in addition to his duties as a teacher. On August 31, 1865, the Trustees met to consider his resignation; but his name continued to appear on the lists of the faculty. It was on the list of the members of the re-organized faculty and also on the Board of the Summer School of 1879. Because of ill health, he gave up teaching for a part of the year 1884, but we find his name among those of the teaching staff in 1885 (Chaffin, pp. 70, 74, 183, 242, 293, 338, 354). According to statements by his nieces, Rose and Emma, he continued to serve in this capacity until Trinity College was moved to Durham (1890-92).

To the boys of Trinity - when speaking of him, not to him - Lemuel Johnson was "Old Nope", a name that was intended as a compliment to his knowledge of mathematics. Prior to 1865, Lemuel Johnson was married to Mary Isabel Adams. He died on April 29, 1900, and was laid to rest in Old Trinity.



Lemuel Johnson house  
at Old Trinity (June, 1950)



Well at the Lemuel Johnson  
house, Old Trinity (June, 1950)

About one-hundred yards from the old college building at Trinity, down a decline and on a side street, or alley, is a small house. Some people might call it a cottage, but when it was built it was designated as "a two-room house with a shed." Built without window blinds or a coat of paint back in 1867 (and without either in 1917), it was one of the most unpretentious houses in the village. A tiny plot of flowers and shrubs in front, a tall spruce pine on the north east near the street, an old-fashioned well of water on the south side, all in a setting of great oaks, completes the picture (Condensed from "Historic Places in Old Trinity," by Rose L. Johnson, Trinity Alumni Register, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Apr., 1917) pp. 37-39).

Among the students at Union Institute Academy during the year 1841-42, was a young man named Braxton Craven, a native of Randolph who had been attending New Garden Boarding School over in Guilford County (now known as Guilford College) where he had been sent by his foster father, Quaker Nathan Cox. Young Craven soon became Brantley York's assistant, a position formerly occupied by Irene Leach (Chaffin, p. 54). He boarded in the home of Joseph and Mary (Johnson) Mendenhall who lived only a few yards from the campus. After their marriage, Craven and his bride, the former Irene Leach, lived for some time in the home of the Joseph Mendenhalls. In 1843 Brantley York resigned and became principal of an Academy at Clemmons ville (N.C.). Braxton Craven was elected to succeed him. From that time until 1882, the year he died, the history of the school may be said to be the biography of Braxton Craven.

In 1857, the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church adopted Normal College. After a reorganization, it became Trinity College on June 27, 1859. There was steady progress until the War, a pathetic chapter in the history of the college. Many of the boys went off to war, causing a sharp decline in the enrollment. One member of the faculty, at least, Prof. Obed Carr, entered the service of the Confederate States Army. The students who remained were organized by President Craven as the Trinity Guards and, when not attending classes, performed military duty guarding prisoners. In April, 1865, Confederate Troops arrived and pitched their tents on the campus. For the remainder of that year there were no classes at the College. Early in 1866, amid scenes of poverty and neglect, classes were resumed. But reconstruction is difficult and slow.

A pathetic picture of those days is recorded in Braxton Craven's diary of 1868. "Things look gloomy," he wrote, ". . . we shall have a terrible time in the money line this

year . . . Boys have lost much in fervent piety . . . It will require effort to bring things up. Help, Lord! Without Thee we can do nothing. . . Trinity must stand by its principles of sound learning and noble piety. . .". The picture began to brighten and by the year 1869-70 the enrollment was more than two hundred. After a dozen prosperous years (1866-77) came another depression. The decline in enrollment that reached a low of 100 in 1882 resulted in an unpaid faculty. Desperate appeals to the North Carolina Conference for assistance brought only meager results. "On January 11, 1871, Braxton Craven wrote in his diary, 'I do not see how we can succeed, but somehow I believe we will. The God of my boyhood will not forsake me now.' The members of the faculty who stood by President Craven . . . from 1859 until his death in 1882 and deserve particular mention were: W. T. Gannaway, O. W. Carr, Lemuel Johnson, and W. H. Pegram. There were others, a dozen or more, who did good work during the time they served . . ." (Bruce Craven to Dr. Dred Peacock).

In the midst of this gloomy period President Craven died and many predicted that Trinity College would be compelled to close. But the spirit, the energy and determination of York and Craven inspired the trustees to carry on. After ten years of hard times, came the turning point. It was 1887, the year that John M. Crowell became president of Trinity and Washington Duke, tobacco manufacturer of Durham, became interested in the welfare of Trinity College and made a contribution of \$1,000. During the year 1888-89 came the attractive offer of Mr. Duke, Julian S. Carr, and the town of Durham - on condition that Trinity College be uprooted in Randolph and be moved to Durham. This offer was finally accepted and, in 1890, the exodus from Randolph began - an event that brought sorrow to Old Trinity. Equipment, records, libraries, were transferred to quarters provided for them in Durham. New buildings were erected and by September 1, 1892, Trinity College was ready to open the Fall term in Durham.

On December 29, 1924, the board of trustees of Trinity College voted unanimously to change the name to Duke University. By changing the name of Trinity the trustees accepted the terms of the \$40,000,000 trust fund established by James B. Duke as a memorial to his father, the late Washington Duke. The resolution adopted on that date states specifically that "the name Trinity College shall be perpetuated by maintaining a college within Duke University to be known as Trinity College." (High Point Enterprise, December 29, 1924.)

The special edition of the Durham Morning Herald (October 22, 1949), celebrating the inauguration of Dr. Hollis Edens as president of Duke University, carries a full-page aerial view of the campus with its beautiful landscaping and magnificent buildings. In the center of the picture is an inset portraying Brown's Schoolhouse as it looked to Brantley York, "early in the spring of 1838."

# JOHNSON

A transfer of land recorded at the Court House in Greensboro and a will recorded at the Court House in Asheboro establish the fact that the five Johnsons told about in the Kelly Johnson letter did not come to North Carolina without one of their parents at least. At the time they came, "in 1773, or 4," Robert, the youngest of the five was only thirteen.

From the deed we learn that on the 9th day of January, 1773, Victor Thompson, yeoman, sold to John Johnston, Farmer, two hundred acres of land on the waters of Carraway creek for one hundred-eighty pounds proclamation money. Witnesses to this deed were John Collier and Robert Gray (Guilford Co. Deed Book I, p. 202). Throughout the deed the surname of the grantee is Johnston.

In August, 1774, a convention, or congress was held in New Bern, "the first representative assembly that ever met in America without Royal authority." One of the important issues, or proposals endorsed by this body during the three days it was in session was that local committees be chosen in each county to provide executive authority to enforce the policy of the Provincial Congress. These committees composed the organization later known as the Council of Safety for the Colony. The first committee to be organized was that of Rowan on September 23, 1774, just one month after the First Provincial Congress adjourned. The men who were selected to serve on this committee represented the wealth of the county. John Johnston was one of the twenty-six who were chosen (Brawley - p. 65).

The other one of the above-mentioned documents, the will of John Johnston, is quoted below.

WHEREAS I John Johnston of the County of Randolph of the State of North Carolina being arrived to great age & considering my time here cannot be long do think it proper to make the following distribution of the property I am possessed of.

And first my will is that all my just debts be paid.

2. I give to my son William one dollar
3. I give to my daughter Sarah Robeson ten pounds
4. I give to my six grandsons, the sons of my son John, what part of the tract of land they now live on beginning at a White oak corner & running South 23 chains then East crossing carraway to Lyttles line, containing one hundred acres or upwards, to be equally divided amongst them when the youngest child comes of age, also the one half of the pine woods & my will is that the Widow enjoy the place whereon she now lives during her Widowhood to raise and maintain the children, provided there is thirty pounds paid out of S'd estate to my Executors for the purpose herein to be mentioned.
5. I give to my son Robert the remainder of each tract of land together with all estate, real or personal, except what is otherwise direct on condition of his paying thirty pounds to my Executors for the use herein mentioned.
6. I give to my grand daughter Mary, daughter of Robert, my little negro girl named Hannah, when she comes of age, also her Granny's bed.
7. I give to my son Joseph twenty five pounds.
8. I give to my daughter Mary Means, twenty five pounds.

And lastly, I do hereby appoint my son, Joseph Johnston & Benjamin Means my Executors to this my last will and testament Signed, sealed & this the tenth day of March in the year 1804, by the S'd. John Johnston, that the within is his last will & testament in the presence of:

Samuel Milliken  
Matthew Simons  
William Hill

his  
John ( ) Johnston  
mark

February Term, 1806

The foregoing last will & testament of John Johnston, dec'd, was duly proven in open court by Samuel Milliken & admitted to record.

(Randolph Co. Will Book 3, p. 37)

Test. J. Harper, C. ck.

From the foregoing will we know that John Johnston (I) had a son William and a daughter Sarah who had married a Robeson. As Kelly Johnson did not include William and Sarah with those of the family who came to North Carolina it seems likely that they were the two oldest and that they remained in Pennsylvania. Efforts to locate them in either of these two states have been unsuccessful as there were Robesons and a William Johnston in Randolph county as well as in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, at that time. Pierce's Register of Claims (paid by the United States Comptroller General, through November 15, 1783) shows that one William Johnston was paid for Revolutionary War service in the Regiment of Col. Thomas Clark, North Carolina Line (Claim #90656).

"The widow" mentioned in the John Johnston will is his daughter-in-law, Rosannah Lytle Johns(t)on whose husband, John Johns(t)on (II), died in 1802.

John Johnston appears in the Randolph County census of 1790 and of 1800 as head of a household. He is listed near his two sons, John and Joseph. In 1790, his household is accredited with: One other male, over 16 (probably his son Robert who did not marry until 4-1-1791); two females, one of whom may have been his wife. The other female could have been a relative or a domestic helper. In the census of 1800, John (I) is listed as John Johnston, Sr., and his household is accredited with the following: One male and one female, "over 45" (the highest age bracket shown in that census); one male between the ages of 10 and 16; one male between the ages of 16 and 26; two females, 10-16. The other person over 45 was probably John's wife, but the identity of the younger members of the household will probably remain a mystery.

According to reliable family tradition, John Johnston (I) came to Pennsylvania from Ulster Ireland. As the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians were considered as squatters in Pennsylvania they are seldom mentioned in the colonial records of that state. Consequently, it is difficult to identify them, more especially, if they had a name as prevalent in the Colony of Pennsylvania as was the name John Johns(t)on. The following is quoted from the "History of Cumberland [formed from Lancaster] and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania" which was compiled after 1876:

"As early as 1731, settlements were made along the Conodoquinet [flows into the Susquehanna near Harrisburg] within the limits of Hopewell Township. In June, 1730, John Johnston, one of the first twelve settlers, was living three and one-half miles north of the location of the present town of Shippensburg [which is about 36 miles southwest of Harrisburg]. The Rev. S.S. Wylie, in an address during the year 1876, said: 'It is a known fact in Middle Springs Church that John Johnston (the grandfather of the George Johnston of our congregation, then aged 77) rode with his wife behind him, from his residence above Shippensburg, along a narrow bridlepath, through almost continuous forests. . . and attended preaching in the vicinity of the church before a meeting house was erected. And we know the first one was built in 1738'" (pp. 290-1).

The survey of land Warrants in Hanover Township, Lancaster County, on November 26, 1736, shows that John Johnston was the holder of 200 acres of land (Pa. Archives, Series 2, Vol. 2, ). This is the last time John Johnston appears as a land owner in Hanover Township.

John Johnston's son Joseph tells us in his application for a pension (W-5033) that he was born, May 5, 1753, in Paxton Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; that he moved to North Carolina in 1772 and settled in Guilford (now Randolph) County. Robert, youngest brother of Joseph, tells us in his pension file that he was born in Pennsylvania, in 1760. From the foregoing we know that the family must have moved from Hanover Township to Paxton (now known as Paxtang) Township prior to May, 1753; that they probably lived in Paxtang Township until they left the state to come to North Carolina. The land surveys in Upper Paxtang Township, Lancaster County, shows one John Johnson as a land owner in the following amounts: June 10th, 1741, 232 acres; May 5th, 1757, 200 acres;



November 11th, 1763, 300 acres. John Johnson paid poll tax in this township until 1770, and there is no land record for him there after 1773.

The fact that some of the Elders of Lancaster County, settled in Randolph, near the John Johnstons and later intermarried with the family suggests that they were neighbors in Pennsylvania; also that the Johnstons were members of one of the churches served by the Rev. John Elder, namely, Paxtang and Derry. A study of available records of the area covered by these congregations reveals the following: The first call of John Elder to these churches, dated November 22d, 1738, contained the signatures of Alex. Johnston, Alex. Johnson, and John Johnson. On July 22d, 1750, members of Paxtang and Derry churches signed a petition setting forth the "precarious condition of danger" from the French and Indians. The three men mentioned above signed this petition (Dauphin County Biographical Encyclopedia, p. 22). John Johns(t)on was one of the 127 members of the Rev. John Elder's two congregations who, in 1754, signed his second call to Paxtan and Derry churches (McAlarney, pp. 67-68).

The military record of John Johns(t)on (II), after he came to North Carolina, ties in with the foregoing facts. After serving as a private for 3 months and 19 days, he was appointed captain of one of the districts into which the Militia of the central part of the colony was divided - a position he held until his discharge from the service in 1780 (Pension File # W-5011). Such a record implies that he had military service prior to the time he came to North Carolina. The Rev. John Elder organized the men and boys of his churches under the name of the Paxtang Rangers and trained them for military service and, more than likely, it was as a Paxtang Ranger that John Johns(t)on (II), got his previous training. (See the introduction to the Elder family.) "The Paxtang Rangers were the terror of the Indians - they were swift on foot, excellent horsemen, good shots, skilled in pursuit or escape, dexterous as scouts and expert in maneuvering." (Dauphin County Biographical Encyclopedia.)

In 1839 Rosannah Johns(t)on, widow of Capt. John Johns(t)on, applied for pension benefits. This was thirty-seven years after her husband's death. At that time, according to the affidavit of her oldest son (Henry), the Family Bible was in Missouri and, therefore, not available. Due to this fact conflicting information concerning the date of Capt. Johns(t)on's birth was submitted to the Bureau of Pensions (File W-5011). According to one report he was born May 12, 1753, and died March 13, 1802. Joseph Johns(t)on, brother of John, in making application for a pension, gave May 5, 1753, as his own birth date. As this was only seven days prior to the date on which John was reported to have been born, it is apparent that one of the two reports was incorrect. In order to rectify this discrepancy the compiler made careful and repeated examinations of the two pension files involved. A small sheet of paper found in Rosannah's file gave the solution. It reads as follows: ". . . John Johnston Died the 14th day of March, 1802, then Aged 56." Careful consideration of this item and certain known facts convinced the compiler that John Johns(t)on (II) was born on May 12, 1745; that his brother Joseph was born, May 5, 1753.

The inscription on Capt. John Johns(t)on's tombstone (see sketch on the Lytle family burial ground) shows that he died in 1802, May 14; therefore, the vital statistics on this member of the family are given as May 12, 1745, and May 14, 1802.

Little is known of the family background of Benjamin Means who married Mary, sister of John and Joseph. The will of Samuel Means, pbt. February, 1746, Paxtang Twp., Lancaster County, Pa., mentions the following devisees: Wife - Griselda; children - Andrew, John, Samuel, Nellie, Margaret, Jean, Isabella, and Mary (Lancaster Co. Will Book I, p. 650 (Original Book A, p. 121)). It is probable that Andrew, mentioned in this will, was the father of Andrew and Benjamin Means listed in the census of 1790, Randolph County; also of Jean Means who married James Gray, son of Alexander and Margaret Gray, of Guilford County - M.B. dtd, August 21, 1798; Bondsmen, William Widows and James Smith; Witness, John Hamilton (Guilford Co. Index of M.B.).

The Randolph Co. census of 1790 shows Andrew Means as a neighbor of Benjamin and Mary Means and accredits his household with the following free whites:

Males over 16 - 1; Males under 16 - 4; Females - 5

The same census (p. 101) seems to accredit Benjamin and Mary Means with two sons under 16 years old; however, being reported in a household in the census of 1790 does not mean, necessarily, that one was a member, or even a relative, of the immediate family. Other census reports taken during the lifetime of Benjamin and Mary Means gives the composition of their household as follows:

1800 (p. 329): Males over 45 - 1; Females over 45 - 1.

1810 (p. 322): Same as in 1800.

1820: (No census report for Randolph Co. for this year at Nat. Archives).

1830 (p. 86): Between 80 and 90 years - Males - 1; Females - 1.

On September 29, 1803, Randolph Co., a M.B. was issued to Benjamin Means to marry Sarah Mullis (Randolph Co. Index of M.B.). This Benjamin Means may have been the son of Benjamin and Mary, or of Andrew.

Benjamin Means made a will which devised practically all of his property to Mary, his wife. After Mary's death (on May 3, 1832) Benjamin, who died the following November, added a codicil in which he devised his estate as follows: Three negroes (mentioned by name) and the proceeds from the sale of all lands and property to be delivered to Jonathan Justice of Indiana, and to Lewis Jones, soon to move to that state - said proceeds to be invested in land in Indiana. Exec., Alexander Gray; Wit; Benjamin Means (Randolph Co., Deed Book 6, p. 266).

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. John Johnston, b. Ulster, Ireland, d. Randolph Co., prior to February Term of Court, 1806, at "a great age"; married Mary (?) who died prior to March 10, 1804 (Will of John Johnston). r. Ulster, Ir.; Paxton Twp., Lancaster (now Dauphin Co., Pa.; after 1772-3, Guilford (now Randolph) Co., N.C.)
- Issue:
- A. William, b. \_\_\_\_\_, surviving, February, 1806
  - B. Sarah, b. \_\_\_\_\_, surviving, February, 1806; mentioned in her father's will as Sarah Robeson
  - C. John, Rev. War soldier, b. 5-12-1745, probably Lancaster Co., Pa., d. 5-14-1802, Randolph Co., m. 2-28-1783, Randolph Co., Rosannah Lytle, b. 11-10-1764, Pa., d. 1852-3 (final payment of pension allowance made 3-4-1853), dt. Henry and Peggy Harmon Lytle (Lytle burialground). (Pension File W-5011).
  - D. Mary, b. 1747-9 (1830 census, age, 80-90), probably in Lancaster Co., Pa., d. 5-3-1832, Randolph Co. (J.L., p. 2); m. 3-21-1785, Randolph Co., Benjamin Means, b. (1830 census, age, 80-90), d. 11-5-1832, Randolph Co. (J.L., p. 2); Marriage bond witnessed by Andrew Means and Jeduthan Harper (Miscellaneous Records, Randolph Co., N.C., Vol. 1, p. 36).
  - E. Henry, Rev. War soldier, b. ca., 1751, probably Lancaster Co., Pa., d. 1780-81, Randolph Co. (killed by Tories); said to have married the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Bennett Clark who preceded him to the grave.
  - F. Joseph, Rev. War Soldier, b. 5-5-1753, Paxton Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., d. 11-16-1838, Randolph Co.; m. 1786, Randolph Co., Nancy Lytle, b. \_\_\_\_\_, Pa., d. 3-14-1843, Randolph Co., Nancy and Rosannah who married John Johns(t)on were sisters. (Pension File W-5033).
  - G. Robert, Rev. War soldier, b. 1760, Pa., d. 4-20-1840, Knox Co., Tenn.; m. 4-1-1791, Randolph Co. (by Wm. Millikan, J.P.), Elizabeth Sumner, b. 4-19-1775, Va., d. Knox Co., Tenn., after census of 1850. (Pension File W-371).
- Vital statistics, unless shown otherwise, from the pension files given above.

### Third Generation

- C. John Johns(t)on(s, John&Mary) and Rosannah Lytle Johns(t)on  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- 1. Henry, b. 1-23-1784, d. 8-17-1857 (J.L., p. 12); m. Polly (Mary) Thornburg who died prior to 1850 census, dt. Edward and Mary Thornburg of Pa. who had also come from Pa. to N.W. Randolph.
  - 2. Thomas, b. 5-1-1785, d. 3-25-1883 (J.L., p. 2) - no further record.
  - 3. Jane, b. 7-6-1787, d. (J.L., p. 25, shows one Nettie Jane Johnson died 8-10-1869).
  - 4. William, b. 4-30-1790; m. (?) "Margaret Johnson, wife of William, d. 5-22-1868" (J.L., p. 24) may have been the wife of this William Johnson.
  - 5. Margaret, b. 6-29-1792 (gravestone shows 1791), d. 11-2-1866 (Hopewell).
  - 6. Elizabeth, b. 2-9-1793 - no further record.
  - 7. John, b. 5-5-1794, d. 8-22-1840 (J.L., p. 5); m. 11-6-1815, Rachel Mendenhall, b. 1798, d. 9-22-1857 (J.L., p. 5), dt. Benjamin and Nancy Merrill Clark Mendenhall (Randolph Co., M.B., p. 137).\*
  - x 8. Mary (Polly), b. 3-1-1797, d. 8-16-1886 (J.L., p. 5); m. 12-12-1814, Joseph Mendenhall, half brother of Rachel, mentioned above, b. prior to 1790 census, d. 5-7-1842 (J.L., p. 5), son of Benjamin Mendenhall and his 1st wife (Randolph Co., M.B.) See Mendenhall genealogy.
  - 9. Hezekiah, b. 5-17-1799, d. 8-22-1888; m. 10-17-1818, Hannah Armfield, (Guilford Co., (M.B.), who died 7-12-1869, age, 75 years (Deep River), dt. William and Hannah Greene Armfield.

\*In the early 1820's, John bought the interests of his five brothers in the land left to them by their grandfather's will.

C. John Johns(t)on(s,John&Mary) and Rosannah Lytle Johns(t)on--Continued

10. Clement (Clemmons), b. 11-28-1801, d. 1-24-1857 (J.L., p. 11);  
 m. 1st, 5-20-1823, Jane Carter who died prior to 1830 census;  
 m. 2nd, 4-23-1832, Dianah Swaim, b. ca. 1818 (1850 census). Both marriages  
 recorded, Randolph Co., Court House.  
 (Vital statistics, unless shown otherwise, from pension file, W-5011.)

F. Joseph Johns(t)on(s,John&Mary) and Nancy Lytle Johns(t)on

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 x 1. Sarah, b. 2-28-1787, d. 11-30-1859; m. David Brown, b. 1-7-1781, d. 1-20-1850, son  
 of John and Mary Morgan Brown.  
 2. Andrew, b. 9-23-1788, d. prior to 1838 - no further record.  
 3. Lytle, b. 4-4-1794, d. 6-20-1853; m. 1-3-1814, Isabella (Ibsey) Osborn, b. 7-18-1792,  
 d. 7-11-1863 (Pleasant Grove), dt. Peter Osborn.  
 4. Robert, b. ca. 1796 (1850 census), d. 10-26-1854 (J.L., p. 9); m. Susannah \_\_\_\_\_ who  
 d. 9-27-1842 (J.L., p. 6).  
 5. Joseph, b. 6-19-1798 (Family Bible said to show 5-18-1798), d. 9-9-1860; m. Rosannah  
 Leach, b. 12-22-1796, d. 12-2-1857 (Prospect), dt. James and Mary Morgan  
 Brown Leach.  
 (Vital statistics, unless shown otherwise, from pension file W-5033.)

G. Robert Johns(t)on(s,John&Mary) and Elizabeth Sumner Johns(t)on

- r. Randolph Co. until 1832, Hawkins Co., Tenn., 6-9-1834, Knox Co., Tenn., 6-27-1844  
 Issue:  
 x 1. Mary, b. 3-19-1782, d. prior to 1850 census;  
 m. 1st, 3-4-1811, Robert Gray, b-1783, d. 10-10-1816, son of John and Janet  
 Grier Gray  
 m. 2nd, 11-3-1817, Asa (Asia) Sumner, b. ca 1793, d. after 1850 census.  
 Marriage verified by Randolph Co. M.B.; will of Janet G. Gray, pbt.  
 8-7-1824, Randolph Co. Will Book, 6, p. 460.  
 2. Sarah, b. 7-17-1794.  
 3. Jane, b. 6-5-1797.  
 4. Daughter - name unknown - b. ca, 1789.  
 5. Joseph, b. 1795-1800 (Census, 1810), d. 11-18-1838 (J.L., p. 5).  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_ - no record.  
 7. John R., b. 1806, d. 11-18-1836 (J.L., p. 2); m. 1-18-1827, Ibsey Davis, d. 7-11-1863  
 (J.L., p. 21). Randolph Co. Marriage Bonds Clement Johnson, Bondsman.  
 8. Robert, b. 4- -1808 - stated in his mother's pension file that he was the eighth child.  
 (Birthdates of No's. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 from Pension File W-371).

Fourth Generation

C-1. Henry Johnson(s,John&Rosannah) and Mary Thornburg Johnson

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 x a. Susan, b. 2-3-1818, d. 6-14-1885; m. 2-21-1843, Randolph Co., William King Alex-  
ander, b. 6-15-1817, d. 6-17-1880 (Pleasant Hill).  
 b. M.C. (initials only), female aged 28, 1850 census - only other person listed in  
 household.

C-7. John Johnson(s,John&Rosannah) and Rachel Mendenhall Johnson

Issue: census of 1850 (p. 182) r. Randolph Co.

	Sex	Age	Occupation	State of Birth
Rachel (Head)	F	52	Farmer	N.C.
a. Nancy	F	26		"
b. Jane	F	24		"
c. Mary	F	23		"
d. John	M	22		"
e. Rachel	F	20		"
f. Benjamin	M	17		"
g. William	M	15		"
h. Absalom	M	13		"

- C-9. Hezekiah Johnston(s,John&Rosannah) and Hannah Armfield Johnston  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. Elizabeth; m. Lindsay Hayworth, settled in Indiana - never returned.  
 b. John Harper, b. 11-26-1826, d. 1-21-1917; m. 12-25-1855, Martitia, or Mary Jackson of Alamance Co.  
 c. Mary, aged 41, 1870 census - only other person listed in household - no further record.
- C-10. Clement (Clemens) Johnson(s,John&Rosannah)  
 Issue by 1st marriage - to Jane Carter: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Clement (Clemens, Clemmons), b. 4-1-1828, d. 10-24-1912; m. Lydia V. Marsh, b. 2-29-1835, d. 4-14-1920 (Ebenezer)  
 - by 2nd marriage - to Dianah Swaim:  
 b. Eliza Jane, b. 1-8-1833 - no further record.  
 x c. Mary Ann, b. 5-4-1834, d. fall of 1869 (Marlboro);  
 m. 1st, 9-22-1857 (by Wm. McGee, J.P.), William Gray, d. prior to census of 1860.  
 m. 2nd, ca, 1866-7, Calvin Roach.  
 They had: 1. Robert who died 1-6-1919 without issue.  
 d. John, b. 2-13-1836; m. 9-3-1859, Martha Byrnes.  
 e. Franklin Linton, b. 12-29-1839, d. 2-21-1922; m. 10-15-1866, Martha Coltrane Sumner, b. 2-1-1839, d. 1-22-1917, widow of Nelson Sumner, b. 1836.  
 f. Rosannah, b. 2-16-1841 - no further record.  
 g. Julian C., b. 12-23-1843 - no further record.  
 h. Oliver McKendree, b. 5-9-1846; m. Sallie Lloyd.  
 i. David M., b. 2-16-1849, d. 9-10-1919; m. Parthenia Leach, b. 2-8-1834, d. 4-22-1923, dt. Lewis M. and Nancy Elder Leach - settled in Greensboro.  
 They had: 1. Bessie who died without issue - probably others.  
 (Birthdates supplied by F. Gilmer Gray, Fayetteville.)
- F-3. Lytle Johnson(s,Joseph&Nancy) and Isabella Osborn Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Eli, b. 3-25-1814, d. 6-10-1900; m. 9-27-1841 (Hendricks Co., Ind.) Phoebe Kester, b. 11-10-1817, dt. Richard and Sarah Patterson Kester.  
 b. Henry Lytle, b. 11-24-1818; m. 12-20-1845, Caecellia Jane Burton, b. 2-20-1822, d. 4-20-1900 (Prospect).  
 c. Absalom - no further record.  
 d. Robert, b. 4-18-1822, d. 6-30-1909;  
 m. 1st, 9-4-1845, Catherine Clinard, b. 12-25-1821, d. 6-20-1887, dt. Phillip and Mary Clinard - said to be of Dutch descent.  
 m. 2nd, a widow of Forsyth Co., where they made their home (Pleasant Grove).  
 x e. Sarah (Sally), b. 12-11-1824, d. 1-26-1892; m. 1842, John Wesley Burton, b. 11-12-1817, d. 3-4-1894 (Pleasant Grove).  
 f. Cynthia A., b. 12-28-1829, d. 8- -1890 (Pleasant Grove); m. John Meredith, C.S.A., who never returned from service.  
 They had: 1. James  
 2. Robert  
 3. Mary; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Kennedy  
 g. Susannah J., twin of Cynthia, d. 12-15-1884; m. Welborn Meredith (Pleasant Grove).  
 h. Nancy, died young
- F-4. Robert Johnson(s,Joseph&Nancy) and Susannah \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson  
 Issue - Census of 1850 (page 173): r. Randolph Co.
- |               | Sex | Age  | Occupation | State of Birth |
|---------------|-----|--|------------|----------------|
| Robert (Head) | M   | 55   | Farmer     | N.C.           |
| a. Susannah   | F   | 27   |            | "              |
| b. Mary       | F   | 20   |            | "              |
| x c. Zilphia  | F   | 18, d. 3- -1870 (J.L. p. 26); m. <u>Andrew Goins</u> , b. ca, 1833; served in C.S.A. |            |                |
| d. Joseph     | M   | 16   |            |                |
| e. Roxanna    | F   | 14   |            |                |
| f. Winfield   | M   | 3  |            |                |

F-5. Joseph Johnson(s, Joseph & Nancy) and Rosannah Leach Johnson

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Kelly, b. 9-19-1817, d. 4-20-1893; m. 1-2-1843 (Davidson Co.), Nancy Veach  
b. 3-28-1814, d. 2-20-1880 (Hopewell), dt. John and Rachel Jones Veach.  
Marriage record gives first name of the bridegroom as "Cally."
  - b. Deida, b. 10-27-1818, d. 10-28-1884, unm.
  - c. Andrew, b. 3-22-1820, d. 1-9-1864, C.S.A. (J.L., p. 20); m. Charity (Becky) Hoover,  
sister of Dr. Hoover  
They had: 1. A son who married a Leach  
2. A daughter who married a Laughlin  
3. & 4. Daughters, thought to have died unm.
  - d. Lewis (Louis), b. 10-13-1821, d. 12-24-1910 (Mt. Gilead);  
m. 1st, 9-22-1847 (Randolph Co.) Sarah Dear, b. 6-15-1882, d. 8-10-1852  
(Hopewell), dt. Reuben and Sarah Lee Dear.  
m. 2nd, 2-14-1854, Charity Laughlin, b. 8-19-1822, d. 4-13-1890 (Mt. Gilead),  
dt. James and Charity Laughlin.
  - e. Alson (Alison) G., b. 5-29-1824, d. 10-11-1877; m. 8-22-1854, Elizabeth Catherine  
Foutz, b. 7-26-1820, d. 7-9-1908 (Mt. Gilead).
  - f. Dougan Clark, b. 10-10-1825, d. 2-1-1878; m. 12-20-1860 (Onslow Co.), Mary Thomp-  
son, b. 10-4-1840, d. 1-3-1917 (Trinity) dt. Jonathan and Levicy Isaac Thompson.
  - g. Lemuel, b. 1-15-1828, d. 4-29-1900; m. Mary Isabel Adams, b. ca, 1845, d. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Trinity).
  - x h. Martha (Mattie), b. 2-27-1830, d. 1-27-1908; m. 11-12-1861, John Welborn, b. 1-2-1833,  
d. 4-23-1915 (Mt. Gilead), s. William and Eleanor Welborn. Welborn genealogy.
  - i. Mary, b. 12-1-1832, d. 11-22-1877, unm.
  - j. Virgil S., b. 10-18-1835, d. 8-19-1894; m. Emily Johnson (Lineberry)  
They had: 1. A son who married a Morris and had a son
  - k. John Alvin, b. 2-18-1839, d. 7-17-1916; m. 11-27-1860 (Randolph Co.), Ruth Milli-  
kan, b. 4-19-1841, d. 3-20-1923 (Westfield), dt. Samuel and Mary Carter  
Millikan.
  - l. Joseph Oliver, b. 12-21-1841, d. 5-25-1896; m. 1-13-1876 (Randolph Co.), Martha  
Blair, b. 10-15-1851, d. 9-3-1929 (Teays Chapel), dt. Milton and Mary Rush  
Blair.  
(The data on this group was contributed by Miss Blanche Johnson of Knoxville,  
Tennessee, and R. Clark Welborn of Baldwin City, Kansas.)

Fifth Generation

C-1-a. William Alexander and Susan Johnson(dt, Henry & Mary) Alexander

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Thomas L., b. 1844, d. ca, 1913; m. Angie \_\_\_\_\_ who died ca, 1922, lived near  
Muncie, Ind.  
They had: a. Frank  
b. Ellwood
  2. Jesse H., b. 1-24-1845, d. 7-22-1921; m. Amanda Tysinger, b. 4-7-1847, d. 6-12-1902  
(Rich Fork).
  3. Mary Eliza, b. 4-9-1846, d. 7-6-1902; m. as 2nd wife, Joshua Johnson, s. Lewis and  
Sarah Johnson - no children.
  4. Ellen E., b. 12-9-1848, d. 7-22-1895; m. Dougan C. Pierce, b. 9-25-1848, d. 4-8-1924  
(Pleasant Hill);  
They had: a. Thomas of High Point c. Mamie  
b. Grace d. Grady
  5. Henrietta Jane, b. 1-2-1852, d. 1-14-1878, unm.

C-5-a. Ira Johnson(3/28/1810 - 6/9/1899) and Serena (Sarena) Lambeth Johnson

- r. from the time of marriage (9-1-1832), Randolph Co.; 1838-1846, Lyle  
Co., Tenn.; 1860, lived, Evening Shade, Lawrence Co., Ark.  
Issue:
1. Alfred, b. ca, 1846; m. \_\_\_\_\_, who d. prior to 1870 census  
They had (1870 census): a. Joseph T., age 3  
b. William, age 2
  2. John, b. (Tenn.), 1852; m. twice, had a large family, two sons in Texas in 1924.
  3. Josephine, b. (Ark.) 1854 - no further record.
  4. B. Franklin, b. (Ark.) 1856; living Mineral Wells, Texas, 1924.

- C-5-a. Ira Johnson (3/28/1810 - 6/9/1889) And Serana (Sarena) Lambeth Johnson--Continued  
 x 5. Mary, b. (Ark.), 1857, d. 5-18-1922; m. Thomas Fletcher Simpson who d. 3-11-1902.  
 6. George - no further record.  
 7. William, formerly postmaster, Oil Trough, Independence Co., Ark.
- C-5-b. DeWitt Clinton Johnson and Eliza Dear(dt,Reuben&Judith) Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Davidson Co.  
 1. Romulus Sanders, b. 1-20-1847, d. 12-8-1917; m. Lydia Thornburg, b. ca, 1848  
 (Pleasant Hill).  
 2. William, b. 9-13-1848, d. 6-21-1849 (Hopewell).  
 3. Horace Lee, b. 8-20-1850, d. 9-18-1893; m. 1-30-1874 (Davidson Co.), Rebecca Perry  
 (Fair Grove), dt. Alfred and Jemima Perry.  
 4. Harvey, b. 10-29-1852, d. 2-18-1854 (Hopewell).  
 x 5. Fannie Eliza, b. 5-10-1855, d. 2-2-1925; m. 9-12-1872, Burgess Lindsay Owen, b.  
 9-30-1847, d. 2-18-1928 (Fair Grove), s. Anderson and Nancy Ribling Owen.  
 6. DeWitt Clinton, b. 2-28-1857, d. 5- -1857 (Hopewell).  
 7. Rosannah Reid, b. 2-2-1859, d. 10-6-1928; m. 11-25-1897, as 2nd wife, Francis  
 Marion (Frank) Thompson, b. 10-8-1847, d. 3-12-1915 (Thomasville);  
 They had: a. Sadie; m. 1st, Lloyd Robertson  
 m. 2nd, Charles Faircloth  
 x 8. Margaret Judith, b. 6-12-1860, d. 4-28-1922; m. 9-26-1884 (Davidson Co.), Julius  
Alonzo Blair, b. 10-1-1858, s, Milton and Mary Blair (Blair genealogy).  
 x 9. Mary Lula, b. 6-13-1864, d. 7-6-1902 (Fair Grove); m. 2-18-1885 (Davidson Co.),  
Milton L. Kendall, s, Addison and Tabitha Walker Kendall.
- C-9-b. J. Harper Johnston (s,Hezekiah&Hannah) and Martitia Jackson Johnston  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Sallie, b. 1861; m. W.C. Bradshaw, M.D. - no further record.  
 2. Daisy, b. 1865; m. C.C. Wilson, M.D. - no further record.  
 3. Effie, b. 4-4-1869, d. 12-14-1950; m. 12-15-1897 (Guilford Co.), Oscar E. Kearns of  
 High Point, b. 12-6-1863  
 They had: a. Thomas J. who married and had:  
 1. Thomas J.  
 2. Jean  
 4. Alice B. - no further record.
- C-10-d. John Johnson(s,Clement&Dianah) and Martha Byrnes Johnson  
 Issue:  
 1. Charles; m. Lizzie Smith.  
 2. Bertha; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Harris of Fayetteville, N.C.;  
 They had: a. James  
 b. John  
 c. Jesse  
 3. Queen; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Nunnally - no further record.
- C-10-e. Franklin Johnson(s,Clement&Dianah) and Martha Coltrane Sumner Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 1. Noah Clark, b. 4-12-1868, d. 3-10-1918; m. Ella J. Coltrane, b. 10-16-1875,  
 d. 8-5-1921.  
 2. Franklin Erastus, b. 1-8-1871, d. 1-26-1943; m. Mary Cornelia Caudle (Old Union)  
 b. 1-21-1871.  
 3. Tabitha D., b. 9-15-1880, d. 11-9-1917.  
 4. William F., d. 1940; m. ca. 1900 (Randolph Co.), Flora Spencer.
- C-10-h. Oliver McKendree Johnson(s,Clement&Dianah) and Sallie Lloyd Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 1. Della; m. 1st, S. Clark Snider, b. 5-12-1863, d. 4-2-1914; They had two daughters  
 who died in infancy.  
 2. Martha.  
 3. Effie; m. W.B. Milliken - in 1953, lived, R.F.D., Asheboro.  
 4. Anthony; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Summers.  
 5. Edward, - in 1953, lived in High Point.

- F-3-a. Eli Johnson(s,Lytle&Isabella) and Phoebe Kester Johnson  
 Issue: r. Hendricks Co., Ind.  
 1. Sarah, d. inf.  
 2. Lytle, d. inf.  
 x 3. Rachel Elizabeth, b. 4-13-1846; m. 1-21-1866, David Douglas, b. 5-4-1843, d. 12-24-1883.
- F-3-b. Henry Lytle Johnson(s,Lytle&Isabella) and Caecilla Burton Johnson  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Delilah, b. 8-12-1843, d. 11-2-1882.  
 2. Fatima Jane, b. 6-7-1847, d. 3-10-1923; m., as 2nd wife, Calvin (Callie) H. Welborn, b. 12-1-1836, d. 1-10-1923 (Hopewell), John Veach genealogy.  
 3. Cassius Lytle, b. 6-14-1853, d. 9-27-1929; m. 1-1-1874, Phoebe Mendenhall (Prospect).  
 4. Naomi, b. 5-2-1855, d. 11-25-1886.  
 5. Susan, b. 1856, d. ca. 1929; m. Harmon Bundy (Trinity) - no children.  
 6. Nancy Clementine, b. 5-25-1857, d. 9-2-1865.  
 7. Joseph Addison, b. 12-30-1860, d. 10-10-1928; m. Mary Jane Edwards, b. 7-8-1867, d. 7-20-1940 (Trinity).
- F-3-d. Robert Johnson(s,Lytle&Isabella) and Catherine Kathaleen Clinard Johnson  
 Issue - by 1st marriage: r. Davidson Co.  
 x 1. Loretta Christine, b. 5-10-1858, d. 5-2-1948; m. 4-14-1881, John Wesley Veach, b. 3-16-1855, d. 3-17-1918, s, Zedic and Margaret. John Veach genealogy.  
 2. Octavia; m. Alpheus Burton.  
 3. Amanda; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Messer of Winston-Salem.  
 4. Mary Jane - no further record.  
 5. Henry; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Dorsett, dt. Dr. Dorsett of Bethany.  
     They had: a. Violet.  
 6. Lee; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gamble - lived north of Thomasville.  
 7. A son - lived in High Point.
- F-3-e. John Wesley Burton and Sarah Johnson(dt,Lytle&Isabella) Burton  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Delphinia; m. David Frazier; they had several children - Luther living Rt. #5, High Point in 1953.  
 2. Cyrus W., b. 5- -1846, d. 10- -1913; m. 11-20-1873, Emily Elizabeth Gray, b. 4-27-1848, d. 4-5-1916 (Thomasville), dt. Robert and Jane Edwards Gray.  
 x 3. Nancy L., b. ca. 1848, d. 3-17-1917; m. 6-9-1874, John Wesley Gray, b. 2-8-1842, d. 8-21-1932 (Thomasville), son of Alexander and Mary Gray. Gray genealogy.  
 4. Robert; m. Lucy Swaim - had several children; Shelly(son), dec'd; a dt., married Frank Lambeth of Guilford Co.  
 5. Frank; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hilton - had several children; a dt. m. Wallace Wood.  
 6. John; m. 1st, Sarah Pope  
     m. 2nd, Kezziah Mendenhall - large family, lived near Thomasville.  
 7. Cicero; m. Belle Lawrence; moved to Indiana, later to California;  
     They had dt., Maude, who married an Anderson; thought to have settled in Los Angeles, Calif.  
 8. I. Walter; m. Eliza Cecil - no children.  
 9. Cynthia; m. John Hilton of Davidson Co.; had several children - a dt. married Ed. Murphy of Lenoir.  
 10. Emma; m. Dougan Hill of Raleigh;  
     They had: a. Mittie  
             b. A daughter who married Granberry Dixon  
     (Data on this group was contributed by Audrey Stone Williamson.)
- F-3-g. Welborn Meredith and Susannah Johnson (dt,Lytle&Isabella) Meridith  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 x 1. Eliza; m. Solomon Burton who d. 4-6-1953, aged 87 (Oakwood).  
 2. Walter; m. Florence Blair, dt. Milton and Mary - lived, Old Trinity.



- F-4-c. Andrew J. Goins and Zilphia Johnson(dt. Robert&Susannah) Goins  
Issue: From census of 1870. r. Randolph Co.  
Age, time of census
1. Mary Jane, 8 ; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Ridge.
  2. Henry, 5 ;
  3. Amanda, 3 ; m. 1st, Paris Jester - they had 2 children.  
m. 2nd, Bill Lawrence, a Baptist minister.
  4. William, 4 mo.  
(Marriage data given by R. Clark Welborn.)
- F-5-a. Kelly Johnson(s,Joseph&Rosannah) and Nancy Veach Johnson  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Bethel, C.S.A., d. 1-22-1865, aged 20 yr., 2 mo., 11 da. (Prospect).
  2. Fatima, b. ca, 1847; m. Taylor and settled in the West.
  3. L. LeRoy, minister, M.E. Church, b. 8-3-1852, Randolph Co., d. Kansas City, Mo.,  
10-11-1914; m. 7- -1879, Randolph Co., Christena J. Welborn, b. 1-1-1862,  
living, 10-11-1914, dt. Wiley Kimball and Miranda Evaline Holmes Welborn  
(Welborn genealogy). It was to LeRoy that the Kelly Johnson Letter (repro-  
duced in the introduction of this book) was written.
- F-5-d. Lewis Johnson(s,Joseph&Rosannah Leach)  
Issue - by 1st marriage - to Sarah Dear: r. Randolph Co.
1. Joshua, b. 1848, d. after 1902;  
m. 1st, Eliza Casshatt of Yadkin Co.  
m. 2nd, Eliza Alexander, his third cousin.
  2. Joseph L., b. 1850, Randolph Co., d. 1870, Missouri.
  3. James Madison, b. 11-22-1851, d. 7-27-1927; m. 11-22-1877 (Randolph Co.), Mary  
Owen, b. 12-3-1854, d. 6-26-1926, dt. W. K. Owen.  
- by 2nd marriage - to Charity Laughlin:
  4. Sarah Martitia, b. 8-11-1855, d. 1-25-1940;  
m. 1st, 12-12-1878, Day (Dee) Shore of Yadkin Co., d. young.  
m. 2nd, Kelly Wall.
  5. Charity Louisa, b. 9-3-1857, d. 9-10-1875.
  6. Harriet Glendora, b. 9-4-1860, d. 1-8-1883.
  7. Wilson Phillip, b. 7-19-1865, d. 9-3-1940; m. 2-8-1891, Rachel Coltrane.
- F-5-e. Alson Johnson(s,Joseph&Rosannah) and Elizabeth Fout(s)z Johnson  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Addison; married, lived in Randolph, said to have had several children.
  2. Rosannah; m. Frank Casshatt, lived in Randolph, had two children.
  3. Crissie - no record.
- F-5-f. Dougan Clark Johnson(s,Joseph&Rosannah) and Mary Thompson Johnson  
Issue: r. Onslow Co.; Randolph Co.
1. Rose Leach, b. 11-20-1861, d. 5-25-1941.
  2. Emma Luther, b. 9-16-1864, d. 1-28-1952.
  3. Levira, b. 1-20-1867, d. 4-3-1887; m. John Ezzel. Levira d. at the birth of her 1st  
child who also died.
  4. Albert Sidney, b. 1872, d. 1901, Stanley Co., unmm.
  5. Dougan Clark, b. 10-24-1875, d. 3-3-1919; m. 2-22-1900 (Stanley Co.) Lucy Ella  
Ritchie, b. 1-20-1876, dt. John and Martitia J. Miller Ritchie.
- F-5-g. Lemuel Johnson(s,Joseph&Rosannah) and Mary I. Adams Johnson  
Issue: r. Old Trinity, Randolph Co.
1. Junius (June) A., a surveyor, b.ca. 1866; m. Fannie Shaw, b. 1863, dt, Malcolm and  
Charity G. Leach Shaw.
  2. Lula V., b. ca, 1868, d. 10-14-1875 (J.L., p. 40).
  3. Myrona, b. ca, 1872, d. 7-5-1890 (J.L., p. 103).  
(Ages computed from 1880 census.)
- F-5-k. John Alvin Johnson(s,Joseph&Rosannah) and Ruth Millikan Johnson  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Monrovia, Ind., Henry and St. Clair Co's., Mo.
- x 1. Aurilla Jane, b. 10-1-1861, Randolph Co., d. 6-19-1947, Loveland, Colo.; m. 12-31-  
1883 (St. Clair Co., Mo.), James Gibson Graham, b. Pa., 1853, d. 7-5-1914  
(Teays Chapel).

- F-5-K. John Alvin Johnson(s, Joseph & Rosannah) and Ruth Millikan Johnson--Continued
2. Mary Louella, b. 4-17-1864, d. 4-29-1861 (Westfield).
  3. Rolland Millikan, b. 10-11-1865, d. 9-13-1953, Santa Ana, Calif.; m. 2-2-1890 (St. Clair Co., Mo.), Cynthia Belle Denny Pyatt, a widow, b. 12-2-1866, d. 12-22-1922 (Fairhaven), dt. Henry and Betty Comer Walker Denny.
  4. Viola Florence, b. 10-20-1868, d. 6-23-1872, Monrovia, Ind.
  5. Samuel Asbury, b. 8-29-1870, d. 12-13-1933, Los Angeles, Calif.; m. 1894, St. Louis, Mo., Rose Ella Carey.
  6. Carl Roscoe, b. 3-2-1874; m. 5-17-1899, Clinton, Mo., Ola M. Fowler, b. 5-4-1878, dt. George and Editha Fowler.
  7. Alvin Rutherford, b. 8-30-1875; m. 1-3-1898, Clinton, Mo., Mary Abigail Fowler, b. 9-12-1876, sister of Editha.
  8. Rosa Almina, b. 1-14-1878, d. 10-5-1886 (Westfield).
  9. Alta Ethel, b. 10-14-1881; m. 1-16-1906, Kansas City, Mo., Edgar Barrett Brooks, b. 4-27-1882, Red Oaks, Iowa, s. George Andrew and Josephine Barrett Brooks.
  - x 10. Erma Ellen, b. 10-21-1883; m. 7-11-1910, Osceola, Mo., Jesse Francis Van Winkle, b. 2-13-1871, s. Moses and Mariah Jane Van Winkle, Coal, Mo. (The three oldest, b. Randolph Co.; the five next oldest, b. Monrovia, Mo.; the two youngest, b. St. Clair, Mo.)
- F-5-1. Joseph Oliver Johnson(s, Joseph & Rosannah) and Martha Blair Johnson  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Henry Co., Mo.
1. Dora, b. ca. 1877.
  2. Joseph Milton, b. 5-7-1879; m. 1908, Montrose, Mo., Olive Thurman, b. 1884, Clinton, Mo., dt. William and Clara Thurman.
  - x 3. Elizabeth Deida, b. 2-1-1881; m. 5-21-1905, Montrose, Mo., James Comer, b. 11-11-1860, d. 12-6-1933 (Teays Chapel), s. George and Ellen Comer.

#### Sixth Generation

- C-1-a-2. Jesse H. Alexander(s, William & Susan) and Amanda Tysinger Alexander  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- a. Bettie R., b. 9-28-1871, d. 9-29-1937; m. Dolphus Kennedy who d. 1948.
  - b. Bertha, b. 7-4-1874, d. 10-12-1947; m. Arthur Payne, dec'd.
  - c. William H. b. 10-20-1876, d. 11-30-1947; m. Julia Sink, b. 10-23-1879, d. 9-30-1945 (Calvary).
  - d. Ida, b. 1879; m. John Sink.
  - e. Robert; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hedrick.
- C-5-a-5. Thomas Fletcher Simpson and Mary Johnson(dt, Ira & Sarena) Simpson  
Issue - 12 children: r. Sharp Co., Ark.
- a. William Ira, b. 5-6-1868, living, 2-5-1954; m. twice, had 5 sons and 2 daughters.
  - b. John, living in Plainview Texas in 1924, d. prior to 2-5-1954.
  - c. Thomas, living Batesville, Ark., in 1924, d. prior to 2-5-1954.
  - d. Ann; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Whitten of Cave City, Ark., d. prior to 1954.
  - e. James M., b. 1875; m. Laura Harrell whose father was born near the Cape Fear River, N.C. James M. served Cave Co. as Judge of Probate, 3 terms; Clerk of Court, 2 terms
- They had: 1. A son, Life Insurance Business, Jefferson City, Mo.  
2. A son, Optometrist, El Dorado, Ark.  
3. A son, Lawyer, Pocahontas, Ark.
- f. Lizzie, b. 1882; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Line, living (1954), Plainview, Tex.
- C-5-b-1. Rolulus Sanders Johnson(s, Clinton & Eliza) and Lydia Thornburg Johnson  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- x a. Louella (Lou E.), b. ca. 1868; m. as 1st wife, James Modlin.
  - b. Nancy Lee, b. ca. 1871; m. Joseph Lanning  
They had: 1. Otis, a Baptist minister  
2. A son  
3. A daughter
  - c. Harvey, b. ca. 1873; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Leonard; They had Grady, a son.

- C-5-b-1. Romulus Sanders Johnson(s, Clinton&Eliza) and Lydia Thornburg Johnson--Continued
- d. Mary E. (Mollie), b. ca, 1875;
    - m. 1st, Cicero Nelson; They had: Raymond
    - m. 2nd, Thomas Bridges.
  - e. Alice, b. ca, 1877; m. as 2nd wife, James Modlin (See a, above).
  - f. Lina, b. ca, 1879; m. James Fletcher.
  - g. Clara; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hough.
  - h. Fannie; m. Thomas Lemly.
    - (Birthdates computed from census of 1880, Randolph Co.; Clara and Fannie were born later. Lydia died at Fannie's birth.)
- C-5-b-3. Horace Lee Johnson(s, Clinton&Eliza) and Rebecca Perry Johnson
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue:
- a. Charles Ernest, b. 11-1-1874, d. 194-; m. Grace Ann Walker, b. 9-30-1876, dt, Ezra and \_\_\_\_\_ Hoover Walker.
  - b. Ira Thomas, b. 10-14-1876, d. 9-26-1929; m. Minta Briles, b. 3-10-1881, d. 8-27-1949, dt. M. Filmore Briles and \_\_\_\_\_ Lopp Briles.
- C-5-b-5. Burgess Lindsay Owen and Fannie Johnson(dt, Clinton&Eliza) Owen
- r. Randolph Co.; after 1920, Davidson Co.
- Issue:
- a. Nancy Lindsia, b. 6-6-1873, d. 8-22-1936; m. Ernest Wilson.
  - b. Maggie Eliza, d. in infancy.
  - c. Anna Daisy, b. 10-25-1876:
    - m. 1st, George William Tyler, d. 8-16-1905.
    - m. 2nd, Charles Valkman, d. 1944.
  - d. DeWitt Clinton, b. 12-7-1878, d. 1-11-1924; m. Eugenia B. Wagoner, b. 2-20-1890, d. 1952, dt. Joseph and Emma Fife Wagoner.
  - e. Earl Eugene, b. 1-1-1881; m. Bettie Snider, dt. John W. and Martha Riley Snider.
  - f. William Rose, b. 7-25-1883; m. Emma Clapp, dt. David and Dora E. Tomlinson Clapp.
  - x g. Nettie Lourah, b. 12-2-1885; m. 1-8-1908, Davidson Co., Henry C. Clodfelter, d. 1937, s, Wm. and Mary Disher Clodfelter.
  - x h. Jessie May, b. 3-29-1888; m. 6-25-1913. Randolph Co., John James Shaw, III, b. 10-12-1886, d. 1-22-1914, s, J.J. and Vara DuBose Shaw.
  - x i. Minnie Lee, b. 6-25-1890; m. Julius Hill Bowers, d. 6-7-1954, s, John and Augusta Black Bowers.
  - j. Edward Wendell, b. 4-21-1893; m. Elizabeth Myers.
- C-5-b-9. Milton L. Kendall and Mary Lula Johnson(dt, Clinton&Eliza) Kendall
- r. Davidson Co.
- Issue:
- x a. Courtney Elizabeth, b. 10-11-1886, d. 9-7-1926; m. George Wilson Black, b. 4-24-1879, s, Absalom and Sarah Black.
  - b. Charles, b. 7-10-1888, d. 5-29-1909, unnm.
  - c. Commodore DeWitt, b. 6-14-1890, d, 11-23-1946; m. 1-24-1915, Ruby Pleasants, b. 11-25-1894.
  - d. Thomas Lee, b. 12-4-1892; m. 4-22-1915, Nannie Ethel Woodall, b. 10-25-1895.
  - e. Nathan Hale, b. 1894; m. Helen Barrier.
  - f. Milton Dewey, b. 7-3-1898; m. 11-26-1925, Virginia Oster, b. 7-10-1904.
  - g. Infant, b & d. 7-4-1902.
- C-10-e-1. Noah Clark Johnson(s, Franklin&Martha) and Ella Coltrane Johnson
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue:
- a. Tassie; m. Robert Bulla - no children.
  - b. Earle; m. Frances Bulla - lived R.F.D., Randleman
    - They had: 1. Richard
    - 2. Earle
    - 3. Name unknown to compiler.
  - c. Mary, d. 1952, unnm.
- C-10-e-3. William F. Johnson(s, Franklin&Martha) and Flora Spencer Johnson
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue:
- a. Eleanor; m. E.J. Hartley
    - They had: 1. Charles Bryce; m. 12-16-1951, Ada Stuart
    - 2. A son
  - b. A son
  - c. A son

- F-3-a-3. David Douglas and Rachel E. Johnson(dt,Eli&Phoebe) Douglas  
 Issue: r. Hendricks Co., Ind.
- a. Edgar - no further record.
  - b. Webster J., b. 6-9-1870; m. Maud Newby  
 They had: 1. Marshall  
 2. Elizabeth  
 3. Jesse  
 4. Frances
  - x c. Phoebe Myrtle, b. 9-27-1873; m. 1-20-1897, Wilson J. Loy, b. 10-10-1870, son of John and Lucinda Blair Loy (A-1-a-6-a-2, Blair genealogy).
- F-3-b-3. Cassius Lytle Johnson(s,Henry&Caecilla) and Phoebe Mendenhall Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. John W., m. 6-4-1904, Mary Alice Winslow, b. 10-8-1884, dt. James Ruffin and Susan Jane Lewallen Winslow.
  - b. Crissie; m. \_\_\_\_\_Petree of Forsyth Co.,  
 They had: 1.  
 2.
  - c. Henry
- F-3-b-7. Joseph Addison Johnson(s,Henry&Caecilla) and Mary Jane Edwards Johnson  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.
- a. Anna Elma, b. 2-2-1885.
  - b. Lula Ethelene, b.8-23-1886, d. 8-4-1917; m. 1904, J. Earl Bundy  
 They had: 1. J. Earl  
 2. Edith; m. \_\_\_\_\_Cramer  
 3. Lawrence
  - c. Naomi Letitia, b. 5-7-1889, d. 9-26-1914; m. 4-11-1914, Nathan S. Edwards.
  - d. Mary Jane, b. 3-24-1891; m. 12-7-1912, E. Baxter Wrike of Jamestown  
 They had: 1. Edward B.  
 2. Frances; m. \_\_\_\_\_Koontz  
 3. Evelyn W.; m. \_\_\_\_\_Staley  
 4. Worth J.
  - e. Florence May, b. 8-24-1893, d. 10-12-1896.
  - f. Bessie Lillian, b. 5-30-1895; m. 7-27-1919, David Hudson of Archdale.
  - g. Joseph Addison, II., b. 4-13-1897; m. 5-3-1919, Lyde Leach  
 They had: 1. Doris Inez, b. 5-12-1923; m. Ethan Allen A.F.Base, 6-12-1954, James Pugh Gantry, III, Capt., U.S. Air Force.  
 2. Joseph Addison, III; b. 9-8-1925.  
 3. Betty Anne, b. 5-28-1928; m. 6-25-1955, Nathaniel Mason Harrison, Jr.
  - h. Virginia Edwards, b. 10-1-1899; m. 6-13-1934, John E. Payne of Trinity  
 They had: 1. Mary Jane, b. 7-17-1941
  - i. Herbert Eugene, b. 2-14-1903; m. 10-29-1927, Margaret Mendenhall  
 They had: 1. James Barry, b. 1-10-1934  
 2. Nancy Elizabeth, b. 7-17-1939.
  - j. Hazel, R.N., Twin of Herbert Eugene
  - k. Mildred Gladys, b. 10-22-1909; m. 3-26-1932, Alton H. Flinchum of Charlotte  
 They had: 1. Gladys Joyce, b. 6-28-1933  
 2. Alton Hoyt, b. 11-11-1939.
  - l. Kathaleen Esther, b. 4-12-1914; m. 2-18-1937, Raymond White of Trinity  
 They had: 1. Charles Raymond, b. 7-16-1941  
 2. Joseph Harold, b. 11-2-1946.
- F-3-g-1. Solomon Burton and Eliza Meredith(dt,Welborn&Susannah) Burton  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- a. Clay, r. High Point
  - b. Martine, r. Rt. 1, Thomasville
  - c. Sudie, m. \_\_\_\_\_Burton, r. Rt. 1, Thomasville
  - d. Susie, m. \_\_\_\_\_Ayer, r. Raleigh.  
 (May not be in order of birth.)

- F-5-a-3. LeRoy Johnson(s,Kelly&Nancy) and Christina Welborn Johnson  
 r. Randolph Co.; at the time of his death (1914) LeRoy was  
 Issue: Presiding Elder, Clinton District, Clinton, Okla., M.E. Church
- a. Wade, r. Dallas (Okla.?), 1914.
  - b. LeRoy, r. Stratford, Okla., 1914.
  - c. Fred, r. Chicago, Ill., 1914.
  - d. A daughter - in high school, 1914.
  - e. A daughter - in high school, 1914.
- (May not be in order of birth - information gleaned from a letter written by Christina on 10-19-1914, "a few days after LeRoy's death," to relatives in Randolph County, telling of LeRoy's last illness and death.)
- F-5-d-1. Joshua Johnson(s,Lewis&Sarah) and Eliza Cashatt Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. John; m. Lona Dorsett, dt. James G. and Elizabeth Perry Dorsett  
 They had: 1. A son  
 2. A daughter
  - b. Ellen; m. 1st, Martin Elder, son of John and Elizabeth Leach Elder  
 m.2nd, James G. Dorsett  
 They had: 1. A daughter
  - c. Alvin; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Coltrane, r. Asheboro.
- F-5-d-3. James Madison Johnson(s,Louis&Sarah) and Mary Owen Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph and Guilford Co.
- a. Blanche, b. 8-21-1881. r. Knoxville, Tenn., 1952.
  - b. William Ernest, b. 10-30-1883; m. 5-9-1933, Elsie Bishop Stevens, a widow, daughter of J.D. and Ernie Warters Bishop. William Ernest adopted his step-son, John Davis Stevens, now John Davis Johnson, b 11-22-1924; m. 2-1-1947, Margaret Moser. They had: 1. Victoria, b. 3-17-1948.
  - c. Edward Marion, b. 10- -1885, d. 6- -1887.
  - d. Eva Frances, b. 2-14-1888, d. 10-16-1947, Tenn.
- F-5-f-5. Dougan Clark Johnson(s,DouganC.&Mary) and Lucy Ritchie Johnson  
 Issue: r. Old Trinity and High Point
- a. Ritchie, b. 8-11-1901; m. 11-5-1932, Robert Vinton Hayworth, b. 6-10-1900, r. Guilford Co.
  - b. Dougan Clark(III), b. 3-9-1916; m. 10-24-1942, Mary Frances Williams, b. 5-25-1919.  
 They had: 1. Cynthia, b. 2-3-1948.
- F-5-g-1. June A. Johnson(s,Lemuel&Mary) and Fanny Shaw Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
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| a. Mary | d. Margaret |
| b. Rona | e. Malcolm  |
| c. Ruth | f. June A.  |
- (May not be in order of birth.)
- F-5-k-1. James Gibson Graham and Arvilla Johnson(dt,J. Alvin&Ruth) Graham
- a. George Garland, b. 9-2-1885, d. 3-12-1947; m. St. Clair, Mo., 6-30-1908, Mabel Florence Weaver, b. 12-9-1884, dt. Silas and Isola Smith Weaver (Teays Chapel).
  - b. James Ray, b. 5-7-1887; m. St. Clair, Mo., 4-2-1914, Kathryn Ogan, b. 1-12-1893, dt. George and Zadith Adoska Sullivan Ogan.
  - c. Richard Lee Earl, b. 5-8-1894; m. Independence, Mo., 12-9-1923, Virgie Hendrix, b. 11-12-1893.
  - d. Thomas Gibson, b. 3-11-1898;  
 m. 1st, St. Clair, Mo., 1919, Katie Parks, dt. Samuel and Etta Meachem Parks  
 m.2nd, 3-11-1937, Alice Davis.
- F-5-k-3. Rolland Millikan Johnson(s,J.Alvin&Ruth) and Cynthia Pyeatt Johnson  
 Issue; r. Clinton, Mo.; Santa Ana, Calif.
- a. Ralph Earl, b. 11-14-1892; m. Santa Ana, Calif., 4-8-1920. Minnie Agard, b. ca. 1892, d.12-17-1935 (Fairhaven).
  - x b. Jessie Ruth, b. 2-2-1900; m. Victorville, Calif., 2-11-1927, Karl Dickenson Smith, s. Charles Edward and Jennie May Dickenson Smith
  - c. Jennie Florence, b. 11-30-1902, d. 9-9-1903 (Englewood).

- F-5-k-5. Samuel A. Johnson(s, J. Alvin & Ruth) and Rose Ella Carey Johnson  
 Issue: r. Kinder, Mo.  
 a. Forest Samuel, b. 11-11-1895, d. 3-3-1953; m. Zalma, Mo., 9-8-1938, Ina Lloyd DeShaw, b. 9-28-1905, dt. Oscar and Lestine Lloyd  
 They had: 1. Stanley Forest, b. 11-11-1939.
- F-5-k-6. Carl Roscoe Johnson(s, J. Alvin & Ruth) and Ola Fowler Johnson  
 Issue: r. Santa Ana and Murphy, Calif.  
 a. Wilbur, b. 4-6-1900; m. Asbury, Mo., 10-23-1927, Anna Johnson, b. 12-30-1898, dt. Wm. and Caroline Olson Johnson, formerly of Sweden.  
 They had: 1. Darrald, b. 6-13-1939.  
 b. George A., b. 12-23-1901, m. 10-12-1922, Zoe Neat  
 They had: 1. Connie; m. Douglas Scott  
 2. Vida; m. Jack Nelson
- F-5-k-10. Jesse Francis Van Winkle and Erma Ellen Johnson(dt, J. Alvin & Ruth) Van Winkle  
 Issue: r. Clinton, Mo.  
 a. Virginia Vineta, b. 7-14-1912, d. 3-24-1914.  
 b. Dorwin Johnson, b. 8-6-1915; m. 11-24-1946, Audry Laverne Sheffer, b. 9-4-1922, dt. Dean and Lena Sheffer.  
 They had: 1. Harriet Lewis, b. 5-14-1952.  
 c. Dorothy Jean, b. 8-6-1915 (twin); m. Yuma, Ariz., 6-15-1942, Woodward Bates Greason, s. Woodward B. and Carrie Bates Greason.  
 They had: 1. Douglas Terry, b. 8-13-1943  
 2. Sheila Jean, b. 8-3-1944.  
 d. Billy Joe, b. 6-12-1918, d. 10-12-1918.  
 e. Norzette, b. 12-2-1919; m. Las Vegas, Nev., 1-14-1940, Robert Wright Church, b. 5-29-1912, s. James and Flora Mercer Church.  
 They had: 1. Robert Wright, b. 12-18-1940.  
 2. Carolyn Louisa, b. 5-27-1942  
 3. Trudy Ann, b. 8-1-1944  
 4. Jennifer Kay, b. 10-18-1949  
 f. Alta Jane, b. 10-3-1922; m. Belton, Mo., 11-29-1943, Wesley Andrew Orth, b. 7-22-1924, s. Wm. and Blanche Butcher Orth.  
 They had: 1. Karen Jane, b. 10-27-1944  
 2. Dorwin Kim, b. 2-5-1947  
 g. Coda Clotilda, b. 1-1-1925.
- F-5-l-2. Joseph Milton Johnson(s, J. Oliver & Martha) and Olive Thurman Johnson  
 Issue: r. Henry Co., Mo.; Loveland, Colo.  
 a. William Milton, b. 1909; m. Montrose, Mo., 1931, Helen Sargent, b. 2-2-1911, dt. Silas and Mary Sapp Sargent  
 They had: 1. Barbara A., b. 2-18-1934.  
 2. William Lee, b. 6-16-1936.  
 b. Cecil O., b. 5-29-1911; m. Opal Emma Sinclair, dt. Earl Marvin and Emma Kunkel Sinclair, Clarksville, Mo.  
 They had: 1. Janice Lea, b. 10-15-1949  
 c. Russell T., b. 4-8-1913; m. Jennie \_\_\_\_\_, b. 8-17-1913.
- F-5-l-3. James Comer and Elizabeth Deida Johnson(dt, J. Oliver & Ruth) Comer  
 Issue: r. Henry Co., Mo.  
 a. Ruth, b. 8-26-1911; m. Montrose, Mo., 8-1-1940, James Corbett Vansant, b. 11-25-1892, s. George and Susan Vansant  
 They had: 1. Carol Sue, b. 1-27-1945  
 2. Samuel Allan, b. 5-21-1947.  
 b. Lillie May, b. 5-21-1914; m. St. Louis, Mo., 5-14-1950, Kenneth Porter Lewis, b. 11-1-1916, s. Quilla and Gussie Lewis.

#### Seventh and Eighth Generations

- C-5-b-1-a. James Modlin and Louella Johnson(dt, Rumulus & Lydia) Modlin  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Cicero Lee, b. 1892, d. 1- -1948; m. Minnie Hall.  
 They had: a. Vincent, m. and has two children.

- C-5-b-1-a. James Modlin and Louella Johnson(dt,Romulus&Lydia) Modlin--Continued  
 2. Ruth, b. 1898, d. 1931; m. Joseph Hill.  
 They had: a. Jay Addison; m., r. Burlington  
 b. Dewey; m., r. Jamestown - 2 children  
 c. Ralph, b. 1926; m., r. Danville, Va.
3. Henry Romulus, b. 1900; m. Lucy Hodgkin, dt. Wm. Ellis and Cornelia Jane Gardner Hodgkin.
- C-5-b-3-a. Charles Ernest Johnson(s,Horace&Rebecca) and Grace Walker Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Davidson Co.
1. Horace Lee, b. 8-25-1897, d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 m. 1st, \_\_\_\_\_ Leonard.  
 m. 2nd, May Thompson.
2. Elizabeth Rebecca, b. 11-1-1899; m. Coy Parish, dec'd.
3. Robert Glenn, b. 9-22-1902, d. infancy.
4. Annie Virginia, b. 1-24-1905; m. Perry Morgan.
5. DeWitt Clinton, b. 10-17-1907; m. Lucile Phillips  
 They had: a. DeWitt Clinton  
 b. Ann; m. Edward Curtis Mobley of Lancaster, S.C.
6. Charles Elazer, b. 9-26-1909; unm.
7. Grace May, b. 8-29-1913; m. Francis Lawton of S.C.
- C-5-b-3-b. Ira Thomas Johnson(s,Horace&Rebecca) and Minta Briles Johnson  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Davidson Co.
- x 1. Clyde Jane, b. 10-31-1899; m. 4-17-1919, William Bryan May, b. 12-7-1896, d. 3-13-1954.
2. Maggie Lee, b. 5-13-1901.
3. Thomas Filmore, b. 12-10-1902; m. 4-9-1923, Edna Ritchie.
4. Charles Henry, b. 10-11-1904; m. 12-24-1929, Lucile Cecil, b. 6-19-1907  
 They had: a. Charles Richard, b. 11-30-1935  
 b. Molly Cecil, b. 4-19-1937.
- x 5. Mary Jemima, b. 3-22-1906; m. 4- -1927, Ross Homer Davis, b. 2-11-1897.
6. Alfred Gilmer, b. 1-15-1908, d. 2-1-1914.
7. Walter Easley, b. 8-17-1910.  
 m. 1st, 9-9-1933, Hazel Barber, b. 9-30-1913, d. 6-26-1941.  
 m. 2nd, 4-28-1945, Claire Rothrock.
8. Ira Edward, b. 7-8-1912; m. 12-3-1939, Grace Iveigh, b. 12-25-1915.  
 They had: a. Joseph Edward, b. 10-17-1941.  
 b. Donald Kenneth, b. 8-25-1945.
9. Joseph Briles, b. 5-29-1914; m. 10-12-1939, Elizabeth Hawthorne  
 They had: a. Phillip, b. 9-11-1944  
 b. Gayle, b. 11-27-1949.
10. Frank Wilson, b. 10-27-1916; m. 12-19-1942, Geraldine Redding, b. 3-20-1921.  
 They had: a. Ronald Redding, b. 3-8-1948  
 b. Janice Wilson, b. 3-8-1951.
11. William Paul, b. 8-18-1919; m. 6-7-1947, Mabel Ailene Kirkman.
12. Sallie Dorcas, b. 3-7-1924; m. 10-17-1945, Walter Michael Hulack, b. 10-9-1918.  
 They had: a. Gloria Johnson, b. 1-4-1947  
 b. Margaret Ann, b. 5-4-1951.
- C-5-b-5-d. DeWitt Clinton Owen(s,Lindsay&Fannie) and Eugenia B. Wagner Owen  
 Issue: r. Rowan Co.
1. Eugenia Capitola; m. George J. Mayer, Pittsburgh, Pa., d. 5-17-1953.
2. Josephine; m. James McCombs of Granite Quarry, N.C.  
 They had: a. James  
 b. Brent
- C-5-b-5-e. Earlie Eugene Owen(s,B.Lindsay&Fannie) and Betty Snider Owen  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.
1. Winifred May, b. \_\_\_\_\_ ; m. Woodrow Baine Wood.  
 They had: a. Woodrow Baine II
2. Sarah Clarice; m. Sidney Mack Stinchcomb  
 They had: a. Bobby Joe (son)  
 b. Betty Ann  
 c. John William

C-5-b-5-e. Earlie Eugene Owen(s,B.Lindsay&Fannie) and Betty Snider Owen--Continued

3. Jessie Frances; m. Thomas Clifton Pierce  
They had: a. Margaret Ann  
b. Thomas Edwin
4. Helen Clyde; m. Howard McClain Cecil  
They had: a. Jerry McClain  
b. Martha Jane  
c. Charles Earl.

C-5-b-5-f. William Rose Owen(s,B.Lindsay&Fannie) and Emma Clapp Owen

- Issue: r. Davidson Co.
1. Dorothy; m. W T Harris.
  - x 2. Iris; m. James Carl Harrison.
  3. Judith Lee; m. Frank M. Hayes.  
They had: a. Elizabeth Ann
  4. Elizabeth; m. Lindley McAdams.
  5. William Ray; m. 8-17-1952, Peggy Jean Holmes, dt. Mr. and Mrs. James Cleveland Holmes of Statesville.
  6. Patricia.
  7. James Edward.

C-5-b-5-g. Henry C. Clodfelter and Nettie L. Owen(dt,B.Lindsay&Fannie) Clodfelter

- Issue: r. Dayton, Ohio
1. Wendell Owen, b. 10-18-1908; m. Elizabeth Burnett of Ohio.  
They had: a. Robert Glenn, b. 7-27-1935.  
b. Bruce William, b. 8-6-1938.
  2. Paul Douglas, b. 10-21-1913; m. Annabel Tipple  
They had: a. James Michael, b. 11-14-1946.  
b. Paula Lynn, b. 3-14-1949.

C-5-b-5-h. John James Shaw III, and Jessie M. Owen(dt,B.Lindsay&Fannie) Shaw

- Issue: r. Lee(formerly Sumter) Co., S.C.
1. Caroline Elizabeth, b. 11-9-1914; m. 10-7-1942, Hubert Jones Privette, s, Wm. G. & Inez Reynolds Privette of Chapel Hill, N.C.  
They had: a. Caroline Elizabeth, b. 11-9-1946.  
b. Hubert Jones II, b. 8-2-1948.

C-5-b-5-i. Julius H. Bowers and Minnie Lee Owen(dt,B.Linsay&Fannie) Bowers

- Issue: r. Rowan Co.
1. Hazel Judith Lee; m. Kent Creuser; r. Avondale Estates, Ga.  
They had: a. Kenton Bowers; m. 6-26-1954, Jacquelyn Brownlee.
  2. Gretchen Julia; m. Francis R. Gonce; r. Bowling Green, Ky.

C-5-b-9-a. George W. Black and Courtney E. Kendall(dt,Milton&M.Lula) Black

- Issue: r. Davidson Co.
1. Marie Louise, b. 9-17-1903; m. Charlie Oscar Beyant, b. 4-9-1899  
They had: a. Billy Charles, b. 11-1-1932.
  - x 2. Courtney Katharine, b. 3-19-1904; m. KERNIE CLAYTON LAMBETH, b. 10-15-1892.
  3. James Wilson, b. 5-27-1908; m. Janie Smith, b. 5-13-1912.
  4. Ruby Dear, b. 8-21-1910; m. Foy Bruce Shoaf, b. 11-23-1909.
  5. Jessie May, b. 10-26-1912; m. Sollie Franklin Hinkle, b. 3-9-1904.  
They had: a. Frances May, b. 3-17-1932.  
b. Joan Carole, b. 1-12-1944.
  6. Tom LaFayette, b. 11-10-1915; m. Margaret Wishon, b. 6-11-1930.  
They had: a. July Ann, b. 8-18-1946.
  7. Marvin Bowers, b. 3-29-1917; m. Texie Hill, b. 1-31-1921.
  8. Alice Rose, b. 5-30-1919; m. Wade James Yates, b. 2-11-1917.  
They had: a. Ronald Wade, b. 8-28-1938.  
b. Larry Gene, b. 5-27-1942.
  9. Ida Gladys, b. 8-13-1821; m. Harry Nathaniel Shoaf, b. 1-19-1921.



C-5-b-9-c. Commodore DeWitt Kendall(s,Milton&Lula) and Ruby Pleasants Kendall  
Issue: r. Greensboro, N.C.  
1. Margaret Louise, b. 11-22-1918; m.6-22-1939, John Burton Thompson, b. 4-1-1917,  
r. Chattanooga, Tenn.

They had: a. John Burton, II, b. 3-17-1943.  
b. Carolyn Kendall, b. 5-10-1948.

C-5-b-9-d. Thomas Lee Kendall(s,Milton&M.Lula) and Nannie Ethel Woodall Kendall  
Issue: r. Axton, Va.

1. Lee, b. 2-3-1919; m. 1945, Frances McGuire.  
2. Mildred Iris, b. 10-16-1920; m. 3-29-1944, William Bernard Wall, b. 4-3-1917.

They had: a. Ernest Kendall, b. 3-19-1949.  
b. Allan Lee, b. 9-24-1952.

3. Robert Milton, b. 8-12-1922; m. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Rainie May, b. 9-1-1924; m. 9-20-1946, Kyle Hickam.  
5. Thomas Melvin, b. 3- -1927, d., infancy.  
6. Marvin Ewell, b. 11-2-1928; m. 1948, Mabel Earles.  
7. Marshall Hale, b. 10-12-1931.  
8. Herbert Maxwell, b. 8-24-1934.  
9. Mary Joan, b. 4- -1937.  
10. Mona Rea, b. 8-4-1940.

C-5-b-9-f. Milton Dewey Kendall(s,Milton&M.Lula) and Virginia Oster Kendall  
Issue: r. Washington, D.C.

1. Milton Dewey, II, b. 7-30-1930; m, 11-3-1950, Cecelia Schrider.  
They had: a. Jaclyn Marie, b. 6-26-1951.

b. Mary Colleen, b. 8-6-1952.

2. Joyce Lee, b. 11-22-1939.

F-3-b-3-a. John W. Johnson(s,Cassius&Phoebe) and Mary Alice Winslow Johnson  
Issue - may not be in order of birth: r. Guilford Co.

1. Clarence, living at Trinity.  
2. J. Lee, living at Mooresville.  
3. Paul, living at Asheboro.  
4. Robert Ray, living at High Point.  
5. Richard, living at High Point.  
6. A daughter; m. Clayton Jones, R.F.D., High Point.  
7. A daughter; m. D.M. Procter, High Point.  
8. A daughter; m. George Ansley, Chicago, Ill.  
9. Mary; unm., R.F.D. #5, High Point.  
10. A daughter; m. Gurney Younts, Trinity.

F-5-k-1-a. George Garland Graham(s,James&Arvilla) and Mabel F. Weaver Graham  
Issue: r. St. Clair Co., and Kansas City, Mo.

1. George Harold, b. 7-26-1909; m., Lowry City, Mo., 5-3-1937, Ruth Randall, b. 3-29-  
1918, dt. Charles and Elena Randall.

2. Lillian Lucille, b. 7-20-1911; m., Kansas City, Mo., 7-18-1937, Russell Lincoln  
Huston, b. 2-12-1909, s. Abraham and Serepta Willoby Huston.

They had: a. Patricia Jane, b. 9-13-1938.  
b. Joyce Sue, b. 8-13-1941.  
c. Norman Russell, b. 7-31-1946.

3. Viola Ruby, b. 5-19-1913; m. Kansas City, Mo., 11-16-1941, James Howard Cornett,  
s. Edward and Erma Cornett.

They had: a. James Howard.  
b. Jeanie Ray.  
Twins, b. 4-18-1947.

4. Geneva St. Clair, b. 4-17-1914; m. 11-9-1935, Lester Leroy Peace, s. Samuel and  
Emma Beard Peace of Piedmont, Ala.

They had: a. Roberta, b. 8-15-1936.

5. Clyde, b. 4-20-1916; m. Kansas City, Mo., 12-9-1943, Jessy Epstein, b. in Russia, dt.  
Morris and Freida Epstein.

They had: a. Sandra, b. 1-14-1945.  
b. Freddy Garland, b. 7-16-1947.  
c. Douglas Bruce, b. 2-8-1950.

F-5-k-1-a. George Garland Graham(s, James & Arvilla) and Mabel F. Weaver Graham—Cont.  
6. Margie Merue, b. 3-13-1923; m. Kansas City, Mo., 11-14-1944, Ralph Yallaly, s,  
Oscar and Vela Yallaly.

They had: a. Ralph Graham, b. 1-4-1946.  
b. Johnny Dale, b. 12-20-1951.

F-5-k-3-b. Karl Dickenson Smith and Jessie Ruth Johnson(dt, Rolland & Cynthia) Smith  
Issue: r. Elgin, Oreg.

1. Dorothy May, b. 11-11-1928; m. Las Vegas, Nev., 5-28-1950, Richard Edward Rees,  
b. 8-3-1927; r. Anaheim, Calif.

They had: a. Charles Edward, b. 1-26-1952.

2. Donald Lynn, b. 11-21-1932.

3. Deanna Belle, b. 12-17-1937.

F-5-k-3-a. Ralph E. Johnson(s, Rolland & Cynthia) and Minnie Agard Johnson  
Issue: r. Santa Ana, Calif.

x 1. Marjorie Jean, b. 8-5-1922; m. Las Vegas, Nev., 8-31-1940, Clinton Ray Sharar,  
b. 11-10-1912.

They had: a. Gene Clinton, b. 12-19-1941.

b. Janet Gail, b. 10-15-1944

2. Lester Ralph, b. 4-16-1928; m. 6-21-1953, Barbara June Morse, dt. Mr. & Mrs.  
June Morse.

#### Eighth and Ninth Generations

C-5-b-1-a-3. Henry Romulus Modlin(s, James & Louella) and Lucy Hodgkin Modlin  
Issue: r. Jamestown, Guilford Co.

a. Alice Louise, b. 1923; m. Lyman L. Bryan of Norma, Okla., b. 1924; r. Arlington, Va.  
They had: 1. Lowell Leland, b. 1946.

2. Lisa, b. 1953.

b. Henry Romulus, b. 1924; m. 1st, Ruby Furvey

They had: 1. James, b. 1948.

2. Sugenia, b. 1950.

m. 2nd, Lala Tucker.

c. Philip Hodgkin, b. 1926; m. Washington, D.C., 8-20-1953, Rosalind Robinson, b. 1928,  
dt. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Robinson, Oakland City, Ind.

They had: Melanie Ann, b. 5-3-55.

d. Muriel Jane, b. 1928, d. 1934.

e. Helen Kay, b. 1934; m. Harold Hill.

f. Miriam Jane, b. 1941.

g. Suzanne Dale, b. 1945.

C-5-b-3-b-1. William B. May and Clyde J. Johnson(dt, Ira & Minta) May  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.

a. William Joseph, b. 4-27-1920; m. 3-27-1946, Betty Burke

They had: 1. William Joseph, b. 6-2-1947.

b. Ruth Johnson, b. 5-14-1921; m. Henry Iseley Ridenhour, b. 2-28-1921.

c. Mary Elizabeth, b. 11-27-1926; m. 6-10-1950, Charles Johnson Fulp, b. 7-2-1928.

C-5-b-3-b-3. Thomas Filmore Johnson(s, Ira & Minta) and Edna Ritchie Johnson  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.

a. Dorothy Lee, b. 1-20-1925; m. 12-28-1946, William Tate Green (II), b. 11-15-1924.

They had: 1. William Tate (III), b. 6-12-1948.

2. Betsy Johnson, b. 2-23-1952.

b. Helen Jewell, b. 4-10-1927; m. 11-19-1949, Fred Stewart Kennedy, b. 8-20-1925.

c. Ira Thomas, b. 11-21-1930.

d. Robert Luther, b. 11-12-1933.

e. James Franklin, b. 10-26-1935.

C-5-b-3-b-5. Homer Ross Davis and Mary J. Johnson(dt, Ira & Minta) Davis  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.

a. Lyna Jane, b. 1-22-1928; m. 2-23-1946, Robert Randall Sexton

They had: 1. Mary Jane, b. 9-27-1947.

b. Betsy Ross, b. 12-18-1939.

C-5-b-5-f-2. James Carl Harrison and Iris Owen(dt,Wm.&Emma) Harrison

Issue:

r. Davidson Co.

- a. Barbara Carol.
- b. James Carl.
- c. Phoebe Owen.
- d. Phyllis Jane.

C-5-b-9-a-2. Kernie Clayton Lambeth and C. Katherine Black(dt,George&Courtney) Lambeth

Issue:

r. Davidson Co.

- a. Jessie Easter, b. 6-27-1924.
- b. Ella Ray, b. 10-11-1925.
- c. Dalton Clayton, b. 12-22-1926; m. Barbara Nichols, b. 1-11-1931.  
They had: 1. Terry Neil, b. 10-20-1951.

C-5-b-9-a-3. James Wilson Black(s,George&Courtney) and Janie Smith Black

Issue:

r. Davidson Co.

- a. James Wilson, b. 11-14-1933.
- b. Lily Frances, b. 10-22-1935.
- c. Dewey George, b. 6-11-1941.
- d. James Ray, b. 9-18-1947.

DeWITT CLINTON JOHNSON

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man."

Clinton Johnson was best loved, will be longest remembered for his helpfulness to those who could give nothing in return but the gratitude of a thankful heart. Frequently he took the time to remove from the roadway some unusually large stone that (by recent rainfall or passing vehicles) had been loosened from the rocky bed of the unimproved roads of his time - in order that those who came afterwards might be spared a jolt.

Nothing is more revealing of a person's character or of the period in which he lived than his letters. The earliest of Clinton Johnson's letters to which the writer has access may be found in the pension file of his grandmother, Rosannah Lytle Johnson, widow of Capt. John Johns(t)on of the American Revolution. This letter is quoted below:

La Grange, N.C.  
20th of June, 1844

J. L. Edwards  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington City, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as to give consideration to the following facts in relation to my Grand Mother's pension claim.

About the first of May last, an agent of Mr. J\_\_ A. C\_\_ (full name withheld) of Ruffins Mills, N.C., called on my old Grandma (who resides some distance from me) and told her that he thought Mr. C, by his influence with the Pension Department, could draw for her another year's pension, but added that it was extremely doubtful and that he knew of but one case of that kind that had been successful. Mr. Clement Johnson asked him if there was an act of Congress to that effect. He affirmed there was not, but laid great stress upon Mr. C's influence and in that way obtained a grant of half of her yearly allowance.

Hence you will perceive at a glance that this fellow committed a great fraud upon the old lady, and what makes it the more reprehensible she is in indigent circumstances, without a house of her own, and dependent on her friends. You will also discover that Mr. C. has had no trouble or expense in establishing the claim as the evidence of that is already in your Department. Consequently, he had no right to exact half of the pension.

My grandma, Rosannah Johnson, directed me to write to the Hon. Edward De Bery to go to your office and prevent her certificate being issued to Mr. C for the reason that he got her consent for him to act for her through fraud & deception. I wrote accordingly & received an answer from Mr. DeBery stating that Mr. Sylvestus, Mr. C's agent in Washington, had obtained her certificate on the 30th of May. Mr. S. informed Mr. DeBery that he had forwarded this certificate to Mr. C, etc.

I saw the old lady yesterday and read Mr. DeBery's letter to her. She is determined not to make Power of Attorney to Mr. C. to draw under that certificate and beseeches you to countermand it and, if it is in your power to do so, to issue her certificate through me.

*I am Respectfully  
Yours Obedt Servant  
D.W.C. Johnson*

N.B. If you cannot comply with the latter part of the above request, be so kind as to direct me how to proceed to void the certificate in Mr. C's possession.

D.W.C.J.

The pension record shows that the certificate requested above was delivered to D.W.C. Johnson. At the time this letter was written, the post office in North Carolina by the name of La Grange (now located in Lenoir Co., N.C.) was in Randolph. The Rand McNalley Gazateer of U. S. Post Offices lists the following persons as having served as postmasters of La Grange, Randolph County: 1842, Alexander W. Hoover; 1851, John Dorsett.

Born in 1814 (before the days of public schools), Clinton Johnson, like many of his contemporaries, did not have the advantage of formal schooling. While only a boy, he built a shed-room addition to the family home where he could read and study undisturbed. Later, he read law under the direction of a friend. On May 12, 1846, Clinton was married to Eliza Dear.

On December 10, 1846, Clinton bought an option on the Daniel Merrill farm, located on Uwharrie Creek in northwest Randolph. This land was a part, if not all, of the William Merrill farm that had been owned and occupied subsequently by William's son Daniel. Clinton's deed, dated January 15, 1849, and now in the possession of one of his grandsons, Will R. Owen, shows that this tract included 585 acres; that Clinton bought it through Jonathan Worth, administrator of the Daniel Merrill estate. Clinton and Eliza's first five children were born in the Merrill house. This old house, thought to have been the home of William and Mary (Cornell) Merrill, was located about eight miles south east of Thomasville and about one mile east of the water mill on Uwharrie known as Sumner' mill (previously known as Skeen's mill).

The census of 1860 shows the Clinton Johnsons as residents of Davidson County. Their home in Thomasville was built of lumber cut from the farms in Randolph and hauled the seven or eight miles by oxcarts. For several years prior to the time it was torn down in 1934, this two-story frame house at the top of Westmoreland Hill on Randolph Street was known as one of the two houses in the town that dated back to the time when Thomasville was only a hamlet. In addition to the Merrill land, Clinton (said to have been land poor) owned the Hale farm, the Miller place, and the Leonard Dorsett farm. After moving to town, Clinton continued to operate a farm in Randolph. He never used slave labor, so the farm work was done by his two oldest sons, a few hired hands and, occasionally, "bound boys." Each Monday morning during the farming season these workmen and their housekeeper, the Johnsons' daughter Fannie, went down to the Merrill place for the week. On Saturday afternoon, they returned to Thomasville for a short stay with the family, a schedule that was continued until the three oldest of Clinton and Eliza's children began to have serious intentions toward marriage.

After settling in what is now northwest Randolph, at that time a trackless forest miles from the nearest Presbyterian church, most of the Johnsons, born of Presbyterian stock, united with the Methodists. Clinton waited until there was a Presbyterian church within his reach. On September 3, 1859 (about the time he moved to Thomasville), a church now known as the First Presbyterian Church of High Point was organized. This was only seven miles away. The church minutes in which is recorded Clinton Johnson's reception into its membership are quoted below:

High Point, April 14th, 1860

The Session met in the church at 10 o'clock Saturday and was opened with prayer. Present: Rev. P.H. Dalton, Eli Denny, and Malcolm Shaw, Elders. Nathan Hunt, his wife, Sarah A. Hunt, Louisa Marion Sullivan, and A.B. Wall, all came forward as candidates for church membership. After a satisfactory examination as to their acquaintance with experimental religion they were unanimously admitted as members of this church. Session then took recess until Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock when Mr. D.W.C. Johnson of Thomasville gave his religious experience and was also received as a member. He together with all those mentioned above, with the exception of Mr. Wall, was baptized before the sermon. Rev. Mr. Dalton preached and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the presence of a large and solemn assembly.

The following children were also baptized, viz.--Enoss Edward Hunt, Harriett Enlali Hunt, Robert Pleasant Hunt, William Elliott Thurston, and Mary Ellen Thurston. Rev. Mr. Dalton having unexpectedly failed to get help and having so many members to receive and so many persons to baptize and all the preaching to do after Saturday morning, in the press of business, neglected to close with prayer. We all regret it, but so it is.

M. Shaw, C.S.

In an article entitled, Early Memories of Thomasville, by Mrs. Mollie (Dodson) Lines, we are told that Clinton Johnson was Thomasville's first lawyer (Thomasville Times, Aug. 10, 1922). In the 1880 census Clinton's occupation was classified as lawyer; prior to that census, it had been reported as farmer. It is said that he always advised his clients to settle their differences out of court, if possible. Clinton was one of the Superintendents of Thomasville's first bank, chartered on February 25, 1861, but compelled to suspend operations during the war. He was one of the original stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad, the first to operate in Davidson County and now a part of the Southern Railway System.

Although he never owned slaves, Clinton Johnson was listed in the Slave Schedules of 1860 which were separate census reports on the number of slaves and their owners. D.W.C. Johnson (Clinton) was accredited with the ownership of one slave, a black female, aged seven years (N.C. Slave Schedule No. 2, p. 19). A story from the childhood memories of the compiler is the sequel to this unusual, if not unique entry.

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One day in 1867, a fourteen-year-old Negro girl left the home of my maternal grandparents, Clinton and Eliza Johnson, to make her way alone. About twenty-seven years later, she came back for a visit to the Johnson family who spoke of her still as Little Jane. During that visit, at which time I was about six years old, I received one of the most lasting and most precious impressions of my childhood.

As far back as I can remember, Mother often told us about Little Jane. All that was needed to get her started on the subject was for someone to say, "Tell us about how Little Jane came to live at your house;" or "We want to hear about the time she went visiting in your best dress."

The story of Little Jane began back in 1851, when Reuben Dear sold his farm in North Carolina and he and the other men of his household set out in covered wagons to select and make ready a place for his family to settle in Missouri. The womenfolk, to follow by stagecoach as soon as living quarters for them had been arranged, were left behind with Reuben's daughter and her husband, Eliza and Clinton Johnson. During that period of waiting, two babies were born into the Johnson household; one, a child of Clinton and Eliza, the other, a Negro girl born to a slave woman whose husband had gone to Missouri with Reuben Dear.

When the wagons were being loaded for the journey to Missouri, it was found necessary to ask Eliza to keep some of the furniture (a chest of drawers, a bookcase, and a corner cupboard) until later. As the women were about to start for Missouri, it seemed advisable that Eliza keep the new-born Negro baby too. No persuasion was needed to get her to

keep the furniture (handmade of solid walnut); the mother's plea, "You can take better care of her here now", won Eliza's consent to keep the child. All left with expectations of returning for their belongings; came the War Between the States, and their hopes were never realized. The furniture became heirlooms in the Johnson family and the baby, Little Jane, never saw her mother again.

In those days, feeding at the breast was thought to be the only safe method for infants, so it was considered necessary that Little Jane have a "wet nurse." Had Clinton Johnson owned slaves in proportion to his means one could have been supplied; a nursing mother could have been called in from the quarters. But in the Johnson household there were no quarters - no slaves. Nevertheless, Little Jane had her "wet nurse." Eliza, at that time nursing her own child, calmly announced, "I think I'll be able to continue nursing both babies."

A problem that arose later on was how to pacify the neighbors who were criticizing because Little Jane was permitted to play with the Johnson children. Again, someone came up with an idea, "Why not let her play nursemaid?" There was no denying that Little Jane was much smaller than any of the Johnsons about her age, but that was ruled out as a matter of secondary importance. From then on, the family took pains to speak of Little Jane as "the nurse," and Little Jane busied herself trying to act the part - more especially if they were playing where they could be seen by those neighbors.

That time when Little Jane became involved with Mother's best dress was one summer when Grandmother Johnson took her younger children for a stay at Healing Springs and left a white woman from the North in charge of Little Jane and the housekeeping. That dress, made of white eyelet embroidery and considered too fine for ordinary occasions, was left at home too. When the party returned from the springs, those meddling neighbors lost no time in telling Grandmother what had been going on during her absence. "We think that you should know about what has been taking place while you were away. That Yankee has been dressing up your little Jane in your daughter Fanny's Sunday dress and taking her out visiting with her!" Mother always laughed softly when she told us about this.

Apparently unmindful of the radical changes in the social order about her, Little Jane appeared to be satisfied to remain with the Johnsons; then, for the first time, she began to show discontent. Finally, Grandfather decided to give her the opportunity to tell him what was disturbing her. When that time came, Little Jane lowered her head and gave way to tears. Between sobs she turned to him and said: "The people from up north tell me that I'm . . . a slave - that I'll always be . . . a slave - that is . . . if I stay on here . . . with you and Miss Eliza!"

Like many others in his section of North Carolina, Grandfather opposed slavery and never owned slaves. During hostilities, he served as Captain of the Home Guard and sent his oldest son into the battered Army of the Confederacy with the "boys of seventeen;" yet, he had never wavered in his conviction that slavery is contrary to the will of God. As unwarranted as it seemed, this outburst from Little Jane made it very plain that he was being accused of slave-holding - a serious charge during Reconstruction; that Little Jane would be compelled to "take freedom." Whenever Mother came to this part of the story, she looked sad and closed by saying, "And so Little Jane had to go."

Before she left, Little Jane (who had been taught to read and write) promised to let the Johnsons hear from her and to come back to see them. Her first letter told that she had found work in the tobacco fields of Orange County and that she had decided to stay there; a later one, brought the news that she had married a man who owned a small tobacco farm. Little Jane's occasional mention of returning for a visit showed that she had not forgotten that promise either. At last, encouraged by the assurance of a warm welcome and by the prosperity of a good tobacco crop, she wrote to appoint the time and to say that Savannah, her half-grown daughter, would come with her.

Those twenty-seven years that Little Jane had been gone had taken their toll at the old home where she spent her childhood. A family of eight saw her leave, but only two, Eliza and her unmarried daughter, were living there when she returned. Eliza had been a widow for more than eight years. Plans for entertaining Little Jane and her daughter were discussed and agreed upon in advance by the heads of the six households into which the Clinton Johnson family had expanded. The neighbors never knew it, but in every one of those homes Little Jane and Savannah occupied the guest room and ate with the family.

The first happening recorded in my memory of that visit was when I found myself with the other children of our family entertaining Savannah in our make-believe playhouses under the big oaks in our yard. Pretty soon I began to wonder what Mother and Little Jane were talking about in the house. After that it didn't take long for me to decide that I'd go and find out. A few times in the past when I had gone to listen in that way I had been told to go back to play, so I entered the room quietly and took a seat in our "baby chair," back in one corner of the room. Little Jane was wearing a shiney new black dress made with a full skirt and tight-fitting waist with sleeves that stood out like balloons at the shoulders. Mother was dressed up too. By the side of Little Jane she looked so big and tall that I couldn't help wondering how little Jane ever managed to go out visiting in Mother's best dress.

Apparently unaware that I had come in, they went on with what they were saying. Little Jane was trying to tell Mother how proud she was for having been brought up in the Johnson family. Then I noticed that Little Jane's face and her voice were behaving as mine did when I was trying hard not to cry. What was said after that, I shall never forget. "Just to think," said Little Jane, "that a fine lady like Miss Eliza treated me as one of her own children. It hurt when they told me that I was different." She closed her lips tightly for a moment, then managed to continue, "But I've always tried to live so that you need never be ashamed of me - to remember that . . . if my skin is black . . . , I can live . . . white." It seemed a long time before Mother spoke and I looked to see if she was about to weep too.

Then came her reply - that took years for me to understand. "Jane, I have always loved you and thought of you as one of my sisters. . . . To me, the color of your skin doesn't matter . . . for I know that underneath, in your soul, you are just as white as we are!"

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The section of North Carolina in which the Johnsons lived was literally dotted with Quaker families and Quaker meeting houses. Prior to the year 1800, these devout people, also known as Friends, liberated their slaves and pledged themselves to oppose slavery, to befriend those affected by slavery. Quaker John Smith Blair, husband of Clinton Johnson's sister Eliza, never failed to send word to Clinton whenever the Spirit had moved the Springfield congregation (of which John and Eliza Blair were members) to assemble for worship. Usually, Clinton attended these meetings and his daughter Fannie went with him. In view of this fact it is not surprising that Clinton Johnson felt as he did toward slavery, that a Negro child stranded in his home was treated so kindly - that his daughter Fannie spoke as she did to Little Jane on that memorable occasion.

As Clinton's children reached the age of twenty-one or were married, he offered each of them a farm in Randolph. He lived to see three of them, Romulus, Horace and Fannie, established in good homes and bringing up a family on land he had given them. After the close of the War Between the States, Clinton designated a portion of the Merrill farm for the colored people of that locality. Sites for a school, a religious campground, and a graveyard were donated. An easy payment plan made it possible for anyone of the freedmen who expected to settle there to own a homestead. The 1870 census shows (in the order given) the following Negroes who were heads of families living in that community: George Lee, 26 (age); Anthony Harris, 25; Lazarus Harris, 38; George Jackson, 30; Daniel Skeen, 40; Willis Dorsett, 38; Murphy Andrews, 50; William Skeen, 36; Robert Skeen, 35; Alexander Koontz, 25.

Nowhere else in Randolph County were so many Negro families shown in a rural area so small. As this settlement occupied the highest point on the Merrill farm, a plateau that is visible for miles, some people began to speak of it as "Nigger Mountain." The colored people and some of the whites, for the want of another name, spoke of it as "the mountain." Several years later the place was given the name Andrews Grove. Just when and why this name was selected is unknown to the writer. One probability is that it was named in honor of Murphy Andrews, a local preacher and the oldest of the original settlers.



The families on the mountains were thrifty, religious, law-abiding, progressive. When not busy on their own farms they worked out at odd jobs for the white farmers. During the winter months they were given work by neighboring landowners who had timber to spare, cutting cord wood and hewing railroad cross ties for the market in Thomasville.

Most of the older men of the Andrews Grove congregation were local (lay) preachers. Each year after the crops were laid by and before fodder pulling time, they held a camp meeting under the brush arbor on the top of the mountain. This was attended by all colored families living within a radius of several miles. For two or three months during the winter the children went to school at the little schoolhouse near the campground. Some years later two industrial and normal schools for colored youth were established in that section of the state - Bennett in Greensboro and Slater in Winston - and it became possible for some of these boys and girls to get a higher education.

Most of the settlers had large families and, as the locality had little to offer in the way of expansion or advancement, it became expedient for some of their children and almost all of their grandchildren to leave the mountain. Young children became so scarce that the school there was abandoned eventually. After a time, only the aged and a few of the middle-aged remained. The mountain was on its way to becoming a ghost settlement. Old people passed away and one by one their homes went to ruin. The little church that replaced the brush arbor, the remains of an old chimney here and there, and the cemetery are all that is left to remind us (in 1955) that the place was once inhabited.

Of those who branched out many found employment in urban areas. Others became the owners of nearby farms that were being vacated by the white people who were moving to Thomasville and other industrial towns. Most of those who managed to attend Bennett or Slater became teachers. One young woman married a professor at Bennett who, later, became president of that institution. Another young woman dedicated her life to the social welfare of her race. She owns a forty-acre tract of land on the mountain, the homestead of her ancestors, which she declines to sell because of its sentimental value.

The Mountain, a readjustment project for the displaced persons of the 1860's, fulfilled the purpose for which it was intended. Clinton Johnson would have claimed for himself none of the credit for the achievements of its settlers. The history of this project, hitherto unrecorded, is included in this sketch because it reflects the kind regard Clinton Johnson had for the Negro race, because it demonstrates what a little help and encouragement can accomplish in the lives of those who are starting over and have the will to succeed.

His earthly mission came to a close on March 6, 1886, and he was laid to rest at Hopewell.

#### J. HARPER JOHNSTON

"J. Harper Johnston, High Point's pioneer citizen and one of the best known and most loved men of this section, died at his home on Broad Street, Sunday morning, Jan. 21, at 12:32 o'clock. He was 90 years of age (born Nov. 26, 1826, near Jamestown). On Dec. 25, 1855 he was wedded to Miss Martitia Jackson of Alamance County . . . Mr. Johnston was for more than 70 years a conscientious and faithful member of the M.E. Church, South. Previous to moving his membership to Wesley Memorial Church here about 18 years ago, he was a member of the Methodist congregation at Jamestown. . . .

"Years ago, Mr. Johnston conducted a store at Jamestown, when High Point of today was merely a dream. He was a frequent visitor, however, to the little settlement that had grown up where the plank road crossed the lumber road, that little settlement being High Point of before the (Civil) war days. And he saw the railroad constructed . . . For 13 years he was one of the two deputy sheriffs patrolling the county, it being his boast that he

never needed a pistol and never carried one. He stood well over six feet; never used spectacles and was able to read the finest print with ease. He was temperate in all things.

"During the Civil War, Mr. Johnston was 'tithing master' for this section of the Confederacy. . . . His realty holdings were rather large; he was one of the directors of the Home Banking Company. . . . On his 90th birthday Mr. Johnston paid a visit to The Enterprise, calmly announced his age and said that he had voted for 17 presidential candidates, and that every one of them was a Democrat. . . ."

(Excerpts from the obituary of J. Harper Johnston, re-published in the "Twenty Years Ago" column of the High Point Enterprise, January 22, 1937).

### JOSEPH JOHNSON

Joseph, youngest child of Joseph and Nancy Lytle Johns(t)on, always used the name Johnson. In 1850, he owned 200 acres of land and 4 slaves (Chaffin, p. 30). He was a fox hunter and always kept a good saddle horse. His especial pride was in his twelve children.

For almost a quarter of a century Joseph Johnson worked for the improvement of the educational advantages for the youth in the contiguous corners of Randolph, Guilford and Davidson Counties. His activities in that direction are told about elsewhere in this book (They Start a School).

After Union Institute was established the family kept boarders. The census of 1850 lists the following members of the Joseph Johnson household as "students:"

John Crabb - 24; A. Pegram - 24; Elisha Raper - 24; Jas. Lowery - 20; Lemuel Lowery - 20; Samuel Bell - 21.

Joseph Johnson was a promoter of Prospect M.E. Church and it is there that he and Nancy were laid to rest.

### KELLY JOHNSON

Kelly, oldest son of Joseph, II, and author of the Kelly Johnson Letter, settled in Randolph County where he died in 1893. He also took an active part in the development of Trinity College. He was present at the meeting held in 1839 for the purpose of organizing the Educational Society for the support of the Academy. Kelly signed the constitution of the Society, was on the committee to plan and establish a library in connection with the Educational Society, and was a member of the reorganized Board of Trustees in 1859 (Chaffin, pp. 43, 45, 50, 179).

Kelly's son LeRoy - to whom the Kelly Johnson Letter was written - was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Conferences of North Carolina, Missouri, and Oklahoma, from the time Oklahoma was admitted to statehood until the time of his death in 1914. His last assignment was as Presiding Elder of Clinton District, the position he held until his death. A letter by the widow of the Rev. LeRoy Johnson, written on October 10, 1914, to relatives in Randolph tells of his death and gives the most information we have concerning this family: ". . . Fred, who lives in Chicago, did not get home for the funeral because his wife was sick. . . . Mother came home with us from Kansas City and expects to spend the winter here, for we expect to remain in Clinton until the girls graduate next summer. . . . We had decided to store our goods, for the girls to go to Dallas to Uncle, and for him and me to stay with LeRoy (Jr.) at Stratford, Oklahoma. We took him to Mangum and laid him to rest on the left side of our lovely Ola. . . . I am trying to be thankful for the thirty-five years of love and constant devotion that he gave me and for our children - for the life he lived. . ." The Rev. Wade Johnson who married Edna Dale and was a member of the North Carolina Conference at the time of his death (about 1947) is said to be a son of the Rev. LeRoy Johnson and his wife, Crissie Welborn Johnson (writer of the letter quoted above).

## BLAIR

Blair is a surname of great antiquity in Scotland and, like many others in that Kingdom, it is territorial. The word "Blair," or "Blar," properly signifies a plain clear of woods. In the language of the Celts, Blair meant to Blear, or Dweller on a plain or level field. As the Celts generally chose such plains for their hostile encounters, some etymologists make the word signify a battle field. The Gaelic form was beár. In Scottish topography Blair signifies a moss or heath and, as there are many localities so called, there may be several distinct Blair families (Imperial Gazette, Scotland).

For more than 600 years the Blairs "of the ilk" have been seated in Ayershire, Scotland. They claim the chieftanship of all the Blairs in the South and the West of Scotland, though this honor has been challenged by the Blairs of Bolthaycock County, Perth, which family dates back to the beginning of the thirteenth century (Harrison, pp. 30, 36).

Two brothers, James and John Blair, were the founders of the Blair family in the Piedmont Section of North Carolina, evidence of which is contained in the pension file of John's son Samuel. Martha (Peggy) Blair who had married her cousin, stated that she was a sister of Samuel, and John Blair who stated that he was a brother-in-law of Samuel, each made affidavit to the Revolutionary War services of Samuel. At that time, John and Martha Blair were residents of Robertson County, Tennessee (R-910).

James Blair (one of the two brothers) died "March ye 11th, 1776" and was buried at Alamance Presbyterian church located about seven miles from the present site of Greensboro, and established in 1764 by the Rev. Henry Pottillo (N.C. Tombstone Rec., D.A.R. Library). In his will, pbt, May, 1776, James Blair mentions the following persons: Mary Eosentrice, wife, who was to have the plantation; John, son, to whom was devised the mill and all tools belonging to the plantation and the mill; Agnes, daughter, who was to receive £50, Specie (Guilford Co. Will Book A, 28).

In Stockard's History of Guilford County (p. 21) we read that in the year 1755, Robert Jones sold to John Blair of Virginia a tract of land on the Dan River in Guilford County. The history of Buffalo Presbyterian Church gives the following: "John Blair secured his section on the Headwaters of North Buffalo. On January 2, 1765, he sold this land to Dr. Caldwell [one of the first Presbyterian ministers to make North Carolina his home] and located on Reedy Fork. His wife was Jean and their children were: Thomas, John, Andrew, Jonathan, Jean and Martha. All this family moved away. John Blair died in 1778. He was a member of the Nottingham Colony" (Rankin, 23, 90). John Blair was among those who, in 1771, signed a petition asking pardon for one Hamilton and one Hunter who had been "outlawed for taking part in the riot at Hillsboro" (N.C. Col. Rec., Vol. 9, pp. 39, 86).

Buffalo Church Community was first settled by members of the Nottingham Colony, a company organized and formed within the bounds of Old Nottingham Presbyterian church at Rising Sun, then in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. When the state line between the eastern part of Pennsylvania and Maryland was re-established (in 1767) that part of Pennsylvania in which Rising Sun was located became the upper part of what is now the upper part of Cecil County, Maryland. The Nottingham Colony secured "Rights from Granville to 33 plots, or sections or 643 acres each." The exact date of the coming of this colony has not been established, but it appears that they came in the summer of 1753. Some were children of the first settlers of Pennsylvania and some were new immigrants from Ireland who were not permitted to buy land in Pennsylvania (Rankin, pp. 14, 15).

Colbert Blair, son of James, was the founder of the branch of this family who settled in what is now south west Guilford and north west Randolph. He is said to have been born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania about the year 1730. After leaving Pennsylvania, Colbert and his father lived for a time in Augusta (after 1778, Rockbridge) County, Virginia where, on April 11, 1770, James and Colbert served as testators to a transfer of land (Chalkney, Vol. 3, p. 510).

The following item concerning Colbert's son James is quoted from Morton (p. 303):

"Jimmy' Blair was born in Augusta County in 1761 and went to the Waxhaw Settlement in South Carolina. When nineteen years old he rode back as far as Fort Defiance [Augusta County, Va.] to arouse the Patriots to meet Ferguson. His father was Colbert Blair, a Quaker, who left Pennsylvania about 1759 to get away from military influence. After 1771, the family moved south, but four sons were in the Continental Army. Col. James Blair was known in verse and story as the 'Reble Rider.' He settled in Habersham County, Georgia, and married a sister of Col. Benjamin Cleveland." (See military record of James Blair.)

Colbert Blair was granted land in Burke (now Caldwell) County in 1778. His son James entered the Revolutionary service from Burke in the summer of 1778. As Colbert received Specie Certificate for aid given to the Continental Army while he was a resident of Guilford County it is logical to assume that he lived in Guilford between 1772 until about 1778, or after leaving Rockbridge County and before settling in Burke County. Colbert is not mentioned in his father's will which was probated in May, 1776. He is listed as the head of a family in Burke County, census of 1790.

Colbert Blair, said to have died about 1805 and his wife, Sarah Morgan Blair, were not buried in the same graveyard. Sarah's grave is said to be "in Lower Creek," but unmarked. Colbert was buried in Cedar Creek Cemetery. The original marker at his grave, made of rough stone and inscribed with his initials only, has been supplemented by a granite pillow that gives additional data.



Marker for grave of Colbert Blair at Cedar Valley near Lenoir, N.C.

Enos Blair, third son of Colbert and Sarah, was born in 1750. On May 10, at the home of John Rich in Guilford County, Enos was married to Hannah Millikan, daughter of William and Jane Roan Millikan. Jane is said to be the daughter of the Rev. Mr. Roan, or Rowan of Pennsylvania (Haworth). Enos and Hannah had twelve children, known as the Twelve Tribes. They lived near Archdale (formerly Bush Hill) in north west Randolph where they are shown in the census of 1790.

## GENEALOGY

### Second and Third Generations

- A. James Blair and Mary Eosentrice Colbert(?) Blair  
Issue: r. Bucks Co., Pa., Augusta Co., Va. (4-11-1770), Guilford Co., N.C.
1. Colbert, b.ca, 1730, d. 1805 (Cedar Creek); m. Sarah Morgan, said to be a first cousin of Daniel Boone.
  2. John; M.B., Guilford Co., dtd. 4-27-1790, to marry Martha Blair; Bondsman, James Blair; Wit., Francis McKemie (N.C., M.B., Vol. 1, p. 34). Martha, dt. John's Uncle John Blair.
  3. Agnes, mentioned in her father's will - no further record.
- B. John Blair and Jean(Jane)\_\_\_\_\_ Blair  
Issue: r. Lancaster Co., Pa., Augusta Co., Va., Guilford Co., N.C.
1. Thomas, Maj. Guilford Co. Militia, Rev. War, b. ca, 1734, d. 8- -1825; will pbt., Guilford Co., Aug. 1825, does not mention Jane, his wife, therefore, it is assumed that she died prior to that date; Thomas is said to have married, ca, 1760-3, Jane Blythe McCuiston, widow of Robert McCuiston.
  2. Andrew - listed as son of John and Jean(Rankin).
  3. John; M.B., Guilford Co., dtc, 2-9-1771, to marry Jane Gamble(Clemens, p. 33) - said to have settled in Tennessee ca, 1792-3.
  4. Samuel, Rev. War soldier, Guilford Co., service, d. 1834; residing in Davidson Co., Tenn., 6-7-1832; had sons, S.M. and G.K. Blair, residents of Nashville, Tenn., 5-19-1884.
  5. Jonathan - listed by Rankin as brother of Maj. Thomas Blair.
  6. Jean(Jane) - no further record.
  7. Martha(Peggy); m. John Blair, her cousin, A-2. (Rankin, p. 23, 90, 185).

### Fourth Generation

- A-1. Colbert(Colvard) Blair(s,James&Mary) and Sarah Morgan Blair  
Issue: r. Bucks Co., Pa.; Augusta Co., Va.; Burke (Now Caldwell) Co., N.C.
- a. Enos, b. 1750, d. 5-13-1834; m. 5-10-1775, Guilford Co., Hannah Millikan, b. 1756, d. 1-14-1852, dt. William and Jane Roan Millikan, ceremony performed at the home of John Rich.
  - b. Colbert; m. Jane(?)Powell, settled in the West.
  - c. James, Rev. War soldier, b. 3-2-1761, Augusta Co., Va., d. after 10-14-1837;  
m. 1st. Elizabeth Cleveland  
m. 2nd. Elizabeth Powell  
He is said to have served as State Senator in Georgia, 1810-1830.
  - d. John, b. 7-6-1764, d. Caldwell Co., 2-25-1846; m. Frances Hill, b. 1-14-1768, d. 12-7-1853 (Cedar Valley) (N.C., Cemetery Rec., D.A.R. Library, p. 109).
  - e. Mary, b. 1762, d. 1827; m. as 1st wife, Moses Guest, b. 1750, d. 1837; Rev. War pensioner.
- B-1. Thomas Clair(s,John&Jean) and Jane Blythe McCuiston Blair  
Issue: r. Guilford Court House
- a. John Calhoun, b. 5-12-1764, Guilford Co., d. 1845, Nashville, Tenn.
  - b. James, b. 1767.
  - c. Samuel Ruth, b. 5-12-1769; m. Elizabeth King.
  - d. Martha, b. 2-12-1771.
  - e. Thomas, soldier, War of 1812, b. 3-11-1773, d. 11-7-1846; m. Guilford Co., 6-25-1800, Eleanor Doak, b.1-27-1778, d. 1-28-1861 (Beach Grove). M.B. dtd. 6-25-1800; Bondsman, John Doak; Wit., John Hamilton (N.C., M.B., Vol. I, p. 34, D.A.R.). Settled on land grant, Davidson Co., Tenn., ca 1810.
  - f. Sarah, b. 1775; m. William Palmer.
  - g. William, b. 1777.

Fifth Generation

A-1-a. Enos Blair(s,Colbert&Sarah) and Hannah Millikan Blair

- Issue: r. Archdale, Randolph Co.
1. Jesse, b. 1-9-1776, War of 1812, 1st Regt., Randolph Co. (N.C. Muster Rolls, War of 1812, p. 119); m. Ann Smith.
  2. Sarah, b. 4-13-1777; . William Hockett, or Hoskett - no children.
  3. Jane, b. 9-4-1778; m. Lowe - settled in Indiana.
  4. Enos, b. 5-18-1780 - went to Indiana, d. young.
  5. Abner, b. 4-3-1783.
  6. Solomon, b. 12-10-1785; m. Randolph Co., 8-13-1811, Nancy Clark, b. 10-26-1788, dt. Joseph and Nancy Merrill Clark.
  - x 7. Martha, b. 11-27-1787; m. Josiah Tomlinson.
  8. Hannah, b. 1-23-1790, d. young.
  9. Josiah, b. 1-22-1792; m. 5-11-1816; Jane Tomlinson, dt. Samuel and Anna English Tomlinson, Anna was dt. Thomas and Margaret Flynn English.
  10. Ruth, b. 8-7-1794; m. White.
  11. Nathan, b. 9-9-1797; m. 10-23-1819, Sarah Tillery, b. ca. 1801.
  12. John, b. 7-5-1800, d. 7-12-1859; m. 4-11-1819, Elizabeth Tomlinson, b. 1-17-1796, d. 6-30-1862.

A-1-d. John Blair(s,Colbert&Sarah) and Frances Hill Blair.

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Burke Co. 1790 census)
1. James, b. 9-8-1785, d. 9-30-1868; m. Dicey Fortner (dt. E.F. and E. Fortner) b. 10-26-1791, d. 1-27-1869 (Cedar Valley).
  2. William F., living in Pocahontas Co., Va., in 1854.
  3. Thomas; m. Susan Edmonson.
  4. Mary; m. Carter Cox - moved to Indiana.
  5. Colbert; m. Mary(Polly) Barnes - settled in Wautaga Co., N.C. - large family.
  6. Henry, b. 4-22-1806, d. 11-9-1891; m. 6-28-1832, Mary Steele, b. 2-16-1806, d. 8-13-1890 (Boone cemetery).
  7. John E., b. 4-19-1808; m. Abigail V. McRary.
  8. Elizabeth; m. Andrew Steele - moved to the West.
  9. Elijah P., d. ca 1843, unkm.
  10. Morgan, b. 9-26-1812, d. 12-14-1886; m. Elizabeth McLeod; they were the parents of Rev. Hugh M. Blair and 9 other children.
  11. Elias, died young.
  12. Frances; m. Colson - settled in W. Virginia.
  13. Enos, died young.

B-1-e. Thomas Blair(s,Maj. Thomas&Jane) and Eleanor Doak Blair

- Issue: r. Guilford Co.; after 1810, Tennessee
1. Cynthia, b. 1801; m. Louis H. Dillard, b. 1796, son, Joel and Mary.
  2. Robert Doak, b. 2-14-1818, d. 6-7-1881; m. 6-20-1848, Sarah Dillard, b. 7-14-1831, d. 7-6-1906 (Bell Buckle, Tenn.)

Sixth Generation

A-1-a-1. Jesse Blair(s,Enos&Hannah) and Ann Smith Blair

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. John Smith, b. 7-26-1816, d. 3-15-1865; m. 8-14-1839, Eliza Johnson, b. 4-8-1816, d. 3-18-1875 (Springfield).
  - b. Milton, d. 10-29-1895; m. Mary Rush.
  - c. Enos A., b. 9-7-1820; m. 3-13-1845, Eunice Frazier, b. 9-28-1825.
  - d. Rebecca; m. Charles Hill.
  - e. Hannah.

A-1-a-6. Solomon Blair(s,Enos&Hannah) and Nancy Clark Blair

- Issue: r. Randolph Co., Hendricks Co., Ind.
- a. Lindsay, b. N.C., 5-18-1812, d. 12-4-1854, Ind.; m. 3-6-1834, Rachel Hodson, b. 12-4-1810, d. 10-8-1870.
  - b. John, b. N.C., 1819.

A-1-a-6. Solomon Blair(s,Enos&Hannah) and Nancy Clark Blair--Continued  
c. Solomon, b. Ind., 1829, d. Indianapolis, Ind., at which time he was a Judge of the Superior Court.  
There may have been others (birthdates from 1850 census).

A-1-a-7. Josiah Tomlinson and Martha Blair(dt, Enos&Hannah) Tomlinson  
Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
a. Mildred d. Samuel  
b. Alvira e. Zeb  
c. Adele f. Manda

A-1-a-12. John Blair(s,Enos&Hannah) and Elizabeth Tomlinson Blair  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
a. Augustine Washington, b. 7-13-1820; migrated to California where he m. Gabrella; they had a dt., Augusta English Tomlinson (Blair)  
x b. Annie English, b. 7-5-1821; m. 1847-8, Joshua or Joash Reynolds, b. 1815, s. Jonathan Reynolds, b. 1765, and Mary Gray Reynolds of Spartanburg, S.C. (S.F. Tillman--The Rennolds-Reynolds Family, #1295).  
c. Enos Tomlinson, b. 11-27-1822; m. Priscilla Bronson; they had five or six sons living in vicinity of High Point, N.C.  
d. Samuel Clarkson, b. 3-6-1824; m. 1-25-1848, Mary Millikan, b. 11-24-1827 - settled in Missouri; had dt. Fostine.  
x e. Hannah Millikan, b. 7-26-1825; d. 10-23-1896 (M.L.); m. Randolph Co., 9-27-1854, Abner Gray, b. 2-27-1817, d. 2-10-1898, s John & Jannett (Gray genealogy).  
f. Solomon Isaac, b. 2-11-1827, d. 7-3-1896; m. 9-9-1858, Abigail Prudence Hunt.  
x g. Olive Jane, b. 2-25-1829; m. 9-5-1860, Harry Beeson.  
h. Joseph Addison, b.7-5-1830; m. 2-11-1880, Martha White. J. Addison Blair conducted the first school in Thomasville; in 1890, he published his "Reminiscences of Randolph County."  
i. Benjamin Franklin, b. 6-29-1833, d. 7-11-1901; m. 9-13-1865, Rachel Anderson, b. 5-3-1841, d. 5-22-1928.  
j. William Allen, b. 1-4-1835, d. 3-9-1842.  
k. Martha, b. 3-11-1837; m. 7-7-1858, David Hodgin.  
l. Mary Elizabeth, b. 5-18-1839; m. 1st, 1861, Jesse Blair.  
m. 2nd, 1869, Lewis Starbuck.

A-1-d-6. Henry Blair(s,John&Frances) and Mary Steele Blair  
Issue: r. Boone, Wautaga Co.  
a. John Culbertson, b. 4-9-1833, d. 3- -1917; m. Susan Powell. He was a medical doctor in Lenoir.  
b. Nancy Rebecca, b. 8-26-1835; m. William Horton of Boone.  
c. Elijah Steele, b. 6-14-1838, d. 1911; m. Corinna Finley; r. N. Wilkesboro.  
d. William Morgan, b. 12-27-1840, d. 4-19-1865, while serving as 1st. Lt., C.S.A. (Killed in action).  
e. James Thompaso, b. 10-16-1843, d. 9-25-1850.  
f. George Henry, b. 3-25-1847, d. 1-26-1916;  
m. 1st, 1-2-1872, Mary Elizabeth Council, d. 1-5-1873  
m. 2nd, 9-27-1882, Mary Adelaid Rousseau, b. 2-14-1856, d. 10-29-1916 (Boone Cemetery).

B-1-e-2. Robert Doak Blair(s,Thomas&Eleanor) and Sarah Dillard Blair  
Issue: r. Tennessee  
a. Catherine, b. 1-6-1857, d. 6-24-1929; m. 7-4-1880, Jesse E. Frizzell, b. 10-25-1857, d. 1-6-1952 (Beech Grove).  
They had: Lucile, b. 10-2-1882; m. Herbert Jacobs, b. 11-22-1883.

#### Seventh Generation

A-1-a-1-a. John Smith Blair(s,Jesse&Ann) and Eliza Johnson Blair  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
1. Jesse Clinton, b. 7-18-1840, d. 1-1-1866.  
2. John Addison, b. 8-14-1843, d. 3-18-1920; m. 12-14-1864; Emily Millikan, b. 3-13-1845, d. 5-5-1930, dt. Samuel and Mary Carter Millikan.

- A-1-a-1-b. Milton Blair(s,Jesse&Ann) and Mary Rush Blair  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- x 1. Martha, b. 10-15-1851, d. 9-3-1929; m. Randolph Co., 1-13-1876, Joseph Oliver Johnson, b. 12-21-1841, d. 5-25-1896, s, Joseph and Rosannah Leach Johnson (F-5-1., Johnson genealogy).
  2. Julius Alonzo, b. 10-1-1858; m. 9-26-1884, Margaret Judah Johnson, b. 6-12-1860. d. 4-28-1922, dt. D.W.C. and Eliza Dear Johnson.
  3. Annie.
  4. Hannah.
  5. Florence.
  6. Mollie.
- A-1-a-1-c. Enos A. Blair(s,Jesse&Ann) and Eunice Frazier Blair  
Issue: r. Guilford Co.
1. Franklin Smith, b. 10-12-1846, d.  
m. 1st, 5-13-1872, Sallie E. Hoskins.  
m. 2nd, Lydia M., received on certificate, 7-2-1885, from Mauposa M.M., Canada (Hinshaw, p. 527).
- A-1-a-6-a. Lindsay Blair(s,Solomon&Nancy) and Rachel Hodson Blair  
Issue: r. Hendricks Co., Ind.
1. Clark, b. ca. 1836.
  - x 2. Lucinda, b. 1838, d. 9-30-1914; m. Hendricks Co., Ind., 9-3-1854, John Loy, b. 9-2-1832, d. 9-18-1909.
  3. Milton, b. 1840, d. 10-26-1909; m. 12-8-1867. \_\_\_\_\_?
  4. Robert W., b. 1846; m. 1st, 2-11-1886 - was twice married.
  5. Louisa Jane, b. 1848, d. 2-20-1866, unmm.
  6. Nancy E., b. 1894, d. 5-21-1923; m. David Jones - no children.  
(Birthdates approximated from census, 1850).
- A-1-a-12-b. Joshua or Joash Reynolds and Annie E. Blair(dt, John&Elizabeth) Reynolds  
Issue: r. Spartansburg, S.C.
1. Cordelia.
  2. Cyrus.
  3. Lindley.
  4. Lorena.
  5. Vitura.
  6. Mary.
  7. Franklin.
  8. Addison.
  9. Martha.
- A-1-d-6-f. George Henry Blair(s,Henry&Mary)  
Issue by 1st marriage - to Mary Elizabeth Council:  
Issue by 2nd marriage - to Mary A. Rousseau:
1. Charles Edwin, b. 12-19-1872.
  2. Julius Rousseau, b. 8-1-1883, d. 4-12-1952; m. 4-30-1913, Annie Gordon Shearer, b. 8-15-1889.  
They had: a. Elizabeth Shearer.
  3. Henry Neal, b. 2-21-1886; m. 6-30-1914, Martha Lee Sligh.
  4. Cynthia Florence, b. 8-21-1887; m. 9-30-1814, James Gordon Ballew.  
They had: a. Mary Frances.
- A-1-a-12-f. Solomon I. Blair(s,John&Elizabeth) and Abigail P. Hunt Blair  
Issue: r. Guilford Co.
1. William Allen, b. 6-4-1859, d. 3-2-1948; m. 1895, Mary E. Fries, dt. Hon. John Fries of Salem (now Winston-Salem).
  2. John J., b. 9-15-1860, graduate of Haverford College (Pa.); principal, Western High School, Winston-Salem, N.C.
  3. Samuel H., b. 12-15-1862, d. 2-7-1863.
  4. Ada, b.6-4-1864.
  5. Emma, twin of Ada, d. 2-3-1949.
  6. David Hurt, b. 1-13-1868, d. 9-13-1945; m. 11-27-1917, Adelaide Cannon Douglas.  
David H. was Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 5/27/1921 - 6/1/1929.
  7. Martha, twin of David H., d. 3-14-1947.
  8. Elva Jane, b. 9-5-1870.



A-1-a-12-g. Harry Beeson and Olive Jane Blair(dt, John&Elizabeth) Beeson

Issue:

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| 1. Betty.  | 4. Martha.                |
| 2. Sidney. | 5. Abbie.                 |
| 3. John.   | 6. Annie; m. _____ March. |

A-1-a-12-h. Joseph Addison Blair(s,John&Elizabeth) and Martha White Blair

Issue:

r. Davidson Co.; Randolph Co.

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| 1. Florence.             | 4. Garland.                              |
| 2. Lena; m. A.M. Rankin. | 5. Etta; m. _____ Nobel of Chicago, Ill. |
| 3. Colbert.              | 6. Anne Amer.                            |

A-1-a-12-i. Benjamin Franklin Blair(s,John&Elizabeth) and Rachel Anderson Blair

Issue:

r. Archdale, Randolph Co.

1. Augustine Wilberforce, b. 9-12-1866; m. 7-1-1897, Judith Genevieve Mendenhall, b. 2-9-1866, dt. Dr. Nerius and Orianna Wilson Mendenhall.
2. Ruth Cordelia, b. 9-15-1868, d. 6-11-1917.
3. Edward C., b. 11-28-1870, d. 12-25-1935.
4. Walter E., b. 3-28-1873, d. 6-2-1935.
5. Robert L.M., b. 2-20-1875, d. 2-6-1947.
6. Joel Allen, b. 3-15-1877, d. 12-24-1939.
7. Stanley P., b. 7-27-1881, d. 10-6-1887.
8. Benjamin Franklin, b. 1-18-1884, d. 2-23-1943.

Eighth Generation

A-1-a-1-a-2. John Addison(s,JohnS.&Eliza) and Emily Millikan Blair

Issue:

r. Randolph Co.

- x a. Margaret, b. 11-30-1865; m. Dougan C. Moffitt.
- b. Jesse Clinton, b. ca. 1869, d. ca. 1906; m. 1-18-1896, Emma Clodfelter.
- c. Frederick Clinton, b. 4-3-1881, d. 5-28-1941; m. 5-11-1909, Esther Hayden, b. 4-13-1882.
- d. May, b. 5-3-1886, d. 1945;
- m. 1st, Lee Stilwell, b. 1-2-1882, d. 10-23-1918
- They had: 1. Mary Lee; m. Norman Elder
- m. 2nd, Jerome Peace
- They had: 1. Jerome A.

A-1-a-1-b-2. Julius Alonzo Blair(s,Milton&Mary) and Margaret Johnson Blair

Issue:

r. Randolph Co.

- a. Mamie Dear, b. 8-29-1885, d. 2-15-1944;
- m. 1st, 1912, Fred Mayo
- m. 2nd, Carey Raper - no children by either marriage.
- x b. Nellie Bly, b. 9-15-1888;
- m. 1st, 7-26-1912, Lonnie Sparks, b. 6-4-1882, d. 7-22-1944.
- m. 2nd, 8-6-1953, George Bonini of Oakdale, Pa.

A-1-a-6-a-2. John Loy and Lucinda Blair(dt,Lindsay&Rachel) Loy

Issue:

r. Henderson Co., Ind.

- a. Wilson J., b. 10-10-1870; m. 1-20-1897, Phoebe Myrtle Douglas, b. 9-27-1873, dt. David and Rachel Johnson Douglas (F-3-a-3-c., Johnson genealogy). Wilson J. inherited the land on which his great-grandparents, Solomon and Nancy Clark Blair, settled in Indiana. This land, now owned and occupied by Wilson J.'s widow and daughter, is on the outskirts of the present site of Plainfield. Johnson genealogy.

A-1-a-12-f-1. William Allen Blair(s,Solomon&Abigail) and Mary Fries Blair

Issue:

r. Winston-Salem, N.C.

- a. Margaret; m. 4-29-1922, Robert McCuiston
- They had: 1. Robert
2. Marion
3. Erdmuth
- b. Marion.
- c. John Fries.

- A-1-a-12-f-6. David Hurt Blair(s,Solomon&Abigail) and Adelaide Douglas Blair  
 Issue: r. Winston-Salem; Washington, D.C.  
 a. David Hurt, b. 3-28-1919; m. 8-23-1947, Constance Stockburn, an Englishwoman;  
 r. 1950, Princeton University, N.J.  
 They had: David Hurt, b. 6-11-1949.
- A-1-a-12-i-1. Augustine Wilberforce Blair(s,Benjamin&Rachel) and Judith Mendenhall Blair  
 Issue: r. Rutgers University, N.J.; High Point  
 a. Mary Mendenhall, b. 2-16-1900; m. George O. Mower  
 They had: 1. Judith Mendenhall, b. 7-4-1930;  
 m. 10-28-1950, Clifford Goodman, Jr
- A-1-d-6-f-3. Henry Neal Blair(s,George&Mary A.) and Martha L. Sligh Blair  
 They had: a. Carolyn. d. Mary.  
 b. Henry Neal. e. George.  
 c. Palmer. f. Rebecca.

#### Ninth and Tenth Generations

- A-1-a-1-a-2-a. Dougan C. Moffitt and Margaret Blair(dt,John A.&Emily) Moffitt  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Marguerite; m. G.W. Dixon - 2 children; r. National City, Calif.  
 2. Emily; m. Frank Bodenheimer -5 children; r. Kansas City, Kans.  
 3. David Blair; m. \_\_\_\_\_, - 2 children; r. Kansas City, Mo.  
 4. Lula Maie; m. E.W. Norvell - 2 children; r. Kansas City, Mo.  
 5. Ethel; m. E.W. Brillault - 3 children; r. Kansas City, Mo.  
 6. Wilma; m. Walter Kettler - 1 child; r. San Francisco, Calif.
- A-1-a-1-a-2-b. Jesse Clinton Blair(s,John A.&Emily) and Emma Clodfelter Blair  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Emily Corene; m. Clarence Tomlinson, son of Julius and Mary Mock Tomlinson.  
 2. Sadie; m. Hobert Lee Fouts, Lee genealogy.  
 3. Jesse Leland, d. when about 6 years old.
- A-1-a-1-a-2-c. Frederick Clinton Blair(s,John A.&Emily) and Esther Hayden Blair  
 Issue: r. Mecklenburg Co.  
 1. Emily, b. 1-30-1910; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Williams - 1 child.  
 2. Frederick Clinton, b. 6-18-1912; m. Marion Graham.  
 3. Mary Ann, b. 10-25-1918; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Scarnechia - 2 children.
- A-1-a-1-b-2-b. Lonnie Sparks and Nellie Blair(dt,Julius&Margaret) Sparks  
 Issue: r. Forsythe Co., Carnegie, Pa.  
 1. Mayo, b. 7-6-1913; m. 1st Charlotte Houser;  
 m. 2nd, Rose Bellish  
 2. Marie, b. 8-15-1917; m. 5-6-1945, William Borst  
 They had: a. Mardina Marie, b. 4-18-1947.  
 b. Pamela Leigh, b. 1-27-1952.
- A-1-a-6-a-2-a. Wilson J. Loy and Myrtle Douglas(dt,David&Rachel) Loy  
 Issue: r. Hendricks Co., Ind.  
 1. Wendell D., b. 11-3-1897; m. 8-30-1925, Myrtle May Comer, b. 7-29-1896 - no  
 children.  
 2. Lois E., b. 9-21-1900.

## AUGUSTINE WILBERFORCE BLAIR

Born at Archdale, Augustine Blair grew to manhood within the sound of the bell at Trinity College. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Rachel Anderson Blair. He attended Guilford College and later specialized in soil chemistry at Haverford. On July 1, 1897, he was married to Judith Genevieve Mendenhall, daughter of Dr. Nerius and Orianna Wilson Mendenhall who lived in the village near Jamestown known as Old Florence.

For a time he was affiliated with the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture as soil chemist at the State Experimental Station. Later, he became professor of Chemistry at the University of Florida College of Agriculture. After leaving this position he became professor of soil chemistry, College of Agriculture, Rutgers University, which position he held for twenty-eight years.

In 1940, he retired and returned to High Point. At his home there, across the way from Blair Park, he spends much time in gardening - putting into practice some of the principles he has taught pertaining to the soil. In 1955, his ninetieth year, he is said to be the oldest surviving member of his branch of the family. Yet, we find him active in community services, the Grange, and the church of his forefathers, Springfield, of which he is an elder.

## WILLIAM ALLEN BLAIR

William Allen Blair is best known for his services in the field of Public Welfare. He is the son of Solomon I. and Abigail Hunt Blair and attended Guilford College, Haverford College, Harvard University, and Johns Hopkins University. It was from the last-named university that he received his doctorate in Philosophy.

During those critical years when the South was recovering from the effects of the Civil War, Will Blair allied himself with the social welfare program of his state, thereby beginning a career that lasted for more than fifty years. Throughout three international conflicts and the inevitable changes they brought in the lives of those about him, through periods of prosperity and economic depression, he devoted himself to the welfare of the people of North Carolina.

In 1894, he became a member of the State Board of Public Welfare; in 1904, he was made chairman of this organization which position he held at the time of his death on March 2, 1948.

## BROWN

This family, listed as one of the Scottish Clans, is said to be related by blood, region, or dependency to the Lamonts, a clan whose tartan they are entitled to wear (Henderson, 9B). Their Coat of Arms has been described as follows:

Arms - Argent, on a chevron sable, between three cranes azure, as many scallops,  
or  
Crest - On a mount vert, a hare courant argent.

The family name Brown, Browne, is from the personal name given on account of the brown complexion of the bearer of the name. Brown is mentioned in the Domesday Book, A.D., 1086; Hugh le brun, in the Hundred Rolls of County Suffolk, 1273; Robert Brown, in Kirby's Quest, Somersetshire, A.D., 1327 (Americana, Vol. 20, p. 555).

The compiler has been unable to identify the parentage of John Brown, founder of the Brown family who lived in Union Institute Community. The census of 1790 shows twelve households of Browns in north west Randolph, but the relationship of these families to the John Brown mentioned above has not been established. John Brown died prior to 1790 and his widow, Mary Morgan Brown, remarried prior to 1794.

We know that this man was a neighbor of the Clarks of Randolph; that he served in the Revolutionary War under Col. Thomas Clark for he received his pay for military service, up to January 1, 1783, under claims bearing claim numbers that had been assigned to Col. Clark (Pierce). His military record follows:

"John Brown appears with the rank of Ensign on a list of officers of the 1st North Carolina Continental Battalion, from its first Establishment, September ye 1st, 1775, to Sept. 1st, 1778. . . . Transferred to one of the 4 Regiments in Carolina." (Military Service Record, Card No. 37 449 600, National Archives) Heitman gives the dates of commission and promotions as follows:

"Ensign, 1st N.C. Regt., 15th of November, 1775; 2nd Lieutenant, 4th of January, 1776; Capt., 26th of April, 1777; was at Kings Mountain in October, 1780; on list for June, 1778, he is dropped with remark, 'transferred to one of the Dragoon Regiments in North Carolina'" (p. 125).

According to the tradition of his family, John Brown was in action in the battles of Camden, Cowpens, and Kings Mountain, and was wounded at Cowpens.

### GENEALOGY

#### First and Second Generations

#### I. John Brown(s, ? ) and Mary Morgan Brown

Issue:

- A. David, b. 1-7-1781, d. 1-20-1850; m. Sarah Johnson, b. 2-28-1788, d. 11-30-1859 (Hopewell), dt. Joseph and Nancy Lytle Johnson. r. Randolph Co.
- x B. Nancy, b. 10-25-1783, d. 7-19-1866; m. William Leach, b. 3-3-1784, d. 7-29-1835. Leach genealogy.
- C. John(of Brown's Schoolhouse) b. 6-8-1785, d. 10-5-1843; m. 2-28-1805, Jane Clark, b. 9-27-1784, d. 2-18-1871, dt. Joseph and Nancy Merrill Clark.

### Third Generation

- A. David Brown(s,John&Mary) and Sarah Johnson Brown  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
x 1. Susan(Susanna), b. 9-15-1812, d. 6-4-1889 (Hopewell); m. 12-6-1837, Alexander C. Bishop, d. prior to census of 1850 (M.B. recorded, Office of Register of Deeds, Asheboro).
- C. John Brown(s,John&Mary) and Jane Clark Brown  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
1. Haley, b. 12-20-1805, d. 7-9-1886; m. 5-14-1833, Jane Emily Spurgeon, b. 11- -1814, d. 4-27-1895 (M.L.), dt. Joseph and Phoebe Brazzelton Spurgeon.  
2. Hannah, b. 3-2-1807, d. 9-5-1820 (Springfield).  
3. Dempsey, b. 3-19-1809, d. 5-25-1889;  
m. 1st, Rowan Co., 4-13-1838, Hannah Eliza Mock, dt. Phillip and Christina Hoover Mock.  
m. 2nd, 10-19-1865, Eliza Ann Laughlin, b. 12-5-1835, d. 5-9-1909, dt. Richard S. and Hannah Kearns Laughlin.  
4. Louisa, b. 6-3-1810, d. 11-23-1824.  
5. John Spurgeon, b. 3-22-1823, d. 8-6-1859; m. 4-2-1846, Loretta Spurgeon, b. 2-1-1826, d. 6-22-1862, dt. Joseph and Christina Hoover Mock Spurgeon (2nd marriage of Christina), dt. George and Margaret Beard Hoover (Margaret, dt. John Lewis Beard, b. 8-19-1761, d. 1-9-1829). Loretta Spurgeon was a half-sister of Hannah Eliza Mock, 1st wife of Dempsey Brown.

### Fourth Generation

- A-1. Alexander C. Bishop and Susan Brown(dt,David&Sarah) Bishop  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
x a. Frances(Fannie), b. 8-27-1839, d. 1-24-1922;  
m. 1st, 3-27-1860, John Milton McGee, C.S.A., d. 3-6-1865, buried near Wilmington; marriage ceremony by Wm. McGee, J.P. (M.B. recorded Office of Register of Deeds, Asheboro.)  
m. 2nd, 7-2-1868 (by Wm. McGee), John F. Steed, b. 1841-2 (census, 1870), d. 2-11-1892 (M.L.).  
b. William, b. 1840 (census, 1850), C.S.A. - "missing in action."
- C-1. Haley Brown(s,John&Jane) and Jane Emily Spurgeon Brown  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
a. Sarah, b. d. 10-1-1868 (J.L., p. 24).  
b. John, b. d. 12-18-1856 (J.L., p. 24).  
c. Joseph Addison Clark, M.D., b. 3-31-1834, d. 12-7-1888; m. 11-10-1868, Martha Elvina Horney Gray, widow of Lt. Col. Robert Harper Gray, C.S.A. After his marriage, Dr. Brown and his family settled in Missouri.
- C-3. Dempsey Brown(s,John&Jane)  
Issue by 1st marriage - to Hannah E. Mock: r. Randolph Co.  
a. Crissie Jane, b. 2-29-1840, d. 5-6-1931;  
m. 1st, 1866, Elisha B. King, M.D., of High Point, d. 5-9-1870.  
m. 2nd, 1875, A. V. Sullivan, d. 3-12-1875.  
m. 3rd, 1879, John M. Clark of Wilmington, d. 1-6-1902.  
No children by either marriage.  
by 2nd marriage - to Eliza Ann Laughlin:  
x b. Hannah Louise, b. 12-31-1866, d. 8-28-1933; m. 6-27-1888, Thomas Jefferson Finch, b. 12-1-1861, d. 7-20-1929, son of Alfred B. and Lucy Andrews Finch. Finch Genealogy.  
c. John Haley, b. 1-12-1869, d. 10-12-1932; m. 2-20-1901, Stella Winslow.  
d. Dempsey Clark, b. 9-6-1871, d. 10-29-1947; m. 10-25-1891, Susan Kennedy.  
e. Richard Samuel, b. 12-1-1871, d. 7-22-1897, unm.

- C-5. John Spurgeon Brown(s,John&Jane) and Loretta M. Spurgeon Brown  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Eliza Jane; m. Julius J. White.  
 b. Joseph Clark, M.D.; m. Sallie G. Kendall.  
 c. Charles - settled at Warrensburg(Johnson Co.) Missouri. Had daughters, Lula and Maude - there may have been other children.

#### Fifth Generation

- A-1-a. John Milton McGee and Frances Bishop (dt, Alexander&Susan) McGee  
 Issue by Frances' 1st. marriage: r. Randolph Co.  
 x 1. Susan, b. 2-22-1862, d. 10-15-1944; m. 11-20-1881, Robert Riley, d. 8-19-1934.  
 2. William, d. at age 2 yr.  
 John F. Steed and Frances Bishop McGee Steed  
 Issue by Frances' 2nd marriage: r. Randolph Co.  
 3. Joseph Thomas, b. 2-22-1868, d. 6-8-1948, unm.  
 x 4. Sallie Eugenia, b. 1-6-1872; m. 2- -1889, Charles Taylor Steed.  
 5. Alexander Bishop, b. 1-11-1874; m. Crissie Welborn - no children.  
 x 6. Fannie Geneva, m. 10-7-1894, Loaten William Vickory.  
 x 7. Nannie Amelia, b. 3-4-1879; m. 2-9-1898, Samuel Nathan Bowman, d. 11-4-1935.  
 8. John Edgar, b. 4-10-1881; m. Bessie Reeves; They had Inez who married Clyde Jones and had Clyde, Jr.

- C-1-c. Dr. Joseph Addison Clark Brown(s,Haley&Jane) and Martha Elvira Horney Gray Brown  
 Issue: r. Missouri  
 x 1. Letitia Lee; m. William Harper Hull., both died prior to Oct., 1952.  
 2. Martha; m. Howard Pearson.  
 x 3. Josephine; m. Allen Percival Green.  
 The two sons of Martha Elvira Horney by her previous marriage to Col. Robert Harper Gray are shown in the Robert McDonnell Gray genealogy.

#### Sixth Generation

- A-1-a-1. Robert Riley and Susan McGee(dt,John&Frances) Riley  
 Issue: r. Sanford, N.C.  
 a. William P., b. 3-18-1883; m. Irene Kelly.  
 b. John Manley, b. 4-13-1885; m. 9-8-1912, Mona Phillips, b. 2-25-1894.  
 c. James Robert, b. 12-6-1887; m. Nell Jane West  
 They had: 1. James.  
 2. "Bucky"  
 3. Kathaleen  
 d. Lula M., b. 2-16-1890; m. Elmer C. Shields.  
 x e. Hester Blanche, b. 6-28-1895; m. 2-3-1923, Fletcher Dandridge, d. 4- -1940.  
 f. Nell W., b. 2-22-1901; m. Homer A. McNeely  
 They had: 1. Betty Lou; m. Thomas V. Bumbeyer  
 2. Homer A.
- A-1-a-4. Charles Taylor Steed and Sallie Eugenia Steed(dt,John&Frances) Steed  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 x a. Annie Belle, b. 1-3-1889; m. Grover C. McCollum.  
 b. George Otis, b. 6-8-1895; m. Mary McKee - no children.
- A-1-a-6. Loaten William Vickory and Fannie G. Steed(dt,John&Frances) Vickory  
 Issue: r. Ramseur, N.C.  
 a. Joseph William, b. 11-29-1895; m. 3-14-1937, Hattie Witt.  
 b. Omer Ray, b. 8-18-1897; m. 12-23-1926, Pauline Langley  
 They had: 1. Robert Ray  
 2. Jack Gilbert; m. Margaret Cuscuda.  
 xc. Hazel Geneva, b. 11-7-1899; m. 9-12-1917, Luther Allen.

A-1-a-6. Loaten William Vickory and Fannie G. Steed(dt,John&Frances) Vickory--Continued

- d. John Tyler, b. 10-28-1901;  
m. 1st, 5-18-1919, Leila Branson, dec'd. - no children.  
m. 2nd, 1921, Lucy Murray;  
They had: 1. Hoyle  
2. Dean  
3. Marie
- e. Henry B., b. 10-30-1904; m. 11-22-1932, Lucy B. Allen.  
f. Frances Wells, b. 6-26-1907.
- x g. Ethel Grey, b. 8-27-1909; m. 2-1-1930, Walter Hardin.  
h. Bynum E., b. 8-27-1911; m. 1-14-1933, Alfreda Andrews;  
They had: 1. Bynum E.  
2. Gary Stephen
- i. Woodrow W., b. 11-26-1914.  
j. Clara Ann, b. 7-14-1918; m. 3-18-1938, Shelton Brown  
They had: 1. Linda Frances.

A-1-a-7. Samuel N. Bowman and Nannie A. Steed(dt,John&Frances) Bowman

- Issue: r. Randleman, N.C.
- x a. Nannie Louisa, b. 1-4-1899; m. 7-12-1922, Aros Coke Cecil.  
b. Frances Mildred, b. 2-24-1901; m. 10-17-1926, John P. Rieves, Jr.  
They had: 1. John Payne, b. 3-27-1928.  
2. James Bowman, b. 3-4-1934.  
3. Franklin R., b. 1-27-1942.
- c. Tillie May, b. 1-7-1903; m. 7-24-1924, Emory Raymond Perryman;  
They had: 1. Emory Raymond; m. Mary Brady Harrison.
- d. Samuel Nathan, Jr. (Lt., A.E.F.), b. 1-23-1915; m. 10-12-1940, Hilda Mae Perkins,  
Lt. Bowman, killed, 6-25-1944, Normandy Invasion - no children.

G-1-c-1. William Harper Hull and Letitia Brown(dt,Joseph&Martha) Hull.

- Issue: r. Mo.
- a. Letitia Gray; m. Al Horst;  
They had: 1. Letitia Lee  
2. Nancy

C-1-c-3. Allen P. Green and Josephine Brown(dt,Joseph&Martha) Green

- Issue: r. Mexico, Mo.
- a. Allen; m. Rita LeBlanc - no children.  
b. Elizabeth; m. Arthur Bond;  
They had: 1. Arthur  
2. Christopher
- c. Martha; m. Walter Staley;  
They had: 1. Martha  
2. Allen  
3. Walter
- d. Josephine; m. Neal Wood;  
They had: 1. Neal  
2. Allen  
3. Josephine
- e. Robert; m. Sue\_\_\_\_\_ - no children.

Seventh and Eighth Generations

A-1-a-1-b. John Manley Riley(s,Robert&Susan) and Mona Phillipa Riley

- Issue: r. Dunn, N.C.
1. John Robert, b. 7-5-1913; m. 3-10-1935, Neta Lee Townsend;  
They had: a. John Randolph  
b. Lewis Cooper
2. Hazel Duke, b. 12-29-1916; m. William Lyman Joyner;  
They had: a. William Lyman, III.
3. Mona Faye, b. 9-21-1920; m. 3-14-1942, Albert Arthur Branca.

- A-1-a-1-e. Fletcher Dandridge and H. Blanche Riley(dt,Robert&Susan) Dandridge  
Issue: r. Rocky Mount, N.C.
1. Vernon, III., b. 8-11-1927; m. Gladys Baty;  
They had: a. Susan  
b. Fletcher  
c. Blanche Lynn
  2. Susan McGee, b. 12-12-1935.
- A-1-a-4-a. Grover C. McCollum and Annie B. Steed(dt,Charles&Frances) McCollum  
Issue: r.
1. Grover Moxley, b. 10-17-1914; m. Barbara Lee Pratt;  
They had: a. Lee  
b. Greg  
c. Mark
  2. Helen, b. 7-23-1917; m. Claude Van Wherry;  
They had: a. Martha Jane  
b. Claude
  3. Joe Vernon, b. 7-23-1919; m. Hazel Owens;  
They had: a. Betty Jo  
b. James
- A-1-a-6-c. Luther Allen and Hazel G. Vickory(dt,Loaten&Fannie) Allen  
Issue: r.
1. Walter J., b. 1-28-1920; m. 12-27-1945, Peggy Pell;  
They had: a. Richard
  2. Golda, b. 7-14-1922; m. 4-5-1940, Clyde Patterson;  
They had: a. Allen (son)  
b. Tony (dt.)
- A-1-a-6-g. Walter Hardin and Ethel Gray Vickory(dt,Loaten&Fannie) Hardin  
Issue: r.
1. Conrad, b. 5-2-1931
  2. Kathryn, b. 12-8-1932
  3. Betty Jo, b. 8-20-1934
  4. Larry, b-1-6-1936
  5. Janet, b. 7-5-1938
  6. Anne, b. 7-15-1948
  7. Gwen - twin to Anne
- A-1-a-7-a. Aros Coke Cecil and Nannie Louise Bowman(dt,Samuel&Nannie) Cecil  
Issue: r.
1. Mary Lou, b. 5-18-1923; m. 6-8-1946, J. Woody Brinson  
They had: a. Mildren Nan, b. 5-26-1951.



## CLARK

The name Clark is derived from the word clericus, meaning priest, or one connected with the service of the church. It is an English name and was distinguished during the time of William the Conqueror. Old records show a variety of spellings - Clerck, Clercke, Cleark, Clearke, Clearcke, Clerch, Clerche, and Clerc. The name was quite usual among the early settlers of Massachusetts - one by the name of Richard Clark was on the Mayflower, but died during the first winter and left no descendants (Edward and Dorsey Clark - "The Clarks of Guilford Court House," 1912).

Samuel Clark, founder of the Clark family in Randolph County, is said to have been a zealous Presbyterian (Clark). He came to Randolph from Pennsylvania; his ancestors came from Ulster Province, Ireland (Gossett). The following church history shows that back in the very early 1700's some of the Clarks were members of the Society of the Quakers in Ireland, which may explain why some of the Clarks of Randolph joined the Quakers after the Revolutionary War at which time there was no Presbyterian church within their reach.

"On the 30th of March, 1702 - Minutes of Ulster Province Meeting: Walter Clark of Grange obligated himself to take and pay for four copies of 'ye rise and progress'" [The Rise of Progress, published by the Pennsylvania Chronicle] (Myers, p. 394). On the 14th of February, 1705 - also from the minutes of Ulster Province Meeting: "Walter Clark hath built a meeting house at Grange for ye Service of truth and the use of friends" (Myers, p. 343). Newark, Kennett Monthley Meeting, Mercer Co., Pennsylvania: "John Clark, son of Walter Clark, received on 6th of July, 1729, on certificate dated 27th of March, 1729, from Grange, County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland; Samuel Clark, unmarried son of Walter Clark, received on certificate, 4th of August, 1729, from Grange, County Antrim, Ulster, Ir." (Original certificate in the possession of Gilbert Cope, West Chester, Pa.). "On the 6th of August, 172-, at New Garden, Samuel Clark of Marlboro, Chester Co., Pa., son of Walter Clark of Grange, County Antrim, Ir., married Mary, daughter of Michael Lightfoot; . . . On the 6th of January, 1736, Elizabeth - unmarried daughter of Walter Clark received on certificate from Antrim Meeting, Ireland, dated 10th of March, 1735 - was married to Benjamin Jackson." (Myers, pp. 343-4.)

The earliest Clarks of New Jersey of whom we have record is the family of Richard, composed of one daughter and seven sons. Richard Clark, born about 1635-8, accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth, migrated from New Haven Colony to Southampton, Long Island. That was in 1660. In 1678, they settled near Elizabethtown (now known as Elizabeth, county seat of Union Co.) New Jersey. During the interim, the Richard Clarks owned and occupied land at Southold, L.I. Richard is believed to be a son of the John Clark (son of Walter who, on 7-6-1729, was received at Newark, or Kennett Monthley Meeting, Mercer Co., Pa.). Of all the families in New Jersey by the name of Clark, Richard is said to have the largest number of descendants (Deyo).

On January 30, 1725, Thomas and Hannah Clark witnessed the will of Margaret Hunt of Springfield Twp., Burlington County, N.J. (N.J. Archives, Ser. I, Vol. XXIII, p. 248). This couple are said to be the grandparents of Hon. Abraham Clark (1726-1794), one of the "Signers" who lived at Elizabethtown (Clark, Vol. I - Compiled by the Abraham Clark Chapt., D.A.R., Roselle Park, N.J.). This Thomas Clark was the sixth son of Richard and Elizabeth.

Through the will of Thomas Clark and that of his son, Samuel, we are able to establish the relationship of Richard and Elizabeth to the Clarks of Randolph.

The thirty first day of May Anno of Dom 1731

I, Thomas Clark of Bridgetown in the township of Northampton and County of Burlington and the western division of the province of New Jesery, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be God Almighty for the same and all other His mercies. I calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say first and principally of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God Almighty that gave it to me and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian-like and decent manner at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named, and as touching such worldly goods and estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis, I give and devise unto my son Thomas Clark his heirs and assignees forever a lott of land in the town of Burlington which I purchased from Thomas Weatherill.

Item, I give and devise unto my son John Clark and his heirs and assignees forever a lott of land adjoining my dwelling house where I now live and to be bounded from the High Road eastward along the south end of my said house and shop, across my lott of land to Aneokus Creek (alias) Northampton River on a straight line and direct course in aline of said house and shop; thence up by said river forty five feet and from thence on a straight line across my said lott to the above said spot thirty six feet to the southward of my said house and from thence by said spot the above said thirty six feet to the place of beginning above mentioned.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Clark the sum of twenty shillings current money of West Jersey.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim Clark the sum of twenty shillings money as above said.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Clark the sum of twenty shillings money as above stated.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Clark the sum of twenty shillings money as above stated.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Clark the sum of twenty shillings money as above said.

Item, I give and devise unto my dear and loving wife Hannah Clark her heirs and assignees forever all the rest residue and remaining part of my estate and personal lands, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever to be sold and disposed of for the paying of my just debts and funeral charges and bringing upof my above said children.

Item, My will is that my above said sons be put out as apprentices to learn some handicraft as under guidance of my above said wife whom I likewise nominate and appoint only and sole executrix of this my last will and testament ordering her as my said executrix to pay my just debts, funeral charges and the legacies above bequeathed to my children as they severally attain to full age or be married, hereby utterly disallowing, revoking and disannulling all former wills and testaments, legacies and executors by me before this time named, willed and bequeathed ratifying, allowing and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Clark have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written 1731.

Signed, sealed, published, )  
pronounced, and declared )  
by the said Thomas Clark )  
that the above writing doth ) Thomas Clark (Seal)  
contain his last will and testament )  
in the presence of us the subscribers.)

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John X Tomkins, Jr.  
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John Barr

(Abstract shows will was proved July 5, 1731 Liber 3, page 143. June 30, 1731 inventory personal estate £305.00 5-1/2 made by John Barr and Thomas Budd. New Jersey Archives First Series, Vol. 30, page 96; also listed in Index of Wills: Thomas Clark 2, 2077C - 2081C, W. 1731; Inv. 1731.)

In his pension record (S.3 157) George Clark, second son of Samuel and Elizabeth, states that he was born, 6-22-1749, in York County, Pa. More than likely, his parents were among those Scotch Presbyterians and Quakers who, as early as 1742, began to move across the Susquehanna river to occupy the lands recently made available by the Treaty of Five Nations in 1736.

North Carolina Colonial Records (Vol. IV., p. 1239) show that on 3-28-1751 the Council, then in session at New Bern, granted two petitions for Land Warrants in Anson county of which Rowan, formed in 1753, was then a part. One of these Warrants was to Joseph Clark for 640 acres; the other, to John Clark for 600 acres. About the year 1770, Samuel Clark and his young family settled near Bell's mill on Muddy creek, a tributary of Deep river, that flows through the eastern part of Randolph county (Clark).

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The following is an exact copy of a certified copy of the will of Samuel Clark, issued by the Office of the Clerk of Court, Randolph County, Asheboro, N.C.

In the name of God Amen.

This sixth day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty three, I Samuel Clark of Randolph County, in the State of North Carolina, Being sick of body but of sound mind and memory blessed by God for his mercy Do make this my last will and testament, and first of all I commend my soul to God when he shall be pleased to call it and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Extr., herein after named in the Graveyard on my own plantation as near to the Grave of my former wife as may be convenient and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me I do give, devise, and dispose thereof as followeth viz:

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Clark the sum of thirty pounds specie and my large Bible in full for his share of my estate both real and personal.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Edward the sum of thirty pounds specie and Harvey Meditations in full for his share of my estate both real and personal.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Samuel the sum of thirty pounds specie and the next choice of my books for his share of my estate both real and personal.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son George the sum of thirty pounds specie and Bostons four fold State for his share of my estate both real and personal.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son William the sum of thirty pound specie and his choice of One of Books after Samuel as before directed, in full for his share of my estate both real and personal.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John the sum of thirty pound specie and one hundred and fifty acres of land which is in full for his share of my estate both real and personal.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Joseph the sum of thirty pound specie and his next choice of a book as before directed in full for his share of my estate both real and personal.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Williams eldest Daughter Jean one hundred fifty acres of land of my real estate joining of Edward Woodbury's land and if it should please God that said Jean Clark should die before she be of age the said land is to be equally divided or the price thereof share and share alike amongst William Clarks children.

Item. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Harlen my intrusted servant the sum of five pound specie out of my estate and leave her to the disposal of my Executor as they shall think proper.

Item. My will is that my bed clothes and body clothes be not sold but that they shall be divided by my Executors Viz: Thomas and Joseph share and share alike.

Item. My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid out of my estate real and personal of the whole thereof before any divisions are made therein and the residue or remainder if any should be is to be equally divided share and share alike amongst all my children herein before named and after deducting each childs share as before directed.



#### Fourth Generation

- G-3. Samuel Clark(s,Thomas&Hannah) and Elizabeth Bennett Clark  
 Issue: r. Burlington Co., N.J.; York Co., Pa.; Randolph Co.
- a. Samuel E., b. 1748, d. 10-30-1817; m. 11-13-1771, Rachel Brittan, or Brittain, b. 5-3-1752, d. 10-24-1797 (Old Union) (N.C. M.B., Vol. I, p. 81, D.A.R. Library). Rachel's grandfather, is said to have come to America from Ireland.
  - b. George, b. 6-22-1749, York Co., Pa.
  - c. Thomas, Rev. War Officer, d. 12-25-1792 (Heitman, p. 158); wife's name not mentioned in his will.
  - d. Edward, moved to Georgia soon after the Revolutionary War.
  - e. William, Revolutionary War Soldier, b. 1753, d. 7-21-1836; m. ca, 1778, Eleanor Dougan, b. 2-5-1759, d. 5-6-1839 (Marlboro), sister of Col. Thomas Dougan (Rev. War)
  - f. Joseph, d. prior to 1793 (killed by a fractious horse he was riding); m. ca, 1779, Nancy Merrill, dt. Capt. Benjamin Merrill and Jemima Smith Merrill. In 1793, Nance became the 2nd. wife of Benjamin Mendenhall, s, Richard and Jane. Nancy d. 6-28-1837. (Note below).
  - g. John, b. 6-7-1759, d. 2-6-1816; m. 11-22-1787, Mary Spencer, a native of Georgia, b. 10-4-1779, d. 10-9-1817 (Old Union).
  - h. A daughter whose name is unknown to the compiler; she is said to have married Henry Johnson who was a widower at the time he was killed (1781-82). See sketch of Henry Johnson.  
 Joseph Clark appears in the census of 1790 (Randolph Co., p. 101) as head of a household that included six others, all females. His name does not appear in the census of 1800, or of 1810.

#### Fifth Generation

- G-3-a. Samuel E. Clark(s,Samuel&Elizabeth) and Rachel Brittain Clark  
 Issue: r. Rowan (later, Randolph) Co.
1. Joseph, Methodist minister and a good singer; he composed hymns used extensively in his church.
  2. Robert - no further record.
  3. Thomas - moved to Missouri - no further record.
  - x 4. Dorcas, b. 4-18-1782, d. 4-21-1852; m. 7-21-1803, John Gossett, b. 7-21-1778, d. 2-6-1847, of Guilford Co.
- G-3-c. Thomas Clark(s,Samuel&Elizabeth) - name of his wife unknow to compiler  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Thomas; marriage Bond issued to one Thomas Clark and Nancy Fitzpatrick, 9-22-1788 (Bondsman, John Davis; Witness, Wm. Alexander) (Index of Rowan Co., M.B.).
  2. Samuel, b. 1769, d. 1-30-1850; m. Mary\_\_\_\_\_, b. 1777, d. 4-27-1832 (Marlboro).
  3. Catherine
  4. Hannah
  5. Jane
  6. Sarah - listed in order mentioned in their father's will, dated 1787 (Olds, p. 261).
- G-3-e. William Clark(s,Samuel&Elizabeth) and Eleanor, or Elender Dougan Clark  
 Issue: r. Rowan (later, Randolph) Co.
1. Child, name and sex unknown to compiler, died of exposure during the Revolution when the family were driven away from home by the enemy (Clark).
  2. Jane, b. 9-9-1781; m. Benjamin Sanders, a Methodist minister.
  3. Dougan, b. 10-3-1783, d. 8-23-1855;  
 m. 1st, 12-19-1807, Nancy Welborn, d. 11-16-1821, dt. John and Jane McGee Welborn.  
 m. 2nd. 5-14-1823, Asceneth Hunt, dt. Nathan Hunt.
  4. Alexander Caldwell, b. 11-21-1785, d. ca, 1853; m. ca, 1813, \_\_\_\_\_ Lindley.
  5. Thomas, b. 1-7-1789; disowned for "marrying out" (Minutes, Monthly Meeting, Back Creek, dated, 5-20-1813 (Hinshaw). Moved to Jackson Co., N.C., no further record.
  - x 6. Mary, b. 1-2-1792, d. 9-27-1875; m. 1817, William Jones.
  - x 7. Margaret, b. 2-7-1794; m. 9- -1816, John Henley, son of Jesse Henley.
  - x 8. Hannah, b. 3-13-1796; d. 12-23-1884; m. 1-1-1820, Reuben Davis.

- G-3-e. William Clark(s, Samuel & Elizabeth) and Eleanor, or Elender Dougan Clark--Continued
9. John, b. 7-10-1799, d. 4-3-1832; m. 1826, Caroline Fentress, thought to be a daughter of Thomas Fentress, M.D., who, in 1832, signed an affidavit contained in the pension file of Joseph Johnson. The foregoing names and birthdates were obtained from the pension file of William and "Elender" Clark (R-1 968), and are said to be in William's own handwriting.
  10. Rachel, b. 10-15-1801; m. 1819, Hiram Lamb; she died soon afterwards, without issue.
- G-3-f. Joseph Clark(s, Samuel & Elizabeth) and Nancy Merrill Clark
- r. Rowan (later, Randolph) Co.
- Issue:
- x 1. Hannah, b. 10-24-1779, d. 1-27-1847; m. James Elder, b. 3-4-1766, d. 4-27-1843, s. James and Elizabeth Elder (Springfield) - Elder genealogy.
  - x 2. Jane, b. 9-27-1784, d. 2-18-1871; m. 2-28-1805, John Brown, b. 6-8-1785, d. 10-5-1843 - Brown genealogy.
  - x 3. Nancy, b. 10-26-1788; m. Solomon Blair, b. 12-10-1785, s. Enos and Hannah Millikan Blair - Blair genealogy.
  4. Daughter; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Thoenboo; r. Hendricks Co., Ind.
  5. Daughter; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Jennings; r. Hendricks Co., Ind.
- G-3-g. John Clark(s, Samuel & Elizabeth) and Mary Spencer Clark
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue:
1. Spencer
  2. William, b. 3-31-1799, d. 10-11-1846; m. Martha (Patsy) Gray, b. 1-14-1802, d. 7-4-1883, dt. Samuel and Mary Smith Gray.
  3. John
  4. Son - name not known to compiler.
  5. Margaret
  - x 6. Sarah (Sallie), b. 1820; m. Noah Rush, b. 1820 (Census of 1870).
  7. Nancy
  8. Rebecca
- (May not be listed in order of birth).

#### Sixth Generation

- G-3-a-4. John Gossett and Dorcas Clark(dt, Samuel & Rachel) Gossett
- r. Hendricks Co., Ind.
- Issue:
- a. Rachel, b. 7-16-1804, d. 12-5-1842; m. 11-1-1827, Isaac Osborn.
  - b. Samuel, b. 4-26-1806, d. 5-17-1886; m. 9-16-1824, Abbie Morgan.
  - c. Thomas, b. 9-14-1808, d. 8-1-1879; m. 9-25-1836, Elizabeth Jones.
  - d. Robert C., b. 12-21-1810, d. 3-10-1836; m. 3-10-1833, Nellie Colbott.
  - e. Joseph, b. 2-16-1813, d. 9-8-1848; m. 1-8-1835, Hannah Walton
  - f. John, b. 9-21-1815, d. 8-4-1832 (by drowning).
  - g. Dorcas, b. 2-7-1818, d. 9-6-1894; m. 12-29-1893, Robert Barker.
  - h. Nathaniel W., minister, b. 12-23-1820, d. 10-29-1903; m. 7-21-1840, Mary Greenfield Fox, b. 11-21-1822, d. 10-23-1910.
  - i. Hannah, b. 2-18-1823, d. 7-22-1882; m. 9-26-1841, Barney Fox.
  - j. William, b. 3-9-1825, d. 5-3-1887; m. 4-6-1848, Elizabeth Beck. (Gossett)
- G-3-e-3. Dougan Clark(s, Wm. & Eleanor)
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue by 1st marriage - to Nancy Welborn:
- a. William, b. 10-22-1808, d. 5-21-1873 at Economy, Ind.; m. 1-23-1834, Louisa Worth, b. 11-7-1815, Guilford Co., N.C., d. 10-24-1896, Economy, Ind., dt. David Worth, M.D., and Eunice Gardner Worth.
  - b. Urban Cooper, b. 12-16-1810, d. 7-4-1832 - accidental death from the explosion of a cannon fired at a Fourth of July celebration in honor of Andrew Jackson (Asheboro, N.C.).
  - c. Alexander, b. 6-6-1813, d. 6-18-1904, Plainfield, Ind.; m. 9-24-1840. Anna Johnson, dt. Joshua and Sarah Johnson of Orange Co., N.C. Got certificate from Cane Creek, M.M. to West Union M.M., Morgan Co., Ind., on 4-5-1856 (Hinshaw, p. 379).
  - d. Joseph, b. 12-20-1816, d. in early manhood, unm.
  - e. Edmond, b. 6-4-1819, d. 1863, unm. - was a successful physician at Jackson Hill, Davidson Co.
  - f. Jesse, b. 8-15-1821 - a lifelong invalid, moved to Kansas where he died.

- G-3-e-3. Dougan Clark(s,Wm.&Eleanor)--Continued  
Issue by 2nd marriage - to Aseneth Hunt:
- g. Nathan Hunt, b. 9-10-1825, d. 3-28-1907; m. 5-11-1848, Deep River, M.M., Semira Harriett Mendenhall, dt. Moses and Mary Stockton Mendenhall (Beeson)
  - h. Dougan, b. 5-17-1828, d. 10-10-1896; m.\_\_\_\_\_
- G-3-e-6. William Jones and Mary Clark(dt,Wm.&Eleanor) Jones  
Issue: r. Monroe Co., Ind.
- a. Stanford - living in Jones Co. Iowa, in 1916.
  - b. Thomas - living in Jones Co. Iowa, in 1916.
  - c. Dougan - living in Newton, Kans., in 1916.  
(May not be listed in order of birth-- said to have had two other sons and 2 daughters.)
- G-3-e-7. John Henley and Margaret Clark(dt,Wm.&Eleanor) Henley  
Issue: r. Back Creek, Randolph Co.
- a. William, said to have remained in North Carolina - no further record.
  - b. John, was living in Eureka, Kans., in 1916.  
(Said to have had 5 daughters and two other sons; to have had numerous descendants in Boone and Grant Counties, Ind.) (Clark)
- G-3-e-8. Reuben Davis and Hannah Clark(dt,Wm.&Eleanor) Davis  
Issue: r. Springville, Lawrence Co., Ind.
- a. Nancy; m.\_\_\_\_\_Holder, d. near Cincinnati, Greene Co., Ind.
  - b. Eleanor; m. Elisha Rambolt - they reared 6 children a few miles from the old home of Eleanor's parents.
  - c. Jesse; m. Rachel Dix - their son, Theodore Davis, owned and occupied the Reuben Davis old home.
  - d. William, d. young.
  - e. Elizabeth; m.\_\_\_\_\_Taylor they lived and died, Martin Co., Ind.
- G-3-e-9. John Clark(s,Wm.&Eleanor) and Caroline Fentress Clark  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Robert; m.\_\_\_\_\_ - In 1916, Robert and family were living in Asheboro and said to be the only descendants of Capt. William Clark living in North Carolina at that time who bore the name of Clark(Clark).  
There may have been other children in this family.
- G-3-g-2. William Clark(s,John&Mary) and Martha Gray Clark  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. John, b. 1-19-1824, d. 1-6-1902; m. 10-22-1879, Crissie J. Brown Sullivan, dt. Dempsey Brown; Crissie was a widow for the second time, having previously married to Dr. Elisha B. King who died 5-9-1870. Her 2nd husband, A. V. Sullivan, d. in 1875. No children by either marriage.
  - b. Martha, d. unm.
  - x c. Nancy, m. McKendry Gray, b. 1837, s. William and Charity Mendenhall Gray (Gray)
  - d. Margaret; m. Elisha Welborn, s. Joseph and Parthena Gray Dawson Saxton Welborn.
  - e. Alexander; m. 8-22-1854, Bettie Taylor
  - f. Mary, b. 2-23-1822.
- G-3-g-6. Noah Rush and Sarah Clark(dt,John&Mary) Rush  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Zebedee, b. 1847, a prominent minister of Montgomery Co.; m.\_\_\_\_\_. They had:  
1. Sallie; m. D.N. Bost - living in Concord, N.C. 1941. There may have been others.
  - b. Calvin H., b. 1852-3.
  - c. Mary J., b. 1854-5.
  - d. Alta L., b. 1887-8. (Ages computed from census of 1870.)

#### Seventh Generation

- G-3-a-4-h. Rev. Nathaniel W. Gossett(s,John&Dorcas) and Mary G. Fox Gossett  
Issue: r. Brownsburg, Hendricks Co., Ind.
- 1. Thomas A., b. 12-21-1841, d. 3-15-1899; m. 10-29-1865, Nettie Combs.
  - 2. John B., b. 11-13-1843, d. 11-6-1879; m. 4-12-1866, Matilda Beeman
  - 3. Mary E., b. 5-14-1846, d. 5-10-1928; m. 10-26-1865, George Turley.

- G-3-a-4-h. Rev. Nathaniel W. Gossett(s,John&Dorcas) and Mary G. Fox Gossett--Continued.
4. Nancy E., b. 9-18-1848, d. \_\_\_\_\_; m. 8-29-1880, John Brumfield.
  5. Cynthia A., b. 1-7-1851, d. 3-3-1935; m. 3-22-1874, John Shanklin.
  6. Hannah L., b. 9-20-1853, d. 3-13-1892; m. 12-25-1873, Benjamin Combs.
  7. M Clark, b. 1-28-1856, d. 12-23-1932, unkm.
  8. Emma V., b. 8-22-1858, d. 11-13-1882; m. \_\_\_\_\_, Oliver Fordyce.
  9. A. Brook, b. 4-16-1861, d. 3-29-1925; m. 11-12-1890, Eva Lovett.
  10. Etta, b. 5-19-1863, d. \_\_\_\_\_; m. 2-27-1887, Charles Bragg.
  11. Albert A., b. 1-28-1866, d. 1-5-1879.
  12. Clara, b. 10-23-1868, d. \_\_\_\_\_; m. 10-26-1890, William Hamilton. (Gossett)

G-3-e-3-a. William Clark(s,Dougan&Nancy) and Louisa Worth Clark

Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ r. Randolph Co.; Wayne Co., Ind;

1. Thomas Elwood, b.12-9-1834, d. 2-9-1909; m. 10-5-1862, Nancy Goodrich, b. 1836-7 (Census, 1870).
2. Jonathan Backhouse, M.D., b. 6-26-1836, d. 3-21-1912; m. 12-25-1867, Matilda Conley, b. 1847-8 (Census, 1870).
3. Joseph Addison, b. 12-26-1837, d. 9-15-1905; m. 8-29-1866, Eunice Hadley. Joseph was an eminent scholar and Civil Engineer of Idaho Falls, Idaho.
4. Nancy Jane, b. 5-4-1839, d. 2-19-1916; m. 2-26-1862, John Charles.
5. Barsillai (Brazilla) Worth, b. 5-6-1841, d. 8-26-1913; m. 1st, 10-6-1870, Emma Botkin who d. ca 1878. m.2nd, 11-9-1880, Charity Knight, b. 3-19-1860. d. 7-21-1883. They had: a. Albert Worth, b. 4-23-1883, d. 3-18-1954, Flushing, L.I. m.3rd, 11-5-1887, Ellen Henby, d. 12- -1935.
6. Eunice Roxanna, b. 11-21-1842, d. 9-18-1910; m. 2-26-1862, William Mendenhall, s, Wm. and Rebecca Mendenhall. Eunice was a minister of the Friends Church (Clark). Mendenhall genealogy.
7. Miriam Esceneth, b. 4-10-1845, d. 8-27-1921, unkm.
8. Rhoda Rosalie, b. 1-23-1847, d. 1-14-1906; m. 7-24-1869, Henry Cain.
9. George Edmund, b. 11-16-1848, d. 6-6-1910; m. 9-10-1880, Alice E. Steely.
10. John Milton, M.D., b. 3-26-1851, d. 8-21-1897; m. 9-7-1876, Ida M. Conley.
11. Mary Martitia, b. 8-8-1853, d. 10-23-1936, unkm.
12. William Dougan, b. 4-13-1856, d. 9-9-1918; m. 9-10-1880, Ella Cates.

They had: a. John Clark of Winchester, Ind.  
- probably others.

(Hinshaw, p. 743; Albert Worth Clark).

"On 9-1-1860, William Clark and wife, Louisa, & children got certificate to Springfield Monthly Meeting, Wayne Co., Indiana." (Hinshaw, p. 757).

G-3-e-3-c. Alexander Clark(s,Dougan&Nancy) and Anna Johnson Clark

Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ r. Randolph Co.; Morgan Co., Ind.

1. William P., author of "The Clarks of Randolph"; living at Paonia, Colo., in 1916.
2. Sarah J.; m. \_\_\_\_\_ King, of Nobelville, Ind.
3. Eliza Armstrong; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Cox; living at Whitley, Calif. in 1916. Sarah and Eliza were ministers of the Friends Church. Eliza was editor of the Missionary Advocate, a publication of her church.
4. Son, d. prior to 1916.
5. Daughter, d. prior to 1916.

G-3-e-3-h. Dougan Clark(s,Dougan&Asceneth) and \_\_\_\_\_

Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ r. Hamilton Co., Ind.

1. Charles Granville, a physician in England.
2. William Fleming, editor of "Sait Nicholas" (1916).
3. Henry Howard, a lumber dealer in Indianapolis, Ind. (Clark).

Eighth and Ninth Generations

G-3-e-3-a-1. Thomas Elwood Clark(s,Wm.&Louisa) and Nancy Goodrich Clark

Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ r. Wayne Co., Ind.

- a. Love, dt., b. 1872-3
- b. John, b. 1876-7.
- c. Nellie, b. 1879 (Ages computed from last birthday, census 1870).



- G-3-e-3-a-2. Jonathan B. Clark(s,William&Louisa) and Matilda Conley Clark  
 Issue: r. Wayne Co., Ind.  
 a. Evie (dt.), b. 1869.  
 b. Edmund, b. 1870 (Ages computed from last birthday, census 1870).
- G-3-e-3-a-10. John Milton Clark, M.D. (s,Wm.&Louisa) and Ida Conley Clark  
 Issue: r. Wayne Co., Ind.  
 a. Charles Herbert, M.D., b. 1877; m. Jessie Nelson.  
     They had: 1. John Nelson; m. and had a daughter in 1952.  
 b. Worth, M.D., said to be married and practising in Atlantic City, N.J., (1916).  
 c. Rena; m. Fred Greenstreet, living Ypsilanti, Mich. (1952).

### DOUGAN CLARK

In the year 1800, when he was seventeen, Dougan, eldest son of William and Eleanor (Dougan) Clark, was converted and joined the Methodists. Soon afterwards Dougan entered the ministry of the Methodist church, in which capacity he served 1817. At that time he left the Methodist church because, it is said, he could not defend slavery and war as he was required to do by the Methodist brethren. Almost immediately, he was appointed, or ordained, as a minister in the Friends church. He served as an itinerant and probably preached in every meetinghouse of the Friends in North Carolina during his time.

On 11-16-1821, Nancy, Dougan's first wife, died. On 5-14-1823, he married Asceneth Hunt, daughter of Nathan Hunt who was also a minister of the Friends. Dougan and Asceneth labored together in the ministry until 1837, at which time they were called, to superintend the newly-founded school at New Garden (now Guilford College). For six years Dougan and Asceneth devoted themselves to their new task, then went on a religious journey to England from which they returned in 1845. Later, Dougan bought a farm near New Garden, but soon afterwards his health began to fail. After Dougan's death (1855), his farm was owned and occupied by Dr. Horace Cannon, father of Joseph Cannon, Speaker of the House, U.S. Senate.

Of Dougan Clark it has been said that after Nathan Hunt, his father-in-law, he was the most prominent of all the ministers of the Friends church in North Carolina.

### CAPTAIN WILLIAM CLARK

In J. Addison Blair's *Reminiscences of Randolph County* (p. 19) we are told, "Captain William Clark, one of the most daring and determined spirits of that day, lived near where Naomi Factory now stands, on the southside of Deep River. He was the acknowledged leader of the Whig party in Randolph, and to him the post of danger had a fascination that he loved and sought. It was Clark who captured and killed John Elrod and Samuel Still, two notorious Tories who lived in the fork of the Yadkin River." (See sketch of Henry Johnson.)

After a tour of duty with General Green, William Clark returned to Randolph during the latter part of Fanning's whirlwind campaign of arson and murder throughout the county. Fanning had already reached the farm of William Clark (the present site of Randleman), burned the family dwelling, and driven William's wife, Eleanor, and their two children away from home. Jane, one of the children, survived, but the other one died from exposure in the woods where they sought refuge (Clark).

The remaining days of William were spent in rebuilding his home, near the spring in southwest Randleman that bears his name, in farming and in religious pursuits. It has been said that he accepted the Scriptures, without reservation, as the inspired Word of God and committed to memory many passages contained therein.

Having become settled in his conviction that Slavery and War are contrary to the will of God and that the Society of the Friends was the only church that stood uncompromisingly opposed to these issues, William Clark, said to have been brought up in the Presbyterian faith, joined the Friends in the year 1800 and remained a member of this organization as long as he lived. At the time he joined the Friends, the Society had no meetinghouses in Randolph, so he worshipped at Center Meetinghouse, ten miles south of Greensboro.

On September 17, 1802, William Clark bought from Henry Yount a tract of land on Carraway Creek that contained 612 acres. The price he paid for this farm, said to be chiefly "bottom land," was \$1500. The minutes of Back Creek M.M. show that on Nov. 19, 1803, the membership of the William Clark family was transferred from Center to Marlboro, recently organized near the Clark home (Hinshaw). For a time, William was "overseer" at Marlboro and served in various capacities.

On August 13, 1824, William deeded his farm to William Dougan. From that year until 1833, at which time he went to live with his son John, he made his home in Randleman. In 1819, and again in 1828, William visited his children who had settled in Indiana.

William and Eleanor had nine children besides the one who died as a result of the visit of the Tories to their home. In the pension file of William and Eleanor (spelled Ellender in the record) may be found pages torn from the Family Bible on which are written, in William's own handwriting, the names and birthdates of all their children, also of the children of Dougan (son of William and Eleanor) and Nancy Welborn Clark.

Treasured relics of the Clark family, handed down from pioneer days, are said to have been in the possession of descendants of William and Eleanor in 1919 (Clark). At that time, Theodore Davis, a grandson, owned and occupied the log house near Springville, Indiana, to which Hannah Clark (mother of Theodore and daughter of William and Eleanor) was taken as a bride in 1820; also in Mr. Davis' possession was the tall wooden clock that was still keeping time, and a pair of cuff buttons that had been worn by William Penn. The watch that William Clark carried throughout the Revolution was said to have been owned by Ernest Clark of Ashboro.

#### WILLIAM AND LOUISA (WORTH) CLARK

William was the eldest son of Dougan and Nancy Welborn Clark. Louisa (pronounced with long "i") to whom William was married (Randolph Co.) on 1-23-1834, was the daughter of Dr. David and Eunice Gardner Worth who came from Nantucket and settled in what is now Guilford County, ten miles south of Greensboro near Center Meetinghouse. Other children of Dr. and Mrs. Worth: Jonathan who, in 1866, became governor of North Carolina; Dr. John Milton Worth, Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, 1877-8; Miriam who married Barnabas Coffin; Elvira who married Nathan Dennis.

According to family tradition, William was a very devout christian who had serious conflict with his church. It is said that he was admonished by the Society of Friends, of which he was a member, for owning a slave; that he considered the matter carefully and came to this conclusion: "Every man should be his own master, therefore, I have no right to hold this man in bondage." Acting on his conviction, William freed the slave - the only one he ever owned - and provided for his needs until he could find a new master, or employment as a free man. Later, according to tradition, William was admonished by his church because of his "manner of dress and address"; whereupon, he withdrew from The Society. No record of his withdrawal has been found; nevertheless, we know that he was not a member of the Society of Friends at the time of his marriage, for on 3-16-1834, Louisa Clark of Center Monthly Meeting condoned her marriage out of unity (Hinshaw, p. 676).

On 6-20-1835, Louisa was received at Marlboro Monthly Meeting on certificate from Center M.M.; on 4-2-1842, William was received at Marlboro M.M. on request (Hinshaw, p. 676). Under date of 8-1-1846, Marlboro M.M., are the following entries: "Clark, Thomas Elwood, Jonathan Backhouse, Joseph Addison & Barzilla [Barzillai] Worth, minors, received on request of their father, William; Clark, Nancy Jane, received on request of Louisa, mother." (Hinshaw, p. 756.) The explanation of these items follows; In order for a child to be intitled to birthright membership in the Society of Friends it was required that both parents be members of The Society when the child was born. As William Clark was separated from The Society when his first five children were born the only way they (the above-named) could be brought into its membership while they were minors was on the request of their parents.

Soon after their marriage, William and Louisa left the farm and settled at New Salem (Randolph Co.) where William established a merchantile business. Later, leaving his store in charge of his sons, first to Elwood, then to Barzillai, William became associated with the Union Cotton Mill, located at the present site of Randleman, then known as Dick's Mills (Blair, p. 45).

To this family the issue of slavery became broader and deeper than that of slave ownership. As the children reached the marriageable age there was concern over the probability of their marrying into neighboring families who kept slaves. This matter and William's conscientious objection to bearing arms caused the Clarks to be subjected to the severe criticism of their neighbors, even to the accusation of disloyalty to their country. By that time the Dennises and the Coffins (mentioned above) had settled in Wayne County, Indiana, and were writing to William and Louisa of the advantages of their new home. Barnabas Coffin offered William a partnership in his general store in Economy. After much deliberation, the Clarks decided to join their relatives there. On 9-1-1860, William and Louisa Clark and children got certificate from Marlboro, M.M. to Springfield M.M., Wayne County, Indiana (Hinshaw, p. 757).

Before leaving Randolph William disposed of his store at New Salem, and his interest in the Union Cotton Mill. His farm land was left in charge of interested neighbors and Louisa's brother, Dr. John Milton Worth. Some of the personal belongings were disposed of; others, from which the family were loath to part because of their usefulness or sentimental value, were given space in the wagons. The caravan consisted of the family carriage, driven by William, and four covered wagons, driven by Barzillai and three Negro men who went of their own free will and were paid for their services. At that time Jonathan and Addison were in college at the University of Pennsylvania and Earlham College, respectively. After a journey of forty-one days, the Clarks arrived at their new home in Indiana. Louisa's two sisters had done what they could to make their house ready for them. Certain articles had been bought to replace those that had been disposed of back in Randolph.

As he prospered in business, William invested in Indiana farm land - became a gentleman farmer. Eventually, he bought Barney Coffin's interest in the store in Economy. During the War Between the States, William and Louisa used their means to relieve the destitution of those families whose breadwinners had been called into the service. Their motto: "All that we have is a loan from our Creator; we must use it well."

After reaching the age of retirement, William let his two sons, Edward and Barzillai, take over the store which thereafter was operated under the name of T.E.&B.W. Clark. His work as provider for a large family accomplished, William spent his declining years on "my acres." Louisa survived her husband by twenty-three years. In her obituary she is accredited with having been a devoted wife and mother, a friend to anyone who was in need. During their first days of freedom she helped to feed and clothe the colored people around her, inspired the timid with self-confidence.

During her last moments all of her children, except Joseph Addison who was living in Idaho, were at her bedside. William and Louisa were buried in Springfield Cemetery at Economy.

Many of the descendants of William and Louisa have demonstrated great strength of character, achieved unusual success. Their son John Milton practiced medicine on the edge of the great expanse of storm-felled trees near Economy known as the Fallen Timber country, territory that was infested by a band of robbers who were the offspring of the murders and horse thieves of earlier days. The younger generation, calling themselves White Caps, robbed smokehouses and country stores and, day or night, waylaid peaceful Quakers as they went about their duties. During a brutal attack by a gang of these marauders Dr. John Milton Clark sustained injuries of the spine that resulted in the paralysis of his lower limbs and, eighteen months later, in his death. Yet, for some time after his injury he managed to visit his patients by being carried to and from his buggy in the arms of his sons.

Grandsons of William and Louisa named in The Clarks of Randolph as deserving special mention are:

John G. Clark, M.D., distinguished surgeon of Philadelphia; professor, Medical College, University of Pennsylvania (died prior to 1952). Mrs. Sarah Savery, Kennet Square, Pa., is a descendant of this line.

Edmond Dougan Clark, M.D., eminent surgeon; professor, Indiana Medical College (died prior to 1952). His widow, Harriet Lewis Clark, said to be living at Rye, N.Y., in 1952.

Nathan Hunt Clark, lawyer of Boise City, Idaho, died young; D. Worth Clark, lawyer of Pocatello, Idaho; Brazillai Clark, mayor of Idaho Falls, Idaho, in 1916; Thomas Elwood Mendenhall, son of William Mendenhall and Eunice Clark Mendenhall, physician of Jamestown, R.I.; Chase A. Clark, Judge of District Court, Boise City, Idaho, in 1952 and said to be the only surviving member of his family.

The colorful narrative entitled Jungle Doctor, by Harold H. Martin (Saturday Evening Post, October 4, '52) brings us up to date on another grandson, Dr. Herbert Charles Clark, son of Dr. John Milton Clark. In this story we are told that after the death of Charles Herbert's father (on 8-21-1899) a farmer uncle agreed to put Herbert Charles through medical school, that he chose to go to the University of Pennsylvania where his cousin, Dr. John G. Clark, was professor of gynechology, and arrived there in 1903.

During World War I, his internship completed, Herbert Charles was commissioned a captain and sent to Paris to study the pathological effect of the various poisonous gases. After that came a chance tour of duty in the tropics - supposed to last for six months but, after forty years, is still in force. This assignment has earned for him many honors, including the directorate of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory in Panama, and the Walter Reed Medal, the highest honor that can come to a tropical doctor.

"Jungle Doctor," born in 1877, is now past seventy-five and planning to retire and come back to the states. Near the top of the list of the things he hopes to do then is to visit Guilford College, the Quaker school in North Carolina that in the early 1830's a great-grandfather, Dougan Clark, helped to found.

## DEAR

This name originated in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, but it has had various spellings. Some of the most usual are Der, Deer, Deere, Deyr, Deir, Dier, and Djer. Allaas de Der was one of the "burgeuses rure manetes" in Aberdeen in the year 1317; Thomas Deir (or Deyr) appears as notary public of Perth, 1528-1532, and 1546; Jhone Deir is in record as a trade burgess of Aberdeen in 1617 (Black, p. 204).

The Dears were among the earliest colonist of North Carolina and Virginia. In the Perquimins Precinct Court, under the heading, "George Deere imports persons," appears the following: "At a Court Holden at the house of Diana Ffostess, the First Monday in February, Ann. D.O., 1693-4. . . . George Deere has proved his rights as being Jeane Critchell and John Dear, and by Hannah Harrison, Edward Harrison, Joseph Williams, Wm. ffyan, Hannah ffyan, Mercy ffyan, Elizabeth ffyan, Lydia Harrison, in all ten persons" (N.C. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 395). At a court "Holden for ye Precinct of Perquimons at ye house of Mr. James Oats ye Secont Tuesday in April, 1669, George Deere and Elisabeth his wife Acknowleg Asignment of A patent to Richard Devenport for Batson gra" (Ibid, p. 523). On Feb. 17, 1696, Chowan Co., George Dear was granted 27 acres of land known as Batts Grave at the mouth of the Yoppin (Yowpin) River (Land Grants, Book 1, p. 72, Office, Sec. of State, Raleigh). On July 1, 1725, in Chowan Co., George Dear Witnessed the will of Charles Stacy (Grimes - p. 356). The Land Rent Rolls of Albemarle (after 1670, Chowan) County, filed among the loose papers of the County records at Edenton - without date, but known to have been executed prior to 1750 - show George Dear of Chowan County as renter of 124 acres (N.C. Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. I, No. 2, p. 302). The will of Joseph Dear, recorded in Chowan Co., 1762, mentions, without stating their relationship, the following persons: George, Elizabeth, and Sarah Dear (Olds - p. 63).

In the census of 1790 (p. 19) Ann Dear was listed as the head of a family living in Eden Town, Chowan Co., Edenton District, but the composition of her household and of the four immediately preceding it had been eradicated. In the same record (p. 125) she appears in Beaufort Co., Newbern District, as Ann Deer, head of a family including two free white males under 16. In the census of 1800 (p. 117) she is listed under Eden Town, Chowan Co., as "Mrs. Dier," a non-family person "over 45". Her name was not found in the census of 1810. The census of 1790, Rowan Co. (p. 173), lists Andrew Deer as head of a household consisting of the following free whites: Males, 16 and over - 3; males under 16 - 1; females - 3.

Early records of Virginia show that the Dears (Deers) settled in the northern neck of the colony. In 1756, Richard Dear, among several others, was processed from Fairfax's line to North River by John Harrisson and Dan'l Smith (Chalkney - Vol. 2, p. 443 - copied from Augusta Parish Vestry Book, p. 174).

The pension file (Virginia #4199; S. 8 331) of Martin Deer, a soldier of the Revolution who entered the service from Culpeper County, contains valuable information on the family. Martin Deer's military services included several tours of duty. He was at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered. Among those mentioned as his companions in the service were John and George Deer. Martin Deer was the son of Martin Deer, a German farmer who settled in Culpeper County. He was the oldest son and "inherited the entire name of his father." In 1847, he was living on a small farm. Pages torn from the Family Bible and now in the pension filed contain the following data:

"Martin Deer was born Oct. 1757

Martin Deer and Susannah Deer were married the 21st of June, 1789

Their children:

Sary Deer, born March 1st, 1791

Nancy Deer, born Dec. 15, 1795

Paga Deer, born Feb. 18, 1793

Absolon Deer, born Oct. 15, 1800

Faney Deer, born 15th of June, 1794

Fielden Deer, born Sept. 11, 1809"

The estate of Martin Deer (Rev. soldier) was settled in Madison County (formed from Orange in 1792-93) in the year 1848. Sharing in the estate were: Absolon Deer, Fielding Deer, Sarah Deer, Fanny Skinner, formerly Deer, Nancy Loyd, formerly Deer, and Peggy Deer. There is no mention of a widow.

Among those listed as heads of families, Orange Co., Va., in the year 1782 (p. 40) were: Charles Dear, accredited with free whites - 2

Thomas Dear, accredited with free whites - 6; Blacks - 1

The list of taxables in Orange Co., for 1782-87 (p.97) shows Charles Dear as head of a family composed of free whites: males - 4; females - 2. The same record (p. 40) shows Andrew Dear, John Dear, and Moses Dear listed for poll tax in Culpeper Co. The destruction of court house records in this section of Virginia during the War Between the States makes it impossible to identify the family of Reuben Dear with the family of the Charles Dear shown above, but records in North Carolina indicate that this Charles Dear was Reuben's father.

In 1805, James Hall Sturratt sold to Charles Dear of Rockingham County, a tract of land on Reedy Fork, Guilford County, for the sum of \$700. Witnesses to this transaction were Bradley Dear and Henry Coffee (Guilford Co., Deed Book I). The will of Charles Dear, dated April 30, 1811, probated, Guilford County, Aug., 1811, mentions the following: Elizabeth Dear, wife; Bradley Dear and Reuben Dear, sons; grandsons, Charles, son of Bradley Dear, Joseph, Hiram and Charles Norman, sons of John and Fanny Norman. Execs: Bradley Dear, Reuben Dear, and John Norman (N.C. Genealogical Records, N.S. D.A. R., Vol 6). In 1819, Reuben Dear bought of Botlear (Butler) Fox, for the sum of \$700, 276 acres of land located in Rowan (after 1820, Davidson) County, east of Liberty Baptist church (Rowan Co. Deed Book 26, p. 671). On Sept. 1, 1821, Reuben Dear deeded to Joshua Lee, Peter Owen, and \_\_\_\_\_ Copple, Trustees, 1 acre of land for a meeting house east of the "present Liberty church" (Davidson Co. Deed Book I, p. 8). In January, 1831, Reuben Dear bought land in Trinity Township, Randolph Co., from his brother-in-law, Abner Ward. Reuben Dear was one of the early trustees of Hopewell Methodist church, founded in 1822, a few scant miles from Old Trinity, and for many years the place of worship of the faculty and students of Trinity College (Thomasville News, Feb. 16, 1940).

In 1842, Joshua Dear, son of Reuben, sold to John W. Dorsett, 220 acres of land. Sometime during the late 1840's, Joshua Dear moved to Buchanan County, Missouri, where, about the year 1853 he was joined by his parents and his three sisters, Barsheba, Fanny, and Nancy. On March 25, 1858, Reuben Dear deeded his farm in Randolph to John Dorsett. This farm was owned and occupied subsequently by Thomas Arnold and, after his death, by his son, Rose Arnold.

In the 1850 census, Randolph County, Reuben Dear gave his age as 68; his native state, as Virginia. Therefore, it is assumed that he was born, 1782-3; that Charles Dear, his father, was the Charles Dear listed as taxable in Orange County, Va., 1782-87; also that he was the same person who bought land in Guilford County, N.C. in the year 1805.

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. Charles Dear(s, & ) and Elizabeth Dear  
Issue: r. Orange Co., Va.; Rockingham Co. and Guilford Co., N.C.
- A. Reuben, b. Va., 1782-3, d. near Fair Grove, Mo., 12-15-1866; m. Guilford Co. (N.C.) 1807, Judith (Judah) Lee, b. Bertie Co., 1789, d. Buchanan Co., Mo., 1863, dt. Joshua and Fanny King Lee.
- B. Bradley, b. in Va.; married and had son Charles, b. prior to 4-30-1811.
- C. Fanny, b. in Va.; m. John Norman.  
They had: 1. Joseph  
2. Hiram  
3. Charles - all born prior to 4-30-1811.
- (All of the above-named mentioned in the will of Charles Dear).

### Third Generation

- A. Reuben Dear(s, Charles & Elizabeth) and Judith Lee Dear  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Buchanan Co., Mo.
- x 1. Polly Lee, b. Randolph Co., N.C.; m. John Goss and settled in Texas.
2. Joshua, b. Randolph Co., N.C., ca, 1813; m. Mary (Polly) Pritchett, b. N.C., 1818.
- x 3. Barsheba, b. N.C.; m. James Milberry Russell, settled near Fair Grove, Buchanan Co., Mo. James died prior to the death of Reuben Dear.
4. Fanny, b. N.C.; m. Alexander Ward, settled near Fair Grove, Mo., but later moved to Arkansas.
- x 5. Sarah, b. Randolph Co., 6-15-1822, d. 8-10-1852 (Hopewell); m. Randolph Co., as 1st wife, Lewis Johnson, b. 10-13-1821, d. 12-24-1910 (Mt. Gilead). Johnson genealogy.
- x 6. Eliza, b. 2-6-1826, d. 7-4-1902; m. Randolph Co., 5-12-1846, DeWitt Clinton Johnson, b. 9-15-1814, d. 3-6-1886 (Hopewell) (N.C. Tombstone Records, N.S.D.A.R., Vol. 2, p. 60), Johnson genealogy.
7. Nancy, b. N.C.; m. William Jarvis of Missouri, probably Buchanan Co.

### Fourth and Fifth Generations

- A-1. John Goss and Polly Lee Dear(dt, Reuben & Judith) Goss  
Issue: r. Texas
- a. Sarah; m. Joshua Brown.
- b. Joshua; m. Maggie Phillips.
- c. Hill.
- d. Martha.
- e. Ann E.; m. Robert Burney.
- f. John Lee; m. 1st, Ophelia Sheskey.  
m. 2nd, Modora Stonaker.
- g. Mary E.; m. Sim Moore.
- A-2. Joshua Dear(s, Reuben & Judith) and Polly Pritchett Dear  
Issue: r. Buchanan Co., Mo.
- a. Robert, b. ca, 1836; m. Mary C. Shults, b. ca 1830.  
They had: 1. Ellen.  
2. Robert.
- b. Jane, b. ca, 1839; m. Chesley Ray.
- c. Wesley, b. ca. 1842.
- d. William Mc., b. ca. 1845.
- e. Sarah A., b. ca, 1847.
- f. Hannabal, b. ca, 1849; m. Lydia Gillum.  
(All born in N.C.; ages computed from census of 1860).

- A-3. James Milberry Russell and Barsheba Dear(dt, Reuben&Judith) Russell  
Issue: r. Fair Grove, Buchanan Co., Mo.
- a. Pleasant.
  - b. Kate; m. Allen Neighbors.
  - c. Margaret.



## ELDER

### PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

Robert and Eleanor Elder were the founders of the Elder family in America. Robert Elder was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, about the year 1679 and died in Pennsylvania on July 28, 1746. Eleanor, whom he married in Edinburgh in 1703, was born in Edinburgh in 1684, and died in Pennsylvania on October 25, 1742. After their marriage Robert and Eleanor migrated to Lough Neagh, County Antrim, Ulster Province, Ireland, where their five sons, Robert, John, Thomas, David and James, and at least one daughter, Ann, were born. In 1727 (1730 also shown), Robert and Eleanor and the three youngest of their children, David, James, and Ann, came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, five miles north of the present city of Harrisburg. At that time this section of Pennsylvania was Lancaster County's township known as Paxtang, which later became Dauphin County. Robert, John, and Thomas, oldest sons of Robert and Eleanor, remained in the "Old Country" until 1733 at which time these three (already married) decided to follow their parents, their sister, their two brothers, and their friends to the "New World."

John, the second son, born in Edinburgh on January 26, 1706, had graduated from the University of Edinburgh where he received a classical education. Subsequently, he had studied Divinity and, in 1732, was licensed to preach the Gospel. He came to America as a regularly licensed minister and was received by the Presbytery of Newcastle, but on October 5, 1737, was transferred to the Presbytery of Donegal. He served Paxtang church, organized in 1729, for one year on probation. On April 12, 1738, he accepted a call to this church and, on November 22 of that year was installed pastor. Among those who signed his call were John Gray, Alex. Johnston, and Alex. Johnson. Later, John Elder assumed the pastorate of Derry church, organized in 1714. He continued to serve Paxtang and Derry - from the time they were organized until 1736, considered as branches of the same congregation - until April 13, 1791, or two years before he died at the age of 86.

The ministry of the Reverend John Elder was fraught by the doctrinal disturbances caused by the Whitfield Movement and by the perils of the French and Indian War that were increasingly terrifying. This fearless man of God rose to meet both emergencies and, eventually, triumphed over both.

During the second year of the Whitfield Movement, also known as "the great revival," dissensions were widespread among the Presbyterians. The congregations of the Reverend John Elder were divided into two factions, the "New Side, or the Whitfield side, and the "Old Side," or the John Elder side. Parson Elder preached fervently against "this religious furor" and was accused by some of propagating false doctrine. However, in December, 1740, Presbytery cleared him of the charge. The "Old Side" members of the Paxtang congregation, having acquired legal title to their church property (which included twenty acres of land) on June 8, 1754, extended a second call to John Elder. Among the 127 who signed this call were: Alex. Johnson, John Johnson, Thomas Dougan, John Gray, and James Collier. After the Governor of Pennsylvania had failed to respond to their urgent appeals to him for protection against the Indians, the men and boys of Paxtan and Derry churches organized themselves into a military unit which they named The Paxtang Rangers, otherwise known as The Paxtang Boys, with their minister as Captain. During that critical period the Reverend John Elder wore a cocked hat and carried a gun during church services; therefore; he became known as the Fighting Parson (Egle, pp. 483-4).

History shows that during one period the name Paxtang as applied to the church and township in Lancaster County by that name was changed to Paxton, in honor of Paxton Manor, home of the Elders in Scotland (McAlarney, pp. 67-8). It is significant to note that two Revolutionary War veterans - John Graham and Joseph Johns(t)on - who had come from Lancaster County to Randolph wrote in their applications for pension benefits as follows: "I was born in Paxton township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania."

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

#### I. Robert Elder and Eleanor \_\_\_\_\_ ? Elder

- Issue: r. Edinburgh, Scotland; Lough Neagh, County Antrim,  
Ulster, Ir.; Lancaster (now Dauphin) County, Pa.
- A. Robert, b. 1704; m. Mary Taylor, an English girl (Ritchey).
  - B. John, b. 1-26-1706, Edinburgh, d. 7-17-1792, Lancaster Co., Pa.;
    - m. 1st, 8-13-1741, Mary Baker, b. 1715, County Antrim, Ir., d. 6-12-1749, Lancaster Co., dt. Joshua Baker.
    - m. 2nd, 11-5-1751, Mary Simpson, b. 1732, Lancaster Co., d. 10-3-1786, dt. Thomas and Sarah Simpson.
  - C. Thomas, b. 1708, m. Mary Patterson, dt. William Patterson, Lancaster Co.
  - D. David, b. 1710; m. Hannah Anderson, after coming to Lancaster Co.
  - E. James, b. 1712; married and settled in Cumberland Co., Pa. (Ritchey).
  - F. Ann, b. 1713; m. John Anderson of Ocalorara, after coming to Lancaster Co.

### Third Generation

#### A. Robert Elder(s,Robert&Eleanor) and Mary Taylor Elder

- Issue: r. Lough Neagh, Ulster, Ir.; Lancaster Co., Pa.
- 1. John, b. 1730, d. 12- -1756, Hanover Co., Pa.; no record of his marriage (Ritchey).
  - 2. Robert, b. 1732, d. ca, 1818; m. 1769, Elizabeth Tomson who died ca, 1832. Robert was a Revolutionary War soldier.
  - 3. Samuel, b. 1734; m. Mary Robinson and moved to northern Ohio, later to Ind.
  - 4. Isabel, b. 1736; m. Adam Breaden - no further record.
  - 5. David, b. 1738; m. and moved late in life to Ohio where he died. He had, among other children, Joshua and Robert.
  - 6. Elizabeth, b. 1740 (Egle, p. 187).

#### B. Rev. John Elder(s,Robert&Eleanor)

- Issue: r. Edinburg, Scotland; Lancaster Co., Penn.  
by 1st marriage - to Mary Baker:
- 1. Robert, b. 6-11-1742, d. 9-29-1818; m. 2-7-1769, Mary J. Thompson of Derry Twp., Lancaster Co., b. 10-19-1750, d. 8-18-1813.
  - 2. Joshua, b. 3-9-1774-5, d. 12-5-1820, had rank of Colonel, was admitted to Dauphin Co. Bar Assn., August, 1791;
    - m. 1st, Mary McAllister who died 11-21-1782, aged 29 yr.
    - m. 2nd, 5-27-1783, Sarah McAllister who died 12-6-1807, aged 45.Joshua had several namesakes, but no children by either marriage.
  - 3. Eleanor, b. 5-21-1749, d. 12-12-1775; m. 12-11-1766, John Hayes.
  - 4. Grizzell (dt.), d. 9-18-1769, aged 20 years.  
by 2nd marriage - to Mary Simpson:
  - 5. Sarah, b. 10-19-1752; m. 6-19-1787, James Wallace.
  - 6. Ann, b. 1-8-1754; m. 9-23-1779, Andrew Stephens.
  - 7. John, b. 8-3-1757, d. 4-27-1811; m. 1st, Elizabeth Awl.
    - m. 2nd, 12-16-1788, Sarah Kennedy.
  - 8. Mary, b. 1-12-1760; m. 5-18-1784, James Wilson.
  - 9. Jane, b. 5-21-1762, d. 8-6-1763.
  - 10. James, b. 6-15-1764, d. 4-13-1813, Indiana Co., Pa.; m. 12-5-1792, Martha Robinson, b. 1772, d. 5-27-1812 - 8 children.
  - 11. Thomas, b. 1-30-1768. d. 4-29-1853, Harrisburg, Pa.;
    - m. 1st, 3-23-1799, Catherine Cox, d. 6-12-1810.
    - m. 2nd, 5-30-1813, Elizabeth Shippen Jones, b. Burlington, N.J., 12-13-1787, d. 10-31-1871.
  - 12. David, b. 5-7-1769, d. 5-22-1809; m. Jane \_\_\_\_\_ who d. 1-13-1842, aged 70.
  - 13. Samuel, b. 2-27-1772, d. 9-26-1815; m. 3-7-1793, Margaret Espy.
  - 14. Michael, b. 8-9-1773, d. 9-25-1850, Columbia, Pa.;
    - m. 1st, 6-4-1795, Nancy McKinney
    - m. 2nd, 4-5-1827, Charlotte Giberson

B. Rev. John Elder(s,Robert&Eleanor)--Continued.

15. Rebecca, b. 3-1-1775, d. 9-17-1792, unmar.

Data earlier than 1790-1, taken from "Parson Elder's Family Record" (Egle - Ser. I, Vol. I, pp. 44-5). See also, Marriages of Paxtang and Derry Churches and File Case of Robert Elder, by Jesse Ritchey.

The will of Rev. John Elder, dated 5-3-1792, probated, 9-17-1792, mentions:

Daughters: Sarah, Ann, Mary, Rebecca - unmarried

Sons: James, Thomas, David, Samuel, Michael, Robert, John, Joshua

Grandchildren: Sarah and John Hayes, children of deceased dt., Eleanor Hayes.

Executors: John and James Elder

Witnesses: John A. Hannah, and others.

# ELDER

## NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH

The census of 1790 (p. 101) lists only two heads of families in Randolph by the name of Elder, or John Elder and James Elder. John is accredited with four boys under sixteen years old and two females, including the female head. The household of James at that time consisted of himself and one female, supposed to be his wife.

According to a letter written some years ago by William Nease Elder (8/15/1849-7/14/1928) the parents of John and James Elder came to Randolph from Pennsylvania. This letter states that their mother, Elizabeth Elder, died about 1780 and was a widow, but does not mention the name of their father.

A careful search for a marriage record of an Elder of Pennsylvania to someone by the name of Elizabeth revealed that on March 5, 1759, in Philadelphia, one James Elder was married to Elisabeth Maipes (Pa. Archives, Ser. 2, Vol. 8, p. 361). This couple are supposed to be the parents of John and James (the latter born 1766).

After coming to North Carolina the Elders lived among the Johnsons, the Lytles, and the Grahams - families known to have come from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Therefore, it is assumed that the Elders also came from the same community in Pennsylvania and that they were a branch of the Robert Elder family of Lancaster County. Another indication of this relationship is the similarity of the given names used repeatedly in the early generations of the Elders of Randolph to those used in the Robert Elder family of Pennsylvania.

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. James Elder who died before 1780 and Elizabeth(Maipes?) Elder who died in N.C., prior to 1780.
- Issue: r. Pa.; Randolph Co.
- A. John, d. 2-21-1834 (J.L., p. 3); m. \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. James, b. 3-4-1766, d. 4-27-1843 (J.L., p. 7) m. Hannah Clark(e), b. 10-24-1779, d. 1-27-1847 (J.L., p. 8), dt. Joseph and Nancy Merrill Clark (Springfield).
- x C. Rosanna, over 45, census of 1800; m. William Leach, over 45, census of 1800, son of Stephen Leach. Leach genealogy.

### Third Generation

- A. John Elder(s,James&Elizabeth) and  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. John, b. 4-5-1799, d. 5-5-1887 (J.L., p. 73); m. Nancy Elizabeth Leach, b. 8-28-1802, d. 7-26-1845, dt. John and Mary Morgan Brown Leach. John and Mary are buried at Hopewell.  
The census of 1790 (p. 101) shows four males under 16 and one female besides the family head.
- B. James Elder(s,James&Elizabeth) and Hannah Clark Elder  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Mary, d. 1888; m. Thomas H. Fentress, M.D., d. 11-13-1862 (J.L., p. 19).
- x 2. Nancy, b. 1-24-1804, d. 4-13-1881 (J.L., p. 73); m. 5-23-1826, Lewis M. Leach, b. 7-25-1800, d. 8-23-1893, s, John and Mary Morgan Brown Leach. Leach genealogy.
3. Elizabeth; m. 9-20-1818, Nathaniel Newlin - settled in Illinois.

- B. James Elder(s, James & Elizabeth) and Hannah Clark Elder --Continued
4. John, b. 1-15-1808 (J.L., p. 31), d. 12-21-1873; m. 10-4-1842, Pauline Elliott, b. 10-12-1817, d. 4-7-1871 (J.L., p. 26), dt. William and Winnie Thornton Elliott who lived on Deep River, near Randleman.
  5. Clark, b. 1809-10, d. 2-9-1844 (J.L., p. 7); m. 3-15-1832, Susannah Millikan, b. 1811-20. The census of 1840 (p. 92) accredits Clark Elder with two sons - one under 5; one over 5 and under 10. Relatives state that he had two daughters, but were unable to supply their names.

#### Fourth Generation

- A-1. John Elder(s, John & Mary) and Nancy Elizabeth Leach Elder  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Lee (Lea), b. 1-28-1823, d. 1-26-1893; m. Christina Fouts, b. 2-13-1823, d. 1-6-1899 (Trinity), sister of Elizabeth who married Alson Johnson. Another sister married John Briles. Lee owned and occupied the old home of Joseph Johnson (I) and is said to have built the addition on the front of this house.
  - b. Hillery - settled in Texas.
  - c. Mary (Polly), b. 1828, d. unkm (Hopewell).
  - d. James - settled in Texas.
  - e. Margaret (Peggy), b. 9-4-1835, d. 11-4-1912, unkm. (Hopewell) - fiance died at Fredericksburg, C.S.A.
  - f. William, C.S.A., b. ca. 1836; m. 1st, Martha Hale who died during the war. m. 2nd, Martha Maye (May) - settled in Texas
  - g. Jabez; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Poole (Pleasant Hill).
  - h. Martin - went to Texas, but returned ca. 1902 and m. Ellen Johnson, dt. Joshua and Eliza Casshatt Johnson (Pleasant Hill).
  - i. Kelly, C.S.A., died in battle.
  - x j. Nancy Jane, b. 11-2-1841, d. 12-25-1916; m. 5-28-1870, Robert Lewis Royals, b. 10-14-1845, d. 4-25-1892 (Hopewell), son of Larkin Newby Royals, b. 4-10-1815, d. 11-12-1889, and Mary Ann Reynolds Royals, b. 12-25-1814, d. 6-4-1888.
  - k. John Wesley, Pvt., Co. A, 10th N.C. Bn., C.S.A., died in battle April 1864.
  - l. Emily, b. ca. 1845; m. Reuben D. Royals (Hopewell), brother of Robert Lewis Royals.  
They had: 1. Della  
2. Lee

- B-4. John Elder(s, James & Hannah) and Paulina Elliott Elder  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. James Madison, b. 7-2-1843, d. 6-13-1878; m. Fannie Trolinger, d. 1888.
  - b. Hannah T. (Cora), b. 10-15-1844, d. 5-19-1913; m. Samuel W. Lanier, d. 1912.
  - c. Elias Clark, b. 12-17-1845, d. 3-27-1914; m. 1876, Nettie Harris, d. 1888.
  - d. William Nease, b. 8-15-1847, d. 7-14-1928; m. 1873, Caroline E. Osborne, b. 1853, d. 1930.
  - e. Nancy G., b. 10- -1850, d. 9-23-1916; m. Henry C. Fisher, d. 1890.
  - f. John Haley, b. 7-25-1859, d. 3-15-1936; m. 1882, Martha J. Hill, b. 1864, d. 1926.

#### Fifth Generation

- A-1-a. Lee Elder(s, John & Elizabeth) and Christina Fouts Elder  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Mary E., b. 1852, d. 6-11-1889 (M.L.); m. Lon White, a minister.
  2. Susan Jane, b. 1855, d. unkm.
  3. Emily L., b. 1858; m. Gurney Frazier.
- A-1-f. William Elder(s, John & Nancy)  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- by 1st marriage - to Martha Hale:
  1. Cynthia, b. 10-29-1861 - remained with her maternal grandparents who took care of her after her mother died during her infancy.

- A-1-f. William Elder(s,John&Nancy)--Continued  
by 2nd marriage - to Martha Maye (May): r. Texas
2. Cicero Lee, b. 6-16-1867.
  3. Marcus Luther, b. 11-19-1868.
  4. Nancy Elizabeth, b. 7-10-1870.
  5. John Elmore, b. 1-15-1873.
  6. Milton Reid, b. 4-28-1878.
  7. Thomas Beecher, b. 5-16-1885.
- A-1-j. Robert Lewis Royals and Nancy Jane Elder(dt,John&Nancy) Royals  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Junius Reid, b. 8-12-1871, d. 1-31-1953;  
m. 1st, 12-24-1898, Nina Yow, b. 10-26-1875, d. 11-7-1929, dt. Jones and Mary,  
Elizabeth Harrison Yow.  
m. 2nd, 11-27-1933, Effie Sewell.
  2. Maggie Roberta, b. 2-24-1873; m. Luther B. Frazier.
  - x 3. Mary Elizabeth, b. 7-20-1874, d. 5-9-1954; m. Hugh Leard Miller, d. 10-26-1936.
  4. Laura Ann, b. 11-15-1875, d. 1-26-1920, unm.
  5. Dora Jane, b. 2-20-1877; m. 3-30-1900, Arthur Jones, s, Erastus and Nannie Dwight Jones.
  - x 6. Emma Louise, b. 3-26-1878; m. 11-28-1897, Dwight Moody Welborn, b. 8-23-1876,  
d. 3-2-1916, s, William and Roxie Brandon Welborn. Welborn genealogy.
  7. Lillie Decora, b. 12-18-1880; m. James Acquilla Coble, b. 12-18-1873, d. 10-11-1947.
  8. Robert Lee (Lea), b. 8-13-1884; m. 12-20-1906, Minnie Snider, dt. Roby Snider.
- B-4-d. William Nease Elder(s,John&Pauline) and Caroline Osborne Elder  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Gaither, b. 1874, d. 1943; m. 1904, Mamie Rollar of California;  
They had: a. Wilma, b. 1907.
  - x 2. Daisy, b. 1876; m. 1903, Charles William Redding, b. 1874, d. 1942.
  3. Nancy, b. 1879; m. 1896, John L. Reynolds of New Jersey;  
They had: a. Homer d. John  
b. Caroline e. Margaret  
c. Grace
  4. John S., b. 1882; m. 1910, Ada H. Heidman, of New York;  
They had: a. William; m., had a son, William  
b. John D.; m., had two daughters
  5. Jules J., b. 1884, d. 2-18-1955 (Hopewell, Va.); m. 1936, Mary Burke of Richmond, Va.
  6. Lane (M.D.), b. 1887; m. 1921, Elizabeth Shumate of Virginia;  
They had: a. Nancy  
b. David  
c. George
  - x 7. Eletha C., b. 1888; m. 1909, Carl Ogburn Spencer.
  8. Jeffrey Nease (M.D.), A.E.F., World War I, and was gassed, d. Walter Reid Hospital,  
1939 (Hopewell, Va.); m. 1920, Melville Fagge of Virginia - had Bettie Jane,  
b. 1922.

#### Sixth and Seventh Generations

- A-1-j-1. Junius Reid Royals(s,Robert Lewis&Nancy) and Nina Yow Royals  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Robert Jones, b. 3-22-1900; m. 11-27-1925, Virgie Mayner Allred, b. 1-2-1902.  
They had: 1. June Marie, b. 12-19-1933; m. 12-26-1953,  
Billy Reid Foster, b. 3-30-1933.
  - b. Ina, b. 4-25-1903; m. Carl A. Teague;  
They had: 1. Nina Alice, b. 7-20-1929; m. 4-19-1954,  
Joseph L. Lineberry, had Joseph L.,  
Jr., b. 4-19-1954.
- A-1-j-3. Hugh Leonard Miller and Mary Elizabeth Royals(dt,Robt. L.&Nancy) Miller  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Robert Glenn, died, aged 12 yr.
  - b. Eunice, d. 1954 (Hopewell); m. Clarence Frazier, s. Dr. Frazier.
  - c. Worth.

- A-1-j-3. Hugh Leonard Miller and Mary Elizabeth Royals(dt, Robt. L.&Nancy) Miller--Cont.  
 d. Homer Reid, b. 6-13-1912; m. Alice Mae Craven, b. 9-7-1921;  
 They had: 1. Lina Sue, b. 3-10-1949.  
 2. Phillip Reid, b. 7-20-1953.  
 e. Alexander Coke; m. Willie Hemminger.
- B-4-d-2. Charles William Redding and Daisy Elder(dt, Wm.Nease&Caroline) Redding  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. William Howard, b. 1904; m. 1930, Mabel Ingram  
 They had: 1. Anna  
 2. William  
 b. John Charles, b. 1908; m. 1934, Anna Wheeler of South Carolina  
 c. Thomas Julian, b. 1910; m. 1941, Bertie Robbins Gray;  
 They had: 1. Martha Ann  
 2. Ruth  
 3. Thomas  
 d. Elizabeth, b. 1913; m. 1942, Howard Gutherie of New York.  
 e. Margaret Elder, b. 1917; m. 1944, John W. Pugh;  
 They had: 1. Betsy  
 2. John
- B-4-d-7. Carl Ogburn Spencer and Eletha Elder(dt, Wm.Nease&Caroline) Spencer  
 Issue: r. Rowan Co.  
 a. Carl Ogburn, Author of "Odd Facts in Carolina"; m. Elizabeth Davis;  
 They had: 1. Eleanor  
 2. Jane

## FINCH

The father of Pettis Asbury Finch, founder of the Finch family in Randolph, is known to us as John Hester Finch. As Pettis Asbury Finch was born October 19, 1785, it is assumed that his father was listed in the census of 1790 as the head of a family. Even though the 1790 report for Granville County, Hillsboro District, is lacking in that it shows only the name of the head of a household, it gives information that enabled the compiler to identify the father of John Hester Finch.

All of the following heads of households in Granville County, except Isham Finch, are taken from p. 89 which indicates that they lived in the same community.

Finch, Isham (p. 70)	Fullar, Capt. James
Finch, John, Jun.	Fullar, David
Finch, John, Sen.	Fuller, Britton
Finch, William	Fuller, Henry
Finch, George	Fuller, Samuel

From the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution File, National No. 55 869, we learn that Captain Brittain Fuller's great-granddaughter Lucy Andrews married (3/21/1855) Alfred Benjamin Finch, a grandson of John Hester Finch. The facts stated above and the repetition of the unusual given names, Isham and Brittain, in the Finch and Fuller families of Randolph indicates that the latter were descendants of the Finches and Fullers (Fullars) who lived in Granville County in 1790. Furthermore, that the John Finch, Jun., and John Finch, Sen., living in Granville County at that time were John Hester Finch and his father. (The census of 1790 gives no middle names.)

### GENEALOGY

#### Second and Third Generations

- I. John Finch and  
 Issue: r. Granville Co.
- A. John Hester, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ ; m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Issue:
1. Pettis Asbury, b. 10-19-1785, d. prior to census of 1860; m. Franklin Co.,  
 7-19-1806, Frances Ranchor Pope, b. Franklin Co., ca. 1790,  
 d. after census of 1860, Buchanan Co., Mo.
  2. Richard; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Winborne.

#### Fourth Generation

- A-1. Pettis Asbury Finch(s, John Hester & \_\_\_\_\_ ) and Frances Ranchor Pope Finch  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Thomas Austin, b. 8-10-1807, d. 12-10-1887; m. Rebecca Dorsett, b. 3-13-1807,  
 d. 10-5-1886, dt. James and Hannah Holladay Dorsett.
  - b. Evaline Ranchor, b. 2-1-1809, d. 9-18-1883; m. William H. Harris, s, Jesse and  
 Frances Ward Harris.
  - c. Martha Pope, b. 1810, d. 1888; m. Noah Helpler, b. 1810, d. 1865.
  - d. Marmaduke D., b. 4-28-1812, d. Buchanan Co., Mo. - living, census of 1860;  
 m. Elizabeth Jordan, b. N.C., ca. 1812.
  - e. Ferney G., b. ca. 1815, d. Buchanan Co., Mo. - living, census of 1860; m. Harriett  
 , b. in Va., ca. 1823, d. Buchanan Co., Mo. - living, census of 1860.
  - f. Mary Ann, b. 5-10-1818, d. 4-17-1892; m. Allen Surratt.
  - g. Isham J.; m. Willie Cody.
  - x h. Sarah (Sallie), b. ca. 1823; m. Randolph Co., Jacob Hoover, b. N.C., ca. 1821 - both  
 living, Buchanan Co., Mo., census, 1860.



- A-1. Pettis Asbury Finch(s, John Hester & \_\_\_\_\_) and Frances Ranchor Pope Finch--Continued
- i. Alfred Benjamin, b. 8-9-1826, d. 11-13-1896; m. 3-21-1855, Lucy Andrews, b. 7-4-1830, d. 9-16-1894, dt. Hezekiah and Delaney Duke Jordan Andrews.
  - x j. Julia, b. 7-6-1831; m. R.C. Harris, b. N.C., ca. 1834 - both living Buchanan Co., Mo., census, 1860.

#### Fifth Generation

Of the ten children born to Pettis Asbury and Frances Pope Finch four are known to have settled in Fremont Twp., Buchanan County, Missouri. These four were Marmaduke, Ferney, Sarah, and Julia, all of whom are shown in the census of 1860 (p. 221) of Buchanan County. It is from this census report that most of the data on children of the above-named was taken.

- A-1-d. Marmaduke D. Finch(s, Pettis & Frances) and Elizabeth Jordan Finch  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Buchanan Co., Mo.  
 1. Thomas, b. N.C., ca. 1838; for several years, Register of Deeds, Buchanan Co.  
 Only one shown in census of 1860, but there were probably others.
- A-1-e. Ferney G. Finch(s, Pettis & Frances) and Harriett Finch  
 Issue: r. Buchanan Co., Mo.  
 1. Margaret E., b. Missouri, ca. 1842.  
 2. Martha, b. Missouri, ca. 1846.  
 3. David, b. Missouri, ca. 1850.  
 4. Sarah, b. Missouri, ca. 1852.  
 5. Mary, b. Missouri, ca. 1856. (Birthdates computed from ages given in census of 1860.)
- A-1-h. Jacob Hoover and Sarah Finch(dt, Pettis & Frances) Hoover  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Buchanan Co., Mo.  
 1. Frances, b. N.C., ca. 1844.  
 2. Henry, b. N.C., ca. 1848.  
 3. Marcella(dt.), b. N.C., ca. 1850.  
 4. Pettis, b. N.C., ca. 1854.  
 5. Sarah, b. N.C., ca. 1856.  
 6. Ferney(dt.), b. N.C., ca. 1856 (Twins, probably).  
 (Birthdates computed from ages given in census of 1860.)
- A-1-i. Alfred Benjamin Finch(s, Pettis & Frances) and Lucy Andrews Finch  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 x 1. Betty Margaret, b. 8-22-1856, d. 6-16-1881; m. John C. Harris. Wood genealogy.  
 2. Hezekiah Pettis, b. 4-1-1858, d. 6-5-1860.  
 3. Thomas Jefferson, b. 12-1-1861, d. 7-20-1929; m. Randolph Co., 6-27-1888, Hannah Louise Brown, b. 12-31-1866, d. 8-28-1933, dt. Dempsey and Eliza Ann Laughlin Brown. Brown genealogy.  
 4. Lee Andrews, b. 3-18-1865, d. 11-5-1942; m. Randolph Co., 3-22-1897, Hattie Welborn, b. 7-28-1874, d. 7-20-1907, dt. Jesse and Mary Dennis Welborn. Welborn genealogy.  
 5. Charles Franklin, b. 8-18-1868, d. 8-18-1937;  
 m. 1st, 7-12-1912, Esther Pickett, b. 8-5-1892, d. 6-5-1921.  
 m. 2nd, Susan Green.  
 6. Addie Delaney, b. 10-6-1870, d. 6-29-1892; m. Edward McKnight;  
 They had: a. Addie Finch, b. 6-15-1892; m. Hubert Wicker.  
 7. Fannie Gertrude, b. 3-23-1873, d. 6-21-1874.
- A-1-j. R.C. Harris and Julia Finch(dt, Pettis & Frances) Harris  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.; Buchanan Co., Mo.  
 1. Thomas, b. N.C., ca. 1849.  
 2. Thalbert (son), b. N.C., ca. 1851.  
 3. Alfred, b. N.C., ca. 1854.  
 4. Martha, b. N.C., ca. 1858.  
 (Birthdates computed from ages given in census of 1860.)

### Sixth Generation

- A-1-i-3. Thomas Jefferson Finch(s,Alfred&Lucy) and Hannah L. Brown Finch  
Issue: r. Wheatmore Farm, Randolph Co.  
a. Gray, b. 5-5-1889, d. 8-18-1894.  
b. Thomas Austin, b. 4-7-1890, d. 1-11-1943; m. 11-6-1919, Ernestine Lambeth, dt.  
John and Daisy Sumner Lambeth  
They had: 1. Thomas Austin, Jr.  
c. Alfred Brown, b. 5-1-1892, d. 3-28-1925, unm.  
d. Charles, b. 8-27-1894, d. 10-23-1907.  
e. Doak, b. 6-21-1898; m. 7-29-1939, Mary Agnes Crowder.  
f. George Davis, b. 9-8-1900; m. 11-16-1929, Lucy Williams Cooper of Fayetteville.
- A-1-i-5. Charles F. Finch(s,Alfred&Lucy) and Esther Pickett Finch  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
a. Harry Brown, b. 1-17-1915.

### Seventh Generation

- A-1-i-3-e. Doak Finch(s,Thomas J.&Hannah) and Mary Agens Crowder Finch  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Richard Jefferson, b. 5-7-1944.  
2. Jane Adele, b. 7-22-1946.
- A-1-i-3-f. George Davis Finch(s,Thomas&Hannah) and Lucy Williams Cooper Finch  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Brown Faucette, b. 8-29-1930.  
2. Emily Cooper, b. 4-22-1933.  
3. Mary Hannah, b. 6-2-1938.  
4. Lucy Tunstall, b. 2-20-1943.

### THOMAS JEFFERSON FINCH

Thomas J. Finch was born in Tabernacle Township, Randolph County, of English Colonial stock who, prior to 1785, settled in Person County, Hillsboro District. His father, Alfred Finch (son of Pettis and Frances Pope Finch), owned and operated a farm and general merchandise store near Fuller's mill on Uwharrie Creek, about ten miles south of Thomasville. Thomas was the third child in a family of seven and the eldest of the three sons who lived to maturity. The environment in which he spent his formative years was a community of farm families who, with little or no hired help, contrived to make a living on their small rugged farms; yet, kept alive their innate taste for the finer, the most worthwhile, in life.

Gifted with a mentality that enabled him to conduct great business enterprise to a successful plane where others had failed, Thomas J. Finch was possessed of a disposition that made for him a host of friends. He received his education at Old Trinity. During his nineteenth year he went to live with his uncle and aunt, Thomas Austin and Rebecca Dorsett Finch, a childless couple who lived near Trinity. His devotion to Uncle Tom and Aunt Rebecca, his deference to their wishes, caused him to be held up by the parents in the neighborhood as an example for their own children to follow.

After the death of Thomas Austin Finch on December 10, 1887 (Rebecca having preceded him to the grave on October 5, 1886), Thomas J. Finch came into the possession of their estate which included ten thousand dollars in cash and two-hundred-twenty acres of the Alexander Gray plantation - land that was widely known for its original growth of timber, its fertile soil and level surface. At that time (in a community of small farmers), this was considered a small fortune.

In his selection of a life partner, Thomas J. Finch demonstrated unusually good judgement, to which may be attributed much of his success in life. On June 27, 1888, he was married to Hannah Louise Brown, daughter of Dempsey and Eliza Ann Laughlin Brown. A member of the class of 1885, Greensboro College, Hannah Brown Finch became a real helpmate, a devoted mother and homemaker - a kind neighbor. For several years after their marriage Thomas Finch devoted most of his time to their farm, known as Wheatmore. In the meantime, he served as sheriff of Randolph and as a member of the Board of County Commissioners. Thomas and Hannah were devout members of Hopewell church, located only a short distance from Wheatmore and rebuilt in 1849 near the original site on land that was donated by Hannah's father, Dempsey Brown. Generous, sympathetic, and deeply interested in the welfare of the people among whom they lived, Thomas and Hannah Finch were admired and loved by their neighbors.

During the early days of his business career, Thomas J. Finch was associated with his brother Charles whom he later bought out then carried on alone with continuing success. As his four sons, Thomas Austin, Alfred Brown, Doak, and George Davis completed college, they became associated with him in his extensive business enterprises. Later, they became officials of the company that, by 1931, had gained outstanding reputation for a product known as "Character Furniture."

Thomas J. Finch was for years one of the leading citizens of North Carolina - and one of the most esteemed. His chief interests were associated with manufacturing, finance, and agriculture. In all three he was a brilliant success. With his headquarters in Thomasville, he carried on extensive operations in Davidson and Randolph Counties. He was one of the most powerful factors in the development of Thomasville and in many ways promoted the prosperity of the town and the county in which it is located. He was a very active member of the Thomasville Rotary Club, a member of the Democratic Executive Committee, and, during World War I, served as a member of the State Exemption Board.

He was one of the organizers of the Thomasville Chair Company as it exists today, having taken it over when it was on the verge of failure. This he developed into one of the largest furniture factories in this section of the country, operating four large plants in Thomasville, which became known as "the Chair Town." Later he purchased and consolidated with this company, the Cramer Furniture Company and the Bard Manufacturing Company.

Besides his manufacturing interests, Mr. Finch was president of the First National Bank of Thomasville, and of the Carolina Bank and Trust Company at Denton; was a director of the High Point, Thomasville, and Denton Railroad, and other corporations. Until his death he spent his recreational hours in the personal supervision of his farm in Randolph, to which he had added four hundred twenty acres of the "Gray land."

Sometime prior to his death he contributed \$40,000 toward the erection of the Thomasville Memorial Hospital in memory of his son, Alfred Brown Finch, who was killed in a railroad accident on March 28, 1925, a similar fund having been donated by the Duke Foundation. The writer likes to remember him as the man who was instrumental in providing a new public school building to replace the outgrown and delapidated one known as Welborn's Schoolhouse. The new building known as Wheatmore School was four times larger and more comfortable. It contained the first public school library in the community; better still, the "free school" term at Wheatmore lasted about twice as long as it lasted at Welborn's Schoolhouse.

During the year 1954, the Hannah Brown Finch Memorial Chapel was constructed on the Greensboro College Campus (Greensboro, N.C.). The chapel was the gift of her son, George D. Finch, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College.

Thomas Jefferson Finch died on July 20, 1929; Hannah Brown Finch died on August 28, 1933. They were laid to rest in the family mausoleum at Hopewell.

JOHN KEARNS

I. John Kearns, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_; m. \_\_\_\_\_

Issue:

A. Thomas, b. 1-19-1776, d. 11-12-1847; m. Rebecca Ivy, b. 1-1-1786, d. 5-11-1845, g-dt., Adam A. Ivey, dt. of Benjamin.

I-A. Thomas Kearns(s,John) and Rebecca Ivy Kearns

Issue - 3rd gen.:

1. Nancy, b. 7-12-1801, d. 9-17-1830; m. Joel Kimbell.
2. Mary, b. 5-27-1805, d. 12-14-1836; m. James Cameron.
3. Sallie, b. 8-12-1807, d. 12-15-1892; m. Martin Luther.
4. Ivey, b. 11-16-1809, d. 2-27-1901; m. Diza Arnold.
5. Anna, b. 2-21-1812, d. 7-1-1887; m. Elisha Hancock.
6. Silas, b. 3-7-1814, d. 5-5-1885; m. Dorcas Lassiter.
- x 7. Hannah, b. 9-1-1816, d. 1-25-1861; m. 8-7-1834, Richard Swaim Laughlin, b. 10-17-1806, d. 5-6-1879. Laughlin genealogy.
8. John, b. 9-20-1818, d. 4-11-1901; m. Margaret Feasier.
9. Elizabeth, b. 1-29-1821, d. 7-22-1899; m. A. Harris Johnson.
10. Martha, b. 9-13-1823; m. Stephen H. Harris.

LAUGHLIN-LOFLAND

This family name has many variations. Early tax and census enumerators in what is now Randolph County spelled the name Lofland, Loftin, or Loften. In the Family Bible of Richard Laughlin, II (in the possession of one of his descendants in 1954) the spelling "Laughlin," pronounced Loflin, is used exclusively.

The lineage of Richard Laughlin who, prior to 1778, settled in Randolph has been traced back to the Laughlins of Orange County, N.C. Hugh Laughlin is the first member of this family of whom we have record. On December 4, 1753, Hugh received a Land Grant of 640 acres on Cane Creek (Office, Register of Deeds, Orange Co., Hillsboro, Book 14, p. 444). On August 10, 1755, Hugh Laughlin figured in another transfer of property: ". . . Hugh Laughlin, of Orange County, to Thomas Lindley, of Orange County - Deed of Partners in Grist Mill on Cane Creek. Wit: William Reed & Jo. Boggs." (Ibid. Book 1, p. 35.) The latest record we have of Hugh is dated December 6, 1779, at which time he witnessed a land record that involves Richard, Sr., and Richard, Jr. It is probable that Hugh and Richard, Sr., were either brothers or father and son, respectively.

Through another land record of Orange County, a tax list and a census report in what is currently known as Randolph County, we are able to identify the Laughlins, Loflands, Loftens of Randolph with Richard Laughlin, Jr., son of Richard Laughlin of Orange County. The above-mentioned land record, an order issued by John Butler, Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in said county, reads as follows:

". . . You are hereby required as soon as may be, to lay off and survey for Richard Laughlin a tract or parcel of land containing five hundred and fifty acres lying in the County aforesaid on Mary's Creek of Haw River - it being a survey of land formerly made by Richard Laughlin, Sen'r - including his improvements - observing the Directions of the act of the assembly in such cases made and provided for Running out lands to Just and fair plans of such survey with proper certificate Annexed to each. You are to transmit with this warrant to the Secretary's office without delay. Given under my hand at Mount Pleasant, the sixth day of December, Anno. Dom., 1779 (File # 1483, N.C. Land Grant Office, John Butler, Raleigh, N.C.)."

The list of Taxables in Rowan County for the year 1778, reports the following members of this family as residents of Capt. Cox's District:

Name	Amount of Tax
Lewis Loflin	2 782 pounds Sterling
Richard Loflin	166 " "
Daniel Loflin	Poll tax only

The census of 1790 (p. 172) lists the following heads of households in Randolph Co., composed of the given number of free whites:

Daniel Lofland:	Males over 16 (including Head)	1
	Males under 16	2
	Females (including Head)	7
John Lofland:	Males over 16 (including Head)	1
	" under 16	3
	Females (including Head)	4
Richard Lofland:	Males over 16 (including Head)	1
	" under 16	4
	Females (including Head)	4
Lewis Lofton:	Males over 16 (including Head)	1
	" under 16	3
	Females (including Head)	5

On May 26, 1800, ". . . Richard Laughlin of Randolph County, State of North Carolina, sold to Richard Thompson of Orange County . . . land on Mary's Creek of Haw River . . . Wit: James Thompson, George Thompson, Jesse Towell(?) (Ibid., Book 9, p. 176).

The Richard Laughlin referred to in the following Randolph County record is said, by members of the family, to be Richard, son of Richard, Jr.:

". . . Entered Jan. 12, 1829; Surveyed, March 29, 1831, for Richard Laughlin, 93 acres of land lying on the waters of Jackson's Creek, beginning at a pine running thence west on Hulin's line, 34 chains to a black oak, said Hulin's corner, thence South 27 chains to a post oak, thence on Nance's line 34-1/2 chains to a pine on Iredell Laughlin's line, thence North on said line to the beginning. Signed, J. Lamb - D.S." (Office, Register of Deeds, Randolph Co., Asheboro, Book 140, p. 319).

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. Richard Laughlin(s, Hugh & ) and  
 Issue: r. Orange Co.; Randolph Co., 1778  
 A. Richard, b. 6-15-1746, d. 9-23-1803; m. 1-27-1771, Isabell King, b. 5-25-1749, d. 4-13-1832 (Marlboro).

### Third Generation

- A. Richard Laughlin(s, Richard & ) and Isabell King Laughlin  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 1. Hugh, b. 2-18-1772, d. 8-25-1801; m. Margaret Ward.  
 2. Robert, b. 9-5-1773, d. 2-12-1827; m. Elizabeth Alexander.  
 3. William, b. 3-13-1775, d. ; m. Nancy Wilson.  
 4. John, b. 9-24-1776.

- A. Richard Laughlin(s, Richard & ) and Isabell King Laughlin--Continued.
5. Mary, b. 2-24-1778; m. 1-16-1806, John Swaim, son of John and Elizabeth.
  6. Elizabeth, b. 1-8-1780.
  7. Nancy, b. 9-28-1781.
  8. James, b. 12-16-1783, d. 4-13-1864; m. 1-16-1806, Charity Swaim, b. 8-1-1786, d. 4-25-1864, dt. of John and Elizabeth Vickery Swaim.
  9. Jesse, b. 1-18-1786.
  10. Samuel, b. 9-12-1787.
  11. Richard, b. 2-9-1793.
- (Data from Family Bible of Richard Laughlin, II.)

#### Fourth Generation

- A-8. James Laughlin(s, Richard & Isabell) and Charity Swaim Laughlin  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Richard Swaim, b. 10-17-1806, d. 5-6-1879; m. 8-7-1834, Hannah Kearns, b. 9-1-1816, d. 1-25-1861, dt. Thomas and Rebecca Kearns.
  - b. John.
  - c. Madison, b. 8-2-1816, d. 11-16-1870; m. Delia Estes.
  - d. Joshua.
  - e. Franklin, b. 5-30-1820, d. 10-14-1888; m. Nancy Laughlin.
  - x f. Charity, b. 8-19-1822, d. 4-22-1890; m., as 2nd wife, 2-14-1854, Lewis Johnson, s. Joseph Johnson, II, and Rosannah Johnson. Johnson Genealogy.

#### Fifth Generation

- A-8-a. Richard Swaim Laughlin(s, James & Charity) and Hannah Kearns Laughlin  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- x 1. Eliza Ann, b. 12-5-1835, d. 5-9-1909; m., as 2nd wife, 10-19-1865, Dempsey Brown, b. 3-19-1809, d. 5-25-1889, s. John and Jane Clark Brown. Brown genealogy.
  - x 2. Fatima Jane, b. 7-19-1838, d. 1-18-1868; m. 10-9-1856, Robert Shadrack Lambeth, b. 2-8-1833, d. 1-10-1866.

#### Sixth and Seventh Generations

- A-8-a-2. Robert Shadrack Lambeth and Fatima J. Laughlin (dt, Richard & Hannah) Lambeth  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Rosanna V., b. 9-18-1857, d. 1888.
  - b. Ladoskie Jane, b. 8-3-1859, d. 7-12-1891; m. Albert W. Kennedy, s. Isaiah and Effie Myers Kennedy;
- They had:
1. Cicero
  2. Effie
  3. Nona.

#### SWAIM

The first member of the Swaim family of whom we have record was Anthony who came to America from Holland in 1700 and settled near New Amsterdam on what is now known as Staten Island. Nothing is known to the compiler of Anthony Swaim's wife. The information given in this genealogy for the first three generation is a reproduction of a brief genealogical history of the family compiled by Elkanah Swaim Vickery in 1890. David L. Swaim was elected governor of N.C. in 1802; J. S. Swaim was sheriff of Randolph in 1890 (J. A. Blair).

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. Anthony Swaim, born in Holland; migrated to New York in 1700  
Issue: r. Staten Island, N. Y.
- A. Michael - settled on Staten Island.
  - B. Mathias - settled in Essex Co., N.Y.
  - C. A son who settled in Ohio.
  - D. William - settled in what is now Surry county, N.C.

### Third Generation

- D. William Swaim(s,Anthony& ) and  
Issue: r. Surry Co.
1. Moses - remained in Surry Co.
  2. Michael - remained in Surry Co.
  3. John, b. 4-26-1748, d. 1-16-1827; m. 5-19-1767, Rowan (now Randolph) Co.,  
----- Elizabeth Vickery, b. 5-11-1750, d. 9-23-1833.

### Fourth Generation

- D-3. John Swaim(s,William& ) and Elizabeth Vickery Swaim  
Issue: r. Rowan (later Guilford, now Randolph) Co.
- a. Massah, b. 7-15-1768; m. Daniel Robins.
  - b. William, b. 3-10-1770; m. Elizabeth Sherwood.
  - c. Joshua, b. 4-5-1772; m. Sarah Elliott.
  - d. Christopher, b. 12-24-1774; m. Sarah Hines.
  - e. John, b. 5-15-1777; m. 1-16-1806, Randolph Co., Mary Laughlin, b. 2-24-1778, dt.  
Richard and Isabell King Laughlin. Richard Laughlin genealogy.
  - f. Elizabeth, b. 8-27-1779; m. George Swearinger.
  - g. Ashley, b. 2-23-1782; m. Sarah Walton.
  - h. Marmaduke, b. 2-23-1784; m. Janette Lawrence.
  - i. Charity, b. 8-1-1786, d. 4-25-1864; m. 1-16-1806, Randolph Co., James Laughlin,  
b. 12-16-1783, d. 4-13-1864, son, Richard and Isabell King Laughlin.
  - j. Moses, b. 12-31-1788; m. Adah Swindell.
  - k. Michael, b. 2-10-1791; m. Susan Hinshaw.

### Fifth Generation

- D-3-b. William Swaim(s,John&Elizabeth) and Elizabeth Sherwood Swaim  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. William
  2. John
  3. Benjamin
  4. Joshua
  5. Ashley
  6. Daniel; m. Susan -----
  7. Mary (Polly); m. William Wiley
  8. Littie; m. Jonathan Redding
  9. Rachel; m. Daniel Williams
  - x 10. Elizabeth; m. 1832, Abiathar Vickery

## Sixth Generation

- D-3-b-6. Daniel Swaim(s, William & Elizabeth) and Susan \_\_\_\_\_ Swaim  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Jonathan, b. 1816; in 1838, settled on a farm near Annapolis, Indiana, where, on 9-1-1844, he married Eleanor Woody.
  - b. Anna; m. Allen Rich
  - c. Betsy; m. David Osborn
  - d. Riley; sold his farm in Liberty Twp., and settled in Labette Co., Kans.
  - e. William, d. at the age of twenty
  - f. Cynthia; m. Randolph Co., Henry Robbins. After many years, they settled in Cherokee Co., Kans., where both died.
  - g. Fannie; m. Clark Robbins. They settled near Tangier, Indiana.
  - h. Joseph; retired from the farm in Randolph in Sylvania, Indiana (?)
  - i. John; settled in Bloomingdale, Ind.
- D-3-b-10. Abiathar Vickery and Elizabeth Swaim(dt, Wm. & Elizabeth) Vickery  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a., b., c., & d. - three sons and one daughter - names unknown.
  - e. Fannie - youngest dt., m. Absalom Carney
  - f. Elkanah Swaim - youngest child who compiled the early genealogy of the Swaims - no further record of Elkanah.

## Seventh Generation

- D-3-b-10-e. Absalom Carney and Fannie Vickery(dt, Abiathar & Elizabeth) Carney  
Issue: r. Randolph Co. (?)
1. William
  2. Sallie; m. Cox
  3. Sherwood
  4. Lizzie; m. Cash
  5. Hannah; m. Jessup
  6. Eunice; m. Hiott
  7. Rachel; m. Pearson
  8. Polly (Mary); m. Place

## WOOD

The Rowan County List of Taxables for the Year 1778, District of Captain Morrison (eastern side of the Yadkin and after 1822, Davidson County) shows six persons by the name of Wood. They are: John, Sen., John, Jr., Jerrat, and Mason (subject to property tax); Will., Sen., and William (subject to poll tax only). We are assuming that Will., Sen., was the father of William, the head of this branch of the family who was a Captain of the Revolutionary Forces (N.S.D.A.R., # 135 919).

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. William Wood, b. (taxable in 1778)  
Issue: r. Rowan Co., east of Yadkin
- A. William, b. 1737, d. 4-26-1804; m. 5-28-1764, Martha Kendrick, b. 1-7-1747, d. 2-14-1818 (1831 also shown).



### Third Generation

- A. William Wood, Capt., Am. Revolution(s, William & \_\_\_\_\_) and Martha Kendrick Wood  
Issue: r. Rowan (later Davidson) Co.
1. Sarah, b. 1765, d. unm.
  2. Daisy, b. 1767; m. Whitlock Arnold.
  3. Barrett, b. 1770; m. Margaret Burkhead.
  4. Penuel, b. 1772, d. 1841; m. 1st, Sarah Kimbell, b. 1775.  
m. 2nd, \_\_\_\_\_ Smithson
  5. Rebecca, b. 1773; m. Clement Arnold.
  6. William K., b. 1775; m. Rachel Robbins
  7. Nancy, b. 1776; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Tucker
  8. Dorcas, b. 1778; m. 1st, John Lee, probably brother of Joshua  
m. 2nd, Harris Kimbell  
m. 3rd, Henry Gross
  9. Martha, b. 1781; m. Hezekiah Nailor
  10. Elizabeth, b. 11-15-1783; m. 1-17-1804, Ransom Harris, Sr., son of Jesse and  
Frankie Ward Harris. Ransom was the first Register of Deeds in Davidson  
Co.; in 1829-1830 he was state Senator from this Co. (Wheeler's Hist., N.C.)
  11. John (or Jones) Kendrick, b. 1790; d. 9-5-1880 (M.L., p. 72); m. Ruth Dunn Loftin,  
or Laughlin.

### Fourth Generation

- A-10. Ranson Harris(s, Jesse & Frankie) and Elizabeth Wood(dt, Wm. & Martha) Harris  
Issue: r. Rowan (later Davidson) Co.
- a. Martha; m. 1st, Jacob Goss  
m. 2nd, John (Jack) H. Finch
  - b. Betsy; m. Sam Lewis.
  - c. Lindy; m. Hoke Skeen.
  - d. Tarpena; m. Madison Ward.
  - e. Calvin, d. unm.
  - f. Mumford; m. Martha Workman.
  - g. Jason; m. Lucile Hendley.
  - h. Ranson, II; m. Margaret Ward.
  - i. Turner; m. Chloe McKoy.

### Fifth Generation

- A-10-h. Ransom Harris(s, Ramson & Elizabeth) and Margaret Ward Harris  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.
1. Jane; m. Henry C. Kearns.
  2. Roswell; m. 1st, Emma Lee, dt, Greene H. and Irene Walker Lee  
They had: a. Arthur.  
m. 2nd, Lou Williams
  3. John C.; m. 1st, Betty Margaret Finch, dt. Alfred and Lucy Andrews Finch  
m. 2nd, Leona Little of Alexander Co.
  4. Romulus; m. Rowella Pearce.
  5. Maria; m. 1st, Carson Kearns; s, Eli C. and Emily Leach Kearns  
m. 2nd, Rufus White.
  6. Frank; m. Harriett Jane Anderson.
  7. Julius W.; m. Florence Welch.
  8. Leila; m. Kirk Callum.
  9. Lewen; m. \_\_\_\_\_



## GRAY

This name in both spellings, Gray, or Grey, is of local origin, that is, it follows the name of a place in Burgundy, France. The name was originally Croy. A Norman chief named Rolf of Raoul, invaded France with his Norwegian followers and established himself there in the ninth century. A descendant of the same family became chamberlain to Robert, Duke of Normandy, and received from him the castle and the honor of Croy from which the family assumed the name DeCroy, afterwards changed to DeGray - finally to Gray. Unquestionably, the Grays came to England with William the Conqueror (in 1066) for among the names inscribed at Battle Abbey, after the decisive battle of Hastings, as worthy to be remembered for valiant services there rendered, was the name of J. DeGray.

The Grays were closely allied with the Royal House of England. Edward IV married Elizabeth Gray, widow of Sir John who was slain at the second Battle of St. Albans in 1461. Their Coat of Arms has been described as follows:

Arms - Gules, a Lion rampant within a bordure engrailed argent

Crest - An anchor (sans cable) in pale, or.

Supporters - Anchor, fast anchor (Americana, Vol. 18, p. 439).

The Grays of Scotland were connected with the Stewarts, a clan whose tartan they are entitled to wear.

We are told by Dr. Clayborn Gray that there were three families of Grays in Randolph and Guilford Counties which he distinguishes as the Robert McDonnell Gray family, the Samuel Gray family, and the family of Rev. Alson Gray, D.D., of the Methodist Protestant Church who was born, 6-14-1799 and died, 9-24-1880 (J.L., pp. 72, 108).

Dr. Clayborn Gray, in his article appearing in the Asheboro Courier of January 20, 1915, traces his lineage back to Robert McDonnell Gray, a Presbyterian who died in Londonderry, Ireland (prior to 1750). This is also the line of Randolph County's grand old man, Alexander Gray, General of the North Carolina Militia, War of 1812, who came to Randolph from Orange County, N.C., in 1792. The Samuel Gray family mentioned by Dr. Gray, has been traced back to John Gray, also a Presbyterian, who lived in the Presbyterian settlement of Virginia (later Augusta Co. from which Rockbridge Co. was formed), and where he died, in 1751. After his father's death, Samuel Gray settled on Muddy Creek in Randolph County.

Robert McDonnell Gray and his wife, whose name is unknown to the compiler, had three sons, Robert, Alexander, and Andrew, who after the death of their parents, decided to migrate to America. Not long afterwards, they persuaded three Morrison brothers, Andrew, Ephraim, and Alexander, of County Down, Ireland, who owned a sailing vessel and were engaged in trade with England, Ireland, Scotland and France, to make a voyage to America. In May, 1749, or 50, they set sail for these colonies. Besides the three Gray boys, the three Morrisons and their sister Mary, there were many other passengers whose names were to become familiar in Guilford and Randolph Counties.

After about seven days at sea, they encountered a violent storm that lasted for several days and threatened to destroy their vessel and all on board. Andrew Morrison was washed overboard one night and drowned, but all the others managed to escape death. We are told that sometime during the following June, they landed in Philadelphia. Recalling the prediction of "an old witch" that all three were destined to be drowned at sea, Ephraim and Alexander Morrison sold their vessel and decided to make their home in America. According to statements by Dr. Gray, the Morrison brothers and their sister accompanied the three Gray boys to Whitley Creek, Pennsylvania. While Whitley Creek is currently shown in Greene County, Pennsylvania, we must remember that during that period, Augusta County, Virginia, extended almost to the present site of Pittsburgh and embraced the part of Pennsylvania that is now known as Greene, Washington, Fayette, Westmoreland and Somerset Counties.

Dr. Gray tells us that after making a home for themselves in America, Robert Gray and Mary Morrison - who had met for the first time on board the ship that brought them across - were married.

John Lewis Peyton, in his History of Augusta County (p. 651) gives us an insight into the movements of the Gray brothers, from the time they decided to come to America until they left Virginia (about 1760) for the Piedmont Section of North Carolina. His story is that Benjamin Burden, or Borden, an English tradesman who was established in New Jersey, frequently visited the eastern part of Virginia where he became acquainted with John Lewis, also an Englishman, who was fond of exploring the back country of Virginia. During an excursion with John Lewis and his three sons, Burden captured a buffalo calf which he carried to Williamsburg and presented to William Gooch who was then governor of the Colony of Virginia. This and other courtesies of Burden so pleased the Governor that he directed the making of a patent authorizing a grant to Burden of any 500,000 acre tract of land on the Shenandoah and James Rivers that he might select - on condition that he would locate 100 families on his grant within ten years. Burden lost no time in choosing his tract, then went back to England for his settlers. The following year, 1737, he returned with more than the required 100 families. The population of his tract increased so rapidly that the part of Orange County in which it was located has become Augusta County in 1738.

Peyton's story explains why the Grays came to Virginia; we shall now consider some of the circumstances that caused them to leave. Conflicting claims to the land included in Burden's grant - by the Indians, the French, and the English - involved disputes that resulted in the French and Indian War. The Indians opposed the so-called English and favored the French who, in 1754, established Ft. Duquesne (where the city of Pittsburgh now stands). The slumbers of the English were broken by the yells of demons, scarcely less terrifying than their "scalping parties." The settlers began to seek a more peaceful region; eventually, "the first attempt by civilized man to settle that part of Virginia, was abandoned."

John and Agnes Gray were probably among those families who came to Virginia with Benjamin Burden in 1737. They joined a Presbyterian congregation that was under the Presbytery of New Castle. The will of John Gray, dtd, 4-23-1751, pbt. 11-27-1751, Augusta County (Book I, pp. 396-414), gives us the composition of this family: Wife - Agnes; Sons - Jacob, William, David, Joseph, Benjamin, Samuel, John; Daughters - Ann, Elizabeth. From the content of the will it appears that all of the above-named devisees except Benjamin and Joseph were of age when the will was made. Samuel was administrator of his father's estate and guardian of Joseph, "a minor." William was appointed guardian of Benjamin who, on 11-12-1759, had not attained his majority.

In 1749, William, Samuel, and Jacob Gray signed the call to Mr. John Brown (graduate of Nassau Hall, Princeton, and a licentiate of New Castle Presbytery) to Timber Ridge church. In 1754, William and Samuel subscribed to the support of this church (Foote, pp. 95, 96, 98). According to Limpincott's Gazateer, Timberridge was a post-village of Rockbridge County, 7 miles N.E. of Lexington.

Just why eighteen-year-old Robert Gray and his two brothers - presumably younger - decided to go to Burden's Tract in Augusta County, Virginia, has not been revealed, but it seems plausible that it was because they had relatives there - that John Gray who died there in 1751, was their father's brother. The abstract of a transfer of property in that county shows that Robert Gray owned land there. It reads as follows: "Nov. 18, 1760 - Robert Gray of Rowan County, N.C., by John Tott, Attorney, to James Craige, 5 shillings, 200 acres in Borden's Tract (Chalkney, Vol. 3, p. 479). The above-mentioned James Craige was probably the son of Rev. John Craig who came to Augusta County in 1739 as a probationer from Donegal Presbytery and later became pastor of Triple Forks, Tinkling Springs, and Augusta Presbyterians churches (Foote, p. 119). From 1740-49, John Craig served the congregations at North Mountain, South Mountain, and Timber Grove, where he baptized many children.

Favorable reports from the colony of North Carolina - its healthful climate, good farming conditions, and the high type of its citizenry - induced members of the families of Robert McDonnell Gray and John and Agnes Gray to leave terror-stricken Augusta County and settle in North Carolina. Robert and Alexander, sons of the former, settled in Guilford (formerly Rowan) County; Samuel and William, sons of the latter, are known to have settled in Rowan (later Randolph) County. It appears that Andrew, brother of Robert and Alexander, remained in the section of Augusta County that was allocated to Pennsylvania. As shown by Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, there was an Andrew Gray on the tax lists of southwestern Pennsylvania until 1794. In 1771, he owned 275 acres in Bedford Co. (Vol. 25, p. 520); in 1786, 200 acres in Bedford Co. (Vol. 26, p. 561); in 1794, 400 acres in Westmoreland Co. (Vol. 26, p. 437). On the roster of Pennsylvania's Rev. War soldiers (Ibid. Ser. 5, Vol. 4, pp. 410, 710) the following Grays are named: Alexander, Andrew, Archibald, Asbill, James, John, and William. No record of an Andrew Gray in North Carolina, who was a contemporary of those Grays who first settled in this state, has been found.

The compiler is reasonably sure that John Gray who died in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in 1751, and Robert McDonnell Gray who died in Londonderry, Ireland, prior to 1750, were brothers. As this relationship has not been established - to do so would require research in Ireland, perhaps in Scotland - these two lines are being recorded separately.

#### GENEALOGY--JOHN AND AGNES GRAY

##### First and Second Generations

A. John Gray, d. 11-21-1751, Timber Ridge, Augusta (after 1778, Rockbridge) County, Va., and Agnes who died after 1751.

Issue:

1. Samuel, Exec. of his father's will and guardian of his brother Joseph; in 1765, he sold his 241 acres of land in Augusta Co. and moved away, said to have paid taxes in Henry Co., Va., 1779-90; m. Agnes ?.
2. John - of age in 1751.
3. Elizabeth.
4. Jacob - of age in 1751; on 6-4-1752, bought of Isaac and Mary Gray, 270 acres of land in Augusta Co.
5. William - of age in 1751; on 11-21-1759, was guardian of his brother Benjamin, a minor; m. ca. 17521 thought to be the William Gray listed as a Taxable in Rowan Co., in 1759, in the vicinity of Joseph Brown, Phillip Hoggett, William Millikan, Richard and Mordecai Mendenhall, all of whom lived in that section of Rowan that later became Guilford and Randolph Counties.

It is thought that this is the William Gray whose will was pbt., Guilford Co., Aug. 1794, in which he names the following; James, "eldest son"; William, Isaac, Jesse, Joseph, Thomas, Samuel - sons; Mary Brown, Elizabeth Raper, Lydia - daughters (Book A, p. 131).<sup>1</sup>

James (mentioned above), b. 1-21-1753, d. 1844; m. Elizabeth Raper, dt. William Raper who settled in Rowan County in 1755. Hannah, dt. of James and Elizabeth, was the second wife of Alexander Thomas (Family Bible of Alex. Thomas, in the possession of Mrs. E. A. Tucker of Winston-Salem) (N.C. Wills, D.A.R., pp. 170-1.)

6. David - of age in 1751; only son of John and Agnes who appears on the tax lists of Rockbridge Co., Va., in 1782 where he is shown as David Gray, Esq.
7. Joseph - a minor in 1759.
8. Benjamin - a minor in 1751.
9. Ann.

### Third Generation

- A-1. Samuel Gray(s, John & Agnes) and \_\_\_\_\_ Gray  
Issue: r. Augusta and Henry Co's., Va.; after 1790, Muddy Creek, Randolph Co.
- Robert - "on 8-20-1774, bought of David Kerr, a corner of the other land he already possessed" in Augusta Co. (Chalkney, Vol. 3, p. 327).
  - John, b. 1-1-1749, d. 11-4-1792 (Old Union); m. 1776, Janet (Jennet) Greer (Grier) b. 12-23-1748, d. 2-6-1835 (Old Union), dt. Robert Greer whose will was pbt, June, 1784, Randolph Co. (Book I, p. 11).
  - William - in Feb., 1788, he bought of John Henderson 200 acres of land on the waters of Uwharrie; about 1790, he married Jane Thornburg.
  - Edward - appears in Randolph Co. records (a transfer of land) only once.

### Fourth Generation

- A-1-b. John Gray(s, Samuel & \_\_\_\_\_) and Janet Greer Gray  
Issue: r. Randolph Co. (census of 1790)
- Samuel, b. 2-11-1778, d. 5-17-1856; M.B., Randolph Co., dtd. 2-24-1801, to marry Mary Smith, b. 1779, dt. of Alexander Smith (Rev. War soldier), and Keziah Lamar Smith.
  - Edward, b. ca. 1779, d. unkm.
  - Jean (Jane, Jencie), b. 1783 or 4, d. after census of 1860, unkm.
  - William, b. 1781, d. 9-26-1847 (J.L., p. 8); m. 8-28-1815, Charity Mendenhall, b. 3-27-1794, d. 11-7-1878 (J.L., pp. 104, 41), dt. Benjamin and Nancy Merrill Clark Mendenhall.
  - Robert (middle name said to be McDonald), b. 1783, d. prior to 10-10-1816; M.B., Randolph Co., dtd. 3-4-1811, to marry Mary Johnston, b. 3-19-1782, d. prior to census of 1850, dt. Robert and Elizabeth Sumner Johns(t)on (Johnson genealogy) - no record of children by this marriage. On 10-10-1816, Mary Johnston Gray transferred to William and Edward Gray "her life estate land." (Randolph Co. Deed Book 6, p. 130). On 11-3-1817, Mary Gray married Asa (Asia) Sumner (his second wife). The will of Janet Gray, mother of Robert, dtd. 8-7-1824, pbt. May, 1835, makes the following bequest: ". . . to my daughter-in-law, Mary Sumner, . . ." (Will Book 6, p. 460.)
  - John, Capt. War of 1812, b. 2-20-1785, d. 10-13-1829 (J.L., p. 1); m. Charlotte \_\_\_\_\_, b. 10-10-1785, d. 6-27-1822 (Old Union).

- A-1-c. William Gray(s, Samuel & \_\_\_\_\_) and Jane Thornburg Gray  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- William, b. ca. 1820, d. prior to census of 1860; m. 9-22-1857, Mary Ann Johnson, b. 5-4-1834, d. Autumn, 1869 (Marlboro), dt. Clement and Dianah Swaim Johnson. The census of 1860 shows Mary Gray as the head of the household which, besides herself, included Mary's two children and her brother, Frank Johnson.

### Fifth Generation

- A-1-b-1. Samuel Gray(s, John & Janet) and Mary Smith Gray  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- Martha (Patsy), b. 1-14-1802, d. 7-4-1883; m. 8-24-1815, William Clark, b. 3-31-1799, d. 10-11-1846 (Ebenezer), son of John Clark (said to have been a Capt. in the Am. Rev.) and Mary Spencer Clark.
  - Jane, b. 5-11-1803, d. 7-16-1881, unkm. (Ebenezer)
  - Alexander, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. 7-26-1834, Nancy Beckerdite.
  - John S., b. 1808; m. 1st, Jane Coltrane, dt. Jacob Coltrane, M.B. dtd. 9-2-1831 m. 2nd, prior to 1852, Susan \_\_\_\_\_
  - x e. Mary (Polly); m. Newton Newlin, son of Joseph Newlin.
  - Lydia, b. 9-19-1812, d. 8-20-1840; m. David Mulnix (Ebenezer)
  - Margaret (Peggy); m. Sewell Farlow.
  - Robert, b. 12-17-1814, Randolph Co., d. 1-17-1881, in Winston-Salem; m. 1-18-1841, Guilford Co., Mary Millis Wiley, dt. Samuel Wiley (Ashe, p. 291-2).

A-1-b-1. Samuel Gray(s,John&Janet) and Mary Smith Gray--Continued

- i. Abner, b. 2-27-1817, d. 2-10-1896, or 8 (Ebenezer);  
m. 1st, 10-4-1838, Irene Gardner, b. 11- -1815, d. 6-21-1852.  
m. 2nd, 9-27-1856, Hannah Millikan Blair, b. 7-22-1825, d. 10-23-1886, dt.  
John and Elizabeth Tomlinson Blair.

A-1-b-4. William Gray(s,John&Janet) and Charity Mendenhall Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Elizabeth, b. 1817.
  - b. Margaret, b. 1819.
  - c. Jane, b. 1825.
  - d. Benjamin, b. 1827.
  - e. Nancy, b. 1832.
  - f. McKendree, b. 1837; m. Randolph Co., 6-30-1860, Nancy Clark, dt. of William and  
Martha Gray Clark.
  - g. Franklin, b. 1841.
  - h. Susannah, b. 1845.  
(Birthdates computed from census of 1850, at which time Charity, aged 56,  
was the head of the family.)

A-1-b-6. John Gray(s,John&Janet) and Charlotte\_\_\_\_\_ Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Grier, b. 3-20-1817, d. 5-28-1874 (J.L., p. 31); m. Pernetia (Pernecia) Leach, M.B.  
dtd. 2-11-1840, Pernetia, dt. Hugh and Elizabeth Leach, was b. 2-20-1820,  
d. 2-7-1905 (Ebenezer).

A-1-c-1. William Gray(s,William&Jane Thornburg) and Mary Ann Johnson Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Franklin Gilmer, b. 4-29-1858, d. 3- -1908; m. 4-2-1882 (Randolph Co.) Cyrena  
Alice Osborne, b. 4-1-1863, d. 3-10-1948 (Greensboro), dt. William Pembroke  
and Delana Hinshaw Osborne.
  - b. Mary, age, 1 mo., census of 1860, said to have died young.

Sixth Generation

A-1-b-1-d. John S. Gray(s,Samuel&Mary)

- Issue by 1st marriage - to Jane Coltrane: r. Randolph Co.
1. Martha, b. 1833.
  2. Mary, b. 1835.
  3. John, b. 1839.
  4. Lydia, b. 1842.
  5. Harrison, b. 1844.  
by 2nd marriage - to Susan \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Oscar, b. 1851.
  7. Lorenzo, b. 1853.
  8. Kizziah, b. 1855.
  9. Urby, b. 1857.
  10. Dawson, b. 1859.  
(Birthdates of children of Jane computed from census of 1850 (p. 229-a); those  
of the children born to John and Susan computed from census of 1860 (p. 269).)

A-1-b-1-e. Newton Newlin, and Mary Gray(dt.Samuel and Mary Smith) Newlin

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Samuel Gray; m. Mattie Feree.
  2. Martha (Patty), d. unm.
  3. Nathaniel Newton; m. Ola Collins.
  4. John, d. unm.
  5. Maggie, d. unm.

A-1-b-1-h. Robert Gray(s,Samuel&Mary Smith) and Mary Willis Wiley Gray

- Issue: r. Forsyth Co.
1. Samuel Wiley, Capt. Co. D, 57th Regt, N.C. Troops, C.S.A., died 7-2-1863, Battle  
of Gettysburg.
  2. Martha E.; m. Abraham.B. Gibson of Stokes Co.

A-1-b-1-h. Robert Gray(s, Samuel & Mary Smith) and Mary Millis Wiley Gray)--Cont.

3. James Alexander, Co. C, 36th Rgt., N.C. Troops, C.S.A., b. 1-2-1846 (10 miles S.W. of High Point); m. Aurelia Bowman of High Point.
4. Robert Trelin; m. Caroline Lilly.
5. Mary Belle; m. Thomas Barber.
6. Robah F., M.D.
7. Eugene C.
8. Emory S.
9. William T., Col. Third N.C. Militia; m. Ada Dodson, dt. Rev. Charles and Margaret Leach Dodson (Leach genealogy).  
They had: a. William T.; m. Inez \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Caroll; m. Robert Hilliard  
c. Margaret.

A-1-b-1-i. Abner Gray(s, Samuel & Mary Millis Wiley)

- Issue by 1st marriage - to Irene Gardner: r. Randolph Co.
1. Marie Cornelia, b. 7-16-1839; m. as his 1st wife, Daniel W. Coltrane, b. 6-13-1837, d. 1-27-1885, son of Jacob and Susannah Welborn Coltrane.
  2. A son, b. 7- -1841 - not named.
  3. George Gardner, b. 11-24-1843; m. Julia Porter.  
They had: a. Fanny - probably others.
  4. Julius A., b. 10-14-1846.
  5. Abner Alexander, b. 11-2-1848, d. 1-7-1870.
  6. Lydia Mary, b. 9-3-1851, d. 2-22-1888; m. 2- -1870, as his 2nd wife, Daniel W. Coltrane (her brother-in-law).  
They had: a. Annie; m. McKay  
by 2nd marriage - to Hannah M. Blair:
  7. Elizabeth; m. R.B. Strickland.
  - x 8. Flora, b. 11-9-1861, d. 11-25-1929; m. 12-27-1882, Rev. Conder Parson Jerome, b. 6-16-1857, d. 12-23-1951, son of Thomas Archibald and Elizabeth Conder Jerome.
  9. Emma, d. unm.
  10. Robert, d. unm.

A-1-b-4-f. McKendree Gray(s, Wm. & Charity) and Nancy Clark Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. Florence; m. _____ Kearns    | 5. Cornelia; m. Carl Wheeler             |
| 2. Hattie; m. _____ Crutchfield | 6. Eugenia; m. _____ Grantham - 1 child. |
| 3. Ada; m. S. G. Wheeler        |  |

A-1-b-6-a. Grier (Greer) Gray(s, John & Charlotte) and Permetia Leach Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. John F., b. 1842; m. 1-5-1868, Orange Co., by Rev. Alson Gray, Margaret McAdams, dt. James and Sarah McAdams.
  2. Hugh L., b. 1843.
  3. Sarah, b. 10-24-1844, d. 1-18-1926; m. Zimri Lewellen (Rec. M.E. Church, Asheboro).
  4. Mary, b. 1846, d. 7-12-1896.
  5. Charity, b. 1848.
  6. Lydia, b. 1850; m. Jarvis Pickett.
  7. Martha E. b. 1853.
  8. Pernetia L., b. 1855.
  9. Nancy C., b. 1857.
  10. Nathaniel, b. 1859-60.  
(Will of Grier Gray, Randolph Co., Book 15, p. 162; birthdates computed from census of 1860, p. 271.)

A-1-c-1-a. Franklin Gilmer Gray(s, Wm. & Mary Ann) and Cyrena A. Osborne Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. David Elmer, b. 3-31-1883.
  2. Bertha Idella, b. 4-3-1884.
  3. Alena Ellen, b. 12-10-1885.
  4. Cora Evelyn, b. 3-11-1888; m. 9-16-1918 in Burton Parish, Williamsburg, Va.,  
Thomas Westmore Brooks
  5. Jessie May, b. 3-16-1890, d. 3-19-1892.
  6. Franklin Gilmer, b. 3-17-1893.
  7. James McKinley, b. 12-17-1895.



- A-1-c-1-a. Franklin Gilmer Gray(s,Wm.&MaryAnn) and Cyrena A. Osborne Gray--Continued  
 8. Eugenia, b. 4-1-1899.  
 9. Alice, b. 9-22-1903.

Seventh Generation

- A-1-b-1-e-1. Samuel Gray Newlin(s,John&Mary) and Mattie Feree Newlin  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Joseph Newton; m. Ruth Coltrane.  
 b. Mary Gray, Supt. Salem College Infirmary.  
 c. Alice Glenn.  
 d. Samuel Gray.

- A-1-b-1-e-3. Nathaniel Newton Newlin(s,John&Mary) and Ola Collins Newlin  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Cloud; m. Mary\_\_\_\_\_ - 5 children.  
 b. Green, d. inf.  
 c. John Henry; m. Billie Scott - 3 children.  
 d. Grier Gray; m. Lucile Freeman - 2 children.  
 e. Margaret; m. Charles Leonard - 3 children.

- A-1-b-1-h-3. James Alexander Gray(s,Robert&Mary M. Wiley) and Aurelia Bowman Gray  
 Issue: r. Winston-Salem  
 a. Bowman, tobacco company executive, benefactor of the Bowman Gray School of  
 Medicine (named in his honor), Wake Forest College, d. 7-7-1935; m. Nathalie  
 Fontaine Lyons.  
 b. Mary, m. Alexander Galloway.  
 They had: 1. James  
 2. Bowman  
 3. Alexander H.  
 c. Elizabeth; m. Charles E. Plumley  
 They had: 1. Elizabeth  
 2. Lindsay  
 3. Aurelia  
 d. James Alexander, b. 8-21-1889; m. 4-18-1918, Pauline Lizette Bahnson, dt. Henry T.  
 Bahnson (Ashe, p. 291-2).

- A-1-b-1-i-8. Conder Parson Jerome and Flora Gray(dt,Abner&Hannah) Jerome  
 Issue: r. M.E. Church Conference, Central N. C.  
 a. Josie Thomas; m. Annie Brown - 3 children.  
 b. Walter Gray; m. Elizabeth Pollard - 2 children.  
 c. Annie Cora; m. Eugene Bowers - 4 children.  
 d. Fred Duncan; m. Carmelia Landom - 3 children.  
 e. Emma Gladys; m. Rufus Hearing - 1 child.  
 f. Grace; m. Paul Parker, M.D. - 4 children.  
 x g. Eunice, b. 12-16-1898; m. 6-18-1924, Robert Rapp, b. 2-26-1893.  
 h. Robert; m. Jean Porter - 2 children.  
 i. Flora; m. W.P. Hold, Jr., M.D. - 2 children.

- A-1-c-1-a-4. Thomas Westmore Brooks and Cora Evelyn Gray(dt,F. Gilmer&Cyrena) Brooks  
 Issue: r. Warwick, Va.  
 a. Janet Gray, b. 9-27-1919; m. 11-21-1942, Linwood Cecil Bashane.  
 b. Warren Baird, b. 7-1-1924.  
 c. Lewis Pembroke Macy, b. 7-16-1925; m., in Seattle, Wash., 12-20-1950, Rosemary  
 Gardner.  
 They had: 1. Thomas Westmore, b. 7-30-1952.  
 2. Elizabeth Rose, b. 5-5-1954.

## Eighth and Ninth Generations

- A-1-b-1-h-3-a. Bowman Gray(s,James A.&Aurelia) and Nathalie Lyons Gray  
Issue: r. Winston-Salem
1. Bowman, tobacco company executive, b. Baltimore, Md., 1-15-1907; m. 11-28-1936, Elizabeth Palmer Christian  
They had: a. Bowman d. Lyons  
b. Frank Christian e. Peyton Randolph  
c. Robert Daniel
  2. Gordon, Asst. Sec. of the Army, Dept. of Defense, 1947-49; President, University of N.C., since Oct. 1950; m. 6-11-1938, Jane Boyden Craige, d. 7-14-1953, dt. Burton Craige;  
They had: a. Gordon c. Boyden  
b. Burton Craige d. Bernard
- A-1-b-1-h-3-d. James Alexander Gray(s,James A.&Aurelia) and Pauline L. Bahnson Gray  
Issue: r. Winston-Salem
1. James Alexander.
  2. Bahnson.
  3. Howard.
  4. A daughter; m. Norwood Robinson of Winston -Salem.
  5. Aurelia.
  6. A daughter; m. John Gallaher of Charlotte.
- A-1-b-1-i-8-g. Robert Rapp and Eunice Jerome(dt,Conder&Flora) Rapp  
Issue: r. Thomasville
1. Robert, b. 2-6-1926.
  2. Jerome, b. 9-16-1927.

## ROBERT McDONNELL GRAY

### First and Second Generations

- B. Robert McDonnell Gray, b. probably in Scotland, and his wife, both of whom died in Ireland prior to 1750  
Issue: r. Londonderry, Ulster Prov., Ir.
1. Robert, b. 8-1-1729, in Londonderry, Ir.(?), d. 2-17-1822, Guilford or Orange Co., N.C.; m., 1749 or 50, Augusta Co., Va.(?), Mary Morrison of County Down, Ir., b. 11- -1732, d. 1-7-1808, Guilford or Orange Co., N.C. (Little River). In 1760, said to be "of Rowan Co., N.C."
  2. Alexander, b. Londonderry, Ir.(?), d. Guilford Co., 2-17-1832; m. after coming to Virginia, probably, in Augusta (formerly, Orange) Co. Prior to 1775, Alexander Gray settled on Reedy Fork, Guilford Co. In 1775, he bought several items at the auction sale of the personal property of Josiah Martin, then deposed Royal Governor of North Carolina (Col. Rec., Vol. 22, p. 882). He was the right age for military service in the Rev. War (Rankin, p. 195). In 1782, he "secured from the State, 850 acres of land on Buffalo Creek and settled there. A great-great-grandson, Walter A. Montgomery, inherited part of this land (Rankin, p. 49).
  3. Andrew, b. Londonderry, Ir.(?), believed to have remained in that part of Virginia that was reallocated to Pennsylvania and to have rendered military service with the Colonial Troops during the Rev. War. (See introduction to the Grays).

### Third Generation

- B-1. Robert Gray(s,Robert McD.& \_\_\_\_\_?) and Mary Morrison Gray  
Issue: r. Orange (after 1770, Guilford) Co.
- a. Jean (Jane), b. 10-24-1754; m. \_\_\_\_\_Communs.
  - b. Mary, b.9-29-1756; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hill.

- B-1. Robert Gray(s,Robert McD.& \_\_\_\_\_?) and Mary Morrison Gray--Continued
- c. Peggy, b. 8-17-1761; m. William Murdock - they had a son, Robert G. (Gray?) who was mentioned in the will of Gen. Alexander Gray.
  - d. Susannah, b. 2-2-1764; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Murdock.
  - e. Robert, b. 2-18-1766; m. 12-28-1791, Marey Ann Willey (Mary Ann Wiley) of Guilford Co. (Gray).
  - f. Alexander, General of the N.C. Militia, War of 1812, b. 8-16-1768, Orange Co., N.C., d. 7-12-1864, (Harper-Gray);  
m. 1st, prior to 1820, (Mrs.?) Nancy Parke, b. 1783, d. 1820, dt. of Solomon, or Samuel Parke.  
m. 2nd, 2-26-1822, Sarah Harper Ellison, b. 9-18-1789, d. 6-28-1858, dt. Lt. Col. Jeduthan Harper and Gizeal Parke Harper. Sarah was the widow of Dr. Zachariah Ellison who d. 2-2-1821, aged ca. 35 yr. (Harper-Gray)
  - g. Andrew, b. 1771; m. 11-17-1807, Polly Jamieson (N.C. Marriage Rec., D.A.R.).
  - h. Rachel, b. 2-5-1774; m. William Dickson.
  - i. A daughter - name unknown.

- B-2. Alexander Gray(s,Robert McD.& \_\_\_\_\_?) and Margaret \_\_\_\_\_? Gray
- Issue:  
r. Augusta Co., Va.; Orange (later Guilford) Co.
- a. Alexander, b. prior to 1774; m. Mary, dt. Thomas Hamilton.
  - b. Jane; m. William Denny, son of Walter.
  - c. Anne; m. John Starrett, son of James Starrett.
  - d. Thomas; m. and located east of his father's place (Rankin, p. 52).
  - e. Margaret; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Walker
  - f. Elizabeth, d. unkm.
  - g. James, b. prior to 1774; m. 8-21-1798, Guilford Co., Jean Means - located near Bethel Church.
  - h. Sarah; m. 2-4-1791, Joseph Denny, son of Walter (Rankin, p. 49).  
The census of 1790 (p. 155) shows Alexander Gray as head of a household composed of:  
Free White Males over 16 (including head) - 4.  
Free White Males under 16 - none.  
Free White Females (including head) - 6.  
Therefore, it appears that all of the above-named sons were born prior to, or about 1790.

#### Fourth Generation

- B-1-e. Robert Gray(s,Robert&Mary Morrison) and Mary Ann Wiley Gray
- Issue:  
r. Randolph Co.
1. John, b. 10-1-1792; m. Elizabeth Elliott, M.B. dtd, 3-17-1820 (Randolph Co.).
  2. Alexander, b. 10-1-1794; m. Mary Allred, b. 12-10-1787, d. 3-10-1884 (Grays Chapel), dt. John Allred, Rev. War soldier, and an extensive farmer of Deep River, near Cedar Falls and Franklinville of today.
  3. Andrew, b. 12-28-1796.
  4. Robert, b. 1-19-1799.
  5. Sarah, b. 4-1-1801; m. John Boley of Tennessee.
  6. Susannah, b. 4-15-1804; m. Thomas P. Holland of Tennessee.
  7. Mary, b. 10-2-1806; m. Thomas P. Haynie of Tennessee.
  8. Thomas, b. 10-5-1808; m. Elizabeth Beeson, M.B. dtd. 3-2-1839 (Guilford Co. M.B., Vol. I, p. 174). They are said to have settled in Arkansas. (Dr. Clayborn Gray).
- B-1-f. Alexander Gray(s,Robert&Mary Morrison)
- r. Orange Co. (N.C.); after 1793, Randolph Co.
- Issue by 1st marriage - to Nancy Parke:
- x 1. Mary, b. ca, 1812, d. 1855 (Ark.); m. 8-19-1830, Stephen Moore.  
by 2nd marriage - to Sarah Harper Ellison:
  2. Elizabeth, b. 5-18-1823, d. 6- -1886.  
m. 1st, 2-24-1848, William Alexander Hogan, Randolph Co. Senator  
m. 2nd, David Lindsay of Lexington
  - x 3. Letitia Harper, b. 8-30-1826, d. 12-24-1860; m. Alfred Gaither Foster of Greensboro, b. 1-5-1826, d. 7-25-1866.
  4. Alexander Harper, b. 10-18-1828, d. 11-16-1828.

B-1-f. Alexander Gray(s,Robert&Mary Morrison)--Continued.

5. Robert Harper, Lt. Col., C.S.A., b. 1-10-1831, d. 3-17-1863, in camp near Fredericksburg, Va. (Hopewell - the first of his family not to be buried in the Harper-Gray Family Burialground); m. 1858, Martha Elvira Horney, b. 1838, d. 1894, Missouri, dt. A. S. Horney. Elvira married 2nd, 11-10-1868, Joseph Addison C. Brown, M.D. (Brown genealogy) who settled in Missouri.
6. Julius Alexander, Col. C.S.A., b. 9-6-1833 (1834 also shown), d. 4-14-1891; m. 10-5-1858, Emma Victoria Morehead, b. 1836, d. 1896, dt. John M. Morehead, Governor of North Carolina.

#### Fifth Generation

B-1-e-2. Alexander Gray(s,Robert&Mary Ann Wiley) and Mary Allred Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Robert, b. 9-1-1820, d. 2-17-1890; m. Elizabeth Jane Edwards, b. 7-14-1817, d. 7-11-1907, dt. Edom (Needham) and Mary Bray Edwards of Chatham Co., and later of Tennessee.
  - b. Alexander S., b. 5-8-1823; m. Margaret Wrightsel of Randolph Co.
  - c. John Aldred, b. 4-17-1826; m. Ruth Emily Wharton of Illinois - no children.
  - d. Clayborn, M.D., C.S.A., was at the Surrender as Acting Adjutant General was paroled at Greensboro.  
m. 1st, 5-15-1862, Kate B. Weisiger, d. 10-13-1863, dt. Capt. John B. Weisiger (C.S.A.) of Fayetteville. They had one child, d. inf.  
m. 2nd, 8-16-1868 (by Dr. Braxton Craven), Sarah Thurston, dt. of Peter Thurston.

B-1-f-1. Stephen Moore and Mary Gray (dt,Alexander&Nancy) Moore

- Issue: r. Hillsboro; Arkansas
- a. Ann Eliza.
  - b. Alexander P.  
The Stephen Moore family moved to Arkansas in the mid-1860's.

B-1-f-3. Alfred Gaither Foster and Letitia H. Gray(dt,Alexander&Sarah) Foster

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Robert.
  - b. Alfred.
  - c. Amelia.
  - d. Elizabeth.
  - e. Sallie (Sarah).

B-1-f-5. Robert Harper Gray(s,Alexander&Sarah) and Martha Elvira Horney Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Alexander, b. 1859, d. 1908, unkm.
  - b. Robert Harper, b. 6-14-1861, d. 2-12-1943; m. 6-4-1896, Exie Mitchell, b. 1-3-1874.

B-1-f-6. Julius Alexander Gray(s,Alexander&Sarah) and Emma Morehead Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- x a. Anne Morehead, b. 9-21-1860, d. 5-22-1895; m. 2-16-1881, J. Walker Fry, Gen. Mgr., C.F. & Yadkin Valley Railway.
  - b. Robert Percy, b. 2-4-1863, d. 12-9-1906, unkm., Capt., Spanish-American War.
  - x c. Jessie Lindsay, b. 12-18-1864, d. 1-31-1891; m. 12-8-1886, Edmund E. Richardson, a banker of Chattanooga, Tenn.
  - d. Mary Scales, b. 2-1-1867; m. 1891, J. Allison Hodges Phd., Prof. of Medical College, University of Va.
  - e. Eugenia F., b. 7-27-1870, d. 2-18-1898; m. 4-5-1893, George Callendine Heck of Raleigh and New York City - one child, Gene Gray.
  - f. John Morehead, b. 4-9-1872, d. 5-31-1891, unkm.

#### Sixth Generation

B-1-3-2-a. Robert Gray(s,Alexander&Mary Allred) and Elizabeth Jane Edwards Gray

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. John Wesley, b. 2-8-1842, d. 8-21-1932; m. 6-9-1874, Nancy L. Burton, b. 1848.  
d. 3-17-1917, dt. J.W. and Sarah Johnson Burton.

- B-1-e-2-a. Robert Gray(s,Alexander&Mary Allred) and Elizabeth Jane Edwards Gray--Cont.  
 2. Mary Jane, b. 9-7-1844; m. J. Truman Hilton.  
 3. Amanda Clementine, b. 4-27-1848; m. Jeremiah Craven.  
 4. Emily Elizabeth, b. 4-27-1848, d. 4-5-1916; m. 11-20-1873, Cyrus W. Burton,  
 b. 5- -1846, d. 10 -1913 (brother of Nancy).  
 5. Martha Ellen, b. 5-24-1854; m. 1st, Morton Burton  
 m. 2nd, John Wright.

- B-1-e-2-b. Alexander S. Gray(s,Alexander&Mary Allred) and Margaret Wrightsel Gray  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 1. William Henry, d. unm. 5. Margaret; m. Junius R. Hodgins.  
 2. John M., d. unm. 6. Addison W.; m. Emma Brown.  
 3. Adeline; m. Samuel E. Stanton. 7. Robert Lee; m. Celia Craven.  
 4. Martha; m. J. M. Routh.

- B-1-e-2-d. Clayborn Gray(s,Alexander&Mary Allred)  
 Issue by 2nd marriage - to Sarah Thurston: r. Randolph Co.  
 1. John Malcolm, b. 5-28-1869; m. Bettie Brown.  
 2. Mary Eleanor, b. 8-25-1871; m. John E. Riley.  
 3. Hattie Zenadia, b. 6-22-1874; m. Daniel V. Needley.  
 4. Bertha Alice, b. 6-16-1876; m. Wallace L. Watson.  
 5. Rosa M., b. 6-16-1879; m. William Dorsey Palmer.  
 6. Clayborn Alexander, b. 7-9-1882; m. Willie Rockett.  
 7. Sarah Kate, b. 1-24-1886; m. Charles Troy Ross.

- B-1-f-5-b. Robert Harper Gray(s,Robert&Martha) and Exie Mitchell Gray  
 Issue: r. Missouri  
 x 1. Frances, b. 11-14-1896; m. 10-20-1920, Milton Duvall, b. 8-23-1896.  
 x 2. Exie, b. 2-17-1901; m. 3-29-1923, Thomas Parry, b. 12-23-1902.  
 3. James M., b. 9-29-1904; m. 6-3-1926, Frances Havens. They had a son, James M.

- B-1-f-6-a. J. Walker Fry and Anne Morehead Gray(dt,Julius&Emma) Fry  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Emma Morehead; m. Bradford Mosely Adams.  
 2. Mary Lewis; m. Pierce Christie Rucker.  
 3. Anne Gray; m. Fred Sutton.

- B-1-f-6-c. Edmund E. Richardson and Jessie Lindsay Gray(dt,Julius A.&Emma) Richardson  
 Issue: r. Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 1. Julius Gray, veteran, World War I.  
 2. Edmund C., veteran, World War I. (Morehead, pp. 111-4).

#### Seventh Generation

- B-1-e-2-a-1. John Wesley Gray(s,Robert&Elizabeth) and Nancy L. Burton Gray.  
 Issue: r. Thomasville  
 a. Earl; m. Mary Black Humber.  
 b. Roberta, d. 10-4-1954.  
 c. Robert W.; m. Mabel Bostian.  
 d. Jessie; m. 1st, Charles A. Boggs, s, Arrington and Sarah Jane Lee Boggs;  
 They had: 1. Jessie Gray; m. Pinckney Rankin.  
 m. 2nd, Reece Harville - no children by this marriage.  
 e. William C., dec'd.  
 f. Fred B.; m. Jean Reddick.  
 g. Julius H.; m. Helen Hinckle.

- B-1-e-2-a-4. Cyrus W. Burton and Emily Elizabeth Gray(dt,Robert&Elizabeth) Burton  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 x a. Anna Maye, b. 1-24-1881; m. 11-30-1899; m. Herbert Stone.

B-1-f-5-b-1. Milton Duvall and Frances Gray(dt,Robert H.&Exie) Duvall  
Issue: r. Clarksville, Mo.  
a. Milton, b. 2-28-1923; m. Margaret Bowling  
They had: 1. Donna.  
2. Debora.  
b. Catherine, b. 9-7-1928; m. Fred Baumgarth.

B-1-f-5-b-2. Thomas W. Parry and Exie Gray(dt,Robert H.&Exie) Parry  
Issue: r. Missouri  
a. Jean, b. 10-1-1924; m. Thomas Clayton. They had a dt., Susan.  
b. Thomas W., b. 9-14-1930.

Eighth Generation

B-1-e-2-a-4-a. M. Herbert Stone and Anna Maye Burton(dt.Cyrus&Emily) Stone  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
x 1. Audrey Gray; m. 12-29-1920, John Grady Williamson, s, James and Mattie  
Williamson.

Ninth and Tenth Generations

B-1-e-2-a-4-a-1. John Grady Williamson and Aubrey Stone(dt.Herbert&Anna Maye) Williamson  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
a. Jeanne Gray, b. 8-14-1926; m. 2-15-1947, Fletcher H. Wall (II). They had Marilyn  
Gray, b. 12-7-1949.

## LEACH

The origin of the Leach family of today, in England and in America, has been traced by antiquarians to John LeLeche, surgeon to King Edward III of England who reigned from 1327 to 1377, and who founded the Order of the Garter. John LeLeche was a figure of prominence in Court circles during this reign. An interesting tradition attaches the history of the early progenitors and the Arms of the family to his prominence.

It is said that when the King of France and the King of Scotland were prisoners of Edward (after the Battle of Crecy) the three Kings dined together at the home of John LeLeche. As they were taking leave, King Edward presented three crowns (emblems) to his host. Later, as a further mark of esteem, a large estate was granted to LeLeche who embodied the three emblems in his Arms. The Coat-of-Arms of the Leech, or Leach, family is described as follows:

"Arms - Ermine on a chief indented gules three ducal coronets, or.

Crest - Out of a ducal coronet, or., a dexter forearm grasping a serpent, all proper."

The term leech, as an old English synonym for physician, is derived from a Teutonic root meaning "to heal." When the adoption of surnames spread throughout England, Leech and Leach sprang into common use. (Americana, Vol. 13, p. 177.)

Sometime during the mid-1700's, according to a tradition of the Leach family of Randolph County, three boys who lived in Ireland were sent by their parents to enter a boarding school. Instead of going to school they managed to get on a boat that brought them to America. These boys were John Leach, Archibald Leach, and another brother whose name was unknown.

The List of Taxables in Rowan County in the year 1759, the earliest known to exist, shows the name of Stephen Leach. In its original form this list, arranged according to the house-to-house visits of the enumerator, shows Stephen Leach as a neighbor of William Millikan, Stephen Hoggatt (Hoggett), William Merrill, and Mordecai Mendenhall - four men known to have lived in the section of Rowan County that is now northwest Randolph. As Stephen was the only Leach shown in this part of North Carolina he is supposed to be the founder of the Leach family of Randolph. It is likely that he was the other one of the three brothers mentioned above.

The name of Stephen Leach does not appear in the census of 1790 and it is assumed, therefore, that he died prior to the time that census was taken. Hugh and William, the two Leaches who are shown as living in the neighborhood where Stephen Leach had lived in 1759, are supposed to be sons of Stephen.

The households headed by these two at the time of the first two census years were composed of the following free whites:

<u>Hugh Leach</u> : Census of 1790 (p. 101):	Males over 16	-2 (Head and John, born 1762)
	Females (including head)	-3
Census of 1800 (p. 325):	Males over 45	- 1
	Females over 10 but under 16	- 1
	Females over 16 but under 26	- 1

<u>William Leach</u> : Census of 1790 (p. 101):	Males over 16	- 1 (Head)
	Males under 16	- 3
	Females (including head)	- 2
Census of 1800 (p. 325):	Males under 10	- 2
	Males over 10, under 16	- 1
	Males over 16, under 26	- 2
	Males over 45	- 1
	Females over 10, under 16	- 1
	Females over 16, under 26	- 1
	Females over 45	- 1

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. Stephen Leach, of taxable age in 1759, died prior to census of 1790  
 Issue: r. in 1759, Rowan (after 1778, Randolph) Co.
- A. Hugh, living and over 45, census of 1800; m. prior to 1774 - maiden name of his wife unknown to the compiler. She was living in 1790, but not living in 1800, according to the census reports of those years.
- B. William, living and over 45, census of 1800; m. Rosanna Elder who was living and over 45, census of 1800, dt. of James and Elizabeth Elder of Randolph Co.

### Third Generation

- A. Hugh Leach(s, Stephen & \_\_\_\_\_) and \_\_\_\_\_ Leach  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- John, b. 6-17-1762, d. 6-30-1825; m. 1785-93, Mary Morgan Brown, b. 3-24-1764, d. 4-30-1826 (widow of John Brown).
  - A daughter, b. 1775-85.
  - A daughter, b. 1785-89 (census of 1800).  
 There may have been others.
- B. William Leach(s, Stephen & \_\_\_\_\_) and Rosanna Elder Leach  
 Issue:
- Absalom, d. 8-3-1846 (J.L., p. 8); m. 3-23-1820, Nellie Elder; d. 9-10-1834 (M.L.)
  - William, b. 3-3-1784, d. 7-27-1835 - first person buried at Hopewell J.L., p. 4); m. prior to 1806, Nancy Brown, b. 10-25-1783, d. 7-19-1866, dt. John and Mary Morgan Brown shown above.
  - Silas, b. 12-4-1892, d. 2-12-1869 (J.L., pp. 25-34); m. Jane Morgan who died 12-10-1856 (M.L.).  
 There may have been others.

Lansdowne, the homestead of William and Mary Brown Leach, was located one mile south east of Old Trinity. William was a magistrate for many years.

### Fourth Generation

- A-1. John Leach(s, Hugh & \_\_\_\_\_) and Mary Morgan Brown Leach  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- Hugh, b. 2-14-1794, d. 9-26-1881;  
 m. 1st, Mary (Polly) Collett, d. 12-9-1872 (J.L., p. 39).  
 m. 2nd, 9-15-1878, Elisabeth Younts, d. 11-23-1879 (J.L., p. 71).
  - x b. Rosannah, b. 12-22-1796, d. 12-2-1857; m. \_\_\_\_\_, Joseph Johnson, b. 6-19-1798, d. 9-9-1860 (Prospect), s. Joseph and Nancy Johnson.



- A-1. John Leach(s,Hugh& ) and Mary Morgan Brown Leach--Continued
- c. James, b. 2-5-1798, d. 7-7-1881; m. 3-4-1823, Margaret Mendenhall, b. 10-5-1800, d. 1-23-1870 (Trinity), dt. Benjamin and Nancy Merrill Clark Mendenhall.
  - d. Lewis Morgan, b. 7-25-1800, d. 8-25-1893;
    - m. 1st. 5-23-1826, Nancy Elder, b. 1-24-1804, d. 5-13-1881, dt. James and Hannah Clark Elder;
    - m. 2nd. 3-30-1882, Elizabeth E. Osborne.
  - x e. Nancy Elizabeth (Peggy), b. 8-28-1802, d. 7-26-1845; m. John Elder, b. 5-4-1799, d. 5-5-1887 (Hopewell), s. John Elder. Elder genealogy.
  - f. Ezekiel, b. 6-5-1804, d. 10-6-1850, unm.
  - g. Jabez H. b. 9-22-1806, d. 2-4-1878; m. Nancy Brown, b. 5-10-1807, d. 8-24-1904.
  - x h. Mary (Polly), b. 2-23-1809, d. 9-19-1874; m. Ahijah Smith, b. 10-7-1799, d. 9-14-1871 (Hopewell).

- B-2. William Leach(s,Wm.&Rosanna) and Nancy Brown Leach  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Martin W., b. 2-25-1806, d. 3-18-1869; m. Sallie Alston Mangum, dt. Senator Willie (pronounced Wiley), Preston Mangum. Martin W. Leach was known as Col. Leach. How he acquired this title is unknown to the compiler.
  - b. Parthenia, b. 1809, d. 1859 (Hopewell).
  - x c. Eliza Selina, b. 1817, d. 1884; m. Rev. James B. Alford, b. 1813, d. 11-9-1883 (Hopewell). James Alford was a chaplain, 51st Rgt., N.C., C.S.A., but resigned, 1-1-1863.
  - d. Julian Elder, b. 8-27-1812, d. 7-17-1844, unm. (Hopewell).
  - e. John W., d. 5-28-1863 (J.L., p. 11).
  - f. Margaret, b. 11-20-1820, d. 5-8-1855; m. at Hopewell church, 5-28-1850, Rev. Asa S. Andrews, Alabama Conference, son of Hezekiah and Delaney Duke Andrews.
  - g. James Madison Brown, Col., C.S.A., 11th Div., N.C. Troops, b. 1821, d. 6-1-1891; m. 1846, Louizer, or Lizzie Montgomery Lewis, d. 10-16-1892, dt. of the Rev. J. W. Lewis, a Presbyterian minister. James Madison Brown Leach read law with his brother, Julian Elder Leach, and attained distinction at the Bar; he was elected to the Legislature, 1848-1866; to the Senate, 1865, 1866, 1867, and in 1879; to the Thirty-fourth Congress, 1859-1861 (Wheeler, p. 155). He was a member of the Second Congress of the Confederate States, from 5-2-1864 through 3-18-1865 (Executive Congressional Directory of the Confederate States, 1861-1865). He took part in the battle of Manassas, or First Bull Run, and was commonly called General Leach, or "Mad" Leach.

#### Fifth Generation

- A-1-a. Hugh Leach(s,John&Mary) and Mary(Polly) Collett Leach  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- x 1. Pernetia, b. 2-20-1820, d. 2-7-1905; m. 2-11-1840, Grier Gray, b. 3-20-1817, d. 5-28-1874 (Ebenezer), son of John and Charlotte Gray. Gray genealogy.
  - 2. Lorenzo, d. 9-16-1899; m. \_\_\_\_\_Banner.
  - 3. Eliza, d. 6-22-1876; m. William Wood, d. 5-1-1898.
  - 4. Mary (Polly), b. 1828, d. 4-21-1900.
  - 5. Martha, b. 1838, d. 4-23-1900.  
Said to have had twin sons(names unknown to the compiler) who were killed, C.S.A., at the Battle of Gettysburg, but this tradition is lacking in verification.
- A-1-c. James Leach(s,John&Mary) and Margaret Mendenhall Leach  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- x 1. Irene, b. 1-25-1824, d. 4-27-1906; m. 9-26-1844 (by Rev. W.S. Chaffin), Rev. Braxton Craven, b. 8-26-1822, d. 11-7-1882 (D.D., LLD); President of Trinity College, 1843-1874.
  - x 2. Charity Gray, b. 4-25-1825, d. 5-13-1891; m. 4-16-1857 (by Dr. Craven), Malcolm Shaw, b. 2-2-1827, d. 2-26-1906 (Hopewell).
  - x 3. Mary, b. 1826, d. 9-21-1894; m. 4-1-1857, Rev. W. C. Gannon, b. 1799, d. 1-19-1891.
  - 4. Martin Smith, b. 5-25-1827, d. 2-26-1903;
    - m. 1st, 6-17-1857, Lou Caroline Craven (by J.H. Robbins), b. 6-17-1833, d. 12-16-1874, sister of Dr. Craven;
    - m. 2nd, Hannorah Davis.

- A-1-c. James Leach(s,John&Mary) and Margaret Mendenhall Leach--Continued
- x 5. Eliza, b. 1828, d. 2- -1903; m. 9-17-1848 (by Rev. S. H. Helsabeck). Jacob File, d. 1866.
  - x 6. Margaret Jane, b. 1-1-1831, d. 12-1-1907; m. 7-10-1860. Rev. Charles C. Dodson, after 1863, or 64, Chaplain, 46th N.C. Regt., C.S.A., b. 6-6-1832, d. 5-17-1884.
  - x 7. Elizabeth, b. 3-14-1833, d. 3-3-1904; m., as 2nd wife, Benjamin Franklin Steed, b. 5-20-1822, d. 5-28-1901 (Hopewell) (A-1-g-1).
  - 8. Rachel Amanda, b.7-8-1835, d. 4-15-1906.
  - 9. Zilphia Cornelia, b. 2-19-1837. d. 11-6-1896.
  - 10. James Addison, b. 9-12-1839, d. 7-27-1897; m. 1st, 1- -1865, Lavinia Dodson, d. 2-16-1874. m. 2nd, 5-8-1877 (by Rev. Braxton Craven), Pattie C. Lewis.
  - x 11. Roxana Maria, b. 9-18-1841, d. 12-15-1917; m. 6-9-1864, Obed William Carr, b. 3-12-1833, d. 8-20-1905. He was professor of, Greek and Modern Languages at Trinity College.
- A-1-d. Lewis M. Leach(s,John&Mary) and Nancy Elder Leach
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue:
- 1. Joseph Clark, b. 3-16-1827, d. 2-29-1876; m. 10-15-1850, Mary Nancy Jones.
  - 2. Loutitia Hannah, b. 9-29-1828; m. 9-29-1862, David M. Payne, d. 6-8-1901.
  - 3. James Franklin, b. 4-7-1830, d. 6-8-1900; m. 8-9-1893, Eleanor Cordelia Richards Lloyd, widow Wm. B. Lloyd of New Orleans, dt. Thomas and Dora Ring Richards; Eleanor, b. 9-1-1861, d. 3-24-1909.
  - 4. Mary Louisa, b. 3-26-1832, d. 10-6-1892.
  - 5. Parthenia A.C., b. 2-8-1834, d. 4-22-1923; m. 12-31-1879, David M. Johnson, b. 2-16-1849, d. 9-10-1919, s, Clement and Dianah Swaim Johnson (Johnson genealogy, C-10-i).
  - 6. Delmania Emeline, b. 8-1-1838, d. 6-15-1840.
  - 7. John Roland Harper, b. 9-9-1840, d. 12-5-1860 (Data by Lewis Morgan Leach, II, of Bethlehem, Pa.).
- A-1-g. Jabez H. Leach(s,John&Mary) and Nancy Brown Leach
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue:
- x 1. Emily, b. 7-10-1828; m. 1st, Eli Collin Keerans (Kearns), b. 3-11-1818, d. 1-19-1874. m. 2nd, as his 2nd wife, Henry Heitman, d. 3-1-1897 who, by his previous marriage, was the father of Prof. Heitman of Trinity College (d. 6-15-1904, aged 63 yr.).
  - x 2. Sallie (Sarah) Pamela, b. 1-14-1830, d. 8-4-1865; m. as 1st wife, B. Franklin Steed, b. 5-20-1832, d. 5-28-1901 (Hopewell).
- A-1-h. Ahijah Smith and Mary Leach(dt,John&Mary) Smith
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue:
- 1. Julian, b. 3-14-1836, d. 11-1-1854 (Hopewell).
  - 2. Mary, b. ca, 1840.
  - 3. Parmelia (son) b. ca, 1842.
  - 4. Jane, b. ca, 1842 (twins).
  - 5. John Lee, b. 5-20-1848, d. 1-25-1924; m. Claudia Ann Younts, b. 4-9-1858, d. 10-16-1936; They had a daughter who married Preston B. Frazier. (Birthdates of 2,3,4 computed from census of 1860 (p. 181). There may have been others.)
- B-2-a. Martin W. Leach(s,Wm.&Nancy) and Sallie Alston Mangum Leach
- r. Randolph Co.
- Issue:
- 1. Mary (Marie) Alma, b. 11-22-1854, d. 8-23-1904; m. Julian A. Turner, b. 8-26-1850. d. 6-9-1918 (Hopewell).
  - 2. Willie (Wiley) Preston.
  - x 3. Sallie Cain; m. Stephen B. Weeks, member of the faculty at Trinity, later, Historical Adviser, U. S. Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.
  - 4. Annie Preston.
- B-2-c. James B. Alford and Eliza S. Leach(dt,Wm.&Nancy) Alford
- r. N.C. Conference, M.E. Church
- Issue:
- 1. H. M., M.D., d. 7-3-1893 (J.L., p. 18); m. Tillie Hill Eckle.
  - 2. A.E.B., M.D.
  - 3. William L., b. 1838, d. 5-28-1861 (Hopewell).

- B-2-c. James B. Alford and Eliza S. Leach(dt,Wm.&Nancy) Alford--Continued  
 4. Mary; m. J.W. Ballance  
     They had: a. Alford Leach - probably others.  
 5. Margaret; m. J. Carpenter.  
 6. Leila, b. 1852, d.9-15-1876 (Hopewell).
- B-2-g. James Madison Brown Leach(s,Wm.&Nancy) and Louisa Montgomery Lewis Leach  
     Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. William.  
 2. Madison.  
 3. Archibald.  
 4. Lizzie Estelle, b. 4-9-1858, d. 3-5-1860 (Hopewell).  
 5. Julian E., b. 4-20-1850, d. 7-17-1869 (Hopewell).

Sixth Generation

- A-1-a-2. Lorenzo Leach(s,Hugh&Mary) and \_\_\_\_\_Banner Leach .  
     Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Banner(son)  
 b. Katherine; m. Allen M. Frazier, b. 6-29-1813, d.11-22-1879 (J.L., p. 71);  
     They had: 1. Preston Banner(son)  
               - 6 others.
- A-1-c-1. Braxton Craven and Irene Leach(dt,James&Margaret) Craven  
     Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 x a. Emma, b. 12-5-1845, d. 1-10-1904; m. William H. Pegram. L.L.D., b. 1846, d. 1928,  
     Professor of Chemistry, Trinity College, 1873-1919.  
 b. James Lucius, M.D., b. 6-28-1850, d. 11-12-1885; m. Nannie Bulla.  
 c. William O., M.D., b. 1865, d. 2-3-1895 in Philadelphia, Pa. (Trinity).  
 d. S. Kate, b. 4-3-1863, d. 1-19-1945.  
     - probably others.
- A-1-c-2. Malcolm Shaw and Charity Gray Leach(dt,James&Margaret) Shaw  
     Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Infant, d. 7-29-1859.  
 b. Maggie E., b. 1860, d. 1863 (of diphtheria).  
 c. Mary, b. 8-23-1861, d. 10-17-1863 (of diphtheria).  
 x d. Fanny, b. 1863; m. June A. Johnson, son of Lemuel and Mary Adams Johnson -  
     Johnson genealogy.  
 e. Ida J., b. 1865, d. 2-16-1904; m. Arch Cheatham, M.D.  
     They had: 1. Geneva                   3. Ida Mae  
               2. Malcolm                 4. Elizabeth  
 f. Alice, b. 1867, d. 12-12-1875.
- A-1-c-3. Rev. W.C. Gannon and Mary Leach(dt,James&Margaret) Gannon  
     Issue: r. in 1936, Montgomery, Alabama  
 a. Charles Stokes, b. 2-10-1858, d. 7-3-1858.  
 b. Lillie Belle, b. 1859, d. 11-29-1930; m. J.N. Atwater.  
     They had: 1. Briggs  
               2. Charlie  
               3. Mary  
 c. Mattie; m. Stephen A. Epps  
     They had: 1. Mary; m. \_\_\_\_\_Floyd  
               2. Stephen  
               3. Lillie  
 d. John W., b. 7-24-1862; m. Kennon Overby  
     They had: 1. Robert  
               2. Nelson  
               3. John  
 e. Margaret, b. 5-22-1867, d. 7-26-1911.

- A-1-c-4. Martin Smith Leach(s,James&Margaret) and Caroline Craven Leach  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Lemuel, b. 4-23-1858, d. 2-4-1927; m. Martha Yow Tomlinson, a widow, b. 11-12-1855, d. 2-24-1942.  
 b. Charlie Haywood(Hade), b. 1860; m. Lula Tatum  
 They had: 1. Hunter; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gillam  
 c. Emma L., b. 1862; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Oakes.  
 d. James W., b. 1864; m. 1st. Fanny Leach, d. 1-26-1892.  
 m. 2nd. Eula Parrish.  
 e. Robert E.L., b. 1867.  
 f. Mary, b. 1869. (Birthdates of no's. b - f, from census, 1870.)
- A-1-c-5. Jacob File and Eliza Leach(dt,James&Margaret) File  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 a. Delphine (Dolly), d. 1-4-1887.  
 b. William H.; m. Ada Thompson, dt. Francis and Cynthia Welborn Thompson.  
 c. James Addison; m. Ada Boles  
 They had: 1. Mildred; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lee.  
 2. Mattie; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Tatum.
- A-1-c-6. Rev. Charles C. Dodson and Margaret J. Leach(dt,James&Margaret) Dodson  
 Issue: r. N. C. Conference, M. E. Church  
 a. Nora, b. 4-24-1861, d. 4-16-1953.  
 x b. Ada; m. William T. Gray, son, Robert and Mary Millis Wiley Gray.  
 c. Charlie, b. 7-10-1863, d. 8-10-1873.  
 d. Pattie Anne  
 e. Margaret; m. 1st, Walter Barham  
 m. 2nd, Edward Oliver  
 f. Ella Craven  
 g. James
- A-1-c-10. James Addison Leach(s,James&Margaret)  
 Issue by 1st marriage - to Lavinia Dodson: r. Davidson Co.  
 a. Ernest Brock, d. 6-22-1869.  
 b. Jessie McKee, d. 9-17-1873.  
 c. Minnie  
 d. Daisy Ernestine, d. 5-17-1951.  
 x e. Myrtle Dodson, b. 1871; m. Frank Ware.  
 by 2nd marriage - to Pattie Lewis:  
 x f. Evelyn Lewis, b. 1878; m. 6-20-1901, Charles M. Hoover.  
 g. Irene Craven, b. and d. 1879.  
 h. James Lewis, b. 1880; m. Ida Tatum  
 They had: 1. Ethelyn Carr  
 2. James Tatum  
 i. Charles Carr, b. 1883; m. Helen Henchey  
 j. John Armed, b. 1885; m. Ada Murphy
- A-1-c-11. Obed William Carr and Roxana Leach(dt,James&Margaret) Carr  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 x a. Ella Jones, b. 5-7-1865, d. 9-14-1947; m. 6-9-1887, Dred Peacock, b. 1864, d. 1934.  
 b. Margaret, b. 12-1-1866, d. 1945; m. James Pepper.  
 c. William C., b. 9-10-1868, d. 1897; m. Lula Bandy.  
 d. Franklin, b. 2-5-1871, d. 6-17-1872.  
 e. Charles Malcolm, d. 6-12-1891.  
 f. James Marvin, b. 8-13-1875; m. Blanche Boyles  
 They had: 1. Dorothy, d. inf.  
 g. Ernest Randleman, b. 5-26-1877, d. 5-21-1911; m. Callista Wood  
 They had: 1. Lucy Neal; m. Fred J. Voliva.  
 h. Mary Alice, b. 9-30-1872, d. 12-28-1900.  
 i. Lucy Neal, b. 10-10-1885, d. 12-26-1903.  
 (Not strictly in order of birth.)
- A-1-d-3. James Franklin Leach(s,LewisM.&Nancy) and Eleanor Richards Lloyd Leach  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Thomas Frank, b. 7-21-1895, d. 2-15-1926; m. 6-19-1922, Maude Rachel Davis,  
 b. 7-26-1896, dt. John T. and Nancy Jane Dempsey Davis.

A-1-d-3. James Franklin Leach(s,Lewis M.&Nancy) and Eleanor Richards Lloyd Leach--Cont.  
b. Lewis Morgan, b. 2-18-1899; m. 6-30-1920, Elsie Mae Moll, b. 10-26-1899.

A-1-g-1. Eli Collin Kearns (Keerans) and Emily Leach(dt,Jabez&Nancy) Kearns

Issue:

- x a. Corinna, b. 9-15-1847, d. 3-26-1881; m. as his 1st wife, George A. Thompson, s, Jonathan and Levicey Brown Thompson.
- b. Rufus, b. 2-9-1852, d. 8-7-1889 (Hopewell); m. Georgia, dt. J. Clark Leach.
- c. Carson, b. 10-12-1856, d. 1-3-1893 (Hopewell); m. as her 1st husband, Maria Harris, dt., Ransom and Margaret Ward Harris.

A-1-g-2. B. Franklin Steed

Issue by 1st marriage - to Sarah P. Leach:

r. Randolph Co.

- a. Claudia, b. 1850, d. 10-29-1865.
- b. Sallie, or Sarah; m. John White.
- c. Lawson, b. 1853; m. Christian Clinard - had several children.
- d. Walter, b. 12-15-1854, d. 7-25-1857.

by 2nd marriage - to Elizabeth Leach:

- e. Laura, b. 1859; m. W. C. Herndon  
They had: 1. W.E. who had son, John W. Herndon.
- f. Eddie, b. 1862.
- g. James F., b. 1870, d. 2-11-1892.
- h. Clayton, b. after census of 1870.

(Birthdates of e, f, & g computed from census of 1870.)

B-2-a-3. Stephen B. Weeks and Sallie C. Leach(dt, Martin W.&Sallie) Weeks

Issue:

r. Randolph Co.; Washington, D. C.

- a. Willie (pronounced Wiley) P. Mangum; m. and practicing law in Alexandria, Va. (1955).
- b. Preston(daughter), resident of D.C. (1955).  
By his previous marriage, to Miss Martin of Chapel Hill, Stephen B. Weeks had a son, Jackson N. Weeks, Lt. Comd., U. S. Navy.

#### Seventh Generation

A-1-c-1-a. William H. Pegram and Emma Craven(dt,Braxton&Irene) Pegram

Issue:

r. Randolph Co.

- 1. George B., Dean of Graduate School, Columbia University, New York City.
- 2. Annie Craven.
- 3. J. Edward.
- 4. Irene.
- 5. William.

A-1-c-1-b. James Lucius Craven(s,Braxton&Irene) and Nannie Bulla Craven

Issue:

r. Randolph Co.

- 1. Harvey; m. Alice Holman  
They had: a. Alice H.
- 2. Earl B.; m. Johnsie Smith  
They had: a. John  
b. Earl  
c. Isabel
- 3. James B.; m. Katherine Covington  
They had: a. Braxton
- 4. Bruce; m. Clara Chaffin
- 5. George; m. Hester ?  
They had: a. Eleanor; m. Bruce Coltrane

A-1-c-4-a. Lemuel Leach(s,Martin S.&Caroline) and Martha Yow Tomlinson Leach

Issue:

r. Randolph Co.

- 1. Callie; m. Ed Blair
- 2. G. Herbert; m. Julia Myers
- 3. Grady; m. Lambeth
- 4. Charlie, d. young  
By her 1st marriage, Martha had a son, Robert Tomlinson.

- A-1-c-5-b. William H. File(s, Jacob & Eliza) and Ada Thompson File  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Beulah  
 2. Cynthia  
 3. Walter; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Powell  
 4. Charles, d. 2-25-1929  
 5. Frank; m. Mildred Harris  
 6. Laura, Frank's twin; m. Laurence Houser
- A-1-c-10-e. Frank D. Ware and Myrtle D. Leach(dt. J. Addison & Lavinia) Ware  
 Issue: r. Richmond, Va.  
 1. Louise, d. 5-11-1951; m. Ray Henry  
 2. Betty  
 3. James Gilmore, b. 3-17-1895, d. 12-4-1948; m. Faye Cross  
 They had: a. Barbara; m. Lawrence Pence  
 b. James Gilmore
- A-1-c-10-f. Charles M. Hoover and Evelyn Leach(dt. J. Addison & Pattie) Hoover  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Charles; m. Lucile Brown  
 They had: a. Eva Bland  
 2. Kenneth Leach, b. 1904, d. 1924  
 3. John Lewis, b. 1909, d. 1925.  
 4. Theresa Evelyn, b. 1916; m. 1950, Samuel Harris, s. Melancthan R. Harris  
 5. James B., b. 1921.
- A-1-c-10-i. Charles Carr Leach(s, J. Addison & Pattie) and Helen Henchey Leach  
 Issue: r. Richmond, Va.  
 1. Margaret Clair  
 2. Charles Carr  
 3. James Addison, Charles' twin  
 4. Ann K.
- A-1-e-10-j. John Armed, Leach(s, J. Addison & Pattie) and Ada Murphy Leach  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. William Armed  
 2. Clayton  
 3. Myrtle Virginia  
 4. Robert
- A-1-c-11-a. Dred Peacock and Ella Jones Carr(dt. Obed W. & Roxana) Peacock  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Ethel, b. 1888, d. 9-10-1894.  
 2. Calvin Carr, b. 10-26-1890, d. 6-15-1891  
 3. John Roscoe, b. 10-13-1894; m. 5-1-1917, Guilford Co., Frances Mann, b. 10-28-1896  
 They had: a. John Roscoe, b. 6-24-1933  
 4. Odelle, b. 9-13-1900; m. J. Everett Marsh  
 They had: a. Millicent  
 b. James  
 5. Obed William, b. 1-20-1907, d. 2-12-1907.
- A-1-c-11-c. William C. Carr(s, Obed & Roxana) and Lula Bandy Carr  
 Issue:  
 1. Wilfred C., b. 8-25-1894; m. Ava Wolf  
 They had: a. William  
 b. John
- A-1-d-3-a. Thomas Frank Leach(s, James & Eleanor) and Maude Rachel Davis Leach  
 Issue: r. Forsyth Co.  
 1. Thomas Frank, b. 5-4-1923, d. 12-31-1943; m. 6-29-1943, Nora Sue Sprinkle, b. 1927  
 They had: a. Jerry Wayne, b. 3-24-1944  
 2. Talmage Belton, b. 11-25-1925; m. 3-17-1948, Geneva Kathleen Mickey, b. 9-23-1924,  
 dt. Ira and Fannie Westmoreland Mickey

- A-1-d-3-b. Lewis Morgan Leach(s,James F.&Eleanor) and Elsie Moll Leach  
 Issue: r. Bethlehem, Pa.
1. Lewis Morgan, Veteran of World War, II, b. 3-4-1921; m. 9-27-1941, Margaret Hartzell, b. 2-9-1922, dt. Clarence K. and Betsy Conrad Hartzell  
 They had: a. Jerry Wayne, b. 10-11-1942  
           b. Nancy Kay, b. 11-2-1945  
           c. Lewis Morgan, b. 3-6-1948
  2. Victor Eugene, Veteran World War, II, b. 11-27-1922; m. 6-6-1951, Leary Kathryn Hottenstein, b. 9-17-1926, dt. Theodore and Margaret Berger Hottenstein  
 They had: a. Jacqueline Anne, b. 8-21-1953  
           b. Lucile Amy, b. 12-2-1954
  3. Warren Earle, b. 8-23-1924
  4. Robert Edward, b. 7-3-1929
  5. Gilbert Bruce, b. 8-6-1931
  6. Eleanor Alice, b. 11-30-1941

- A-1-g-1-a. George A. Thompson and Corinna Kearns(dt,Eli C.&Emily) Thompson  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- x 1. Claudia, b. 7-1-1781; m. 9-12-1893, LeRoy Rice, b. 11-2-1868, d. 4-24-1924
  - x 2. Lida, b. 8-17-1874; m. 11- -1893, William Boone
  - x 3. Mary, b. 11-7-1876, d. 2-25-1955; m. 5- -1899, Henry Hogan
  4. Nellie, b. 9-13-1878; m. James Miller  
 They had: a. Evelyn
  5. Jonathan, d. in inf.  
           by his 2nd marriage - to Margaret Thomas George Thompson had:
  6. Hampton; m. Annie Kearns
  7. Allen; m. Carl Rabey
  8. John
  9. Laura; m. Leonard

- A-1-g-1-b. Rufus Kearns(s,Eli C.&Emily) and Georgia Leach Kearns  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Leila              | 4. Allie; m. Lawrence |
| 2. Julia              | 5. Nancy              |
| 3. Corinna; m. Rogers | 6. Mary               |

Eighth and Ninth Generations

- A-1-g-1-a-1. LeRoy Rice and Claudia Thompson(dt,George&Corinna) Rice  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- a. Charlotte; m. William Barker
  - b. Odessa; m. 1st, Arthur Swaim  
 They had: 1. Nell; m. G. Herbert Teague  
           m. 2nd, Arthur Barnes

- A-1-g-1-a-2. William Boone and Lida Thompson(dt,George&Corinna) Boone  
 Issue: r. Atlanta, Ga.
- a. Edith
  - b. Alma; m. Dr. C. Anderson  
 They had: 1. C. Anderson, M.D.

- A-1-g-1-a-3. Henry Hogan and Mary Thompson(dt,George&Corinna) Hogan  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- a. Hazel; m. 1st, W. Kent Nance  
           m. 2nd, Roy Armstrong
  - b. Irma

## OBED WILLIAM CARR

Obed William Carr was born near Rose Hill, Duplin County, on March 12, 1833. His parents were James and Nancy Murray Carr.

In April, 1855, at which time he was a rising sophomore at Normal (after 1859, Trinity) College, he was appointed Tutor at that institution. From that time until 1879 - except for Providential interruptions - he was on the teaching staff of the college at what is now known as Old Trinity. After his graduation from Normal College on June 30, 1858, he remained at his Alma Mater as Tutor until March 4, 1862, at which time he resigned to volunteer for service in the Confederate States Army. During those years he served in the following assignments: Tutor; 1854-55; Tutor in Language, 1855-56 through 1859-60; Tutor in Mathematics and Ancient Languages, 1860-61, and part of the school year, 1861-62.

For many years, Mr. Carr kept a pocket diary and also a journal which he said was intended to be strictly private. His private Journal, begun on January 11, 1855, and his Diary, begun in 1867, are now treasured by historians for the intimate history of Trinity College and of the Confederate States Army they contain. Most of the information given in this sketch was gleaned from the Private Journal.

In the first entry in the Private Journal, Obed William Carr tells about his appointment as Tutor at Normal College. This entry is interspersed with prayer for the strength to perform his duties as student and tutor; for grace to live a Christ-like life. On November 12, 1858, Mr. Carr entered in his Private Journal Twenty-five rules of conduct which he aspired to keep, "through the grace of God." These rules, formulated when he was twenty-five, are quoted below:

### Religious Duties

1. First of all, attend strictly to my duty to God; for "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."
2. Begin and end each day with prayer and reading a portion of God's Word.
3. Do nothing that the Bible or the majority of good men would condemn; nor engage in anything upon which I cannot ask the blessings of God.
4. Spend the Sabbath in studying the Scriptures, reading religious books, and attending public worship; avoiding all common and worldly conversation as much as possible.
5. Give cheerfully, according to my ability, to all benevolent purposes.
6. Ever remember that this life is to determine my destiny in the world to come.
7. Endeavor to live for the good of the world and the Glory of God.
8. Let no ordinary circumstances prevent my attending to all the requirements of the Church.
9. Try to avoid every appearance of evil; avoid occasions for temptation, examine myself often.

### Rules for Every-day Life

1. Attend strictly to my own business, never meddling with that of others.
2. Be punctual; do everything at the appointed, or proper time.
3. Never foolishly spend time or money for that which cannot profit in some way.
4. Use every proper means for acquiring knowledge.
5. Strive daily to practice what I have learned.
6. Always study neatness and propriety; use system.
7. Accustom myself to doing everything with dispatch.
8. Strive to "do unto others as I would have them do unto me."
9. Treat every person politely and candidly; but make confidants of few.
10. If I cannot speak well of another, speak not at all.
11. Never recommend to others what I would not do myself under similar circumstances.
12. Avoid all low and foolish conversation; that which does not tend to mental improvement or innocent recreation.
13. Never write or say things that I would be ashamed for my parents or the world to know.



14. Ever endeavor to conduct myself in such a manner that my example may prove a blessing to others.
15. Engage in nothing but what is proper and right; but when once undertaken, never give it up until it is accomplished.
16. So live that my parents may never mourn over my waywardness; but rather, be their solace and support in the decline of life. . . .

May the Great Author of Good help me to keep these rules and to do much good in the world. . . . I will endeavor to form the habit of rising at 4 o'clock and retiring at 10. Will arrange my studies so as to take mathematics in the morning and language in the evening.

January 27, 1859: "My health has not been good for some time past. I may not live long. Was attacked with typhoid fever in April." [In a later entry we learn that he suffered from asthma and dyspepsia].

June 1, 1862: ". . . This country is engaged in a bloody war with the northern part of what was once the United States. We fight for all that freemen hold dear - our liberties, our homes and our loved ones. May the Ruler of Nations give us success - and help us to be a Nation of Christians.

Yielding to a sense of duty, though contrary to the advice of all my friends, on the 4th of March, 1862, I left the College and volunteered for 'three years, or the [duration of the] war! . . . with the assistance of friends, succeeded in raising enough recruits to form a Company . . . The Company was organized March 18 at Asheboro by electing the following officers: Obed Carr, Captain; Ransom H. Skeen and Thomas Settle Troy, 1st Lieutenants; Robert Preston Troy and Robert W. Stinson, 2nd Lts. All of these men, except Lt. Stinson, were graduates of Trinity College and members of the M.E. Church." Capt. Carr and his men encamped at Camp Mangum, near Raleigh, where they ranked as Co. C 46th N.C. Regt. under Col. Edward D. Hall of Wilmington."

About the 6th of May, 1864, this company was placed in Walker's Brigade, Holmes' Division, and advanced to Richmond. Having arrived there on June 1, they were exposed to heavy shelling, but did not become actually engaged in battle. On August 20, they started on the Maryland Campaign and saw action at Sharpsburg where they lost one man - supposed to have been killed - and thirteen others, including all four Lieutenants, were wounded. During the engagement around Richmond Capt. Carr was stricken with diarrhea. After reaching Petersburg his health "gave way." Suffering constantly, he remained at his post until after Company G reached Winchester where, on account of diarrhea, he was granted a thirty-day furlough.

On January 8, 1863, he returned to his Regiment, then encamped near Petersburg, to learn that his Company had suffered many casualties in the battle of Fredericksburg, that one of his men had been killed and several had been wounded. Under the same date in his Journal we find the following: "My health was so bad that the surgeon recommended that I resign, but I could not follow his advice - hoping to improve. . . We left Petersburg on the 17th of January and went to New Hanover, N.C., where we spent a month near Holly Shelter on the N.E. River. . . . thense to Pocatigo, S.C., where we arrived about Feb. 22. . . . Spent most of the time while there erecting fortification."

Because of feeble health Capt. Carr was detailed to the Asst. Engineer for several weeks. After six weeks at Pocatigo the Regiment encamped at "Four Mile House" near Charleston for two weeks. On April 22, they left for Wilmington; eleven days later they were in Goldsboro for a week where Capt. Carr served with the Court Martial Brigade. In September, 1864, Capt. Carr wrote as follows concerning his ministrations to a man who condemned to be shot for desertion: ". . . I talked and prayed with him more than once. . . . I tried to point him to the cross as best I could. . . . We had no Chaplain at that time. . . . Rev. C.C. Dodson of Thomasville, N.C., a member of the M.E. Church, visited the Regiment while at Holly Shelter and Charleston, preached for us with success . . . was appointed Chaplain and reached the Regiment in June following.

The first of August I went to Fredericksburg - my health had failed again . . . while we remained in Fredericksburg I was confined to quarters most of the time. . . . On Sept. 1, I was sent home again on sick furlough. Spent my time at Trinity and with my parents in Duplin County. . . . reached my Command near Brady Station on Oct. 25. . . . began to prepare winter quarters. . . . The enemy having effected a crossing of the Rappahannock and flanked our right, we broke camp about the 7th of November and fell back to Rapid Ann and went into winter quarters. . . . not far from Orange Court House. My health began rapidly to decline and I was assured by the surgeon of my Regiment that if I remained in camp much longer . . . I would probably not live throughout the winter. . . . He advised me to either resign or to be placed on light duty. By accepting the latter I would have retained my position in the Company, but in justice to my Lieutenants, I thought it my duty to resign, which I did on the 15th of November, 1863. It was accepted on the 20th. This was a sore trial to me and more so as the Company seemed to regret it deeply. . . . I shall never forget the last roll-call and prayers held with the Company. I left on the 25th of November and returned to Trinity.

Lieutenant R.P. Troy was promoted to the Captaincy after his return to the Command about Christmas. The command remained in Winter quarters 'till the 3rd of May following. During the Winter and early Spring they were blessed with a powerful Revival of religion and hundreds were happily converted to God. Rev. C.C. Dodson, Chaplain of my old Reg't., overworked himself and was prostrated with fever and I went to see him. I reached the command Sunday evening, May 1st, and received a cordial welcome from all my comrades. There being strong indications of an early movement, I left the next evening. Took Mr. Dodson to Richmond and left him in hospital, he being too feeble to go further at that time. He afterwards proceeded home, recovered and returned to his Command, but resigned late in the following Autumn in consequence of bad health. He joined the N.C. Conference while in service. At Conference in Dec. 1864, he was assigned to Forsyth Circuit where he did good service, and is still in charge of the same.

Capt. Troy's Company participated in all the terrible fighting in the Spring, Summer, and Autumn of 1864 and of the Winter and Spring of 1865, and was among the captured at the Surrender of General Lee. The loss of the Company was great - Lieut. T.S. Troy was killed at the Wilderness, May 5, 1864. . . . Lieut. Small was mortally wounded on the 15th of June and died in Richmond on the 28th. . . . Lieut. Brock, promoted during the Autumn, was killed at the Battle of Hatcher's Run, Feb'y, 1865, I think. . . . Private Maness was killed not long after the death of Lt. Small. . . . Sergeant Bowden died of consumption at his home, in May, 1863. . . . Capt. Troy was severely wounded at Ream's Station in 1864 . . . , but was with his command at the Surrender. I might mention many other noble men who lost their lives . . . , but it would require more time and space than is really necessary for a Journal intended to be Strictly Private.

On March 16, 1864, Capt. Carr began a private school in the family of Mr. J.S. Jones, a Warren County planter. On June 9, he was married to Roxana Maria Leach, youngest child of James and Margaret Mendenhall Leach. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Braxton Craven, brother-in-law of the bride. The following statements of Obed William Carr's financial circumstances at the time of his marriage and also one year later may be found in the Private Journal:

June 9, 1864

Assets:	Cash on hand - Gold, \$11.50; in Silver, \$4.80
	Notes - N.C. Treas., \$100.00; Confederate, \$259.50.
Liabilities:	Note to Rev. B. Craven, \$150, currency of 1860 - Board for Carr, 2-1/2 mo.
	Bond to Trinity College, \$100, currency of 1860
	Owed different persons, \$485, Confederacy currency

May 1, 1865

Assets:	Cash on hand - Specie, \$16.50; Confederate Money, about \$200
Liabilities:	Same as shown on June 9, 1864

Immediately after their marriage Capt. Carr and his bride left for Warren County where they stayed for one month. For the next five weeks they visited relatives in Duplin County and the Braxton Cravens in Raleigh. On August 5, they returned to Warren County and Capt. Carr resumed his duties as teacher in the Jones family. On November 15, Capt. Carr was ordered to Kinston with the Home Guard of North Carolina, but after two weeks he was furloughed because of a severe attack of asthma. By that time Mrs. Carr had left the home of the Jones and had gone to be with her parents at Trinity, so Capt. Carr joined her there. By January 5, 1865, he was physically able to return to his teachings in the Jones family.

After Fayetteville fell into the hands of General Sherman he took Mrs. Carr back to Trinity, on March 15. Three days after the Surrender of Appomattox, Capt. Carr joined a Quarter-Master Train headed for Trinity by way of Oxford and Hillsboro. Upon their arrival at Trinity a panorama of gloom met their eyes. Under the trees around the college were the tents of dejected Confederate troops commanded by General Hardee who had set up headquarters on the campus and was staying in the home of President Craven. "So," wrote Capt. Carr, "we witnessed the last of the Confederacy! We all felt very sad at first, but our spirits soon rallied and we began to believe that the hand of Providence was in it all. We are trying to submit as cheerfully as possible to our destiny. I have taken the oath of Amnesty and purpose to observe it strictly."

For the remainder of that year until early in 1866, classes at Trinity College were suspended. On May 7, 1865, a daughter, Ella, was born to Capt. and Mrs. Carr. On June 4, after a two-weeks visit to his parents in Duplin County, Capt. Carr returned to Trinity where he spent the next two months with his family in the home of the James Leaches - "working on the farm occasionally."

Quoting from the Journal, Capt. Carr, "Commenced teaching in Thomasville on August 2, 1865. Had three pupils the first week, but the number increased to about thirty - several have stopped as they properly belonged to the Eastern part of the state and have returned to their homes." From this we know that some of his pupils were war refugees, many of whom sought sanctuary in Thomasville after the fall of New Bern in 1862. Among these refugees were the family of Capt. Wallace, a personal friend of Capt. Carr. The Carr school in Thomasville was conducted in an old residence on South Main Street, near the original site of the Reformed church. During their stay in Thomasville the Carrs boarded in the home of the Clinton Johnsons.

After the close of his first session in Thomasville Capt. Carr returned to the Jones family for another term. By that time arrangements were being made for re-opening Trinity College and Capt. Carr was offered his former position there (Prof. of Greek and of English Literature). Though strongly urged to continue his school in Thomasville, he decided to return to Trinity and closed his school in Thomasville on December 15, 1865. Early in 1866, during the depression of a fallen Confederacy, classes at Trinity College were resumed. Reconstruction was slow, but by the year 1869-70, the enrollment had increased to more than two hundred. At that time, Prof. Carr was appointed to the chair of Greek and Modern Languages.

In 1874, he wrote, "Financial pressure has been hard on me . . . , but my insurance business has been fair and has helped much. Hope it may so continue. I still owe about \$550 which I am anxious to pay, and hope to do so this year. But no one is pressing me."

In 1878, hard times again fell upon Trinity College and by 1882 the student body had declined to a low of 100. Faculty members, supposed to be paid \$1,000 per year, went unpaid. In 1879, Prof. Carr resigned his position to devote his entire time to his insurance business. In 1885, he opened an office in Greensboro and moved his family there, but in less than a year's time they had moved back to Trinity.

Obed William Carr made the final entry in his Journal on March 12, 1878. He continued his Diary until a few days before his death, August 20, 1905. He and Roxana were laid to rest in the cemetery at Trinity.

## LEE

Joshua Lee wrote in his Family Bible, "My parents were Henry and Sarah Lee of Westmoreland County, Virginia." The destruction of Vital Statistics dated prior to 1864, during the War Between the States has made it impossible, as yet, to establish the relationship of Henry Lee to the other Lees of Westmoreland County.

The following data from the census of 1790, Bertie County (p. 13) supports the tradition that the family of Henry and Sarah Lee once lived in Bertie County.

Head of Family	Free White Males		Free White Females Including Head	Slaves
	16 and Upwards	Under 16		
Lee, Henry	2	1	2	7
Lee, John	2	3	6	1
Lee, Joshua	1	0	2	2
Harrell, David	1	1	2	1
King, William	1	2	2	12

Henry Lee, II., remained in Bertie County. The census of 1800 reports him as the head of a household in that county, composed of:

Free White Males, Over 16 and Under 26	- 1
Free White Females, Over 16 and Under 26	- 1
Free White Females, Under 10	- 1
Slaves	-1

On September 20, 1796, Joshua Lee "of Bertie County," bought of James Maxwell for the sum of 100 pounds, 200 acres of land on Haw River in Guilford County (Guilford Co., Deek Book No. I.). B. F. Lee tells us that Joshua and Fanny Lee settled twelve miles from Guilford Court House. As Haw River originates in north western Guilford near the present location of Oak Ridge Institute the land record shown above corroborates this statement.

The will of Henry Lee, dated July 2, 1803, and probated in Guilford County, August Term of Court, 1803, mentions the following persons as beneficiaries:

Wife - Sarah Lee  
 Sons - Henry, Joshua, John  
 Daughters - Elizabeth Harrell, Abigail King  
 Grandsons - Henry King Lee, son of Joshua  
 Execs. - Joshua Lee, William King, David Harrell

In 1809, Joshua Lee bought more land in Guilford County. This deed, witnessed by Charles Dear, refers to Joshua as "formerly of Bertie County." In 1810, William King and David Harrell, of Bertie County, each transferred their one-third interest in a Negro boy of Bertie County, to Joshua Lee of Guilford County. It is evident that this boy was a part of the Henry Lee estate. The deed and bill of sale mentioned above are now in the possession of Will R. Owen, a great-great-grandson of Joshua Lee.

In 1816, Joshua Lee bought land in Rowan (now Davidson) County, near where the post office, Fair Grove, was once located - not far from where Liberty Baptist church was established, later. This tract contained 425 acres and was bought from General Alexander Gray who had bought at public auction in 1811 from the Trustees of the University of North Carolina who had "received it from McCulloch" [McCullough, Landgrave] (Rowan Co., Deed Book 23, p. 928).

Soon after settling on this farm Joshua Lee, whose ancestors for generations had been Episcopalians, became a leader in the Baptist denomination in North Carolina. In so

doing, he followed the trend of his generation of the Lees. During the Revolutionary War period vigorous attacks were made against the Established Church in Virginia by the Baptists and the Presbyterians. Scores of Baptist churches were established in Virginia. Foremost among the leaders of this movement were Patrick Henry and Richard Henry Lee (Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th Edition, Vol. 28, p. 123).

Rowan County Deed Book I (p. 8), shows that on November 1, 1821, Joshua Lee and Phillip Coffee (Coffin), Trustees, bought of Reuben Dear, one acre of land for a meeting-house. In 1825, Tom's Creek Baptist Meetinghouse, organized in 1824 with Joshua Lee as Clerk, became divided into two factions, known as Primitive Baptists and Missionary Baptists. The Missionary Baptists withdrew from Tom's Creek and built Liberty church on the above-mentioned acre of land, located a few miles north of Tom's Creek and which had been donated by Joshua Lee and Phillip Coffee. The first meeting of Liberty Baptist Association, the oldest in the state, was held in Liberty church with Joshua Lee as Moderator (Sheets).

In so far as their means permitted, the family of Joshua Lee adhered to the social customs and style of living practiced by their Virginia ancestors. They had a reputation for lavish entertainment, especially during weddings. Each year they went by carriage to visit relatives in Bertie County.

Joshua Lee's first wife, Fanny King, was the mother of all his children. After her death (12/12/1820), Joshua married Mary (Polly) Coates, a widow of Guilford County. Mary owned several slaves who also became a part of the Lee household. Pretty soon the rivalry between the slaves of Joshua and the slaves of Mary - especially those accustomed to such responsibilities as carrying the pantry keys - began to disturb the otherwise peaceful household. In a moment of exasperation Joshua was once heard to say, "I am convinced that marriage between any two who own slaves is unwise." Joshua Lee survived his second wife by more than four years. He and his two wives were buried in the grove, a few yards in front of their house. Their graves were marked by marble slabs whose inscriptions are (in 1955) still legible.

After the passing of Joshua, the old home was owned and occupied by Joshua's youngest son, Greene Hill Lee. Next in succession to own and occupy the ancestral home were Greene Hill's youngest son, John Walter, and the latter's oldest son, Benjamin F. (II). About the year 1927, the old house was demolished and replaced by a smaller one which, in the absence of the owner (Ben. F. Lee), was occupied by farm tenants. Not long afterwards, Ben. F. Lee decided that it was adviseable to move the gravestones of Joshua, Fanny, and Mary to the cemetery at Fair Grove church and place them in the vacant spaces in the family plot of Greene Hill Lee. The remains of the three persons in whose memory these markers were erected were left undisturbed in their original resting place.

In 1954, the Joshua Lee home tract was owned and occupied by a great-great-granddaughter, Arilla Lee, and her husband, Robert L. Batten.

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. Henry Lee, d. - Will probated August, 1808, Guilford Co.; m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_  
Both of Westmoreland Co., Va.  
Issue: r. Bertie Co.; Guilford Co.
- A. Abigail, b. ca. 1762; m. William King, b. ca. 1762 (census, Bertie Co., 1810)
  - B. Joshua, b. 4-12-1764, Westmoreland Co., Va., d. 4-11-1846, Davidson Co.;  
m. 1st, 10-11-1786, Bertie Co., Fanny King, b. 10-15-1764, d. 12-12-1820,  
Guilford Co. (Fair Grove)  
m. 2nd, 9-19-1821, Guilford Co., Mary (Polly) Coates, b. 5-6-1769, d. 1-17-1842  
(Fair Grove) (N.C. M.B., p. 40).
  - C. John
  - D. Henry
  - E. Elizabeth, b. ca. 1776 (census, Bertie Co., 1850, p. 51); m. David Harrell of Bertie  
Co. (May not be in the order of birth.)

### Third Generation

- B. Joshua Lee(s, Henry & Sarah) and Fanny King Lee  
Issue: r. Guilford; Rowan (now Davidson) Co.
- x 1. Judith, b. 1789 (Guilford Co.), d. 1863 (Mo.); m. Bertie Co., 1807, Reuben Dear, b. 1790  
(Va.), d. 12-15-1866, Fair Grove, P.O., Mo. Dear genealogy.
  - x 2. Sarah, b. 1792, d. 1866; m. Robert Rankin of Guilford Co.
  - x 3. Barsheba, b. 1794, d. 1844; m. Abner Ward - settled Greene Co., Mo.
  - x 4. Charlotte, b. 1795, d. 1864; m. Joseph Wharton of Greensboro
  - 5. Henry King - mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Henry Lee
  - 6. John, b. 1804, d. 1844; m. Nancy Goss, b. 1804, d. 1861, Greene Co., Mo., dt. Maj.  
Frederick and Sarah Goss of Rowan Co. - settled in Mo.
  - 7. Greene Hill, b. 1808, d. 1882; m. Irene B. Walker (Fair Grove).

### Fourth Generation

- B-2. Robert Rankin and Sarah Lee(dt, Joshua & Fanny) Rankin  
Issue: r. Guilford Co.
- a. John C.; m. Sabre(?) A. Denny
  - x b. Jane; m. 1st, Caffey Davis;  
m. 2nd, Archie Bevils
  - c. William W.; m. Louise Roach
  - d. Emily D.; m. 1st, Thomas Moore  
m. 2nd, W. D. Wharton  
They had: 1. Emily
  - e. Margaret
  - f. Greene Lee
- B-3. Abner Ward and Barsheba Lee(dt, Joshua & Fanny) Ward  
Issue: r. Greene Co., Mo.
- a. Solomon; m. 1st, Amanda Sullivan  
m. 2nd, Monie(?) Hope
  - b. John; m. Tabitha Bell
  - c. Jesse; m. Eletha Elliott
  - d. Frances; m. Elias Elliott
  - e. Joshua
  - f. David G.; m. Sarah Sullivan
- B-4. Joseph Wharton and Charlotte Lee(dt, Joshua & Fanny) Wharton  
Issue: r. Mo. ?
- a. Lee W.
  - x b. Eliza; m. John Plummer

- B-4. Joseph Wharton and Charlotte Lee(dt,Joshua&Fanny) Wharton--Continued  
 c. Warren, in 1846, minister, St. Louis, Mo., Circuit, M.E. Church; m. Sarah Clark -  
 no further record.  
 d. Emsley; m. Sarah Crow  
 e. John G.; m. Margaret Bodenhammer
- B-6. John Lee(s,Joshua&Fanny) and Nancy Goss Lee  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.; Greene Co., Mo.  
 a. Greene Allen; m. Lucinda Perkins  
 b. Benjamin Franklin, b. 2-20-1830; m., Dallas, Mo., 5-15-1856, Artelia Ellis, dt.  
Charles B. Ellis  
 c. Joshua Spencer, b. ca. 1832, d. ca. 1861; m. Jane Duke. Joshua was an educator and  
 State Representative, Mo. Legislature.  
 d. William Henry  
 e. Robert Rankin (C.S.A.); m. Ruth Watson  
 f. Charles; m. Sarah L. Newport
- B-7. Greene Hill Lee(s,Joshua&Fanny) and Irene B. Walker Lee  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 a. Joshua L., b. 1838; m. Cynthia Helpler, b. 1845 (census of 1880, North Springfield  
 Twp., Greene Co., Mo.)  
 x b. Mary; m. J.T. (Jake) Grimes of Thomasville  
 x c. Frances E.; m. John Hoover  
 x d. Sarah Jane; m. Arrington Boggs  
 e. John Walter; m. Sarah Highfill, sister of William Highfill who married Nancy Jane Lee  
 f. Cynthia E.; m. Joseph Harris  
 x g. Emma; m. Roswell Harris. Wm. Wood genealogy.  
 h. Albert; m. Jane Bowers  
 i. Louisa; m. died young

#### Fifth Generation

- B-2-a. John C. Rankin(s,Robt.&Sarah) and Sabra A. Denny Rankin  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Celeste V.; m. H.L.P. Watson
- B-2-b. Caffey Davis and Jane Rankin(dt,Robt.&Sarah) Davis  
 Issue: r. Unknown  
 1. Alfred  
 2. Emma; m. 1st, Adolph Madoe;  
 m. 2nd, W. J. Blackburn  
 3. Mary; m. H. L. Scott  
 4. Archie Bevils, son of Jane Rankin by her 2nd marriage - to Archie Bevils.
- B-2-c. William W. Rankin(s,Robt.&Sarah) and Louise Roach Rankin  
 Issue: r. Unknown  
 1. Thomas F.; m. Mary Wade  
 2. Alexander; m. 1st, Mary B. Reece;  
 m. 2nd, Lena Blair  
 3. William F.; m. Kate Cline  
 4. James A.
- B-3-a. Solomon Ward(s,Aber&Barsheba)  
 Issue by 1st marriage - to Amanda Sullivan: r. Greene Co., Mo.(?)  
 1. Margaret; m. R. A. Edwards  
 2. Bettie; m. Stephen King  
 by 2nd marriage - to Monie Hope:  
 3. Louis  
 4. Lena  
 5. A.L.; m. S.E. Winburne

- B-3-b. John Ward(s,Abner&Barsheba) and Tabitha Bell Ward  
 Issue: r. Greene Co., Mo. (?)  
 1. Solomon  
 2. Abner  
 3. Mattie; m. J. M. Williamson
- B-3-c. Jesse Ward(s,Abner&Barsheba) and Eletha Elliott Ward  
 Issue: r. Greene Co., Mo. (?)  
 1. David F. 5. Eliza G.; m. John T. Pickett  
 2. John F. 6. Abner  
 3. Joshua L. 7. Amanda  
 4. Elias
- B-3-f. David Ward(s,Abner&Barsheba) and Sarah Sullivan Ward  
 Issue: r. Greene Co., Mo. (?)  
 1. Mary B.; m. William Spivey  
 2. Betty J.  
 3. Joseph A.; m. Lela Hudson  
 4. Walter  
 5. John Lee; m. Ellen Tully
- B-4-b. John Plummer and Eliza Wharton(dt,Joseph&Charlotte) Plummer  
 Issue: r. Missouri  
 1. E. Donald; m. Sarah Lovin  
 2. B. F.; m. Mary Swift  
 3. Jane; m. M. V. Bodenhammer  
 4. Greene W.; m. Belle Gault  
 5. Margaret C.; m. T. E. Bodenhammer  
 6. Sarah; m. Dr. Gillespie  
 7. John W.; m. Minnie Moore  
 8. Artelia
- B-4-d. Emsley Wharton(s,Joseph&Charlotte) and Sarah Crow Wharton  
 Issue: r.  
 1. Elizabeth; m. A. J. Bodenhammer  
 2. John W.; m. 1st, Lou Becker;  
     m. 2nd, Josie Gibson  
 3. Martha J.; m. J. H. McFarland  
 4. Elijah; G.; m. Ann E. Neaves  
 5. Sarah C.; m. William Crane  
 6. E. Lee  
 7. Mary L.; m. Thomas Morris  
 8. Amanda L.; m. A.D. Galbraith
- B-4-e. John G. Wharton(s,Joseph&Charlotte) and Margaret Bodenhammer Wharton  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co. (?)  
 1. Eliza; m. C. L. Leslie  
 2. Sarah; m. J. S. Harris  
 3. Nealey; m. George T. Young  
 4. Mamie; m. J.C. Bidwell (?)  
 5. Nancy; m. George F. Gilbert  
 6. Mollie; m. J.E. Montgomery  
 7. Hattie; m. P. L. Clay  
 8. Jessie; m. Charles Gilbert  
 9. Joe; m. May, or Mary, Jones  
 10. Benjamin; m. Josie Luchs (?)
- B-6-a. Greene Allen Lee(s,John&Nancy) and Lucinda Perkins Lee  
 Issue: r. Missouri  
 1. E. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Albert W.; m. Lottie Corley  
 2. John I.; m. Ellen Carson 5. N. Kate; m. Robert Steele  
 3. Ed. Greene



- B-6-b. Benjamin Franklin Lee(s,John&Nancy) and Artelia Ellis Lee  
Issue: r. Trinidad, Colo. (1909)  
1. Charles Alphonso, b. 2-22-1857, d. 12- -1861  
2. Alice, b. in the spring, 1859; m. W. S. Haskins  
3. May  
4. J. Benjamin; m. Carrie McBride - settled, Santa Barbara, Calif.  
x 5. Ida Louise, b. 8-20-1866, d. 9- -1911; m. William Allen Hering, Dental Surgeon,  
b. 2-26-1862, d. 2-23-1917.  
x 6. Agnes Emma, b. 7-1-1870; m. Martin O. Stockland, a minister who d. March, 1947.  
x 7. Fanny Kibby, b. 1-11-1872, d. 10-18-1938; m. 1903-4, Fred Thomas Mullis, b. 10-  
9-1875, d. 1-7-1946.  
8. John Oscar, b. 9-2-1876, d. 7-4-1932; m. 12-23-1903, Fanny Morgan, b. 6-3-1881  
9. Cyrus Oren, b. 5-17-1882; m. Edith Beesley
- B-6-c. Joshua Spencer Lee(s,John&Nancy) and Jane Duke Lee  
Issue: r. Missouri  
1. Nancy Jane, b. 1856, d. 1947; m. William Highfill  
They had: 1. Ernest R. - lived in Ft. Worth, Tex.  
2. Charles H., d. 1945
- B-6-e. Robert Rankin Lee(s,John&Nancy) and Ruth Watson Lee  
Issue: r. Greene Co., Mo.  
1. Josie; m. John Hastin  
2. Robert E.; m. Carrie E. \_\_\_\_\_
- B-6-f. Charles Lee(s,John&Nancy) and Sarah L. Newport Lee  
Issue: r. Caldwell, Idaho (1903)  
1. Lilly M. 4. Arlie N.  
2. John Irving 5. Charles E.  
3. Maggie B. 6. Ada M.
- B-7-a. Joshua Lee(s,Greene Hill&Irene) and Cynthia Helpler Lee  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.; Greene Co., Mo. (1880)  
1. Irene E., b. 1864  
2. Robert E., b. 1867, one-time, mayor of Springfield, Mo.; m. Cora Hornbeck  
3. Albert S., b.1871; m. Mabel Lindensweder  
4. Clara, b. 1874; m. S. T. Honig; living, Webster Groves, Mo. (1924).  
5. George L., b. 1878.  
6. Nellie; m. H. Roundtree (Birthdates computed from ages given, census of 1880.)
- B-7-b. J. T. Grimes and Mary Lee(dt,Greene H.&Irene) Grimes  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Emma; m. Earl H. Hoover  
2. Hattie; m. Robert L. Welsh  
3. Mary L.; m. Rev. Walter Rowe, D.D. (German Reformed Church).
- B-7-c. John Hoover and Frances E. Lee(dt, Greene H.&Irene) Hoover  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Edward W.; m. Charity Briles  
2. Charles R.; m. Molly Briles  
3. Mary J.; m. Ernest Floyd  
4. Fanny L.  
5. John H.
- B-7-d. Arrington Boggs and Sarah Jane Lee(dt,Greene H.&Irene) Boggs  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Charles A.; m. Jessie Gray, dt. John W. and Nancy Burton Gray  
They had: a. Jessie Gray who m. Pinckney Rankin of  
Gastonia  
2. Lucian; m. Ora Lee Cox of Thomasville  
They had: Ethel May

- B-7-e. John Walter Lee(s, Greene H. & Irene) and Sarah Highfill Lee  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Benjamin Franklin, b. Greene Co., Mo., 9-2-1872, d. 1-16-1955; m. Davidson Co.,  
 Lula J. Miller.  
 x 2. Maude E.; m. Walter Ernest Fouts, b. 9-3-1886, d. 10-12-1951, s, Julius & Thryphena  
 Fouts.  
 3. Ella, d. 9- -1952; m. Iva G. Thomas: They had several children.  
 4. Edward H.  
 5. Annie; m. Charles Plummer  
 6. John William; m. Pearl Ingram  
 7. Ernest; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Grubb  
 8. H. Everett

- B-7-f. Joseph Harris and Cynthia E. Lee(dt, Greene H. & Irene) Harris  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Bessie; m. Eli Albertson  
 2. Charles; m. Lizzie Burton  
 3. Joseph  
 4. Fatima; m. John Blair  
 5. John  
 6. William  
 7. Lee

- B-7-h. Albert Lee(s, Greene H. & Irene) and Jane Bowers Lee  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Irene; m. Edward Wadford  
 2. Greene Hill, II; m. Bessie Bevan (has possession of Family Bible of Joshua Lee,  
 Rev. War soldier).  
 3. Charles  
 4. Fred  
 5. Arilla; m. Robert L. Patten (own and occupy the old homeplace of Joshua and Fanny  
 Lee).

#### Sixth and Seventh Generations

- B-6-b-5. William Allen Hering and Ida Louise Lee(dt, B.F. & Artelia) Hering  
 Issue: r. Trinidad, Colo., 1896-1909; San Antonio, Tex.  
 a. Earl Lee (Col., Retired, U.S.A. (Serial No. 0-4027), b. 1-8-1888; m. 12-11-1911, Lucy  
 E. Featherstone, b. 12-15-1892, dt. Winfield Scott and Elizabeth McEwen  
 Featherstone.  
 b. Arza, d. at birth, 1901.  
 c. Mildred Irene, b. 6-21-1904; m. 7- -1924, John James Downing of Philadelphia,  
 b. 2-9-1894 (Ret., U.S.A., 1946; Serial No. 0-10369);  
 They had: 1. John James, b. 6-21-1925.

- B-6-b-6. Martin O. Stockland and Agnes Emma Lee(dt, B.F. & Artelia) Stockland  
 Issue: r. Aitkin, Minn. (1903)  
 a. Vincent Owen, b. 10-14-1895; m. Carolyn Sharkey, b. 11-17-1894  
 They had: Shirley Ann, b. 2-6-1927.  
 b. Leonard, b. 7-9-1897, d. 2- -1899.  
 c. Marvin Otway, b. 4-4-1899; m. 10-29-1925, Isabella Stransen, b. 4-9-1899;  
 They had: 1. Patricia Ann, b. 2-6-1927.  
 d. Robert Lee, b. 8-29-1900; m. 8-2-1925, Isabel Mushet, b. 9-15-1901;  
 They had: 1. Lee Creswell, b. 12-26-1926  
 2. Mary, b. 9-18-1930; m. Jack Morgan  
 e. Thelma Marion, b. 11-29-1903; m. 3-22-1930, William Lewis McNamee, b. 9-13-1902  
 They had: 1. Martin Lewis, b. 5-6-1932  
 2. Ann Kathleen, b. 10-4-1934  
 f. Ralph, b. 7-14-1905, d. 8-23-1906.  
 g. Kenneth, b. 7-4-1908, d. 9-25-1916.

- B-6-b-7. Fred Thomas Mullis and Fannie K. Lee(dt, B.F. & Artelia) Mullis  
 Issue: r. Oakland, Calif.  
 x a. Lois Hester, b. 10-13-1905, d. 3- -1937; m. 1926, Elmer G. Hawkins.

B-6-b-7. Fred Thomas Mullis and Fanny K. Lee(dt.B.F.&Artelia) Mullis--Continued  
b. Loren Lee, b. 9-25-1908 - 1952, living, New York City  
x c. Dorothy Jean, b. 8-4-1915; m. 1-16-1935, Brent W. Payne, b. 1-8-1910.

B-6-b-8. John Oscar Lee(s,B.F.&Artelia) and Fanny Morgan Lee  
Issue: r. Jerome, Idaho  
x a. Grace Allene, b. 11-8-1903; m.Hartzell E. Buckner, Minister, M.E. Church.  
b. Bertha Alice, b. 6-7-1905; m. Dr. Arch Gould of Grand Junction, Colo.  
c. Richard Ruthven, b. 11-28-1910; m. Helen Conant, b. 2-9-1916  
d. Margaret Louisa, b. 4-7-1918; m. John Kemp

B-7-e-1. Benjamin Franklin Lee(s, JohnW.&Sarah) and Lula Miller Lee  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
a. Thelma Ruth, b. 4-12-1901; m. Wake Co., 10-18-1923, Arthur Y. Cottrell, b.Caldwell Co., 6-30-1900;  
They had: 1. Ruth Ernestine, b. 6-18-1933.  
b. Harvey Glenn, b. 11-10-1904; m. Wake Co., Ann Seeley, b. 3-14-1907  
They had: 1. Harvey Glenn, b. 4-25-1935  
2. Ann Seeley, b. 4-21-1937  
c. Benjamin Franklin, b. 6-18-1908; m. Alamance Co., 7-19-1937, Josephine Harper, b. 12-22-1913.  
They had: 1. Benjamin Franklin, b. 7-26-1939  
2. Bunn Harper, b. 5-7-1943  
x d. Lyda Lucille, b. 1-19-1912; m. New York City, 9-8-1931, Nathan A. Long, b. 7-6-1906.

B-7-e-2. W. Ernest Fouts and Maude Lee(dt,JohnW.&Sarah) Fouts  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
a. Hobart Lee; m. Corene Blair, dt. Jesse and Emma Clodfelter Blair  
b. Alma; m. Charles Parks  
They had: 1. Charles  
c. Clara; m. John F. Coore  
They had: 1. William

#### Seventh and Eighth Generations

B-5-b-5-a. Earl Lee Hering(s,Wm.A&Ida) and Lucy Featherstone Hering  
Issue: r. Monterey, Calif.  
1. Lucy Lee, b. 10-15-1923; m.6-2-1947, Almon L. Shoaf of Newcastle, Pa., b. 9-20-1923 (U.S. Army, Ser. No. 0-27866).  
They had: a. Nancy Lee, b. 7-28-1948  
b. Howard LeRoy, b. 11-18-1949  
2. Dandridge Featherstone, b. 7-24-1925 (U.S.Army, Ser. No. 0-50696); m. 1-15-1949, Norma Nell Finley, dt. Norman D. Finley

B-6-b-7-a. Elmer G. Hawkins and Lois Mullis(dt,F.T.&Fannie) Hawkins  
Issue:  
1. Virginia Lee  
2. Richard T.

B-6-b-7-c. Brent W. Payne and Jean Mullis(dt,F.T.&Fannie) Payne  
Issue: r. Boyes Hot Springs, Calif.  
1. Judith Marilyn, b. 1936  
2. Brent Phillip, b. 1942

B-7-b-8-a. Hartzell E. Buckner and Allene Lee(dt,John Oscar&Fanny) Buckner  
Issue: r. Yreka, Calif. (1950)  
1. Howard, b. 1-18-1928  
2. Robert Lee, b. 3-16-1934  
3. Richard Paul, b. 9-29-1938

B-6-b-8-c. Richard R. Lee(s,John Oscar&Fanny) and Helen Conant Lee

Issue:

1. John Conant, b. 8-19-1935
2. Judith Louise, b. 11-3-1937
3. Sally, b. 1-11-1943
4. Martin, b. 5-5-1949

r. Jerome, Idaho

B-7-e-2-d. Nathan A. Long and Lyda Lucille Lee(dt,B.F.&Lula) Long

Issue:

1. Patricia Lee, b. 11-3-1932; m. 7-24-1954, Buell Moser
2. Eugene Monroe, b. 11-3-1936
3. Gerald Alexander - twin to Eugene Monroe
4. Benjamin Alan, b. 7-16-1941

r. Alamance Co.

### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEE

Frank Lee, as he was known to his family and friends, was the son of John and Nancy Goss Lee. He was born on a farm in Davidson County, two and one-half miles southwest of Fair Grove church and school. The farm, probably a part of the Joshua Lee plantation, was said to be a large, but very "poor" one.

In the Memoirs of Frank Lee we are told that the methods of planting, fertilizing, cultivating, and harvesting were primitive; nevertheless, this farm supported the family. Their clothing was home-made of flax, wool or cotton that were home-grown, home-spun, and home-dyed. Even though their work was never done, the boys and the slaves in the John Lee household were permitted to take Saturday afternoons off for recreation, such as fishing, making fish ponds, and swimming. During the winter months, Greene and Frank, the two oldest of the children, attended the three-months subscription school at Fair Grove - that is if they could be spared from the farm.

When Frank was thirteen his father "sold out" and moved to Missouri where he bought land and settled on Pomme-de-terre Creek, 15 miles east of Springfield. During the following year (1844), John Lee died of malaria. Nancy, his widow, was advised to place Greene and Frank out as "bound boys," but being a woman of unusual faith and industry, she decided to keep them with her and to trust in the Lord to help educate them. Jim, the faithful Negro slave (who was a "local" preacher) operated the farm - with the help of the two boys. By the light of a "grease lamp," Nancy sewed until midnight, making coats for men.

During 1846, Frank spent several months in his former home community. This visit is not mentioned in his Memoirs or in "The Story of My Life." The following letter, addressed to him at Fair Grove, North Carolina, and salvaged from the Joshua Lee old home just before it was demolished, during the early 1920's, tells its own story.

State of Missouri, Greene Co.  
November the 9th, 1846

Dear Son:

I take the present opportunity to inform you that we are all well at this time and hope that when these few lines come to hand they will find you enjoying good health. Though I have looked with great anxiety for a letter from you and have received none since the one dated sometime in June, we have been sending to the postoffice every week (pretty nearly every week) for the last two months and have delayed writing for a good while on account of hoping to get a letter from you first.

We have had better health this fall than we have had since we came to this country. Generally, it is healthier here this fall than it has been for the last three or four years at this season of the year. The connections are generally well. J. Bodenhämmer's and F. Goss' people have all had the mumps. Your Aunt Polly Goss has been on a decline all summer and is worse now than she has ever been. The doctors say that her disease is incurable. I went on a visit to Buffalo and took Greene with me. We found your aunt Litty as well as ever I saw her. Uncle Mark had rheumatism, but was a lively as ever. Warren and Sally Wharton came home to us. Warren has got to be a big preacher, though when he comes back he is just Warren yet. They sent him to the St. Louis circuit this year. We have a public school now. There is a certain amount of public money coming to every child over six and under twenty. Mr. E.J. Rion is our teacher. Spencer and Robert are going. Your uncle Ted sold his place to Nixon for 300 dollars and has bought an improvement about 2-1/2, or 3 miles west of Huff's near Big Sim's. He gave 150 dollars, for it in trade and is going to move there as the school is out - Huff is gone on a trip with bacon to Texas. He started with five teams. All of Huff and Sallis's children, except the two oldest girls, are going to school.

If you were to come home now you would hardly know the place. We are building a frame house. It is 18 ft. wide and 24 ft. long and 1 story high. We have set it by the side of the other one. Jim and Greene have brought two loads of planks from the ping(?) saw mills. Charles is well and hearty. The first thing he said the other morning was, "Lóng Franklin is right mean, he stay away so long." I want you to send ma a draft of your aunt Irene's table cloth.

I wrote you last to know how satisfied you were; for fear you never got that letter, I charge you again to write whether you had rather be there or here. Moreover, be sure to write when you get this if you are alive. I must conclude, so will write no more at present, but remain,

Your affectionate mother,

Nancy Lee

It is not known how long Frank stayed in North Carolina after he received this letter, but from his booklet, "The Story of My Life," we learn that between the time the letter was written and mid-winter, 1848, he and Joshua Spencer attended Mathes College for ten months. This school, located about ten miles north of Springfield, was conducted by A. H. Mathes, a Methodist minister. While Frank and Joshua Spencer were in school there they lived in one of the "log tents" on Ebenezer Camp Ground and boarded themselves; Nancy's sewing paid their tuition. When he was about eighteen, Frank left home to become a teacher. In the summer of 1849 he went on horseback to the northern part of Missouri, a distance of about 200 miles, where he taught a "winter term" 15 miles east of St. Joseph. He boarded in the home of his cousin, Joshua Dear (another pioneer school teacher in Missouri) who was a patron of his school.

In 1853, Frank and Greene went into the barter, or exchange business at Dallas. It was there that he met and married Artelia Ellis. For a time, life for them was all they could hope for. Came the War Between the States with all the tragedies of a civil war - households divided, brothers at war against brothers. In the words of Frank Lee:

. . . Life and property became less secure each day. . . My wife and I had forty cousins with whom we had associated and whom we loved - this cruel war divided them, half of them being on each side. . . Uncle Jacob Bodenhammer had ten boys (sons of my mother's sister) who were divided, five on each Side. . . I was determined to keep out of the war and to do nothing that would commit me to either side, but found this almost impossible. Father Ellis went South, and died; Brother Greene went South; Brother Robert Rankin, the fourth boy, joined the Army of the Confederate States; Brother Charles, the youngest, went to live with our cousin Warren Wharton, a Southern Methodist preacher at Cambridge on the Missouri River. . . . As I found that I was not safe at home, I went to Springfield and taught a subscription school in the Baptist church there. I was earning 75 dollars per month when all churches were required for quartering the soldiers and my school was compelled to close. I then moved my family to Springfield and hired myself to the M.M. McLure & Company, traders, at 75 dollars per month, during the fall and winter of 1863-64.

In the latter part of 1864, Frank hired himself to John Pierce, "Surveyor General," as a chainman at 40 dollars per month - a job that took him to Denver where he did surveying and where he and Charles afterwards settled on claims of fine bottom land. Then came the trouble with hostile Indians and Frank, who had been away from his family for almost fourteen months, returned to his wife and two children on their locust prairie farm. Their next venture was a nursery farm, one-half mile south of the Court House at Springfield. Then the financial crash of 1873-77, and the nursery was traded for a stock farm of 300 acres on the James River. Another year of financial reverses, and the family moved to Harper County, Kansas, where Frank accepted a commission to help survey homesteads in the State of Kansas. This position caused him to be involved in the dispute over the location of the seat of government of Harper County. He plotted and surveyed the cities of Anthony, Danville, Freeport, and of several small towns in that county.

The Frank Lees and several of their relatives were in the race from Kansas into the "Cherokee Strip," after 1889, the State of Oklahoma. For several years, Frank operated a farm a few miles west of El Reno. After a succession of reverses caused by drought, disputed claims, etc., the family settled on a fifteen-acre tract near Fitzgerald, Georgia, where they planted their 9th home orchard and engaged in the business of cutting and shipping timber. That was in 1896. Just as they were beginning to get established, the Spanish-American War was declared and Oscar, the main dependence of the family, volunteered for service with the First Regiment of Georgia. In the course of time, business became paralyzed and money was so scarce that they decided to return to their friends and relatives while they were financially able to move. Because of the general depression they could not find a buyer for their land and were compelled to rent it out for the tax assessment. With about fifty dollars in hand the Frank Lees started, by horse-and-wagon, on their journey back to Springfield, Missouri. On the way, they stopped at the home of Elijah Turner, a relative, where they were joined by Oscar who had just received his discharge from the service. Not long afterwards, Frank underwent abdominal surgery and became a semi-invalid for the remainder of his life.

Later, they visited various relatives, the Martin Stocklands at Aitkin, Minnesota, and Charles P. Lee, Frank's only surviving brother, who lived at Caldwell, Idaho. This was the first time Frank and Charles had met for more than twenty-seven years, a visit that lasted for seven months. On July 23, 1904, Frank and Artelia went to live in the home of William and Ida Hering at Trinidad, Colorado, in which city another daughter and son-in-law, Fannie and Oren Mullis, were living at that time.

Eventually, Frank and Artelia decided to settle down to a peaceful, though not inactive old age in Trinidad. It was there, about 1909, that Frank published three valuable contributions to the family history, namely, "The Story of My Life," and two Genealogical Family Trees. One of these "trees" is that of his maternal grandfather, Frederick Goss, born in 1734 and a Colonel in the Revolutionary War; the other one, that of his paternal grandfather Joshua Lee. Much of the information contained in this book was found in the above-mentioned publications.

Frank and Artelia spent their last days with their daughter Agnes and her family, the Martin Stocklands, who were living in Silver City, New Mexico, Artelia died in September, 1914; Frank passed away in the Spring of 1915. They were laid to rest in Silver City.

## MENDENHALL

The history of the Mendenhall family has been traced back to 1067, the year after the Norman Conquest of England. It was begun by the late William Mendenhall of Bath, England, and continued to a much later date by Edward Mendenhall of Cincinnati, Ohio. Since 1932, it has been enlarged by Henry Hart Beeson, a g-g-g-g-grandson of Richard Beeson who was a brother of Charity Beeson (Beason) who became the wife of Mordecai Mendenhall. The earliest record we have of the Mendenhalls is that they lived at Marridge Hill, par Thanisbury, Wiltshire, England.

The name, originally Mildhale, has undergone three changes, to wit, Mildenhall, Mendengall, and Mendenhall. In England it is Mildenhall, there being a town by this name in each Suffolk and Wilkes counties. Of the sixteen families reported in the 1790 census of Guilford and Randolph counties, fifteen are listed as Mendengall; the other one, Aaron, is shown as Mendingall. As described in family tradition, the typical Mendenhall is dark-skinned, large in stature, energetic, and sturdy.

The first land record we have of the family in America follows: "On September 5, 1685, in the reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James II, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, a deed for 500 acres of land was made by John Ewen of Draycoff of the one part and Moses Mendenhall of Marriage Hill, Parish of Reusbury, of the other part. The said five hundred acres was a part of 'Penn's Woods' which extended twelve miles west of the Delaware River and had been deeded or granted to William Penn by King Charles of England. This five hundred acres of Penn's Woods had been deeded by William Penn to Robert Ewen who in turn, for the sum of 15 pounds, deeded the tract to Moses Mendenhall." When the above-mentioned Moses Mendenhall came to Penn's Woods he was accompanied by his two brothers, John and Benjamin and his sisters, Margery and Mary. Of these five, Moses who, on March 2, 1690, married Elizabeth Bacon, returned to England. John settled in Chester county, Pa., and married Elizabeth Mores, or Mares. Benjamin settled on the Delaware River and married Ann Pennell of Middleton. Mary became the wife of Nathaniel Newlin. Marjory married Thomas Martin (N.C. Bible Records and Genealogies, p. 161).

The first Mendenhall to come to North Carolina was Benjamin, born March 5, 1691, son of Benjamin and Ann (Pennell) Mendenhall, who came on a religious journey. From the minutes of Pasquotank Monthly Meeting we have the following account of his visit: "Benjamin Mendenhall came a travelling from Pennsylvania along with Samuel Hopwood and was taken sick and died May 13, 1743" (Hinshaw, Vol. I, p. 102). Mordecai, son of John and Elizabeth, was the first member of this family to settle in North Carolina. "September 27, 1736, Mordecai Mendenhall and wife got certificate from New Garden Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, to Hopewell M.M., Virginia. On March 6, 1751, Mordecai Mendenhall, wife Charity, and children, got certificate from Hopewell, M.M., Virginia, to Cane Creek M.M., N.C." (Hinshaw, Vol. 6, p. 422). "On March 7, 1752, Mordecai Mendenhall, wife Charity, and children were received on certificate at Cane Creek, M.M., N.C., from Hopewell M.M., Va." (Hinshaw, p. 408.)

In 1758, Mordecai Mendenhall and his wife, Charity, of Rowan (now Guilford) county sold to Nathan Dick, 450 acres of land on Horsepen Creek. In 1792, for the sum of 10 shillings, Lord Granville granted to William Armfield, 540 acres of land in St. Luke's Parish. At the same time, and for the same amount, Granville granted to James Mendenhall, 204 acres on Deep River, adjoining the land of Richard Beason (Beeson) (Stockard, p. 22). About the year 1772, Mordecai Mendenhall (son of John and Susannah) deeded two tracts of land to Stephen Mendenhall who had also bought a tract from William Milliken (Court House Records, Guilford Co.). In 1778, Elisha Mendenhall established a water mill on Deep River. This mill was later known as Coltrane's mill (Blair, p. 27). Among the charter members of Springfield meetinghouse of the Quakers, where meeting together for worship began in 1773, were the following Mendenhalls: Dinah, Elizabeth, Isaac, Jane, Marjory, Moses, Phebe, Rachel, Richard, and Sarah (Hinshaw, p. 846).



Mordecai and Charity (Beeson) Mendenhall were the progenitors of the Mendenhalls who lived in the Bush Hill section, now known as Archdale. James Mendenhall, son of Aaron and Rose, and his second wife, Hannah Thomas, settled at Old Florence, a hamlet of the Jamestown-New Garden section of Rowan (now Guilford) county, in 1772. In 1775, James and Hannah got certificate to Wrightsboro M.M., Georgia; their son George who, in 1774, had married Judith Gardner, remained in Guilford.

In the establishment of New Garden, now known as Guilford College (in 1830) and of Union Institute, the beginning of Duke University (in 1838), the Mendenhalls manifested a deep concern in the educational advantages of the communities in which they lived. George C. Mendenhall, son of George and Judith, and State Senator from Guilford, was instrumental in securing a charter for New Garden. Nathan, brother of George C., was one of five men, including Dougan Clark, who were appointed to prepare addresses to be delivered in behalf of this school (Stockard, pp. 85-87). Joseph Mendenhall, great-grandson of Mordecai and Charity (Beeson) Mendenhall, was one of the four men who started Union Institute.

The 1790 census for North Carolina shows sixteen families of Mendenhalls (spelled with a "g") as residents of that part of Guilford county that adjoins Trinity township, Randolph county. The sixteen households included 95 persons, but no slaves. Listed approximately in the order in which they appear in the census report, these households with their respective members follow.

Head	Free White Males 16 and Over	Free White Males Under 16	Free White Females Including Head
Mendinghall, Aron	1	3	4
Mendenghall, Richard	1	2	1
" , James	1	2	2
" , George	2	5	5
" , Mordica	1	0	2
" , Mordica, sen.	1	2	1
" , Jesse	2	4	2
" , Seth	1	1	7
" , John	1	2	1
" , Moses, sen.	1	1	2
" , Stephen, sen.	1	0	3
" , Benjamin	3	1	4
" , Moses, Jr.	3	0	4
" , Stephen	3	4	6
" , Phineas	3	0	2
" , John	3	1	3
	28	28	49

On September 30, 1796, Stephen Mendenhall, Sr., received certificate from Springfield M.M. to New Hope M.M.

The 1830 census for N.C. shows:

Stokes County: Meningall, Mordecai - 3 Males; 6 Females  
Mendinghall, Joseph - 3 Males; 4 Females  
Burke County: Mendinghall, Jessee - 3 Males; 2 Females

The will of George Mendenhall, dated October 3, 1805, probated Guilford County, November term of Court, 1805, mentions the following persons:

Sons: George, Nathan, Richard, James, William  
Daughters: Jemima, Hannah, Judith, Mary, Abigail  
Executors: Nathan and Richard, sons  
Wit: Jas. and Matthew Coffin, Thos. Moore, John Macy (N.C. Geneal. Rec. N.S.D.A.R., p. 90)

The will of James Mendenhall, dated Sept. 21, 1811, probated Guilford County, November term of Court, 1811, mentions:

Daughters: Miriam, Ann, Mary, Susanna  
Executors: James Thornborough, Hannah Edwards  
Witnesses: Moses Mendenhall, Thomas Thornborough (Ibid, p. 90)

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. Thomas Mendenhall, b. 5-5-1682, and Joan \_\_\_\_\_ Mendenhall  
Issue: r. Marriage Hill, par Thanbury, Wiltshire, England
- A. Margery; m. 11-30-1675, Thomas Martin; came to America
  - B. Joan; m. 5-10-1681, Dr. John Spiers of Winborn Woodlands, England
  - C. Mary; m. 2-13-1685, Nathaniel Newlin, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Piggott Newlin; came to America
  - D. John, b. 8-30-1659, d. 1758;  
m. 1st, 5-13-1685, Elizabeth Maris, dt. George and Alice Maris  
m. 2nd, 8- -1708, Esther Maddock Dicks, widow of Peter Dicks
  - E. Benjamin, b. 2-14-1662; m. 2-17-1689, Ann Pennell who d. 5-13-1749, dt. Robert and Elizabeth Pennell of Concord M.M., Middleton. Benjamin and Ann settled in Delaware in the year 1685. In 1714 he was a member of the Assembly of Chester County, Pennsylvania (Pa. Archives, Ser. 2, Vol. 9, p. 686).
  - F. Stephen, b. 6-21-1664
  - G. Moses, b. 9-24-1666; m. 3-2-1690, Elizabeth Bacon; they came to America, but returned to England
  - H. Aaron, b. 7-14-1669. (Beeson)

### Third Generation

- D. John Mendenhall(s, Thomas & Joan) and Elizabeth Maris Mendenhall  
Issue: r. "Region of Pa."
- 1. George, b. 6-14-1686, d. 1758, unm.
  - 2. John, b. 4-3-1688; m. 1709, Susannah Pierson, dt. Thomas and Rose (Dixon) Pierson.
  - 3. Aaron, b. 9-20-1690, d. 4-30-1765; m. 4-16-1715, Rose Pierson, sister of Susannah. (Beeson)
- E. Benjamin Mendenhall(s, Thomas & Joan) and Ann Pennell Mendenhall  
Issue: r. Chester Co., Pa.
- 1. Ann, b. 3-31-1690, d. young
  - 2. Benjamin, b. 3-5-1691; d. 5-3-1743, while on a visit to Pasquotank M.M. in N.C.;  
m. 9-3-1717, Lydia Roberts, dt. Owen and Mary Roberts
  - 3. Joseph, b. 3-17-1692; m. 8-30-1718, Ruth Gilpin
  - 4. Moses, b. 2-19-1694, d. 1732; m. 4-18-1719, Alicia, or Alice Pyle. Moses was a minister.
  - 5. Hannah, b. 6-11-1695; m. 1st, Thomas Marshall  
m. 2nd, Peter Grubb
  - 6. Samuel, b. 1-28-1697, d. young
  - 7. Rebecca, b. 10-10-1699; m. 2-26-1726, Thomas Gilpin
  - 8. Ann, b. 2-22-1703; m. as 2nd wife, John Bartram, American botanist
  - 9. Nathan, b. 8-16-1705, d. young



Fifth Generation

- D-2-b. Mordecai Mendenhall(s,John&Susannah) and Charity Beeson Mendenhall  
 r. Chester Co., P.; Hopewell, Va.; Orange Co. and Rowan (now Guilford) Co., N.C.  
 Issue;
1. Richard, b. 9-1-1737 "Departed this life, 1773, while following Daniel Boone at Crab Orchard, Ky." (Hinshaw); his marriage to Jane Thornborough reported, New Garden, M.M., 6-24-1758, Jane d. 6-7-1796 (Hinshaw).
  2. John, b. 12-14-1739, killed; m. Elizabeth
  3. Thomas, b. 10-3-1741; his marriage to Phebe Ruddock reported, Deep River M.M., 1-17-1764 (Hinshaw, p. 560); moved to Indiana after 1827.
  4. Moses, b. 5-13-1743, d. 2-10-1835; m. 1-18-1764, Dianah Ruddock (Hinshaw, p. 560).
  5. Stephen, b. 11-23-1744, d. in Ohio, 1828, aged 84; m. 10-18-1769, Elizabeth Rich (Hinshaw, p. 607).
  6. Mordecai, b. 8-20-1746; m. 11-5-1771, Hannah Marshall (Hinshaw, p. 408).
  7. Maris, dt., b. 10-28-1749.
  8. Aaron, b. 10-23-1751, d. by falling into a coal pit; marriage to Miriam Rich reported, Deep River, M.M., 1-17-1776 (Hinshaw, p. 861).
  9. Charity, b. 1-19-1754; m. 1-18-1774, New Garden, Aaron Mills of Stanfield (Hinshaw, p. 561); settled in Wayne Co., Ind. - said to have had 10 children.
  10. Isaac, b. 8-10-1756, d. 8-1-1833; m. 5-13-1778, Rachel Hoggatt, or Hoggett (Hinshaw, p. 561).
- D-2-d. Moses Mendenhall(s,John&Susannah) and Mary Walton Mendenhall  
 Issue:  
 r. Chester Co., Pa., Guilford Co., N.C.
1. Elisha, Will dated 8-7-1821, proved, Nov. Term, 1836, Guilford Co.; married Susannah McGee, sister William McGee. Susannah's will dated 2-4-1837.
- D-2-f. Stephen Mendenhall(s,John&Susannah) and Sarah\_\_\_\_\_Mendenhall  
 Issue:  
 r. Springfield, M.M.; after 1796, New Hope M.M.
1. John, b. 11-18-1748, d. 1773
  2. Elizabeth, b. 3-2-1751; m. 4-5-1769, New Garden M.M., "Roan"Co., Edward Thornborough (Hinshaw, p. 561).
  3. Jesse, b. 9-14-1753
  4. Sarah, b. 1-24-1756, d. 7-9-1757
  5. Samuel, b. 12-18-1758, d. 8-5-1759
  6. Thomas, b. 12-23-1760, d. 1-14-1761
  7. Mordecai, b. 3-5-1762; m. 12-16-1789, Phebe Cannady (Hinshaw, p. 561)
  8. Susannah, b. 1-7-1765
  9. Martin, b. 2-21-1767; m. Abigail\_\_\_\_\_
  10. Stephen, b. 10-28-1769; m. Ann Bell (Birth and deaths, Hinshaw, p. 788)
- D-3-a. George Mendenhall(s,Aaron&Rose) and Sarah Pim Mendenhall  
 Issue:  
 r. Chester Co., Pa.
- x 1. Mary, d. 6-1-1809; m. 10-17-1760, Caleb Cope, son of John and Charity Jeffries Evans Cope
  2. Thomas, b. 4- -1750, d. 10-7-1808; m. 10-12-1774, Hannah Poultney, dt. Thomas and Eleanor Scarlett Poultney
  3. Hannah
  4. Ann
- D-3-b. James Mendenhall(s,Aaron&Rose)  
 r. Bradford M.M., Chester Co., Pa.; after 1762, New Garden M.M., N.C.; after 1775, Wrightsborough M.M., Ga. (Hinshaw, p.561).  
 Issue by 1st marriage - to Martha Griffith:
1. Griffith, b. 9-10-1740; m. 1st, 4-29-1762, Sarah Lamborn  
 m. 2nd, 2-25-1785, Elizabeth Price Miller
  2. Phineas, b. 12-20-1741; m. 2-15-1762, Tamer Kirk  
 by 2nd marriage - to Hannah Thomas
  3. Richard, b. 7-28-1744, d. 12-20-1770
  4. Grace, b. 11-14-1746, d. 9-6-1764
  5. Elijah, b. 12-15-1748; m. 4-17-1771, Mary Kendal
  6. George, b. 5-21-1751, d. 10-8-1805; m. 9-1-1774, Judith Gardner
  7. Marmaduke, b. 11-23-1754, d. 2-23-1797; m. 5-3-1777, Alice Beeson
  8. Hannah, b. 4-24-1757; m. New Garden M.M., 2-3-1774, Matthew Coffin (Hinshaw, p. 561)

- E-4-a. Caleb Mendenhall(s,Moses&Alice) and Ann Pierce Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Chester Co., Pa.  
 1. Moses, d. Will probated, 9-8-1821; m. Mary Walton
- E-10-e. Joseph Mendenhall(s,Robert&Phebe) and Elizabeth Sell Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Wrightsboro M.M., Ga.; Deep River M.M., N.C.  
 1. Phebe  
 2. Robert  
 3. Jonathan - all three born prior to 1784 when the family moved to N.C.  
 4. Elizabeth; m. 6-10-1812, Stokes Co., N.C., Micajah Weiner (Hinshaw, p. 828)  
 5. Ann; m. Jesse Weisner  
 6. Sarah; m. Joseph Haisley  
 7. Rebecca; m. Michael Wisner  
 8. Mary; m. Ezekiel Haisley (Beeson)
- E-10-f. John Mendenhall(s,Robert&Phebe) and Tabitha Newlin Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Chester Co., Pa.  
 1. Cyrus, had a son, Cyrus, Jr., a minor received on certificate from Concord, M.M., Pa., 4-6-1840 (Hinshaw, Vol. 2, p. 296).
- E-10-g. Stephen Mendenhall(s,Robert&Phebe) and Margaret Farlow Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Concord M.M., Pa.  
 1. James, b. 3-28-1774  
 2. Ann, b. 5-17-1776  
 3. Joseph, b. 1-13-1780, d. 6-10-1782  
 4. Phebe, b. 4-9-1782  
 5. Eli, b. 9-25-1874  
 6. Rebecca, b. 3-28-1787  
 7. Robert, b. 8-10-1790  
 (Hinshaw, Vol. 2, p. 251)

#### Sixth Generation

- D-2-b-1. Richard Mendenhall(s,Mordecai&Charity) and Jane Thornborough Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. John, b. 3-6-1759; m. Guilford Co., 6-15-1785, Ruth Brown  
 b. Richard,\* b. 6-1-1761; m. Guilford Co., 11-24-1786, Sarah Harris  
 c. Jane, b. 1-20-1763; m. 3-21-1781, Jonathan Wheeler  
 d. Benjamin, b. 1-1-1765, d. 4-13-1835;  
     m. 1st, Mary \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1750 - 1760 (1830 census);  
     m. 2nd, 1793, Nancy Merrill Clark, b. ca, 1756, d. 6-29-1837 (J.L., p. 4), dt.  
     Capt. Benjamin Merrill and Jemima Smith Merrill, Nancy was the  
     widow of Joseph Clark.  
 e. Charity, b. 1-16-1767; m. 1-25-1792, William Stanfield  
 f. Margaret, b. 12-18-1768  
 g. Joseph, b. 12-18-1770  
 h. Aaron, b. 9-19-1772; m. Love Jennings
- D-2-b-3. Thomas Mendenhall(s,Mordecai&Charity) and Phebe Ruddock Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. Mordecai, b. 12-5-1764; m. Margery Piggott  
 b. Mary, b. 3-2-1767  
 c. Jane, b. 3-10-1769  
 d. Seth, b. 3-20-1771, d. 3-9-1834 (J.L., p. 3)  
 e. Ruth, b. 8-4-1773; m. 7-25-1827, John Barker  
 f. Phebe, b. 6-30-1775  
 g. Beulah, b. 10-3-1776  
 h. Asceneth, b. 9-25-1779  
 i. Enos, b. 6-14-1782 (Hinshaw, p. 789)

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\*One Richard Mendenhall married, Guilford Co., on 7-25-1799, Polly Clemmons (Clemens, p. 188)

- D-2-b-6. Mordecai Mendenhall(s, Mordecai & Charity) and Hannah Marshall Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. Rebekca, b. 10-11-1772 e. Hannah, b. 11-3-1782  
 b. Mordecai, b. 2-21-1775; m. Alice Mills f. Alice, b. 1-6-1786  
 c. Charity, b. 9-20-1777 g. Ruth, b. 9-17-1788  
 d. William, b. 12-10-1779
- D-2-b-8. Aaron Mendenhall(s, Mordecai & Charity) and Miriam Rich Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. James, m. 11-16-1796, Rachel Thornborough  
 b. Dianah; m. 11-15-1797, John Moore  
 c. Charity; m. 10-8-1807, John Benbow  
 d. Moses; m. Millicent Gray
- D-2-b-10. Isaac Mendenhall(s, Mordecai & Charity) and Rachel Hoggett Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. Ruth, b. 5-10-1779  
 b. Ashel, b. 12-5-1780, d. 7-4-1781 (son)  
 c. Isaac, b. 10-8-1783  
 d. Jacob, b. 10-7-1784  
 e. Aaron, b. 2-26-1787  
 f. Zodak, b. 4-10-1789; m. 11-14-1817, Guilford Co., Esther Horney, b. 1-7-1795.  
 Received at Holly Springs, M.M. from Springfield M.M. on 4-19-1816 (Hinshaw, p. 787; marriages from Clemens, p. 188).  
 g. Mordecai, b. 8-24-1791, d. 6-15-1879; m. 8-6-1816, Mary Chipman  
 h. John, b. 8-26-1794  
 i. Miles, b. 3-13-1799; m. 3-8-1821, Margaret Bundy
- D-2-d-1. Elisha Mendenhall(s, Moses & Mary) and Susannah McGee Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. Susannah; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gallimore  
 b. Parthena; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Welborn  
 c. Sarah; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Walton  
 (Mentioned in will of Susannah McGee Mendenhall -- N.C. Genealogical Records Commission, 1933-34).
- D-3-a-1. Caleb Cope and Mary Mendenhall(dt, George & Sarah) Cope  
 Issue: r. Chester Co., Pa.  
 a. Sarah, b. 10-14-1761; m. James Miller  
 b. John, b. 11-14-1763; m. Mary Up-de-Graf  
 c. William, b. 2-3-1766, d. 1802; m. 1796, Elizabeth Rohrer  
 d. Thomas Pim, b. 8-6-1768, d. 11-22-1854; m. 1st, 5-17-1792, Mary Drinker  
 m. 2nd, Elizabeth Stokes  
 e. Israel, b. 11-11-1770, d. 10-5-1855; m. 11-12-1801, Margaret Cooper  
 f. Jasper, b. 4-1-1796, d. 1-13-1856; m. Rebecca Shoemaker  
 g. Hannah, b. 7-16-1778, d. 8-3-1875; m. Simon Cranston
- D-3-b-5. Elijah Mendenhall(s, James & Hannah) and Mary Kendal Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. James, b. 2-16-1772, d. 1-15-1861 (Deep River); m. Miriam Hoggett, b. 7-5-1774,  
 d. 11-22-1845  
 b. Daniel; m. Deborah Horney (N.C. Tombstone Records, p. 44)
- D-3-b-6. George Mendenhall(s, James & Hannah) and Judith Gardner Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Village of Florence, Guilford Co.  
 a. James, b. 2-16-1784; m. Betsy Reed  
 b. George C., State Senator in 1830 at which time he obtained a charter for New Garden,  
 now Guilford College.  
 c. Nathan; m. 11-12-1801, Phebe Haworth. Nathan was one of five men, including Dougan  
 Clark, appointed on Committee at New Garden, Boarding School of Friends, to  
 prepare addresses to subordinate schools (Stockard, pp. 85-87).  
 d. Richard, b. 9-13-1778, d. 5-8-1851; m. 2-30-1812, Guilford Co., Mary Pegg (Hinshaw,  
 p. 828).  
 e. William  
 f. Jemima,  
 g. Hannah; m. 6-12-1806, Deep River M.M., Jesse Baldwin

- D-3-b-6. George Mendenhall(s,James&Hannah) and Judith Gardner Mendenhall--Continued  
 h. Judith  
 i. Mary  
 j. Abigail

- E-4-a-1. Moses Mendenhall(s,Caleb&Anne) and Mary Walton Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Pennsbury Twp., Chester Co., Pa.  
 a. Ann; m. Bennett Angee d. Mary; m. Jacob Shugart  
 b. Susannah; m. Benijah Walker e. Elizabeth; m. Jacob Way  
 c. Catherine; m. Jacob Taylor f. Caleb  
 (Listed in the order in which they are mentioned in the will of Moses, pbt. in the Twp. and Co. shown above.)

#### Seventh Generation

- D-2-b-1-d. Benjamin Mendenhall(s,Richard&Jane)  
 Issue: by 1st marriage - to Mary \_\_\_\_\_; r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Joseph, b. prior to 1790 census, d. 5-17-1842 (J.L., p. 5); Marriage Bond, Randolph Co., dtd, 12-12-1814, Mary (Polly) Johnson, b. 3-1-1797, d. 8-16-1886 (J.L., pp. 34, 5), dt. Capt. John and Rosannah Lytle Johns(t)on  
 2. Benjamin, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. 4-13-1835  
 by 2nd marriage - to Nancy Merrill Clark:  
 x 3. Charity, b. 3-27-1794, d. 11-7-1878 (J.L., pp. 104, 41); m. 8-28-1815, Randolph Co., William Gray, d. 9-26-1847 (J.L., p. 8), son of William Gray - Samuel Gray genealogy.  
 4. Rachel, b. ca. 1798 (1850 census), d. 7-9-1850; m. Randolph Co., 11-6-1815, John Johnson, b. 5-5-1794, d. 8-22-1840 (J.L., p. 5), son, Capt. John and Rosannah Lytle Johns(t)on  
 5. Margaret, b. 10-5-1800, d. 1-23-1870; m. 3-4-1823, James Leach, b. 2-5-1798, d. 7-7-1881 (Trinity Cemetery), son, John and Mary Leach - Leach genealogy.  
 6. Alfred, b. 7-19-1804, d. 3-24-1845; m. Martha Hayworth, b. 7-27-1797, d. 9-4-1857 (Old Union Baptist Church, Forsyth Co.)

- D-2-b-3-a. Mordecai Mendenhall(s,Thomas&Phebe) and Margery Piggott Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Enoch, b. 5-3-1793; m. 8-21-1817, Elizabeth Stuart  
 2. Rachel, b. 4-12-1795  
 3. Thomas, b. 9-6-1797; m. 8-9-1821, Rebecca Bundy  
 4. Jeremiah, b. 12-4-1799, d. 11-4-1846; m. Margaret Young, b. 12-9-1801, d. 1-3-1844 (Holly Springs).  
 5. David, b. 11-7-1802; m. 4-20-1826, Margaret Moore  
 6. Lydia, b. 6-6-1807; m. 10-24-1827, George Davidson  
 7. Ira W., b. 3-22-1810; m. 4-10-1832, Mary Reynolds (Hinshaw, p. 684).

- D-2-b-8-a. James Mendenhall(s,Aaron&Mariam) and Rachel Thornborough Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guildord Co.  
 1. Mary, b. 8-29-1797, d. 11-29-1799  
 2. Miriam, b. 7-20-1799  
 3. John, b. 9-6-1801  
 4. Ann, twin of John  
 5. James, b. 2-21-1804, d. 3-27-1805  
 6. Aaron, b. 2-24-1806, d. 11-7-1866 (J.L., p. 22); m. 8-21-1837, Guilford Co., Hannah Clark, d. 4-4-1876 (J.L., p. 40).  
 7. Mary, b. 1-10-1809, d. 12-12-1820 (Hinshaw, p. 509).

- D-2-b-8-d. Moses Mendenhall(s,Aaron&Miriam) and Millicent Gray Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Millicent, b. 6-8-1803; m. Isaac Stanley  
 2. Vashti, b. 2-4-1805; m. 9-23-1824, William Rayl, Jr.  
 3. Aaron, b. 9-2-1806; m. 12-20-1827, Sarah Selina Burcham (Hinshaw, p. 607).  
 4. Lydia, b. 7-19-1807; m. James Hunt  
 5. Benjamin, b. 9-11-1808; m. Margaret Winslow  
 6. Rachel, b. 2-24-1809; m. 5-9-1830, Isaac Cox (Hinshaw, p. 607).  
 7. Miriam, b. 2-21-1811; m. Enoch Davis

D-2-b-8-d. Moses Mendenhall(s,Aaron&Miriam) and Millicent Gray Mendenhall--Continued

8. Elizabeth, b. 5-5-1812; m. John Rich
9. Sarah, b. 4-15-1814; m. Andrew Cain
10. Nancy, b. 7-16-1815; m. Nathan Kellum
11. Charity, b. 7-27-1817, d. 12-14-1834
12. James, b. 10-13-1818; m. Rachel Jessup
13. Ruth, b. 5-6-1822; m. Ebron Edwards
14. John, b. 10-15-1825, d. 10-16-1825
15. Mary, b. 10-16-1826
16. Asceneth, b. 11-25-1828; m. Preston Stanley
17. Hannah, b. 7-19-1831, d. 5-26-1834
18. David, b. 12-29-1832, d. 12-15-1834
19. Dinah, b. 7-12-1835; m. Jesse Raye (Hinshaw - births, deaths, p. 602; marriages, p. 607).

D-2-b-10-f. Zodoc Mendenhall(s,Isaac&Rachel) and Esther Horney Mendenhall

Issue: r. Guilford Co.

1. Warner, b. 11-21-1818
2. Elizabeth, b. 7-29-1822
3. Huldah, b. 10-25-1824; m. 9-6-1843, Gideon Cox
4. Solomon, b. 12-17-1827
5. Phebe, b. 7-17-1830; m. 9-7-1859, Mahlon C. Barker
6. John, b. 4-20-1834 (Hinshaw, p. 470).

D-3-a-1-a. James Miller and Sarah Cope(dt,Caleb&Mary) Miller

Issue: r. Chester Co., Pa.

- x 1. Mary Ann, b. 1-31-1796, d. 4-27-1828; m. 5-21-1821, Moses Whitson, son Benjamin and Mary Whitson
2. Harriett; m. Thomas Pennington

D-3-b-5-a. James Mendenhall(s,Elijah&Mary) and Miriam Hoggett Mendenhall

Issue: r. Deep River, Guilford Co.

1. Mary, b. 8-28-1792, d. 2-6-(torn)
2. Moses H., b. 10-7-1793; m. 2-9-1821, Mary Ann Stockton, dt. Doughty and Elizabeth Stockton, b. 8-7-1798, d. 5-21-1853 (Hinshaw, p. 788).
3. Himelius, b. 8-12-1795; gct., Center M.M., 8-1-1822
4. Ruth, b. 3-19-1797; gct., Dover M.M.
5. Marmaduke, b. 12-2-1798; dis. mou, 9-2-1824
6. Rachel, b. 10-18-1800; m. 2-17-1825, Levi Branson
7. Hannah, b. 2-28-1802; m. 9-16-1824, William Hinshaw
8. Miriam, b. 2-23-1804
9. Anna, b. 11-28-1805
10. Sarah, b. 12-7-1807
11. David, b. 7-6-1810
12. Ira, b. 2-7-1814, d.4-24-181-(torn)
13. Mildred, b. 4-5-1815
14. Elihu, b. 5-4-1817;  
m. 1st, 6-17-1841, Ann Hill, b. 7-23-1819; d. 12-24-1856  
m. 2nd, 5-12-1859, Abigail Hill, b. 3-31-1834
15. Rhoda C., b. 1-22-1820; m. 2-9-1843, Aaron Elliott (Hinshaw, p. )

D-3-b-5-b. Daniel Mendenhall(s,Elijah&Mary) and Deborah Horney Mendenhall

Issue: r. Guilford Co.

1. William; m. Rebecca Coffin

D-3-b-6-d. Richard Mendenhall(s,George&Judith) and Mary Pegg Mendenhall

Issue: r. Guilford Co.

1. Minerva, b. 2-16-1813
2. Rhoda, b. 2-11-1815
3. Cyrus, b. 2-11-1817
4. Nereus, b. 5-4-1819; m. 10-29-1851, Orianna R. Wilson, b. 7-29-1822, Nereus was one of three men who assumed responsibility for the maintenance of New Garden School ca, 1850-1860.
5. Eliza, b. 1-14-1823
6. Richard, b. 11-25-1829
7. Judith, b. 5-31-1831. (Hinshaw, p. 788).



Eighth Generation

D-2-b-1-d-1. Joseph Mendenhall(s,Benjamin&Mary) and Mary (Polly) Johnson Mendenhall  
Issue: r. Trinity, Randolph Co.

- a. Malinda, b. 8-8-1815, d. 9-6-1904; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Linthicum
- b. Rosanna, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. 6-28-1893 (M.L.);  
m. 1st, Jabez Mendenhall, d. 3-18-1844 (J.L., p. 7)  
m. 2nd, William D. Veach, d. 12-6-1896 (M.L.)
- c. Nancy, b. 9-7-1818, d. 9-18-1905; m. Charles W. Davis, d. 5-3-1891
- d. Winburn
- e. John Johnson, b. 1833
- f. Albes
- g. C. Hannah, b.1839; m. William Gibbons
- h. Betty Elizabeth, b. 1839 (twin); m. \_\_\_\_\_Neeley
- i. Clemmons, b. 1840
- j. Jane; m. James Hylton  
(Year of birth for John J., Hannah, Betty, Clemmons computed from census of 1850).

D-2-b-1-d-6. Alfred Mendenhall(s,Benjamin&Nancy) and Martha Hayworth Mendenhall  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.; after 1842, Forsyth Co.

- a. Joseph, d. 1-21-1863 (J.L., p. 19); remained in Randolph Co.
- b. James Franklin, b. 3-15-1831, d. 12-17-1917; m. 1859, Sarah Faw, b. 3-7-1841,  
d. 1-28-1895 (New Friendship)
- c. Lemuel; m. Cindy Rothrock (Friedburg)
- d. Benjamin - married and settled at Wallburg
- e. L. D. ("Lace") - married, settled Kansas City, Kans. - had a dt. who married John Kost
- f. Ellwood - married in Indianapolis, later settled in Lower Calif.
- g. A Daughter

D-2-b-3-a-4. Jeremiah Mendenhall(s,Mordecai&Margery) and Margaret Young Mendenhall  
Issue:

- a. Lucinda, b. 7-9-1824
  - b. Katherine, b. 4-23-1826
  - c. Margery, b. 6-5-1828, d. 1-9-1844
  - d. Abigail, b. 5-30-1830
  - e. Ira, b. 1-16-1832
  - r. Guilford Co.; Howard Co., Ind.
  - f. Henry, b. 1-9-1834
  - g. Mordecai, b. 12-25-1835
  - h. Margaret, b. 7-12-1838
  - i. Job, b. 7-2-1840
- (Abigail, Ira, Margaret and Job gct, Honey Creek M.M., Howard Co., Ind. (Hinshaw, p. 470).)

D-2-b-8-a-6. Aaron Mendenhall(s,James&Rachel) and Hannah Clark Mendenhall  
Issue: r. Guilford Co.

- a. Emily, b. 1-17-1829, d. 6-5-1847
- b. Ann Eliza, b. 8-15-1830
- c. John C., b. 11-13-1832, d. 9-24-1841
- d. Julian, b. 1-25-1835
- e. Delith M. (dt.), b. 2-6-1837
- f. Rachel E., b. 8-28-1839, d. 6-2-1841
- g. Elom T., b. 5-3-1842
- h. William F., b. 11-17-1845

D-3-a-1-a-1. Moses Whitson and Mary Ann Miller(dt.James&Sarah) Whitson  
Issue: r. Columbia Co., Pa.; Preble Co., Ohio

- a. Caleb Cope, b. 3-23-1821, d. 1887;  
m. 1st, 9-23-1847, Mary Barclay  
m. 2nd, 12-19-1852, Helen M. Moore
- x b. Sarah Ann, b. 10-9-1823, d. 6-21-1875; m. 8-20-1845, Samuel Mitchell Bennett
- c. Martha Jane, b. 6-17-1826, d. ca, 1860; m. John Socks
- d. Mary Elizabeth, b. 11-23-1827, d. 7-9-1828

D-3-b-5-a-2. Moses Mendenhall(s,James&Miriam) and Mary Stockton Mendenhall  
Issue: r. Guilford Co.

- a. Pinckney, b. 11-6-1820; m. 3-6-1849, Sarah Davidson of Iowa
- b. Hudson, b. 2-8-1823; m. 2-24-1848, Phebe Spurgeon, b. 3-31-1822, d. 5-27-1877.

- D-3-b-5-a-2. Moses Mendenhall(s,James&Miriam) and Mary Stockton Mendenhall--Continued  
 c. Alpheus, b. 11-29-1840, d. 2-10-1918; m. 12-24-1860, Corinna Davis, b. 7-5-1842,  
 d. 7-7-1899, dt. Pettis and Cynthia Idol Davis (N.C. Genealogical Records Com-  
 mission, 1931 - Bible and Gravestone Records, p. 39.)  
 d. Semira Harriett, m. 5-11-1848, Deep River, M.M., Nathan Hunt Clark, b. 9-10-1825,  
 d. 3-28-1907, s. Dougan and Asenath Hunt Clark (Beeson).

- D-3-b-5-a-14. Elihu E. Mendenhall(s,James&Miriam)  
 Issue: by 1st marriage - to Anne Hill: r. Guilford Co.  
 a. Samuel H., b. 3-18-1842  
 b. James N., b. 10-2-1844  
 c. Mary Eliza, b. 3-17-1850  
 d. William Allen, b. 7-20-1854  
 by 2nd marriage - to Abigail N. Hill:  
 e. Jehu, b. 6-6-1861, d. 6-7-1861  
 f. Elihu Clarkson, b. 9-29-1863 (Hinshaw, ca, p. 788)

- D-3-b-5-b-1. William Mendenhall(s,Daniel&Deborah) and Rebecca Coffin Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Wayne Co., Indiana  
 a. William; m. Wayne Co., Ind., 2-26-1862, Eunice Roxana Clark, b. 11-21-1842,  
 d. 9-18-1910, dt. William and Louisa Worth Clark

- D-3-b-6-d-4. Nereus Mendenhall, Dr. D.S.,(s,Richard&Mary) and Orianna Wilson Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Jamestown, Guilford Co.  
 a. Mary, b. 8-30-1850; m. 11-4-1880, Lyndon Hobbs  
 b. Laura, b. 7-28-1854; m. 5-4-1881, James F. Davis  
 c. Julia Fish, b. 10- -1856  
 d. Gertrude Whittier, b. 4-9-1862, d. 4-15-1926  
 x e. Judith Genevieve, b. 2-9-1866; m. 7-1-1897, Augustus Wilberforce Blair, b. 9-22-  
 1866 (Hinshaw, p. 788). Blair genealogy.

#### Ninth Generation

- D-2-b-1-d-6-b. James Franklin Mendenhall(s,Alfred&Martha) and Sarah Faw Mendenhall  
 Issue: r. Stokes (now Forsyth) Co.  
 1. George; m. Mary Faw - they had Ross  
 2. Charles Alexander, b. 10-29-1861, d. 8-15-1937; m. 10-8-1884, Emma E. Fishel,  
 b. 4-4-1857, d. 12-31-1929  
 3. Alfred, d. young  
 4. John F.; m. Victoria Teague - they had Phebe and Luther  
 5. Noah C.; m. Eliza Hege - they had Ollie, Edith, Ervin  
 6. William T.; m. Altha Graham - they had Charles, Kenneth, Mildred  
 7. Mary; m. John H. Hege - they had Kelen (son) who married a Gilbert  
 8. Carrie; m. Jacob Hege - they had two sons  
 9. Nannie; m. Andrew Welsh - they had two sons and two daughters  
 10. Martha; m. Eugene Swaim - they had twelve children  
 11. Antha; m. Walter Fishel - they had Ervin, Dorothy, Blanche, George

- D-3-a-1-a-1-b. Samuel M. Bennett and Sarah Ann Whitson(dt,Moses&Mary) Bennett  
 Issue: r. Van Buren Co., Iowa  
 1. Lemuel Whitson, b. 3-17-1847, d. 9-16-1864, G.A.R.  
 2. Mary Margaret, b. 12-5-1849, d. 10-23-1875, unm.  
 3. Martha Jane, b. 5-9-1853, d. 2-2-1925; m. 2-16-1870, Thomas P. Henry  
 x 4. Ellen Mira Ann, b. 2-28-1858, d. 3-28-1935;  
 m. 1st, 2-15-1880, Henry Hart  
 m. 2nd, 1-16-1901, Chauncey Booth  
 5. Carwin Nelson, b. 6-23-1863, d. 10-16-1898 (Spanish American War Veteran.)

- D-3-b-5-a-2-c. Alpheus Mendenhall(s,Moses&Mary) and Corinna Davis Menderhail  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 1. Elihu Pinckney, b. 12-30-1861; m. 1st, Gelea Hanner  
 m. 2nd, Mattie Davis  
 2. Martha Pauline, b. 2-17-1864, d. 7-25-1927; m. 12-27-1887, Samuel Hill Mendenhall  
 3. John Lindsay, b. 11-6-1866; m. 6-6-1905, Hattie Harmeson

- D-3-b-5-a-2-c. Alpheus Mendenhall(s,Moses&Mary) and Corinna Davis Mendenhall--Continued
4. Joseph Davis, b. 2-1-1869, d. 12-23-1900; m. 11- -1895, Fannie B. Hoy
  5. Robert, b. 8-1-1872; m. 5-31-1891, Mary Yokely
  6. Ella Viola, b. 11-1-1875, d. 8-3-1881 (Idol, Vol. 1, p. 64)

- D-3-b-5-b-1-a. William Mendenhall(s,Wm.&Rebecca) and Eunice Clark Mendenhall  
Issue: r. Wayne Co., Ind.

1. Brazilla, b. 4-18-1859; m. 2-22-1896, William M. Cox
2. Schuyler, b. 11-25-1862; m. 1st, 10-21-1885, Rosella Jackson  
m. 2nd, 5-29-1895, Emma Taylor
3. Addison, b. 7-31-1864; m. Ellen Moore
4. Leander, b. 10-13-1866; m. Lola Reynard
5. Alice, b. 10-30-1871; m. 10-12-1889, Arthur W. Moore
6. Florence G., b. 3-17-1875; m. 6-30-1894, Samuel Templin
7. Thomas E., b. 3-9-1877; m. 7-23-1906, Florence Wilson
8. Clara A., b. 10-1-1879; m. 3-7-1909, Samuel A. Ballinger
9. Arthur M., b. 3-4-1884; m. 1909, Ella May Acker (Beeson)

#### Tenth Generation

- D-2-b-1-d-6-b-2. Charles Alexander Mendenhall(s,J.Frank&Sarah) and Emma Fishel Mendenhall

- Issue: r. Forsyth Co.
- a. Robah Kernie, b. 7-16-1885; m. 8-16-1916, Emma May Teague, b. 1-13-1897
  - b. Austin Franklin, b. 2-22-1888; m. 1st, Ida Faltz  
m. 2nd, Elizabeth Crews
  - c. Nannie A., b. 6-22-1893, d. 1944; m. Luther D. Spaugh
  - d. Agnes L., b. 2-11-1895; m. as 2nd wife, Roy L. Snider
  - e. Sanford R., b. 4-28-1897; m. Ollie Wilson
  - f. Altha Bertha, b. 12-24-1901; m. Rev. Howard T. Faltz

- D-3-a-1-a-1-b-4. Henry Hart and Ellen Mira Ann Bennett(dt,Samuel&Sarah) Hart  
Issue: r. Bonaparte, Van Buren Co., Iowa
- x a. Sarah May, b. 1-4-1881; m. 12-31-1905, George James Beeson, son, Albert W. and Sarah Rhodes Beeson

#### Eleventh Generation

- D-2-b-1-d-6-b-2-a. Robah Kernie Mendenhall(s,Chas.A.&Emma) and Emma Teague Mendenhall

- Issue: r. Winston-Salem
1. Elizabeth L., b. 10-19-1919; m. 12-6-1942, Jack S. Younts
  2. Gwendolyn May, b. 3-30-1925; m. 6-22-1945, Harold Yount, M.D.

- D-3-a-1-a-1-b-4-a. George James Beeson and Sarah May Hart Beeson  
Issue: r. Farmington, Va.; Van Buren Co., Iowa
1. Henry Hart, b. 8-24-1910; m. 3-9-1941, Ruth Elizabeth Brown, dt, John M. and Nanny Renshaw Brown

#### Twelfth Generation

- D-3-a-1-a-1-b-4-a-1. Henry Hart Beeson(s,George&Sarah) and Ruth Elizabeth Brown Beeson  
Issue: r. Dallas, Texas

- a. George Henry, b. 10-26-1943
- b. Jon Martin, b. 5-16-1945
- c. David Thomas, b. 10-30-1949
- d. Ronald, b. & d. 10-13-1951

## MERRILL

The Merrills are included in this genealogy by reason of a kinship that dates back to the Revolutionary Period and stems from the Lytle family who were friends of the Johns(t)ons when these two families were living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Three daughters of Henry and Peggy Harmon Lytle married as follows: Rosannah married Johns(t)on, born 5-12-1745; Nancy married Joseph Johns(t)on, born 5-5-1753 (brother of John); Elizabeth was the first wife of Daniel Merrill, born 5-17-1755. Another link between the Johnsons and their kin is Nancy Merrill Clark Mendenhall, oldest daughter of Benjamin and Jemima Smith Merrill.\*

Some authorities claim that the name Merrill is of Huguenot origin, others that it is from the German Anglo-Saxon. Still others claim that it is of ancient Norman origin and was carried into England at the time of the Norman Conquest (1066). Owing to the fact that the name was found in England long before the time of the Huguenot persecutions in France (1592) and that it seems to have been of French derivation, it is probable that the theory last stated is the correct one. If it is of French origin, it is logical to assume that it was derived from the word merle, meaning a swaggering fellow (originally a blackbird or peacock), or from a word mere, meaning "the sea" and ail, meaning "a wall of cliff." Of these theories the first is borne out by the family Coat of Arms; the second suggests a place-name, from the residence of the bearer.

In the ancient records of England and also in the early American records the name is found in the various forms of Miriel, Meriel, Mewrill, Meverell, Merrell, Merrells, Merrill, Merrills, and Mirrell. Of these, Merrill is the form that is most generally accepted today (Olonza D. Merrill - "The Mariner Wood Merrill and His Family," Chapt. I.).

Ernest Merrill tells us that this family once lived in central France, Province of Auvergne, where it was known as DeMerle; that after the bloody events which began on St. Bartholomew's Day (Aug. 24, 1572), the culmination of the great conflict between Catholics and Protestants during that era, the family migrated from France to England. From the same source (quoted from Samuel Merrill - "A Merrill Memorial"), we learn that evidence presented by the old Coat of Arms, as used today ("Arms Argent, a bar azure between 3 peacock's heads, proper; Crest, a peacock' head erased, proper") - taken along with other facts, led to the conclusion that the family in England was of French Huguenot origin. Since the Reformation, the Merrills have been Protestants.

In the early 1750's Benjamin, son of William and Penelope Merrill, and his wife, Jemima left their home near Hopewell, New Jersey, with a group of New Jersey Baptists who were moving southward. The place where they decided to locate was in Rowan (now Davidson) County, on the northside of the Yadkin River. In 1754 they organized a church which they named Jersey Baptist church. From that day until the present the place has been known as the Jersey Settlement.

The Rev. Henry Sheets, in his History of Liberty Baptist Association, lists the following names of families who made up the congregation of Jersey church: McCoy, Merrill, McGuire, Smith, Ellis, March, Wisemen, and Trantham. The first tax list for Rowan County, dated 1759, shows the name of Benjamin Merrill.

Rowan County Deed Book 4 (pp. 363-5) contains the record of a land transfer on September 9, 10, 1760, by which Benjamin Merrill became the owner of 1042 acres of land on the north side of the Yadkin in the Parish of St. Luke which he had bought from George

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\*A great deal of the material presented in this book is taken from the genealogical history, "Captain Benajmin Merrill and the Merrill Family of North Carolina," an excellent piece of work by William Ernest Merrill. Most of the data on the William and Mary Cornell Merrill branch of the family was contributed by two great-great-grandsons, Joseph Hill Alexander of Selmer, Tennessee, and Orson Merrill of Portage, Utah.

Smith (Merrill, p. 5). This plantation, located about two miles north of Jersey Baptist church, was destined to figure in one of the most unusual transactions of colonial days. The document whereby this land, confiscated in 1771 by the Royal Governor, was restored to the Benjamin Merrill family was handed down in the Merrill family for three generations. Finally, it came into the possession of Wilson Merrill who, in 1855, gave it to Mr. A. J. [Adoniram Judson] Owen who had married his sister. Mr. Owen kept the rare document until he went west in 1872 at which time it "slipped from him." Fortunately, Mr. Owen was able to reproduce it from memory and it was recorded by the Rev. Henry Sheets as follows:

"On the back of the folded instrument was inscribed, 'To Jemima Merrill and her children.' The contents were: 'I, William Tryon, Governor and Captain-General of the province of North Carolina, to Jemima Merrill and her Children: You are commanded to hold and possess the land and tenements, goods and chattels, of the late Benjamin Merrill, hung for high treason, till His Majesty's pleasure shall be known; and all his tax collectors and receivers shall take notice thereof.'

"Done at Hillsboro, -----June, 1771.

"Wm. Tryon"

(Col. Rec., Vol. 8, p. 650; Sheets, pp. 160-1)

This was one of the two transactions on record whereby the confiscated property of a convicted Regulator was restored to the family (Col. Rec., Vol. 9, pp. 35, 65, 33).

Jemima and her unmarried children continued to occupy the Benjamin Merrill plantation. As the older sons married and left home it became necessary for Jemima to have help in operating the farm and Harmon Butner came to live in the home. On February 20 (28), 1775, Jemima and Harmon Butner were married. In May, 1777, the three youngest of the children were bound out to learn a trade. Charles, aged 15, was bound to his brother John who was to teach him the arts of the blacksmiths' trade. Elijah, aged 14, was bound to his brother Samuel to learn the weavers' trade. Jonathan was bound to his brother-in-law, Boyd McCrary (Rowan Co. Court Minutes, May 9, 1777). When the census of 1790 was taken, only Harmon and Jemima Butner remained in the home.

William and Mary (Cornell) Merrill remained at Hopewell, a few years longer than did Benjamin and Jemima. Daniel, their second son, born May 17, 1755, was about two years old when William and Mary came to North Carolina (Pension File S. 7222). William was listed as a taxable in Rowan County in the year 1759. It is probable that William and his family went first to the Jersey Settlement, but we know that they settled finally on Uwharrie Creek in that part of Rowan that became the northwest corner of Randolph County when it was formed. In 1779, the Legislature then in session at Halifax, passed an Act providing for the formation of a new county from Guilford and Rowan, the new county to be called Randolph. Notices having been given, the citizens of the newly formed county met at the home of Abram Reece on March 8 (1779). During that meeting William Merrill was one of fourteen nominated as Justices for holding Court in Randolph County (Blair, p. 3). During that year William Merrill was assessed tax on 345 acres, of which 100 acres was improved land, in Randolph County. On October 23, 1782, the state granted him 200 acres of land, presumably for Revolutionary service (Merrill, p. 21).

It is interesting to note that the historians of the Merrill family, Orson Merrill (A-1-a-1-f-1-d.), and William Ernest Merrill (A-1-a-1-b-13-e-8.), are descendants of both William and Benjamin. This came to be through the marriage of William's son Benjamin (A-1-a-1.) and Penelope (A-1-b-7.), daughter of Benjamin and Jemima Merrill.

In February, 1783, Benjamin, William's oldest son, deeded 345 acres of the home place to his brother Daniel (See sketch of DeWitt Clinton Johnson). It is logical to assume

that this transaction took place soon after William's death which, according to the above-mentioned land transactions in William's name, must have occurred between October 23, 1782, and February, 1783 (Merrill, p. 21). The 345 acres sold to Daniel was probably the shares of Benjamin and John who, about that time, settled in Buncombe and Transylvania Counties.

The William Merrill plantation burialground is on the northeast side of "the mountain," not far from the sites of the old home and the water mill. After a visit to this graveyard in the early spring of 1950, Mrs. Audrey Stone Williamson of Lexington wrote as follows:

"It is a beautiful spot, covered entirely by a heavy growth of periwinkle, now in full bloom. I feel sure that several of the gravestones have fallen down and are now buried by the deep bed of soil, leaves and periwinkle vines. Only four markers were visible, but little mounds and sunken places indicate several other graves. I dug into some of the mounds and found pieces of slate and flint rock. On one of the four markers I was able to trace the name 'Merrill.' Most likely, this was the marker of Daniel's grave. Another marker was that of Elizabeth Merrill who died in 1810 at the age of 47. This inscription is very clear and establishes the year of her birth as 1763. The other two markers were those of Mary (Cornell) Merrill who died August 15, 1813, at the age of 82 years; Lytle Merrill, born May 25, 1764, died April, 1831."

Orson Merrill who visited this graveyard prior to writing his "Personal Notes," dated 1886, deciphered Mary's age at the time of her death to be 89; the year of Lytle's birth as 1784. Between the time Mrs. Williamson visited the place in the spring of 1950 and in November of that year, the marker thought to have been that of Daniel Merrill, disappeared. Daniel's third wife, Margaret Warwick Thomas Merrill, is buried at Fair Grove, the church that her son, John Warwick Thomas attended. Her grave has been marked by the D.A.R. as that of the wife of a Revolutionary War Soldier.

#### NANCY MERRILL CLARK MENDENHALL

For many years historians of the Merrill family have been trying to solve the mystery of the "missing" child of Captain Benjamin Merrill. At the same time the family connection of Nancy Merrill, who married first Joseph Clark, a neighbor of the William Merrill family, and after his death became the second wife of Benjamin Mendenhall, was a matter of inquiry among the genealogically-minded descendants of Nancy's two marriages. A careful evaluation of reliable family tradition and available records has led to the conclusion that Captain Benjamin Merrill - as he said - had ten children, that his "missing" child was the Nancy Merrill mentioned above. The following explanation shows how the compiler arrived at this decision.

In closing his speech preceding his execution Captain Merrill is quoted as follows: "In a few moments I shall leave a widow and ten children. . . . I shall deem it a bounty should you gentlemen petition the Governor and Council that some part of my estate be spared to the widow and the fatherless." (N.C. Col. Rec., Vol. 8, p. 656.) The source of Captain Merrill's last speech has been examined carefully. Its history follows:

It was first recorded by Morgan Edwards who, in 1772, made a tour through North Carolina gathering notes for his History of the Baptist Churches in the Provinces. As recorded by Mr. Edwards, the last speech of Captain Merrill was reprinted in Benedict's General History of the Baptist Denomination in America (Edition, 1813), from which it is quoted in North Carolina Colonial Records (Vol. 8, pp. 656-7). As Jersey church, organized in 1751, was the first Baptist church in Old Rowan and one of the first in the Colony, it is logical to assume that Morgan Edwards, during his tour of North Carolina, visited the Jersey church community of which the Benjamin Merrill family was a part; that he got his notes on Captain Merrill's speech (6/19/1771) from church people who were neighbors, perhaps relatives, of the Benjamin Merrill family. In other words, he got his notes from

people who were in position to know, how many children Captain Merrill had, also how many he had said he had.

Records that contain discrepancies concerning the number of children in the Benjamin Merrill family will now be considered. First, a statement by Governor Tryon: "Benjamin Merrill, a Captain of the Militia, left it in charge of the officers to solicit me to grant his plantation and estate to his wife and eight children." (N.C. Col. Rec., Vol. 8, p. 650). On December 6, 1771, at Hillsborough, Governor Josiah Martin, who had succeeded Governor Tryon, wrote to the Earl of Hillsborough as follows: "Benjamin Merrill, one of the six criminals executed soon after the action of the Insurgents has left an innocent and miserable family consisting of seven young children who must starve unless his Majesty will be graciously pleased to continue them possession of the lands of the delinquent. I am therefore my Lord engaged by the feelings of humanity to implore his Majestys favor to this wretched and fatherless family" (Ibid. Vol. 9, pp. 66-69). Please note the discrepancy in the number of these children as given in these quotations. In an effort to ascertain the accurate number of the Benjamin Merrill children and hoping to find the name of the one that was missing, a professional genealogist made a careful search of all available material at the North Carolina Department of Archives and History wherein these children might be mentioned. The pertinent items in the genealogist's report, dated April 22, 1952, follow:

I searched the Governors letters and papers first, and then a collection of "English" records that we have had for a long time. A member of the staff of the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History spent several months in London some time ago, went through records, selected items in regard to North Carolina, and had them microfilmed. This collection has not been catalogued, but they let me have the films and I ran through them. The several items in the North Carolina Colonial Records were taken from the British Public Records Office. I also investigated such published records as we have at the library, The Calendar of State Papers, American and West Indies, and the Royal Instructions to British Colonial Governors, 1670-1776 (Leonard Woods Labree. S. Appleton, 1935). I think that there is hardly a chance that you would obtain the names of the children of Benjamin Merrill, even if other papers could be found. Going to the trouble to obtain these names would not have added to the glory of Governor Martin.

By April 12, 1772, Governor Martin had heard from the Secretary that his request of December 6, 1771, to the Earl of Hillsborough had been granted, but he said that he proposed to visit the frontier counties as soon as possible and thought it right to reserve until that time the display of his Majesty's mercy to the family of Merrill (N.C. Col. Rec., Vol. 9, p. 277). We know that Governor Martin was in Hillsboro in July, 1772. The Proclamation Book of Governors William Tryon and Josiah Martin contains a proclamation that Forester Mercer, one of those convicted of High Treason, was to appear before Gov. Martin on the first day of August next to be made acquainted with the results of his application for pardon. Yet, it was not until October 25, 1772, that Martin wrote to the secretary about Merrill's property. One supposition is that the Governor hoped to have a larger audience when he came back in October. If there was any document relating to the restoration of the Benjamin Merrill property there is no copy of it among the Governor's Papers.

From this report, it appears that the Governor's statements concerning the Merrill children were made at random and, therefore, cannot be considered accurate.

The will of Andrew Smith of Hopewell, New Jersey, dated Oct. 16, 1784, seems to present another discrepancy concerning the number of children that Benjamin and Jemima Merrill had. From the following excerpt we see that nine are mentioned: ". . . I also give and devise to my daughter Jemima's children that she bear to Benjamin Merril, to Wit: Samuel, John, Andrew, William, Charles, Elijah, and Jonathan Merrill, Anna McCleary and Penelope Merrill, to all and each severally, fifty pounds apiece to be paid to them respectively in four years after my Decease, or as they come of age." (Liber 35, Folio 114, File 1692 J, Department of State, Hopewell, N.J.). The foregoing paragraph suggests two reasons for the failure of Andrew Smith to include Nancy with Jemima's children. First, that Nancy, then about twenty-eight years old, has already received her portion; second, that as the wife of Joseph Clark, a well-to-do man for that day, she was considered

as not being in need. Anna, married and about twenty-six, may have been included because she and her husband were taking care of the three youngest of the Merrill children (Rowan County Court Minutes, May 7, 1777).

In the will of Jemima (Smith Merrill) Butner, dated May 7, 1801, probated February, 1803, we have documentary proof that Benjamin and Jemima Merrill had another child besides the nine mentioned in the will of Andrew Smith and that the tenth child was named Nancy. The following excerpts are quoted from Jemima's will: "2. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy my negroe woman, Hagar . . . ; also I give one-half of my wearing clothes to my daughter Nancy. 3. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellien one negroe girl named Rose. . . I also give to my daughter Elline the other half of my wearing clothes." (Will Book C, p. 321, Rowan Co.)

On March 28, 1792, Boyd McCrary secured a marriage bond to marry Annah, or Hannah Cooper (Rowan Co., M.B.), therefore, it is assumed that Boyd's first wife, Anna Merrill, died prior to that date - that of Jemima's ten children only nine (seven sons and two daughters), were living when she made her will. Elline - also shown in the will as Ellie - was probably Jemima's pet name for Penelope, the other one of Jemima's two daughters who were living at that time. At the time of the census of 1790, there were no children in the household of Harmon and Jemima Butner, therefore it is assumed that there were no children by their marriage (in 1775). Another fact that indicated that Nancy and Elline, or Ellie were Jemima's daughters by her first marriage is that Harmon Butner made no provision for them in his will.

As the wife of Joseph Clark, Nancy Merrill was living in Randolph County during the Revolutionary War period for she is one of five women named by J. Addison Blair (p. 52, 1954 Ed.) as "heroines of Randolph in the struggle for liberty and life." Irene Leach Craven (1/25/1824 - 4/27/1906), a granddaughter of Nancy and Benjamin Mendenhall, was thirteen years old when Nancy died. Irene often told the younger generation of her family that the mother of her grandmother Nancy was born Smith; that her brother Martin Smith Leach got his middle name from the family of Nancy's mother, the Smiths (Informant, John R. Peacock).

A careful consideration of the foregoing statements has led to the conclusion that Nancy Merrill Clark Mendenhall is the child of Captain Benjamin Merrill that was missing.

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. Richard Merrill, b. 1642, d. 4- -1727; m. Sarah Wells(or Wills), b. 1649  
Issue: r. Warwickshire, England; Northfield, Staten Island, N.J.
  - A. William, b. 1675-80, d. 1724; m. Grace \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Richard, b. 7- -1682; m. Elsie Dorlandt
  - C. Thomas
  - D. Phillip
  - E. John

### Third Generation

- A. William Merrill(s, Richard&Sarah) and Grace \_\_\_\_\_ Merrill  
Issue: r. Monmouth and Hopewell, N.J.
  - 1. William, b. ca, 1700, d. 1840; m. 2nd, 1729-30, Penelope Stout Jewell (a widow),  
d. 7-11-1776, granddaughter of Richard and Penelope Van Princess Stout
  - 2. Benjamin
  - 3. Joseph



- A. William Merrill(s, Richard & Sarah) and Grace \_\_\_\_\_ Merrill--Continued
4. Richard, d. 12-19-1797, aged 87 years; m. Eve \_\_\_\_\_ who d. 5-16-1798, aged 85 years. Richard and Eve are buried in the Old Part of the Cemetery of St. James Episcopal Church, Piscataway, N.J. (Miscel. Church, Cemetery and Family Rec., compiled in 1930 by D.A.R., Plainfield, N.J.)

#### Fourth Generation

- A-1. William Merrill(s, Wm. & Grace) and Penelope Stout Jewell Merrill
- Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ r. Hopewell, N.J.
- a. William, b. ca. 1730, d. 1782-3; m. 1750, Mary Cornell, b. 1724, d. 1813 (Merrill Burialground), dt. William Cornell who d. 1749 (Orson Merrill - "Personal Notes", dtd, 1886, D.A.R. File Case).
  - b. Benjamin, b. ca. 1731, d. 6-19-1771, Captain, Rowan Co. Militia, and Regulator; m. Jemima Smith, dt. Andrew Smith of Hopewell, N.J., d. Rowan (now Davidson) Co., N.C., 1801-3.
  - c. Thomas, b. 1732; m. Dorothy Morgan
  - d. A daughter

#### Fifth Generation

- A-1-a. William Merrill(s, Wm. & Penelope Stout) and Mary Cornell Merrill
- Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ r. Randolph (prior to 1770, Rowan) Co.
1. Benjamin, Rev. War Soldier, b. 12-2-1752, d. 5-10-1836; m. 2-4-1778, his first cousin, Penelope Merrill, b. before 1761, d. 1830, dt. Capt. Benjamin Merrill (A-1-b).
  2. Daniel, Rev. War Soldier, b. 5-17-1755, in New Jersey, d. 3-11-1844, in Randolph Co.;
    - m. 1st, 7-16-1783, Elizabeth Lytle, b. 1763, Pennsylvania, d. 1810, Randolph Co., dt. Henry and Peggy Harmon Lytle
    - m. 2nd, 6-20-1816, Rachel Ward, d. 8- -1817, aged 44 yr. (Merrill)
    - m. 3rd, 1-16-1818, Margaret (Polly) Warwick Thomas, b. 11-10-1770, d. 4-23-1837 (Fair Grove). Margaret was dt. of John Warwick of Caldwell Co.; she was m. 1st - M. Bond, 2-23-1798 to John P. Thomas. Her son by this marriage, John Warwick Thomas, was the founder of Thomasville, N.C.
    - m. 4th, 12-2-1837, Hannah Bishop, d. after 1845 (Pension File S 7 222, also "Personal Notes" by Orson Merrill)
  3. John, Rev. War Soldier, b. 7-24-1757, d. 1833; m. Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ and settled in Buncombe Co.
- A-1-b. Capt. Benjamin Merrill(s, Wm. & Penelope) and Jemima Smith Merrill
- Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ r. Jersey Settlement, Rowan (now Davidson) Co.
1. Samuel, Rev. War Soldier, b. N.J. ca. 1748, d. \_\_\_\_\_ - Will pbt. 1803 Rowan Co.; m. Susannah \_\_\_\_\_
  2. John, Rev. War Soldier, b. N.C., 1750; m. Mary Wiseman, settled in Ga.
  3. Andrew, Rev. War. Soldier (?), b. ca. 1752; m. Rachel Wiseman, sister of Mary, above.
  4. William, First Rgt, Rowan County Militia, b. 1754; m. Sally Haden (Hayden), dt. Wm. Haden. They had: a. Timothy
  - x 5. Nancy, b. ca. 1756; d. 6-28-1837 (J.L., p. 4);
    - m. 1st, ca. 1778, Capt. Joseph Clark who was killed by a fractious horse, prior to 1793, s. Samuel and Elizabeth Clark. Clark genealogy
    - m. 2nd, prior to 10-5-1793, Benjamin Mendenhall, b. 1-1-1765, d. 4-13-1835 (his 2nd wife), s. Richard and Jane Mendenhall. Mendenhall genealogy.
  6. Anna, b. 1758, d. 179- ; m. prior to 1784, Boyd McCrary of Rowan Co. On 3-28-1792, one Boyd McCrary married Hannah Cooper (Index of Rowan County Marriages); the will of Anna's mother (Jemima Smith Merrill Butner, recorded Rowan Co. Court House, dtd, 5-7-1801, mentions only two daughters, namely, Nancy (indexed as Merrill) and Ellen (indexed as Butner), therefore, it is assumed that Anna died prior to 1792.

- A-1-b. Capt. Benjamin Merrill(s,Wm.&Penelope) and Jemima Smith Merrill--Continued  
 x 7. Penelope, b. 1759, d. 1830; m. 2-4-1778, her first cousin, Benjamin Merrill,  
     b. 12-2-1752, d. 5-10-1836, s, William and Mary Cornell Merrill  
 8. Charles, Rev. War soldier, b. 11- -1761, said to have settled in South Carolina  
 9. Elijah, b. 1763 - census of 1790 accredits him with a wife, but no children  
 10. Jonathan, b. 1765; m. 9-25-1787, Nancy Elliott - census of 1790 accredits him with  
     a wife and one son, under 16. Jonathan was Tax Collector for Rowan Co.,  
     1809-13.

#### Sixth Generation

- A-1-a-1. Benjamin Merrill(s,Wm.&Mary) and Penelope Merrill(dt,Benjamin&Jemima)  
 Merrill

- Issue: r. Rowan (now Davidson) Co.; Buncombe Co.
- a. Nancy, b. 5-23-1779; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Crumm
  - b. William, b. 3-6-1781, d. 1858; m. Elizabeth Ashworth, b. 9-7-1785, d. 5- -1853,  
     dt, John Ashworth
  - c. Jain, b. 11-1-1782; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Morrow
  - d. Nimrod, b. 6-14-1784 - moved to Dallas Co., Texas
  - e. Penelope, b. 1-17-1786; m. Peter Shepperd
  - f. Eli, b. 10-29-1787, d. 12-26-1849;  
     m. 1st, Nancy McCrary Merrill, widow of William Merrill, s, John and  
     Catherine Merrill - 8 children  
     m. 2nd, Mary McKay - 6 children
  - g. Mary, b. 7-3-1789
  - h. Jemima, b. 8-4-1791; m. Thomas Yarborough - left Davidson Co. in 1846 for Iowa.  
     They had a dt. who married S.A. Irish and lived at Davenport, Iowa (Leonard,  
     p. 260).
  - i. Elizabeth, b. 6-4-1793
  - j. Benjamin, b. 2-22-1795 - moved to Dallas Co., Texas
  - k. Charity, b. 5-20-1797; m. Boyd McCrary, probably a son of Boyd and Anna
  - l. Rachel, b. 12-11-1798; m. Elic McCall
  - m. Jonathan, b. 5-26-1801, d. 5-13-1874; m. Harriet L. Murry, b. 11-5-1807, d. 7-26-1898
  - n. David, twin of Jonathan; m. 1st, Katherine Garrison, d. 3-13-1883. They had 4 children  
     m. 2nd, E. Garrison - they had 3 children
  - o. Levi, b. 10-18-1803; m. 1st, Synthia Cooper, b. 7-22-1801 - 4 children  
     m. 2nd, Margaret P. Murry, b. 7-12-1814 - 8 children

- A-1-a-2. Daniel Merrill(s,Wm.&Mary) and Elizabeth Lytle Merrill

- Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Lytle, b. 5-25-1784, d. 4-18-1831; marriage Bond, Randolph Co., dtd. 3-29-1810,  
     Mary (Polly) Jones, b. -1850 census shows age 70. Mary, dt. David Jones
  - b. Mary, b. 1-31-1786
  - c. Martha, b. 8-10-1789
  - d. Rosannah, b. 7-9-1793 - no further record of these three daughters
  - e. Zaza C., b. 5-4-1795; marriage Bond dtd, 12-31-1816, Rebecca Elliott, witnessed by  
     Jesse Merrill. Muster Rolls, War of 1812 (p. 110) shows Laza Merrill, Ran-  
     dolph Co., member First Regt.
  - f. Jesse, b. 5-4-1797 (tombstone at Adamsville, Tenn., said to show 1787) d. 9-29-1866;  
     m. 1821-2, Martha Pugh, b. 11-25-1798 (N.C.), d. 3-31-1881, dt. Jacob Pugh  
     of Chatham Co. (later Rowan); settled, McNary Co., Tenn., early 1830's.

- A-1-a-3. John Merrill(s,Wm.&Mary Cornell) and Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ Merrill

- Issue: r. Randolph and Buncombe Co's.
- a. Sarah, b. 9-15-1784; m. Joseph Garren
  - b. William, b. 10-14-1785, d. 1809; m. Nancy McCrary who, after William's death,  
     married Eli, s, Benjamin and Penelope Merrill Merrill
  - c. Jacob, b. 10-14-1785; m. Jennie McCarson
  - d. Andrew, Service, War 1812, b. 6-2-1788, d. after 10-12-1878, ca, 1833, left N.C., went  
     to Hall Co., Ga.
  - e. Susannah, b. 10-29-1791; \_\_\_\_\_ Owen
  - f. John, b. 3-17-1793, d. 2-9-1876; m. Elizabeth Garren, b. 1-10-1794, d. 12-21-1868
  - g. Mary, b. 2-6-1796; m. Jimmie Maxwell
  - h. Elizabeth, b. 3-11-1798; m. Dick Roberts

- A-1-a-3. John Merrill(s,Wm.&Mary Cornell) and Catherine\_\_\_\_\_Merrill--Continued
- i. Catherine, b. 11-9-1800; m. A. Edney
  - j. Nancy, b. 4-29-1802; m. Matthew Patton
  - k. Joseph, b. 1-6-1807; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Byers

Seventh Generation

- A-1-a-1-b. William Merrill(s,Benjamin&Penelope) and Elizabeth Ashworth Merrill  
 Issue: r. Transylvania Co.

1. Jesse, b. 6-27-1804; m. Susan Huggins. b. 1-26-1804; 4 children
2. Nancy, b. 8-6-1805, d. 12- -1843; m. Stephen Shipman
3. Nellie, b. 11-1-1806; m. Samuel Allison
4. Mary, b. 1-7-1808; m. David Barnett
5. Elizabeth, b. 4-9-1809; m. Joseph Shipman
6. Margaret, b. 6-16-1811; m. Jesse Ashworth
7. Sarah, b. 8-27-1813; m. Porter Kilpatrick
8. Rachel, b. 9-15-1815; m. Charles Justis
9. Martha, twin of Rachel; m. Charles Pearson
10. John, b. 1-17-1818, d. 9-22-1880; m. Mary Cantrell, b. 2-18-1817, d. 8-8-1874, dt. Samuel Cantrell; 13 children
11. William, b. 11-28-1819; m. Sue Hollingsworth; 3 children
12. Joseph, b. 6-21-1822; m. Sallie Owen;  
 They had: Erwin, b. 12-14-1848; m. Tilda McCall
13. Benjamin, b. 4-6-1824, d. 5-17-1909  
 m. 1st, 11-9-1854, Clarissa Shuford, b. 9-27-1826, d. 7-7-1874  
 m. 2nd, 4-22-1875, Rosannah Haddon, b. 5-12-1833, d. 8-30-1876  
 m. 3rd, 4-3-1877, Louisa Haddon, b. 4-23-1835, d. 4-7-1899  
 m. 4th, 1-29-1880, Louisa Cagle, b. 8-29-1835, d. 12-14-1897
14. James Riley, b. 4-11-1827, d. 1866

- A-1-a-1-f. Eli Merrill(s,Benj.&Penelope Merrill Merrill)  
 r. Buncombe Co.; Merrillsville, Mo.; Dallas Co., Tex.

Issue - by marriage to Nancy McCrary Merrill, widow of William Merrill:

1. Charles, b. 10-13-1811, d. 7-13-1852; m. 10-12-1834, Sarah Finley, b. 2-18-1819, d. 2-2-1901, dt. John and Mary Bozorth Finley
2. William
3. Eli; m. Elizabeth Cope
4. Jonathan
5. Nancy; m. 1st, C. Conley;  
 m. 2nd, \_\_\_\_\_ Horton
6. Elizabeth
7. Phoebe
8. Benjamin, b. 3-29-1820; m. 1st, Margaret Fleming;  
 m. 2nd, Sarah Manning  
 by marriage to Mary A. McKay:
9. Olivia, b. 10-1-1838; m. W. D. Webb
10. Julia, b. 7-2-1840, d. 10-2-1916; m. W. W. Wright
11. Nelius, b. 6-9-1842, d. 7-20-1918
12. Margaret Ellen, b. 11-10-1844, d. 11-28-1883; m. Martin Dickerson
13. John, b. 3-30-1847; m. Susan Jane Swetman
14. Tom, b. 9-23-1849; m. Susie Burch

- A-1-a-2-a. Lytle Merrill(s,Daniel&Elizabeth) and Mary Jones Merrill  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.

1. David, b. approx., 1810, no record of marriage. The 1860 census shows David Merrill, age 50, Farmer, as head of the following household: Mary Merrill, 70; Susan Younts, 17; John Rains, 10; Luezer Stith, 5; all born in N.C. (Census, p. 160).

Lytle and Mary said to have had three daughters of whom we have no further record.

A-1-a-2-f. Jesse Merrill(s,Daniel&Elizabeth) and Martha Pugh Merrill

- Issue: r. McNairy Co., Tenn.
- x 1. Elizabeth Ann, b. 12-4-1822, d. 2-18-1881; m. 2-18-1844, Hanks Nevil Hill, in McNairy Co., Tenn.; they migrated to Jackson Co., Missouri, where Hanks served as Probate Judge for two years, ending 4-1-1853, at which time he resigned to move to the Oregon Territory.
  - x 2. Jane, b. 1824, d. 5-17-1894;
    - m. 1st, Henry Burrows who died without issue
    - m. 2nd, 1856, Robert Young, a minister of the Gospel
  - x 3. Mary, b. 1826, d. 5-7-1884; m. 5-29-1842, W. Carroll Haley (Hailey), b. 1824
  - x 4. Louisa, b. 1825, d. 5-20-1891; m. 9-16-1847, Winslow Sidney Alexander of Mecklenburg Co., N.C., b. 1806, d. 1902, McNairy Co. Tenn.
  - x 5. Malissa, b. 1830, d. 6-20-1905; m. 1847, Manchester Texas, Reuben Swain
  - x 6. Elma, b. 1832, d. 9- -1896; m. 1853, Willis Carothers, b. 1831, s, William and Jane Carothers, McNairy Co., Tenn.; Census of 1850 shows: "Thomas Carothers, age 84, born, Virginia, Blind, in the household of William S. Carothers
  - 7. George A., b. 1835, d. 8-8-1886; m. 1858, Eliza Jane Berry, b. 1835  
(Birthdates computed from 1850 census, McNairy Co., Tenn.)

A-1-a-3-b. William Merrill(s,John&Catherine) and Nancy McCrary Merrill

- Issue: r. Rowan (now Davidson) Co.
- 1. Abner, b. prior to 1810.  
After William died, Nancy married Eli Merrill (A-1-a-1-f), by whom she had 8 children.

A-1-a-3-c. Jacob Merrill(s,John&Catherine) and Jennie McCarrson Merrill

- Issue: r. Buncombe Co.
- 1. John McCarrson, b. 8-1-1816, d. 6-7-1891; m. Jane Mitchell, b. 5-30-1833, d. 2-5-1916.
  - 2. Samuel, b. 10-28-1818; m. Eliza Case, b. 9-14-1827, d. 7-24-1886
  - 3. Lytle, b. ca, 1822, d. 1875-80; m. 11- -1850, Mary Williams, b. 5-2-1832, d. 4-2-1898.
  - 4. Abner, b. 10-5-1824; m. 1st, Martha Young  
2nd, Martha Justice.
  - 5. Dave, b. 3-6-1826, d. 7-9-1896; Elizabeth Wasson, b. 7-1-1836, d. 11-10-1908
  - 6. Polly (Mary); m. John Young
  - 7. Betsy

A-1-a-3-f. John Merrill(s,John&Catherine) and Elizabeth Garren Merrill

- Issue: r. Buncombe Co.
- 1. Alexander, b. 8-29-1817, d. 1-22-1869; m. 3-6-1845, Mary Rickman, b. 9-24-1818, d. 6-15-1891.
  - 2. Mary, b. 3-30-1821, d. 8-8-1904; m. Johnson Ashworth
  - 3. Susannah, b. 9-23-1829, d. 3-20-1910; m. Henry Grant

Eighth Generation

A-1-a-1-b-13. Benjamin Merrill(s,Wm.&Elizabeth Ashworth) and Clarissa Shuford Merrill

- Issue: r. Transylvania Co.
- a. Infant. b. & d. 6-23-1855
  - b. Charles Riley, b. 11-25-1856, d. 2-20-1862
  - c. David Furman, b. 7-24-1858, d. 2-27-1862
  - d. Rheuemma Jane, b. 5-25-1861, d. 1-20-1886; m. Luther Hamilton
  - e. Benjamin Perry, b. 3-27-1864, d. 12-15-1914; m. 4-11-1886, Rachel I. Merrill, b. 6-20-1868, dt. William F. and Nancy Orr Merrill

A-1-a-1-f-1. Charles Merrill(s,Eli&Nancy) and Sarah Finley Merrill

- Issue: r. Des Moines, Council Point, Iowa; Farmington, Utah
- a. Francis Marion, b. 2-18-1837; m. Adeline Marvin
  - b. Nancy, b. 11-8-1838; m. Homer Cole
  - c. Sophia, b. 12-11-1839; m. Judson Tolman
  - d. Orson, b. 2-2-1841 (or 2), d. 4-12-1907; m. 12-28-1878, Alica Pratt, b. 8-23-1858, d. 6-18-1931, dt. Wm. and Jane Hawley Pratt

- A-1-a-1-f-1. Charles Merrill(s,Eli&Nancy) and Sarah Finley Merrill--Continued  
 e. John Finley, b. 10-21-1843; m. Mary E. Cole  
 f. Sarah, b. 11-5-1845, d. 10-8-1847  
 g. Joseph, b. 9-22-1847; m. Martha Tompkins  
 h. Charles William, b. 11-27-1849; m. 1st, Melinda Hubbard  
     m. 2nd, Mary Frances Adams  
 i. Mary Jane, b. 1-27-1852; m. William E. Cole
- A-1-a-2-f-1. Hanks N. Hill and Elizabeth Merrill(dt,Jesse&Martha) Hill  
 Issue: r. McNairy Co., Tenn., Junction City, Oreg.  
 a. William H., d. 1892; m. 1866, Annie Smith  
 x b. Alcy Jane, d. 1885, m. 1861, Isaac Darneille, b. ca. 1831.  
 c. George N., d. 1935; m. 1885, Almeda Mood  
 d. Jesse Reuben; m. Ellen Bailey  
 e. Richard Hardy; m. Emma Blakesley  
 f. Joseph B.; m. Mary Drake  
 g. Andrew J., b. 5-30-1864, d. 8-29-1948; m. Olivia Stickles  
 h. David R.; m. Cora Baker  
 i. Margaret Elizabeth; m. \_\_\_\_\_ McClure  
 j. Mary Merrill
- A-1-a-2-f-2. Robert Young and Jane Merrill(dt,Jesse&Martha) Young  
 Issue: r. Corinth, Miss.  
 a. Fannie, d. 6-28-1894; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Adams  
 b. Edmonia, b. ca, 1874
- A-1-a-2-f-3. W. Carroll Hailey and Mary Merrill(dt,Jesse&Martha) Hailey  
 Issue: r. Adamsville, Tenn.  
 a. James Linden, b. 1846; m. 10-27-1865, Sophronia McKee  
 b. Elma, b. 1848; m. 4- -1866, Charlie Combs;  
     They had: 1. Annie  
               2. Hailey  
               3. Guy  
 (Year of birth computed from 1850 census.)
- A-1-a-2-f-4. W. Sidney Alexander and Louisa Merrill(dt,Jesse&Martha) Alexander  
 Issue: r. McNairy Co., Tenn.  
 a. James Franklin, b. 11-20-1848, d. 1853  
 b. George Wilson, b. 8-27-1850, d. 1891; married - had one son, Charles, b. 1882, d. 1934  
 c. Parmelia Elma, b. 12-7-1852, d. 1932; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Williams  
 d. Mary Jane, b. 1-19-1854, d. 1856  
 e. Robert Columbus, b. 5-9-1857, d. 1921  
 f. Jesse Lafayette, b. 9-12-1859, d. 1950  
 g. Louisa Alice, b. 1-22-1862, d. 1908; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Stiles  
 h. Ulyses Sidney, b. 7-22-1864, d. 1943; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Minnie Winslow  
 i. William Harvey, b. 11-26-1866, d. 1947  
 j. Marion Lee, b. 4-4-1869, d. 6-22-1951  
 k. Joseph Hill, b. 3-25-1871; m. 5-15-1898, Fannie Williams  
 (Some members of this group buried at Faleon, Tenn., others at Selmer, Tenn.)
- A-1-a-2-f-5. Reuben Swaim and Malissa Merrill(dt,Jesse&Martha) Swaim  
 Issue: r. Manchester and Woodland, Tex.  
 a. Arelus, d. 1916; m. 1879, Laura Patterson  
 b. Martha; m. John McCoy  
 c. William, d. 1908; m. 1885, Lina Neal  
 x d. Mollie, m. Elijah Blasingame  
 e. Robert  
 f. Emma; m. LaFayette Fisher
- A-1-a-2-f-6. Willis Carothers and Elma Merrill(dt,Jesse&Martha) Carothers  
 Issue: r. McNairy Co., Tenn.  
 a. Alfonza, d. 9-11-1917; m. 1st, Emma Higgins  
     m. 2nd, Mollie Moore  
 b. Mary; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Barnham  
 c. James L.  
 d. Lee Ann; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Littlefield

A-1-a-2-f-6. Willis Carothers and Elma Merrill(dt,Jesse&Martha) Carothers--Continued

- e. William
- f. Alan Varner
- g. Lucretia; m. \_\_\_\_\_Devault
- h. Joan; m. \_\_\_\_\_Blakely. They had a daughter, Zula.  
(Family burialground, Mars Hill, near Adamsville, Tenn.)

A-1-a-2-f-7. George A. Merrill(s,Jesse&Martha) and Eliza Berry Merrill

- Issue: r. McNairy Co., Tenn.
- a. Martha, b. 1859, d. ca. 1942, unkm.
  - b. Jesse Leonidas, b. 1861, d. 4-4-1912; m. 3-8-1885, Lena Lackey
  - c. George Luther, twin of Jesse L.; m. 7-29-1895, Mollie Gurley
  - d. Louis Grant, b. 1863, d. young
  - e. Robert, b. 1868; m. Ada McClure; They had a son, Herbert
  - f. Mollie, b. 1871, d. 1947

A-1-a-3-c-1. John McCarson Merrill(s,Jacob&Jennie) and Jane Mitchell Merrill

- Issue: r. Buncombe Co.
- a. Sallie, b. 12-18-1850; m. Marion Reed
  - b. Martha, b. 1-6-1862; m. John Smart
  - c. Nancy, b. 5-6-1863; m. Jacob Lynch
  - d. Joe, b. 7-22-1865; m. Amanda Reed
  - e. Ben, b. 8-31-1867; m. Emma Drake
  - f. Priscilla, b. 10-29-1869; m. Luther Clay
  - g. Vernie, b. 11-23-1871; m. Ben Bright
  - h. John Baxter, b. 3-25-1874; m. Minnie Morgan
  - i. Ella May, b. 5-1-1876; m. Will Alexander

A-1-a-3-c-2. Samuel Merrill(s,Jacob&Jennie) and Eliza Case Merrill

- Issue: r. Buncombe Co.
- a. John B.; m. Hattie Nail
  - b. Dave; m. Docia Williams
  - c. Laura, b. 8-31-1852, d. 5-14-1885

A-1-a-3-c-3. Lytle Merrill(s,Jacob&Jennie) and Mary Williams Merrill

- Issue: r. Henderson Co.
- a. Tom, b. 6-17-1852; m. Flora Oats
  - b. John, b. 3-28-1854; m. Martha Towe
  - c. Jacob, b. 5-11-1860; m. Lou Hill
  - d. William, b. 5- -1864; m. Nannie Virginia Brewton
  - e. Jane; m. John Morrison
  - f. Benjamin Lytle, b. 12-25-1865; m. Sarah Hill
  - g. Mollie, b. 9-9-1871; m. Sidney Wall

A-1-a-3-c-4. Abner Merrill(s,Jacob&Jennie)

- Issue - by marriage to Martha Young: r. Buncombe Co.
- a. James, b. 7-26-1856; m. Molly Ballew
  - b. W. A. (Bud), b. 4-5-1858; m. Matilda Williams
  - c. Jacob, b. 4-6-1860; m. Clarissa Spivey
  - d. Nancy
  - e. Malinda; m. Ed Hare
  - f. Rebecca; m. James Stepp
  - g. Etta; m. Mark Lance
  - h. Charles, b. 6-4-1874; m. Ethel Merrill, dt. George W. and Sarah J. Merrill  
- by marriage to Martha Justice:
  - i. Robert L., b. 6-16-1895; m. Clara Morgan
  - j. Sam, b. 7-18-1897; m. Lydia M. Williams

A-1-a-3-c-5. Dave Merrill(s,Jacob&Jennie) and Elizabeth Wasson Merrill

- Issue: r. Buncombe Co.
- a. Bill, b. 8-22-1856; m. 1st, Ellen Garren  
m. 2nd, Jane Wilson
  - b. Mark, b. 11-25-1857; m. Lou Garren
  - c. Mollie, b. 8-28-1866; m. Addie Lanning
  - d. John, b. 7-15-1868; m. Sue Lytle
  - e. Ella, b. 5-25-1874, d. 9-25-1930; m. Albert Nesbitt

- 4 (John<sup>3</sup>, Jesse<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)
- A-1-a-3-f-1. Alexander Merrill(s, John & Elizabeth) and Mary Rickman Merrill  
 Issue: r. Buncombe Co.
- a. John A., b. 6-9-1846; m. Elizabeth Williams
  - b. Eli M., b. 6-1-1847; m. 1st, Sallie Williams  
 m. 2nd, Alice Edney
  - c. Elizabeth, b. 9-13-1849, d. 12-6-1877
  - e. Joshua M., b. 3-30-1851; m. Patia J. Baldwin
  - f. Nancy M., b. 6-19-1852, d. 10-7-1890; m. Joe Rhodes
  - g. Mary C., b. 7-1-1854, d. 3-1-1876
  - h. David J., b. 9-18-1855; m. Maggie Baldwin
  - i. Rhodes J., b. 5-3-1858, d. 10-27-1887; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Brevard
  - j. Adina M., b. 6-6-1860, d. 1-30-1892; m. Adolphus A. Pearson
- Rhoda

Ninth Generation

- A-1-a-1-b-13-e. Benjamin Perry Merrill(s, Benj. & Clarissa) and Rachel I. Merrill Merrill  
 Issue: r. Transylvania Co.
1. Emma Jane, b. 6-2-1887; m. A.J. Beddingfield
  2. Sallie S., b. 1-1-1889
  3. Clarissa C., b. 8-23-1890; m. J. M. Williams
  4. Benjamin Frank, b. 5-30-1893
  5. Riley A., b. 9-26-1895; m. 6-14-1940, Marjorie Helen Hamilton, b. 4-11-1913.  
 They had: a. Charles Riley, b. 10-30-1946
  6. M. Lorena, b. 1-12-1898
  7. David F., b. 10-27-1902; m. 11-26-1931, Ruth Acker, b. 10-24-1906
  8. William Ernest, b. 2-28-1906; m. 4-4-1941, Orpha Henderson, b. 2-26-1906 (W.  
 Ernest, author of the Merrill History)

- A-1-a-1-f-1-d. Orson Merrill(s, Charles & Sarah) and Alice Pratt Merrill  
 Issue: r. Portage, Utah
1. Elmeda, b. 1-5-1880, d. 8-21-1881
  2. Orson Pratt, b. 12-11-1881; m. Fanny G. Stinger
  3. Ruby Henrietta, b. 10-8-1884; m. Thomas M. Harris
  4. Elsie, b. 4-27-1887; m. Robert S. Ellis
  5. William Benjamin, b. 9-25-1889; m. Klea Keddington
  6. Parley Charles, b. 9-19-1892; m. Maud Baird
  7. Louis Leroy, b. 5-20-1895; m. Leah Morris

- A-1-a-2-f-1-a. William H. Hill(s, Hanks & Elizabeth) and Ann Smith Hill  
 Issue: r. Junction City, Oreg.
1. George E.
  2. Daniel Merrill
  3. Cleveland
  4. Reuben
  5. Martha; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gray

- A-1-a-2-f-1-b. Isaac Darneille and Jane Hill(dt, Hanks & Elizabeth) Darneille  
 Issue:
1. William W.
  2. Jesse
  3. Mary; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Darrow
  4. Eitherl; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Scholle
  5. Georgia; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gholson

- A-1-a-2-f-3-a. James Linden Hailey(s, W. Carroll & Mary) and Sophronia McKee Hailey  
 Issue:
1. W.O. (initials only)
  2. Helen; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Thompson
  3. Virginia; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gildrest
  4. Minnie; m. \_\_\_\_\_ McKenzie
  5. Felix Chester
  6. Maggie; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gray
  7. Edmonia; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Wright

A-1-a-2-f-4-c. \_\_\_\_\_ Williams and Permila Elma Alexander(dt,Sidney&Louisa) Williams  
Issue:

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| 1. Marlie | 5. Lutie; m. _____ Adams |
| 2. Albert | 6. Walstine              |
| 3. Hughey | 7. Horace                |
| 4. Paul   | 8. Alice                 |

A-1-a-2-f-4-k. Joseph H. Alexander(s,Sidney&Louisa) and Fannie Williams Alexander  
Issue: r. McNairy Co., Tenn.

1. Arthur G., b. 9-3-1899, d. 3-24-1900
- x 2. Willie J., b. 5-27-1903, d. 11-20-1934; m. 3-26-1919, John White
3. Prentiss L., b. 11-9-1908; m. 1st, 7-3-1927, Etta C. Hart  
m. 2nd, 5-7-1938, Lewell M. Warren

A-1-a-2-f-5-d. Elijah Blasingame and Mollie Swaim(dt,Reuben&Malissa) Blasingame  
Issue:

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| 1. Hubert                 | 5. Malissa; m. _____ Teague |
| 2. Granville              | 6. Odell                    |
| 3. Nettie                 | 7. Celia; m. _____ Hurley   |
| 4. Dora; m. _____ Tedford | 8. Nora; m. _____ Houston   |

A-1-a-2-f-6-a. Alfonza Carothers(s,Willia&Elma)  
Issue - by marriage to Emma Higgins: r. McNairy Co., Tenn.

1. Granville
2. John  
- by marriage to Mollie Moore:
3. Odell
4. Harry C.
5. Hoyt
6. Edith
7. Maude
8. Vessie; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Owen
9. Ernest
10. Zula; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Blakely

A-1-a-2-f-7-b. Jesse Leonidas Merrill(s,George A.&Eliza) and Lena Lackey Merrill  
Issue: r. Conway, Ark.

1. Lula; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Cassidy
2. Nettie; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lackey
3. Bonnie; m. \_\_\_\_\_ James
4. Leona

A-1-a-2-f-7-c. George Luther Merrill(s,George A.&Eliza) and Mollie Gurley Merrill  
Issue: r.

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| 1. Paul      | 4. Arthur                 |
| 2. George A. | 5. Ida                    |
| 3. Alma      | 6. Noona; m. _____ Talley |

#### Tenth and Eleventh Generations

A-1-a-1-b-13-e-8. William Ernest Merrill(s,Benj.P.&Rachel) and Orpha Henderson Merrill  
Issue: r. Radford, Va.

- a. Benjamin Perry, b. 3-15-1944
- b. Dan Henderson, b. 7-22-1946

A-1-a-2-f-4-k-2. John White and Willie J. Alexander(dt,Joseph&Fannie) White  
Issue: r.

- a. Ina Joe, b. 3-3-1921; m. 11-28-1943, Clement William Pace  
They had: 1. Vincent John, b. 7-7-1945



A-1-a-2-f-4-k-3. Prentiss L. Alexander(s,Joseph&Fannie)

Issue - by marriage to Etta Hart:

- a. Robert Gordon, b. 10-31-1931
- b. Frances Elizabeth, b. 9-6-1933
  - by marriage to Lewell M. Warren:
- c. Gurney L., b. 6-2-1939
- d. Joseph W., b. 11-23-1941

r. El Paso, Tex.

# JOHN VEACH

John, or Jacky Veach (Veatch), said to have been born in Ireland, settled first in Maryland. Prior to the Revolutionary War he migrated to Pasquotank County, North Carolina. Later, he settled in Rowan (now Davidson) County on land that was part of the Moravian tract known as Wachovia. He married Chloe Hilton of the Zion community of Davidson. It was there they spent the remainder of their lives. John Veach died in February, 1826, aged 85; Chloe, his wife, died in September, 1816, aged 65.

## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. John Veach(s, ) and Chloe Hilton Veach  
r. Ireland; Maryland; North Carolina, Pasquotank Co,  
Issue: Rowan (now Davidson) Co.  
A. John, b. 1783, d. 11-24-1848; m. Rachel Jones, b. Maryland, 1777, d. after census of 1850, daughter of Ezekiel and Sallie McGrowder Jones of Frederick Town, Md.  
B. James - no further record.

### Third Generation

- A. John Veach, II (s, John & Chloe) and Rachel Jones Veach  
Issue - may not be in order of birth: r. Rowan (now Davidson) Co.  
1. Zedic M., b. 7-15-1804, d. 2-10-1878; m. Margaret Tice, b. 9-16-1813, d. 10-14-1870 (Bethany). Margaret said to be of German descent.  
2. John - thought to have settled in what is now Rowan Co.  
3. A son who settled in the West  
4. Nancy, b. 3-28-1814, d. 2-20-1880; m. Davidson Co., 1-2-1843, Kelly (Cally) Johnson, b. 6-19-1817, d. 4-20-1893, son of Joseph and Rosannah Leach Johnson (Prospect) Johnson genealogy.

### Fourth Generation

- A-1. Zedic M. Veach(s, John & Rachel) and Margaret Tice Veach  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
x a. Margaret Kathaleen, b. 7-1-1846, d. 6-17-1891; m. Calvin H. Welborn (as 1st wife), b. 12-1-1836, d. 1-10-1923, C.S.A., 22nd N.C. Regt., Co., Robert Gray (Hopewell).  
b. John Wesley, b. 3-16-1855, d. 10-17-1918; m. 4-14-1881, Loretta Christine Johnson, b. 5-10-1858, d. 5-2-1948, daughter, Robert and Catherine or Kathaleen Johnson

### Fifth Generation

- A-1-a. Calvin H. Welborn and Margaret K. Veach(dt, Zedic & Margaret) Welborn  
Issue - by 1st marriage only: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Lama Paul, b. 11-1-1868; m. Hattie Rothrock, daughter Andrew Rothrock and his 1st wife. Paul and Hattie settled in Hustonia, Pettis Co., Mo.  
They had: a. Son  
b. Daughter  
c. Daughter  
2. Claudia, b. 1-29-1870; m. Albert Blair (as 2nd wife), died at birth of her first child who also died.

- A-1-a. Calvin H. Welborn and Margaret K. Veach(dt,Zedic&Margaret) Welborn--Continued  
 3. George C., b. 12-20-1871, settled in Missouri, killed by a fractious mule - no further record.  
 4. Margaret Priscilla, b. 1-31-1874; m. John Clinard  
 5. Roswell Robbins, b. 4-28-1876; m. and living in California  
 6. Norma Virginia, b. 7-28-1878; m. Luther Clinard (as 1st wife), d. at the birth of her 1st child who also died. (Luther Clinard m. 2nd. Emma C. Blair, widow of Jesse Blair.)  
 7. Katie Veach, b. 5-6-1880, d., unnm.  
 8. Maude Rebecca, b. 8-26-1882, d. unnm.  
 9. Magruder (Mack) Elmer, b. 11-20-1884; unmarried, living in Calif.  
 10. Jessie Eldora, b. 10-27-1886; living at the old home - unmarried  
 11. Samuel Jones, b. 4-12-1890, dec'd; m. a granddaughter of John Dorsett
- A-1-b. John Wesley Veach(s,Zedic&Margaret) and Loretta Johnson Veach  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. John Everett, b. 1-26-1882, d. 10-11-1951 (Pleasant Grove); m. 1-3-1905, Mamie Lee Hilton  
 x 2. Katie Leona, b. 6-13-1883; m. 2-10-1904, Weldon Huss (Nick) Burton, b. d. 2-2-1944 (Pleasant Grove)  
 3. Cleveland M., b. 12-6-1884; d. 2-15-1955; m. 11-6-1929, Connie Gertrude Sheppard  
 x 4. Maggie Mae, b. 11-6-1886; m. 7-13-1902, Samuel E. Edwards  
 5. Robert Homer, b. 4-10-1889; m. 11-24-1912, Nellie Grace Kennedy  
 x 6. Vera, b. 3-20-1891; m. 3-24-1909, J. Fred Payne, d. 4-9-1916 (Zion)  
 x 7. Teresa, b. 9-5-1893; m. 12-15-1912, Carl Black  
 x 8. Clara Annice, b. 4-25-1896; m. 9-25-1912, Garold V. Payne

#### Sixth Generation

- A-1-b-1. John Everette Veach(s,Jno.&Loretta) and Mamie Lee Hilton Veach  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 a. Kermit Everette, b. 9-26-1905; m. 5-2-1931, Evelyn Jennings  
 b. Quinton Lee, b. 12-18-1914; m. 6-15-1935, Helen Kennedy  
 c. Roby Burton, b. 9-30-1924; m. 9-8-1951, Ruby Barlow
- A-1-b-2. Weldon H. Burton and Katie Leona Veach(dt.Jno.&Loretta) Burton  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 x a. Ila Loretta, b. 11-26-1904; m. 2-17-1927, Alfred R. Craven  
 x b. Doris Eliza, b. 10-10-1906; m. 12-20-1923, Henry Clay Beck  
 c. Vera Velna, b. 10-11-1908; m. 11-24-1927, Wallace A. Kennedy  
 They had: 1. Wallace A., Jr., b. 5-5-1936  
 d. Weldon Holland, b. 4-2-1911; m. 5-3-1930, Addie Lee Embry  
 x e. Katie Veigh, b. 9-16-1914; m. 3-31-1934, Walter Shuler  
 f. John Paul, b. 7-29-1917; m. 12-24-1938, Helen Hinkle  
 x g. Hattie Mozelle, b. 4-5-1920; m. 12-14-1940, Baxter Hayworth  
 h. Henry Huss, b. 12-22-1922; m. 7-29-1947, Helen Holder  
 They had: 1. Vickie Lynn, b. 6-12-1952  
 i. Clayton Veach, b. 3-30-1925; m. 10-16-1948, Louise Hiatt
- A-1-b-4. Samuel E. Edwards and Maggie Mae Veach(dt.Jno.&Loretta) Edwards  
 Issue: r. Orange Co.  
 a. Mitchell Mack, b. 1-15-1903; m. 4-30-1929, Ruby Byerly  
 They had: 1. Harold Lum, b. 3-8-1933  
 2. Billy Mitchell, b. 11-27-1935  
 b. Sherrill Samuel, b. 2-24-1905; m. 11-29-1928, Iva Irene Durham  
 c. Chester, b. 7-14-1908, d. 2-19-1918 (Fairfield)  
 d. Jesse, b. 10-7-1906, d. 2-15-1935 (Fairfield)  
 e. Jacob Ray, b. 2-27-1910; m. 2-18-1931, Josephine Damerson  
 x f. Vetrus, b. 3-11-1912; m. 1-30-1929, Freeman Paige  
 g. George, b. 4-8-1914; m. 8-27-1938, Virginia Wilson  
 h. Grover, b. 12-8-1916; m. 9-25-1937, Clara Ray  
 They had: 1. Syliva, b. 1-8-1939  
 2. Karan, b. 1-26-1952

- A-1-b-4. Samuel E. Edwards and Maggie Mae Veach(dt.Jno.&Loretta) Edwards--Continued
- i. James, b. 5-12-1920, d. 8-30-1944; m. name of wife unknown - killed in World War II, buried in France  
They had: 1. Marie, b. 3-17-
  - j. Everett, b. 11-15-1921
  - k. Mae, b. 12-15-1923; m. 1-30-1942, Floyd Rice
  - l. Harvey, b. 2-12-1925; m. 3-29-1952, Janie Drum Right
  - m. Octavia, b. 10-25-1926

#### Sixth Generation

- A-1-b-5. Robert Homer Veach(s,Jno.&Loretta) and Nellie Grace Kennedy Veach  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- a. Burley Trenton, b. 8-3-1913; m. 1-29-1935, Frances Edmonson  
They had: 1. Julia Grace, b. 1-28-1943
  - b. Marvin Homer, b. 2-18-1915; m. 12-24-1939, Betty Lyon
  - c. Johnny Flake, b. 11-11-1916; m. 6-1-1946, Dorothy Ray Irving
  - d. Fred Preston, b. 9-21-1918; m. 6-27-1947, Christine Statton  
They had: 1. John Allen, b. 4-13-1950
  - x e. Nellie Maude, b. 1-1-1922; m. 5-18-1940, Samuel Harry Fouts
- A-1-b-6. J. Fred Payne and Vera Veach(dt.Jno.&Loretta) Payne  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- a. Nita, b. 10-17-1911; m. 4-14-1934, Robert Ashburn Swaim  
They had: 1. Rex
  - b. Nolin Fred, b. 8-25-1913; m. 4-11-1946, Effie Eula Hines
- A-1-b-7. Carl Black and Teresa Veach(dt,Jno.&Loretta) Black  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- x a. Zilphia, b. 2-20-1914; m. 3-27-1937, Robert Paul Reece
  - x b. Carleen, b. 1-7-1916; m. 11-18-1933, James Eldwood Wagner
  - c. Foy Cleveland, b. 8-9-1918; m. 10-4-46, Martha Irene Disher  
They had: 1. Martha Sue, b. 11-9-1948
  - d. Raymond Harrison, b. 1-22-1925; m. 3-29-1947, Blanche Mozelle Everhart  
They had: 1. Linda Mozelle, b. 11-15-1947  
2. Loretta Elizabeth, b. 5-5-1949
- A-1-b-8. Garold V. Payne and Clara Annice Veach(dt,Jno.&Loretta) Payne  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- a. John Vestal, b. 6-18-1913; m. 11-27-1947, Clara Ione Pugh  
They had: 1. Johnny Charles, b. 1-14-1950  
2. Crisanna J., b. 12-25-1952
  - b. Arsene Arthur, b. 6-11-1917; m. 6-22-1946, Clara Estella Batten  
They had: 1. Pamela Anne, b. 10-16-1946  
2. Rickey Arthur, b. 1-6-1949
  - x c. Peggy Veach, b. 12-22-1924; m. 3-1-1945, Lloyd B. Sink
  - d. Dorothy Geneva, b. 3-1-1927; m. 4-29-1951, Wayne M. Surratt

#### Seventh and Eighth Generations

- A-1-b-1-a. Kermit Everette Veach(s,J.Everette&Mamie) and Evelyn Jennings Veach  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- 1. Kermit Everette, Jr., b. 2-15-1932
  - 2. Barbara, b. 8-22-1943
- A-1-b-1-b. Quinton Lee Veach(s,J.Everette&Mamie) and Helen Kennedy Veach  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.
- 1. George, b. 12-31-1935
  - 2. Sally Maude, b. 10-14-1942
  - 3. Sylvia Sue, b. 2-7-1948
  - 4. Rebecca, b. 1-27-1950

- A-1-b-2-a. Alfred R. Craven and Ila Loretta Burton(dt,Weldon&Katie) Craven  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Harry Lee, b. 12-8-1929  
 2. Ira, b. 4-18-1934
- A-1-b-2-b. Henry Clay Beck and Doris Eliza Burton(dt,Weldon&Katie) Beck  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. James Henry, b. 12-22-1924; m. 10-18-1946, Nannie Lee Spencer  
 They had: a. Darrell, b. 1-10-1948  
 b. Diane, b. 4-23-1951  
 2. Vera Leona, b. 7-27-1931; m. 12-23-1949, James Harold Davis  
 3. Martha Ann, b. 2-22-1943
- A-1-b-2-d. Weldon Holland Burton(s,Weldon&Katie) and Addie Lee Embry Burton  
 Issue: r. Guilford Co.  
 1. Weldon J., b. 8-19-1931; m. 12-31-1952, Shirley Poole  
 2. Billy Joe, b. 3-17-1934
- A-1-b-2-e. Walter Shuler and Katie Veigh Burton(dt,Weldon&Katie) Shuler  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Randall Thomas, b. 3-28-1936  
 2. John Allen, b. 12-1-1941  
 3. Katie Sue, b. 3-3-1946
- A-1-b-2-f. John Paul Burton(s,Weldon&Katie) and Helen Hinkle Burton  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Barbara, b. 12-23-1939  
 2. Mary Ellen, b. 4-6-1944  
 3. John Tyson, b. 8-2-1946  
 4. Larry, b. 12-3-1950
- A-1-b-2-g. Baxter Hayworth and Hattie Mozelle Burton(dt,Weldon&Katie) Hayworth  
 Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
 1. Brenda Sue, b. 2-1-1942  
 2. Betty Gail, b. 8-2-1944
- A-1-b-4-b. Sherrill Samuel Edwards(s,Samuel&Maggie) and Iva Irene Durham Edwards  
 Issue: r. Orange Co.  
 1. Janie, b. 10-8-1930; m. They had: a. Frank, b. 12-15-1948  
 b. Janie, b. 2-25-1952  
 2. Eugene, b. 3-8-1932  
 3. Faye, b. 6-6-1934  
 4. Ray, Twin of Faye
- A-1-b-4-e. Jacob Ray Edwards(s,Samuel&Maggie) and Josephine Damerson Edwards  
 Issue: r. Orange Co.  
 1. Ann, b. 5-17-1932  
 2. Earl, b. 7-14-1934  
 3. Jesse, b. 8-16-1938
- A-1-b-4-f. Freeman Paige and Vetrus Edwards(dt,Samuel&Maggie) Paige  
 Issue: r. Orange Co.  
 1. Wesley, b. 3-15-1929, d. 11-27-1935  
 2. Margaret, b. 10-10-1930; m. 8-27-1948, Coy Woods  
 They had: a. Carlan, b. 3-10-1949  
 b. Linda, b. 9-6-1950  
 c. Junior, b. 1-3-1952  
 3. Louretta, b. 11-5-1932; m. 5-15-1948, William Tuck  
 They had: a. William, b. 2-26-1949  
 b. Laura Mae, b. 6-5-1952
- A-1-b-4-g. George Edwards(s,Samuel&Maggie) and Virginia Wilson Edwards  
 1. George W., b. 3-8-1939  
 2. Clarence, b. 5-14-1941  
 3. Cecil, b. 10-22-1942  
 4. Linda, b. 9-14-1946  
 5. Ruth, b. 1-14-1948  
 6. Rachel, b. 6-11-1951

- A-1-b-5-b. Marvin Homer Veach(s,Robt.&Nellie) and Betty Lyon Veach  
Issue: r. Forsyth Co.  
1. Charles Daniel, b. 11-23-1942  
2. Robert Stewart, b. 1-21-1945  
3. Nancy Elizabeth, b. 5-19-1946
- A-1-b-5-e. Samuel Harry Fouts and Nellie Maude Veach (dt.Robt.&Nellie) Fouts  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Samuel Harry, Jr., b. 3-1-1941  
2. Neal Preston, b. 5-17-1943  
3. Robert Lynn, b. 9-23-1948
- A-1-b-7-a. Robert Paul Reece and Zilphia Black(dt,Carl&Teresa) Reece  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Wilma Jean, b. 6-26-1938  
2. Charles Wesley, b. 7-19-1940
- A-1-b-7-b. James Elwood Wagner and Carleen Black(dt,Carl&Teresa) Wagner  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Wayne Elwood, b. 8-17-1934  
2. Joe Carl, b. 10-15-1938  
3. Nora Elaine, b. 8-4-1946
- A-1-b-8-c. Lloyd B. Sink and Peggy Veach Payne(dt,Harold&Clara) Sink  
Issue: r. Davidson Co.  
1. Alan Lloyd, b. 6-6-1949  
2. Larry Tyson, b. 8-3-1950  
3. Sherry Suzanne, b. 1-3-1953

## WELBORN

The name Welborn, or Wilburn had its origin either in "Dweller at the Well, or Spring Brook," or from the residence of the people who first bore it at one of the several places so called. In ancient times, there were at least three such places: Welborne, in the county of Norfolk; Wellesburnor, Welbourne in Lincolnshire; Welburn in Yorkshire. In Wellsbourne, DeMontfort Chapel, Hughden Church, Buckinghamshire, England, are "effigies" of Wellesbournes.

Various spellings of the name found in early English and early American records are: Wellebrune, Welleburne, Welleburn, Welbourne, Welborne, Welborn, Welbourn, Welburne, Welburn, Wellborne, Willborne, Wilborn, Wilburne, and Wilburn. Of these, Wilburn and Welborn are the most frequently used in America today.

The Randolph County of this family have persistently followed the example of their ancestor, Samuel Wellesbourne-Welborn who, after settling in North Carolina, adopted the simplified form, Welborn.

The coat of arms anciently borne by the English family of Welborne (Welbourne, etc.) is described in heraldic terms as follows:

Arms, Argent, three lozenges in fess, each charged with a fountain argent and azure, between three grayhounds' heads erased sable, collared gules, ringed, or.  
Crest, A hand holding three darts.

In Virginia, on the Atlantic side of the northern end of the Eastern Shore peninsular, lies Chincoteague Bay. At the southern end of Chincoteague, is Wallop, a little house that looks as if it had come from the saw and hammer of the very first ship's carpenter to arrive there. At the northern end of the bay is Welbourne, as modern as 1780 - a high brick structure that is given a touch of individuality by an archade of four arches inset in one of its corners (Wilstach, p. 200).

Thomas Wellesbourne, son of John who landed at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1610 is known to have had at least four sons: Samuel, a surveyor, Daniel, Benjamin and Francis. After 1723, Samuel settled in North Carolina and thereafter spelled his name Welborn. Identified as sons of Samuel are: John, William and Thomas. Many of the Welborns of Davidson, Guilford and Randolph Counties are descendants of Samuel's son John.

It is likely that Isaac, James and Moses Wilborn (Willburn, Wellborn) whose names appear in the early tax lists and land records of Rowan County as shown below were also sons of Samuel Welborn, son of John:

Year, 1778:	District of	Name	Amount of taxes assessed	
	Capt. Davis	Isaac Wilburn	275 pounds sterling	
		James Willburn	623 pounds sterling	
		Moses Wellborn	Poll tax only	
Year, 1784	Capt. Davis	Name	Acres owned - location of tract	
		Isaac Wilborn	105	Abbits Creek
		James Wilborn	623	Abbits Creek

Colonial Records of North Carolina (Vol. IX., pp. 25-6) contains the following excerpt from a Manuscript in the Office of the Secretary of State, dated the 13th of March, 1772:

Counties of Orange and Guilford, State of North Carolina

Aug. 25, 1771

To all persons whom this may Concern, Know ye, that Whereas Thomas Welborn has lived in the neighborhood of Sandy Creek near at hand about fifteen years in the Countys and province aforesaid it is requested of his friends and Acquaintances, A Letter of Recommendation which we the subscribers hereof, Do hereby Certify, the above s /<sup>d</sup> Thomas Welborn to be, a man of Justice and Honest Integrity in his Dealings and Conversation, neither Known, nor Suspected to be Guilty of Fradulent Practices, But Contrary Wise, Upright in his Generation and a true Loyal Tenant to his Majesty, Excepting the Late Insurrection and Rebellion as did arise in the County aforesaid [ the Battle of Alamance] & Given under our hands the Day and Year first above written.

This appeal in behalf of Thomas Welborn who had been outlawed by the Royal Governor was signed by Wm. Welborn, jun., and eighteen others. In the above-mentioned manuscript, under date of the 13th of March, 1772, is a petition addressed to "His Excellency, Josiah Martin, Esqur., His Majesty's Capt. General & Governor in Chief in and over Said Province, . . . to catch fish in Deep River. . .". Among the signers of this petition were: "Wm. Welborn, sen.," and "Wm. Welborn, jun."



## GENEALOGY

### First and Second Generations

- I. John Wellesbourne, sailed from Swanses, Wales, on the Sea Venture and was shipwrecked in the Bermuda Islands; arrived at Jamestown, Virginia, May 24, 1610 on a vessel that was constructed by the survivors of the Sea Venture (Of record at Brummondstown and Eastville, Northampton Co., Va.) John had a son Thomas, born 1640, who was appointed Judge in 1694.

### Third Generation

- A. Thomas Wellesbourne(s, John & \_\_\_\_\_)  
Issue: r. Virginia
1. Samuel, in 1723, a surveyor who later settled in North Carolina and thereafter spelled his name Welborn
  2. Daniel
  3. Benjamin
  4. Francis

### Fourth Generation

- A-1. Samuel Welborn(s, Thomas & \_\_\_\_\_)  
Issue: r. Guilford (later Randolph) Co.
- a. William, N.C. Regulator; Pvt, Militia of Georgia, b. 1733, d. 1792; m. 1757, Hepzabah Stearns (Starnes), dt. Isaac and Rebecca Stearns
  - b. Thomas, Regulator of Guilford Co., 1771 (Col. Rec., Vol. 9, pp. 25-6).
  - c. James; m. Isabelle ?
  - d. John, b. 1754-5-, d. 1805; m. 1773, Sarah York, b. 12-3-1755, d. 5-2-1816; Sarah m. 2nd, 3-3-1808, Elias Cowan

### Fifth Generation

- A-1-a. William Welborn(s, Samuel & \_\_\_\_\_) and Hepzabah Stearns Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph & Wilkes Co.'s, N.C.; Wilkes Co., Ga.
1. Isaac, Rev. War soldier, b. 1-30-1758
  2. Elias, Rev. War soldier, b. 9-9-1759, d. 3- -1833; m. Mary Marshall, dt. Rev. Daniel and Martha Stearnes Marshall
  3. Lucy, b. 5-20-1776; m. Wilkes Co., Ga., 3-10-1779, Benjamin Barton
  4. Samuel, Col., War of 1812(?), b. 1-8-1763, d. Wilkes Co., Ga., 9-1-1822; m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_?
  5. William, b. 1-29-1765; m. Wilkes Co., Ga., Lucy Moore
  6. James, Gen., War of 1812 (?), b. 11-29-1767, d. Wilkes Co., N.C., 12-4-1854; m. 2-13-1794, Rebecca Montgomery, b. 10-25-1772, dt. Hugh Montgomery. This branch of the family used two "l's" in their last name.
  7. Clara, b. 8-2-1768; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Deamons of Jacksonville, Fla.
  8. Mary, b. 5-9-1770
  9. Johnson, b. 5-2-1772, d. 3-30-1847; m. Sallie Render
  10. Hepzabah, b. 5-12-1774
  11. Abner, b. 3-20-1776, d. Wilcox Ga., 7-12-1842; m. 7-22-1810 (name unknown)
  12. Nancy, b. 7-10-1778; m. Nicholas Wiley of Washington, Ga.,
  13. Chapley, b. 12-9-1780, d. 3-24-1824; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Ross
  14. Wilkes, twin of Chapley (Welborn - Miscel. Rec.)

- A-1-b. Thomas Welborn(s, Samuel & \_\_\_\_\_) and \_\_\_\_\_  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. John, b. 1757, d. 9-11-1825 (Old Union - no marker); m. 1776, Jane (Jean) McGee, b. 3-5-1760, d. 1-5-1825 (Martha Bell), dt. Capt. John McGee and his 2nd wife, Martha McFarlane McGee (who later married William Bell).
  2. Ruth 7. Elijah
  3. Joshua 8. Ezekiel
  4. Calep 9. William
  5. Thomas 10. Amy
  6. Ephraim
- (Family composition from the will of Thomas Welborn, dtd. 4-2-1778, pbt. May, 1778, Guilford Co., Will Book A., p. 400 (Welborn, Wills, pp. 109-10; Miscel Rec., pp. 198, 214).
- A-1-c. James Welborn(s, Samuel & \_\_\_\_\_) and Isabelle \_\_\_\_\_ Welborn  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co. (?)
1. William, Major, War of 1812, b. 9-28-1761, d. 12-28-1841;  
 m. 1st, Prudence Davis  
 m. 2nd, 11-7-1807, Rachel Payne, b. 7-28-1783, d. 11-17-1863
- A-1-d. John Welborn(s, Samuel & \_\_\_\_\_) and Sarah York Welborn  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. James, d. at age 15 yr.
  2. Ann, b. 1- -1776; m. White
  3. William, b. 12-17-1777
  4. Jesse York, b. 12-27-1779
  5. Elias, b. 10-17-1781; m. Elvira Swafford, d. Randolph Co., 8-3-1802
  6. Martha, b. 2-21-1784
  7. Elizabeth, b. 4-22-1786
  8. Sarah, b. 10-13-1788
  9. John, b. 12-30-1790
  10. Isaac, b. 11-3-1793 - moved to Tennessee
  11. Enoch, b. 2- -1797. d. Stuartsville, Ind., without issue  
 (From the will of John Welborn, Sr., recorded Randolph Co., Nov., 1805.)  
 (Welborn, p. 171.)

#### Sixth Generation

- A-1-a-6. James Wellborn(s, Wm. & Hapzabah) and Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_  
 Issue: r. Wilkes Co., N.C.
- a. Rachel Starnes, b. 11-1-1795
  - b. Nancy Matilda, b. 5-1-1797
  - c. William Wilkes, b. 11-8-1799
  - d. Rebecca Mariah, b. 11-4-1801
  - e. Lucy B.
  - f. Katherine Sloan, b. 3-18-1806, d. -- -1829
  - g. James Johnson, b. 3-17-1808, d. 12-29-1828
  - h. Betsy Adaline, b. 12-14-1809
  - i. Hephsebah Mary, b. 7-14-1812
  - j. Samuel Chapley, b. 8-6-1816
  - k. Hugh Montgomery, twin of Samuel Chapley  
 (From the Bible of General James Wellborn, once in the possession of Nancy Marguerite Wellborn, Elkin, N.C. (Welborn, p. 39).)
- A-1-b-1. John Welborn(s, Thomas & \_\_\_\_\_) and Jane McGee Welborn  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.
- a. Martha, b. 2-19-1777, d. 12-12-1839;  
 m. 1st, Gilbert Gray, d. 3-1-1816 (Ebenezer)  
 m. 2nd, Hugh Mullen
  - b. John, a minister, b. 6-25-1779, d. 12-25-1830 (Prospect);  
 m. 1st, 5-3-1800, Mary Parsons, d. 1818 (Old Union - no marker)  
 m. 2nd, 1819, Priscilla Wood, b. 10-3-1803, d. 5-13-1885 (Hopewell)
  - c. William Lane, b. 2-28-1785, d. 6-26-1832; m. Martha Lacy, b. 6-15-1791,  
 d. 11-4-1866 (Old Union). The Muster Rolls for N.C., War of 1812 (p. 119),  
 shows William Welborn as an Ensign, 1st Regt. (p. 119)

- A-1-b-1. John Welborn(s,Thomas& ) and Jane McGee Welborn--Continued
- d. Joseph, b. 10-23-1790, d. 3-29-1875; m. 6-26-1826, Parthena Gray Gray Dawson Saxton, b. 12-22-1802, d. 12-23-1847 (Martha Bell).
  - e. Jesse, b. 1795, d. 10-15-1875 (Martha Bell).
  - f. Elisha
  - g. Easter
  - x h. Nancy, d. 11-16-1821; m. 12-19-1807, as his 1st wife, Dougan Clark, b. 10-3-1783, d. 8-23-1855, s, William and Eleanor Clark. Clark genealogy.
  - i. Susana

- A-1-c-1. William Welborn(s,James&Isabella)  
Issue by 1st marriage - to Prudence Davis:
- a. Samuel, b. 7-20-1790, d. 2-7-1869; m. 7-20-1810, Catherine Clinard, b. 12-12-1795
  - b. Cary, b. 12-24-1794, d. 1841, unmm.
  - c. Prudence; m. Thomas Kennedy, lived, McDonough Co., Ill.
  - d. Sallie; m. \_\_\_\_\_Pickett - they had a son, Billy.  
by 2nd marriage - to Rachel Payne
  - e. Thomas, m. and moved to Plymouth, McDonough Co., Ill., 1830-5.
  - f. Barnabas, b. 11-12-1812, d. 8-22-1874; m. Symira Hedgecock, b. 5-24-1814, d. 3-3-1897 - had issue
  - g. Wisdom, b. 8-29-1816, d. 12-19-1881; m. 10-1-1814, Rachel M. Filson, moved to Morgan Co., Ill., 1830-5 - had issue.
  - h. Stroud, b. 3-2-1818, d. 9-27-1840
  - i. Elizabeth, b. 5-3-1820, d. 4-29-1892; m. 8-10-1848, William H. Welsh
  - j. Isaac, b. 5-12-1822, d. 5-14-1865; m. Mary Esther Nichols (Welborn, p. 173).

#### Seventh Generation

- A-1-b-1-b. Rev. John Welborn(s,John&Jane)  
Issue by 1st marriage - to Mary Parsons: r. Randolph Co.
1. Martha, b. 1801
  2. Jane, b. 3-3-1803
  3. William J., b. 4-1-1808, d. 3-9-1892; m. 3- -1830, Eleanor Smith, b. 8-31-1811, d. 3-6-1868
  4. Evan, b. 3-20-1812; m. and said to be the father of Lutitia and of Alfred who was the father of Cynthia, wife of Jacob File, Leach genealogy.
  5. John, b. 10-1-1814, d. 11-11-1875; m. Polly Leonard Imes, a widow
  6. T. Scott, b. 6-22-1816; m. Elizabeth Doak
  7. Mary, b. 1819  
by 2nd marriage - to Priscilla Wood
  8. James Wood, b. 9-30-1820; married - he and his wife died young
  - x 9. Nancy, b. 6-16-1822, d. 4-24-1902; m. John Dorsett, b. 12-13-1815, d. 12-14-1893 (Hopewell)
  10. Eliza
  11. Wiley Kimball, b. 5-13-1829 (or 30), d. 4-16-1899; m. 12-23-1858, Miranda Evaline Holmes, b. 9-4-1843, d. 6-13-1927, Kansas City, Mo. After the death of Wiley, Miranda and the unmarried children moved to Kansas City, Mo.

- A-1-b-1-c. William Lane Welborn(s,John&Jane) and Martha Lacy Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.
1. Cyrus
  2. Jesse, b. 10-18-1812, d. 1836 (Old Union)
  3. Susannah; m. Jacob Coltrane  
They had: Daniel W., b. 6-13-1837, d. 1-27-1885  
m. 1st, Marie Cornelia Gray  
m. 2nd, Lydia Mary Gray. Gray genealogy.
  4. Nancy, b. 1-26-1820
  5. William Ruffin, b. 1-16-1823, d. 10-18-1843 (Old Union)
  6. Perry
  7. Elizabeth, b. 7-28-1827
  8. Martha  
(May not be in order of births.)

A-1-b-1-d. Joseph Welborn(s,John&Jane) and Parthena Gray Dawson Saxton Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

1. Mary Ann, b. 4-1-1827, d. 6-9-1922; m. T. Clark Fentress, b. 10- -1817,  
d. 2-20-1901 (Martha Bell).
2. Elijah (Elisha) Mendenhall, b. 3-1-1828, d. 11-11-1900; m. Margaret Clark, dt.  
William and Martha Gray Clark - had issue
3. William Lane, b. 10-8-1829, d. 10-29-1920 (Martha Bell);  
m. 1st, Parmelia Julian  
m. 2nd, Elizabeth Julian - had issue
4. Frederick Dawson, b. 4-14-1831; m. 2nd, Mrs. Mollie Brown - had issue
5. Martha Jane, b. 3-5-1833; m. Justess Farlow - had issue
6. Elizabeth Ellen, b. 3-10-1835, d. 9-6-1906; m. James Hinshaw - had issue
7. Sarah, b. 1-11-1838; m. Charles Swaim - had issue
8. Lyndon McGee, C.S.A., 1st, N.C. Regt., b. 10-20-1839, d. 11-27-1863, unm.;  
mortally wounded in the Battle of Raccoon Ford (Bell)
9. David Lindsay, b. 7-19-1843
10. Robert McFarlane, b. 5-5-1849, d. 8-16-1925; m. H. Minerva Dicks, b. 12-23-1848,  
d. 12-17-1908

They had: William C., b. 6-8-1885, d. 12-18-1908 (Bell)

A-1-c-1-a. Samuel Welborn(s,Wm.&Prudence) and Catherine Clinard Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

1. Sally, b. 10-26-1811, d. 11-9-1812
2. Daniel, b. 10-30-1812, d. 10-20-1865; m. 5-12-1838, Sarah Stuart Coffin, a widow,  
b. 10-28-1806, d. 4-23-1870.
3. Phoebe, b. 4-13-1815; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Payne
4. Henry, b. 11-10-1817, d. 2-15-1891; m. Lucinda Ellen Bodenheimer
5. Mary, b. 1-3-1820
6. Elizabeth, b. 11-20-1822; m. Joseph Pitts
7. Abigail, b. 5-5-1825; m. Samuel Pitts
8. Temperence, b. 12-27-1826; m. John Bodenheimer
9. Prudence, b. 6-7-1829; m. Isaac Payne
10. Catherine, b. 5-29-1831, d. 2-15-1879; m. William Ayers
11. Philip, b. 2-16-1833, d. 6-24-1905; m. 12-27-1859, Charlotte Bodenheimer.
12. Martha, b. 7-7-1837, d. 2-29-1839 (Welborn, p. 54)

Eighth Generation

A-1-b-1-b-3. William J. Welborn(s,John&Mary) and Eleanor Smith Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

- a. Edwin L., b. 4-11-1831
- b. John, b. 1-2-1833, d. 4-23-1915; m. 11-12-1861, Mattie Johnson, b. 12-17-1830,  
d. 1-27-1908 (Mt. Gilead), dt. Joseph and Rosannah Leach Johnson
- c. William Clark, b. 8-1-1835; m. Roxie Brandon, b. 9-25-1862
- d. Jesse H., b. 10-12-1839; d. 7-20-1907; m. 9-10-1869, Mary Dennis, b. 2-28-1844;  
d. 11-22-1920.
- e. Absolem, b. 1837, d. 5-31-1862, Battle of Seven Pines, Co., L, N.C., Regt., C.S.A.
- f. Joseph A., b. 1-12-1842
- g. Franklin, b. 12-3-1843
- h. Terry Winston, b. 2-23-1846
- i. Mary, b. 5-7-1848
- j. Sarah J., b. 1850
- k. Solomon, b. 1855

A-1-b-1-b-5. John Welborn(s,John&Mary Parsons) and Polly Leonard Imes Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

- a. Joseph Parsons; m. Malissa Royals
- b. Alson; m. Rachel Ragan (?)
- c. Elwood
- d. John Grier
- e. Margaret
- f. Martha

- A-1-b-1-b-6. T. Scott Welborn(s,John&Mary Parsons) and Elizabeth Doak Welborn  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Emma, b. 1848  
 b. Doak, b. 1852; m. Nannie Wallace of Salisbury - no children  
 (Birthdates computed from census of 1860.)
- A-1-b-1-b-8. James Wood Welborn(s,John&Priscilla) and  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Carrie; m. John McNairy who lost a leg in the service, C.S.A.  
 b. James Clay, d. 194-, at age of 80 years; practiced law in S.C.  
 c. Wyatt; m. a daughter of Wrenn Frazier of Trinity  
 d. John; m. Sallie Brooks - no children. He won the Wiley Gray Scholarship medal at  
 Trinity College; was a teacher and preacher of ability. All four of the above-  
 named were orphaned when quite young and were under the guardianship of  
 Dr. Braxton Craven who managed their farm and planned their schooling.
- A-1-b-1-b-9. John Dorsett and Nancy Welborn(dt,John&Priscilla)  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. E. Rose, M.D., b. 6-13-1844, d. 6-16-1910 (Hopewell); m. Hattie Fraley; was associ-  
 ated with the Whitehead-Stokes Sanitorium in Salisbury.  
 They had: 1. Essie who married Robert L. Lambeth  
 b. Flora; m. 2nd, Loaf Loftin (Loflin)  
 c. Treva; m. Jacob Ingram
- A-1-b-1-b-11. Wiley Kimball Welborn(s,John&Priscilla) and Miranda Eveline Holmes Welborn  
 Issue: r. Randolph Co.  
 a. Annie H., b. 6-17-1860, d. 18 mo. later  
 x b. Christena, b. 1-1-1862; m. 7- -1879, Rev. L. LeRoy Johnson, b. 8-3-1852,  
 d. 10-11-1914, Kansas City, Mo., son of Kelly and Nancy Veach Johnson.  
 Johnson genealogy  
 c. Cynthia, b. 12-25-1863  
 d. Sadie, b. 8-3-1867; m. William Andrew Plummer  
 e. Amanda, b. 10-25-1869; m. W. C. Harris  
 f. Geneva E., b. 2-6-1872, d. 1923  
 g. Annie H., b. 7-9-1874  
 h. Nancy Eliza, b. 12-11-1880; m. Ogden Bodenhammer of High Point - later moved to  
 Kansas City, Mo.  
 i. Wiley Moses, b. 1-1-1881 (Welborn - Miscel. Rec., p. 201)

#### Ninth Generation

- A-1-b-1-b-3-b. John Welborn(s,Wm.&Eleanor) and Mattie Johnson Welborn  
 Issue: r. Hoover Hill, Randolph Co.  
 1. Joseph Walter, b. 9-17-1862, d. 12-30-1928  
 2. William Lee, b. 12-6-1863  
 3. John Wesley, b. 2-22-1865; m. Mamie Hanes and settled in High Point. They had  
 no children of their own, but adopted a son, Raef, or Ralph, Welborn, in 1949,  
 said to be living in the vicinity of High Point.  
 4. Robert Clark, b. 5-22-1866, d. 11-4-1952  
 m. 1st, 8-13-1891, Guilford Co., Mary Voncannon, d. 6-3-1901 (Old Union)  
 m. 2nd, 10-23-1902, Guilford Co., Clyde Elliott Bulla, d. 12-7-1928  
 (Memorial Park, Lawrence, Kans.)  
 m. 3rd, 5-7-1930, Kansas City, Kans., Jennie Bulla  
 m. 4th, 11-7-1937, Maryetta Robins Marsh of Texas, native of Trinity, N.C.  
 x 5. Minnie S., b. 7-31-1867, d. 3-7-1931; m. 11-22-1891, Robert Plummer, b. 1-26-1852,  
 d. 1-18-1931 (Asheboro)  
 6. Carrie Ellen, b. 12-16-1868; m. 2-17-1907, Bennie Saintsing, settled 3 mi., north of  
 Thomasville. They had 7 children, 3 of whom d., inf.; one son, now dec'd,  
 married a Moore  
 x 7. Effie Elizabeth, b. 5-23-1871; m. ca. 1888, John Briles, settled in lower Randolph  
 8. Arthur Winston, b. 5-15-1873, d. 2-27-1912; m. ca. 1895, Nannie Bingham

A-1-b-1-b-3-c. William Clark Welborn(s,Wm.J.&Eleanor) and Roxie Brandon Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

1. Joshua L., b. 12-9-1864; m. 12-22-1891, Belle Royals
2. Leila, b. 1-27-1866, d. 8-21-1887
3. George G., b. 3-19-1869;  
m. 1st, 6-24-1894, Augusta Farlow, d. 2-22-1913  
m. 2nd, 8-27-1913, Ida Jenkins a widow
4. John Scott, b. 12-5-1871; m. 12-20-1899, Cadia Barbee, b. 2-6-1881, dt. William  
G. and Louisa Frazier Barbee - no children
5. Mary Alice, b. 2-8-1874, d. 7-27-1923;  
m. 1st, 8-7-1896, William F. Payne, d. 2-14-1906  
m. 2nd, 10-14-1908, Arthur Thornberry
6. Dwight Moody, b. 8-23-1876, d. 3-2-1916; m. 11-28-1897, Emma Louise Royals, dt.  
Robert Lewis and Nancy Elder Royals (See Elder)
7. Ophelia, b. 2-18-1879; m. 12-27-1897, Clay W. Jones (Welborn, 1936 Ed., p. 202)

A-1-b-1-b-3-d. Jesse H. Welborn(s,William&Eleanor) and Mary Dennis Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

1. Hattie, b. 7-28-1874, d. 7-20-1907; m. 3-22-1897, Lee Andrews Finch, 3-18-1865,  
d. 11-5-1942, s, Alfred and Lucy Andrews Finch
2. Belle; m. Cicero Lambeth
3. Josie; m. Edward Kearns
4. George; m. 1st, Allie Royals  
m. 2nd, Etta Briles, dt. John and Effie Briles

A-1-b-1-b-5-a. Joseph Parsons Welborn(s,John&Polly) and Malissa Royals Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

1. Georgianna; m. Filmore Underwood - large family
2. Charles Scott; m. Fannie Hanner
3. John Lee; m. Estella Farlow
4. Minnie Jane; m. Roland Jordan
5. Robert Lindsay; m. 1st, Ora Ridge  
m. 2nd, Jane Leonard
6. Nancy Cornelia; m. Walter Kennedy
7. Ernest Walter; m. 1st, Nancy Green;  
m. 2nd, Nora Kanoy (Welborn - Misc. Rec., pp. 202-3)

#### Tenth and Eleventh Generations

A-1-b-1-b-3-b-4. Robert Clark Welborn(s,John&Mattie)

- Issue:- by 1st marriage - to Mary Voncannon: r. Randolph Co.; Kansas (after 1904)
- a. Mattie, b. 4-28-1893; m. Walter F. Meyer, d. 1939; r. Ottawa, Kans. They had a son  
and two daughters all of whom were married prior to 1953
  - b. John William, b. 10-14-1894; m. 10- -1918, Ruth Ullom of El Centro, Calif.  
They had: They had: 1. Robert Edward, b. 1-5-1920  
2. Margaret, b. 12-24-1921
  - c. Fred Wilmot, twin of John W.; m. Lois Small of Iowa, Fred, author of "The Mutual  
Growth of Nationality", and an instructor at the University of Maryland
  - d. Robert Edward, b. 8-1-1896; married and living in Wichita, Kans.
  - e. Rankin Perry, b. 1-31-1898; married and living in Lyndon, Kans.  
by 2nd marriage - to Clyde E. Bulla:
  - f. Mary Clyde, b. 2-4-1905, teacher of Music, Greensboro, N.C.
  - g. Edith Ruth, b. 11-7-1906

A-1-b-1-b-3-b-5. Robert Plummer and Minnie Welborn(dt,John&Mattie) Plummer  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

- a. Fred Olin, b. 10-7-1892, d. 1-3-1955; m. 11-15-1913, Maude Alley Nance
- b. Nannie Lee, b. 6-28-1895, d. 2-28-1915
- c. John S., b. 10-30-1896; m. 11-7-1917, Dora Bon Remeyr.
- d. Robert Ray, b. 12-10-1898; m. 9-2-1922, Alice Belia Satterfield
- e. Tishia Eugenia, b. 2-12-1902; m. 11-28-1918, William Elmer Harper  
(Contributed by Fred Olin Plummer)

A-1-b-1-b-3-b-7. John Briles and Effie Elizabeth Welborn(dt,John&Mattie) Briles  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

- a. Charles, of Pomona Kans.
- b. Thomas, of Paducah, Ky.
- c. Dalton, of Greensboro
- d. Austin, of Greensboro
- e. Ettie; m. George Welborn of High Point  
They had: 1. John - probably others
- f. Winnie; m. Enos Skeen  
They had: 4 sons and 4 daughters

A-1-b-1-b-3-c-6. Dwight Moody Welborn(s,Wm.&Roxie) and Emma Royals Welborn  
Issue: r. Randolph Co.

- a. Lois, b. 9-21-1898; m. 1-10-1948, Paris Cecil Smith
- b. Roy Clark, b. 3-9-1901; m. 6-30-1929, Dorothy Stamey  
They had: 1. William Dwight, b. 2-11-1933  
2. Robert Stamey, b. 11-23-1939  
3. Frances Louise, b. 9-25-1942
- c. Berta Louise, b. 10-13-1902, d. 1-3-1923
- d. Velna Elizabeth, b. 11-16-1905; m. 11-28-1929, George Herbert Sumner, M.D.,  
b. 3-8-1900, d. 12-13-1953, son of David Spurgeon and Wincy Juliet Black  
Sumner  
They had: 1. David Spurgeon, b. 2-20-1933  
2. Velna Elizabeth, b. 11-25-1935
- e. Ila Ogden, b. 4-19-1908; m. 12-23-1933, Glenn Southern  
They had: 1. James Moody, b. 2-17-1939
- f. Vance Moody, b. 7-29-1910; m. 5-10-1936, Alice Lewallen Welborn
- g. Howard Blatz, b. 5-12-1912

### ROBERT CLARK WELBORN

Robert Clark Welborn - Clark Welborn to his intimate friends - was born May 22, 1866, in Randolph county at Hoover Hill, not far from Sheppard Mountain. He was a great-great-great-grandson of Samuel Welborn (Wellesbourne) who, sometime after 1723, settled in North Carolina. His mother was a great granddaughter of John Johnston who on January 9, 1773, bought land on the waters of Carraway creek, in what is now Randolph county.

For one year, 1886-87, Clark attended Trinity College which at that time was located in Randolph. In the fall of 1887 he went to Dayton, Virginia, where Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, now Shenandoah College, was being organized. While pursuing a course in music at Shenandoah, he did substitute teaching in the institute and, during week-ends, held singing conventions in Rockingham and Page counties. He also helped to organize the band that later won an international award. Clark received the first diploma that was awarded by Shenandoah. On December 18, 1949, the sixtieth anniversary of Clark's graduation, a facsimile of his diploma was hung, with appropriate ceremony, in the library of his alma mater. Not one of the faculty members of 1889 was living and Clark was physically unable to attend on that occasion.

After his graduation, Clark returned to Randolph where, on August 13, 1891, he was married to Mary Voncannon. To this union five children were born. Mary died in 1902 and in 1905, Clark married Clyde Bulla, whom he had known since childhood. Clyde was the mother of Clark's two daughters. For fourteen years, Clark taught organ, conducted singing schools, and directed the song service in evangelistic meetings. Two years after his second marriage, in order that he might have more time at home with his family, he gave up his music career and turned farmer. In 1904, convinced that Kansas had more to offer in the way of farming and in educational advantages for his children, Clark moved his family to that state.

As a Kansas farmer Clark became a leader - a Record Granger, Director of the unions of stockmen and dairymen, and pioneer in merchandized farming and dairying. One of the most cherished honors was his nomination, in 1926, as Master Farmer of Kansas. He produced and marketed large quantities of spuds, wheat, corn, hay, hogs, dairy cows, and dairy products. On some he lost money, yet he managed to give all seven of his sons and daughters a college education. The outstanding scholastic attainments of his children were to him the source of joy and pride.

Clyde, Clark's second wife, died in 1928. In 1937, he was married to another Randolph countian, Mrs. Maryetta Robins Marsh. Seven years later, Clark and Maryetta retired to "Rest Haven," the family home, south of Baldwin City. A church worker from his youth, Clark continued to serve wherever he was needed - as Sunday school superintendent, Bible Class teacher, or song leader. His favorite pastimes were market gardening, local history, and genealogy. He worked with the Wochovia Historical Society of Winston-Salem, the Randolph County Historical Society, and with historians in Dayton, Virginia. For more than sixty years, he contributed to newspapers in North Carolina: the Asheboro Courier (Randolph Co.); the High Point Enterprise and Greensboro Daily News (Guilford Co.); and the Winston-Salem Republican (Forsyth Co.). He cooperated with the Wochovia Society in compiling a history of the century-old Moravian Mission among the Muncie and Chippewah Indians of Kansas.

He was a constant source of material and inspiration in the compiling of the Johnson and Welborn lines in this genealogy. The following, from a letter he wrote on October 1, 1950, tells of the beginning of the end of his earthly life: "Then, two months ago, I suffered a heart attack and brain hemorrhage and have since been out but a few times. . . I am only 84 and, until lately, had never thought of this as being old. . . My memory is not clear, but I'm hoping that it will clear up soon for I do enjoy writing." Then a postscript, telling of honors bestowed on one of his sons for outstanding achievements as author and teacher of American history. In closing, "He is only one of my seven children; I have six others just as talented. I know you will pardon me for being proud of them."

In the two letters that followed he expressed regret that, because of his inability to think clearly, he could no longer be of assistance. "But don't hesitate to ask me questions," he added. The letter dated April 6, 1951 (which proved to be the last) was closed with these words: "Write me at any time . . . our working together on The Johnsons and Their Kin has been a wonderful help . . . to make life worth living."

On November 4, 1952, while asleep at Rest Haven, Clark Welborn passed into the realm of immortality. His remains were laid to rest in the family plot in Memorial Park at Lawrence, Kansas.



## UWHARRIE RIVER

This picturesque stream flows through the middle belt of the western half of Randolph. Uwharrie Creek, a western tributary, rises south of the map area. Uwharrie was given its name by German refugees who settled in what was to become Randolph, about the year 1690. They called it Werra in honor of the Werra River in lower Saxony. In their homeland werra meant to whirl, therefore, river of mills (Blair, p. 33).

In the year 1737, Henry Eustace McCulloh (McCulloch, McCulloch) wrote as follows: ". . . From King George II . . . I am entitled to eight grants, each of them to contain 12,500 acres of land lying on the branches of Pedee and Wheree Rivers in North Carolina" (Col. Rec., Vol. VI, p. 570).

Other spellings found in the early records are Huwara, Hugwary, Uharie, and Uwharry. The modern prefixes, "Hu" and "U," are perversions of the adjective "New." (Blair, p. 33.)

The William Merrill farm, later known as the Daniel Merrill home place, and on which the "Nigger Mountain" is located, is traversed by Uwharrie Creek.

### Origin of Counties Shown in Map of Union Institute Community

(Back to the Original County of Bath, formed in 1696)

County	When Formed	County Seat	Parent County
Davidson	1822	Lexington	Rowan
Randolph	1779	Asheboro	Guilford
Guilford	1770	Greensboro	Orange & Rowan
Orange	1753	Hillsboro	Granville
Granville	1746	Oxford	Edgecombe
Edgecombe	1735	Tarboro	Bertie
Bertie	1722	Winsor	Bath
Rowan	1753(Apr. 7)	Salisbury	Anson
Anson	1749-50	Wadesboro	Bladen
Bladen	1734	Elizabethtown	Bath
Bath	1696	(discontinued, 1739)	Original Co.

## LOCATION OF GRAVES

Adamsville	- church cemetery, Adamsville, McNairy Co., Tenn.
Bell	- family burialground of Martha Bell, south east Randolph Co.*
Boone	- Watauga Co., N.C.
Cedar Valley	- M.E. Church, near Lenoir, Caldwell Co., N.C.
Combs	- cemetery, east of Adamsville, McNairy, Tenn.
Deep River	- Friends' Church, between High Point and Greensboro, Guilford Co.
Ebenezer	- Church, north west Randolph Co.
Englewood	- Clinton, Henry Co., Mo.
Fairfield	- Church, Orange Co., N.C.
Fair Grove	- M.E. Church, 2-1/2 mi., south west of Thomasville, Davidson Co., N.C.
Fairhaven	- Orange County, Calif.
Flint Hill	- Church, near Fairview, Randolph Co.
Friedburg	- Moravian Church, Forsyth Co., near Winston-Salem, N.C.
Harper-Gray	- Family burial ground, ca. 2-1/2 mi. south west of Trinity, Randolph Co.
Holly Springs	- Friends' Church, Randolph Co., 5 mi. south of Ramseur
Hopewell	- M.E. Church, Randolph Co., 2 mi. west of Trinity
Lower Creek	- Caldwell Co., near Lenoir, N.C.
Lineberry	- Church, south east Davidson Co., near Denton
Little River	- Presbyterian Church, Orange (after 1770, Guilford) Co., N.C. ca. 11 mi. north of Halifax
Lytle	- Family Burial Ground, N.E. Randolph Co., Hillville
Marlboro	- Friends' Church, east of Hillville, Randolph Co.
Merrill	- Family burial ground, N.E. Randolph, near Andrews Grove
Memorial Park	- City cemetery, Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kans.
Mt. Gilead	- M.E. Church, N.E. Randolph Co., ca. 12 mi. south of Thomasville
New Friendship	- Baptist Church, Forsyth Co., near Winston-Salem
Prospect	- M.E. Church, Davidson Co., a few mi. N.W. of Thomasville
Sheppard	- M.E. Church, Randolph Co., vicinity of Sheppard Mt.
Springfield	- Friend's Church, Guilford Co., near High Point
Teays Chapel	- Henry Co., Mo.
Trinity	- Community Burial Ground, Randolph Co., in Old Trinity
Westfield	- St. Clair Co., Mo., at Deep Water
Oakwood	- City Cemetery, High Point
Old Union	- Friends' Church, Randolph Co., near Hillville
Old Vernon	- Primitive Baptist Church, Forsyth Co., 5-1/2 mi. south of Winston-Salem

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\*Martha McFarlane McGee Bell was born in 1735 and died September 9, 1820. She was the second wife of Col. John McGee by whom she had several children. Her second husband was William Bell who died October, 1821 (Welborn, p. 54). In November, 1953 an historic marker was placed at the Martha Bell graveyard (sometimes called Welborn graveyard), located about one mile north east of Old Union church.

## THE LYTLE FAMILY BURIAL GROUND

This graveyard is located a few hundred yards east of the Carl Hill store at Hillville (four or five miles south of Archdale, formerly known as Bush Hill). It is on the home place of Henry Lytle, father-in-law of John and Joseph Johns(t)on and Daniel Merrill. The Lytle land and spring are a part of the Carl Hill dairy farm and are within sight of the old home place of John Johnston (I) that is currently owned and occupied by Rev. Sam Nelson.

This hallowed spot, said by one who has lived near it for years to contain about forty graves, would hardly be recognized as a burial ground. In 1954 only five of the gravestones could be found; four of these had been dislodged from the graves they had marked and were scattered about. Erected before the days of commercialized grave stones, all of the markers were handmade of native rock and carved with the crude tools of the early 1800's.

Under the bed of leaves and periwinkle are fragments of slate and rough stone that have the appearance of being the remains of original markers. The only one that was intact in November, 1954, was that of John Johns(t)on who was a captain in the American Revolution. This marker, a 4x9x36 inch slab of slate rock, was more than one-half in the ground which fact accounts for its being in its original position in 1954. The epitaph, consisting of the date of his death, "May----1802," and his initials, "J.J.," is still legible.

It is probable that Capt. Johns(t)on's wife, his parents, and his brother Henry (killed by the Tories in 1780-81) are also buried this plot.

### ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

b.	- born	ibid.	- the same source
ca.	- about (circa)	m.	- married
cmou.	- condoned marriage out of unity	M.B.	- Marriage Bond
d.	- died	M.M.	- Monthly Meeting
dmou.	- disowned, married out of unity	pbt.	- probated
d.unm.	- died unmarried	roc.	- received on certificate
dt.	- daughter of	s.	- son of
dtd.	- dated	r.	- place of residence
gtc.	- got certificate	twp.	- township

The underlining of a man's name indicates that he will appear in the succeeding generation as head of a family.

The burialplace of a person (or couple) is indicated by the name of the cemetery in parenthesis immediately after the death date (See Location of Cemeteries).

North Carolina cities, towns, and counties are not accompanied by the name of the state.

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