

DESCENDANTS
OF
EDWARD ANCELL
OF
VIRGINIA



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ANCELL

The first of the name in Virginia was Edward Ancell, who was born (so Family Bible) in Oxford County, England, Oct. 4, 1748. After a brief residence in Calvert Co., Md., he bought in Orange Co., Va., April, 1779, 200 acres of land on Taylor's Run, cornering on John Goodall's land (see Orange Co. Deed Book 17, p. 164). This was bought in conjunction with John Williams, whose interest was later bought by Ancell (Deed Book 21, p. 358). This John Williams (b. 1754, from Calvert Co., Md.; sergt. in Revolution; present at surrender of Cornwallis—Chalkley II: 499) was Ancell's brother-in-law, having married a sister of Ancell's wife: see Will of Mary Catterton, Orange County, 1812, and other records.

Edward Ancell the immigrant married Sarah Catterton (Family Bible) who was born in Calvert Co., Md., Nov. 15, 1755. He died in 1832; Will recorded Orange Co. Will Book 7, p. 451, reading as follows:—

“In the name of God Amen. I Edward Ancell of the County of Orange and State of Virginia being in a weak and infirm but of sound sense and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life the certainty of death, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following: and first I bequeath my soul to God who gave it to me hoping at the general resurrection to receive forgiveness for all my sins and for what world goods it hath pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath in the following manner: Item, I lend the whole of my estate both real and personal to my loving wife Sarah during her natural life and at her death I lend the land whereon I now live to my daughter Mary and my son John, to be enjoyed by them during each of their single estate. Item, my will and desire after my wife's is that my son John should have my negro man Harry and my dark bay horse to him and his heirs forever. Item, my will and desire that the balance of my estate not already given nor loned away should be sold on twelve months credits, the purchaser giving bond and approved security and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided in ten parts after my just debts are paid giving one part to my daughter Ann Marshall, one part to my son Henry Ancell's

children, one part to my son Robert Ancell's, one part to my son Edward Ancell, one part to my son William Ancell's children, one part to my son Michael Ancell, one part to my son James Ancell, one part to my daughter Elizabeth Lacy, one part to my daughter Mary Ancell, one part to my son John Ancell, to them and their heirs forever. Item, My will and desire is after the marriage of my daughter and son John Ancell the land that I lent them is to be sold and divided as hereafter directed. Lastly I appoint my son Michael Ancell and John Ancell whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament, revoking all other will or wills heretofore made by me, acknowledging this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of December, 1831.

(Signed) Edward Ancell."

Witnessed by Jn. Mallory, Charles Parrott, & William Catterton.
Proven and recorded March 26, 1832.

Issue of Edward and Sarah (Catterton) Ancell:

- I. Ann, m. Thomas Marshall, Dec. 27, 1803, in Orange Co.
- II. Henry, m. Nancy Beazley, Dec. 31, 1801, in Orange Co. (dau. of John, dec'd). John Beazley's widow, Mildred, md. John Williams.
- III. Robert, m. Frances Pearson, Sept. 6 (or Aug. 27) 1804, in Orange Co.
- IV. Edward C., m. Ann Winn, Aug. 30, 1813, in Fluvanna Co., Va.
- V. William, m. and had children, legatees under grandfather's will. No further record of them.
- VI. Michael, m. Nancy Williams, Dec. 23, 1816 (see Orange Co. Marriage Bonds of that year).
- VII. James, m. Frances Estes, dau. of Edmund Estes, Jan 2, 1816, in Orange Co.
- VIII. Elizabeth, m. Allan R. Lacy, Oct. 21, 1816, in Orange Co.
- IX. Mary.
- X. John.

The marriages of Ann, Henry, Robert, and James are recorded in an old Register of Marriages, a thin unbound book in the office of the Clerk of Orange County. That of Edward C. is recorded in Fluvanna County Clerk's office, as well as in his Family Bible.

I. Ann Ancell married Thomas Marshall, Dec. 27, 1833.

The Orange Co. records show (Deed Book 20, p. 418, and other records *passim*) that this Thomas Marshall came from Arnold Co., Maryland, about 1794; and ten years later (Deed Book 23, p. 252) he with his wife Nancy had removed to Bedford Co., Va. From the records of the latter County it appears that he had several children by an earlier marriage, and that the only issue of his marriage with Ann Ancell was a daughter Elizabeth, who on Jan. 24, 1820, married George Pollard (Bedford Co. Records). Thomas Marshall died in 1819; will recorded in Bedford County.

Ann Ancell Marshall died about 1841; her will, from Bedford Co. records, is as follows:—

In the name of God Amen, I Nancy Martial of the County of Bedford being through the abundant mercy and Goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound understanding and memory do Constitute this my last Will And Testament.

Item I give to my daughter Betsey all the property That I have accumulated, since the death of my husband Thomas Martial Viz, One cow one yearling one bedstead Bed and furniture one chest one small table one small Pot and all other Household and Kitchen Furniture and also the rent of my plantation for this year 1837 And for the safe management of my Estate I do appoint George Pollard Executor of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of May one thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven

(Signed) Nancy { ^{her}
x
mark } Martial

Witness: John Pollard, Jr.

John Pollard, Sr.

The above Will was proved and recorded May 26, 1841.

II. Henry Ancell married, Dec. 31, 1801 (bond dated Dec. 28)

Nancy Beazley, d. 1856 in Scott Co., Mo. She was the daughter of John Beazley and had a brother James and a sister Sarah who married Richard Williams. (Orange Co. D. B. 22, p. 346). From the will of Edward Ancell it is shown that Henry had children, living in 1831; he had removed to Todd

Co. Ky., and his children removed to Missouri near Cape Girardeau, where they prospered.

The ANCELL family in Missouri, Scott County.

Henry Ancell & wife Nancy Beazley had the following named children:

1. Washington Ancell, born November 21, 1803, married Elizabeth Whitelaw, who died in 1899. Probably she was also of Beazley descent. Issue below.
 2. Thornton Wills Ancell, born March 7, 1805, md. 1st Miss Williams, and 2nd Elvira Wright. Issue below.
 3. Paschall Ancell, born Dec. 5, 1807. He married Martha Whitelaw, probably his relative, being of Beazley descent. (See Will of James Beazley, Orange Co., Va., 1821). Issue below.
 4. John Dierte Ancell, born June 3, 1812, married Jane Rogers Clark, whose father lived about 10 miles north of Cape Girardeau. Issue below.
 5. James Beazley Ancell, twin to John D., md. Frances Adeline Clark, "of Cape Girardeau." (Was she sister of Jane, above?) Issue below.
 6. Henry Ancell, born February 3, 1816, md. Martha Campster, and in 1916 was said to have "one living grandchild." Issue below.
 7. Harriet Ancell, only daughter, b. June 4, 1810, died in infancy.
- (1) Washington Ancell & Elizabeth Whitelaw had (Mrs. Keys & Mr. E. Joyce):
8. Washington D. Ancell, md. Isabella Susan Goddard. Issue below.
 9. Clay Ancell, md. Miss Davidson.
 10. Jennie Ancell, md. ————— Burns.
 11. Josephine Ancell, md. ————— Daniels.
 12. Minerva Ancell, md. ————— Hamilton.
 13. Gabrielle Ancell, md. ————— Deane.

14. Mary Jane Ancell, md. in 1854 Alonzo Clark, born 1832, son of Phaniel Clark & wife Marcella Pennington, of Christian County, Ky., and later of Scott Co., Mo. Issue below. (See D. A. R. Mag., February, 1932, p. 121).
- (2) Thornton Wills Ancell had, but by which wife not told:
(Mr. Joyce)
15. John Ancell.
 16. Sarah Ancell.
 17. Leander Ancell.
 18. James Harvey Ancell born 1835; md. 1868 Mrs. Emmeline (Baldwin) Wiley, widow of Wilson Wiley. Issue below.
 19. Parthenia Ancell.
 20. Thornton Alfred Ancell, died about September 1888; md. in 1881, Margaret Jane Barker, born about 1864, dau. of John Barker. Issue below.
 21. Georgia Ann Ancell, born April 23, 1830, md. in Scott Co., Mo., in 1847, Edward Joyce. Issue below.
 22. Mildred Ancell, md. a Mr. McKinley (so another informant). She was living in 1916.
- (3) Paschall Ancell had:
23. Clay Ancell.
 24. Martha Ancell.
 25. Delia Ancell.
 26. Nancy Ancell, living in 1931; md. Abner Greyer. (Another informant says md. Greene).
- (4) John Dierte Ancell & Jane Rogers Clark had (their son J. E. A.):
27. Mary Josephine Ancell, d. in infancy.
 28. James Henry Ancell, d. unmarried, aged about 25.

29. John Clark Ancell, d. unmarried.
 30. George Washington Ancell.
 31. Columbus Dierte Ancell.
 32. Beverley Clay Ancell
 33. Edward Shriener Ancell.
 34. Sarah Jane Ancell.
 35. Virginia Ann Ancell.
 36. Samuel Lerethes Ancell.
 37. Joseph Elery Ancell b. April 27, 1856; d. June 14, 1932. He gave in November 1930, this list of his father's children. He was then living at 118 Frisco St., Chaffee, Mo. His daughter Miss Rella J. Ancell, 5400 Arsenal St., St. Louis, Mo., wrote Sept. 16, 1932.
- (5) James Beazley Ancell and Frances Adeline Clark had:
38. Emma Ancell, md. Walter Goddard.
 39. Sarah M. Ancell, md. Samuel McFerron.
 40. Josephine Ancell, md. Marion Rhodes. Widow in 1916.
 41. Martha J. Ancell, md. William Rhodes.
 42. James Paschal Ancell, b. about 1865, md. in 1901 Nora Joyce.
 43. Artemisia Ancell (?)
All these were living in 1931.
- (6) Henry Ancell & Martha Campster had (Mr. Edward Joyce):
44. John Ancell.
 45. Price Ancell.
- (8) Washington D. Ancell & Isabella Susan Goddard had (with 5 others died young):
46. Albert Clay Ancell, b. near New Madrid, Mo., Oct. 22, 1872, d. Oct. 19, 1912, md. about 1895 Anna

Maria Moore, and lived near Cape Girardeau.
Issue below.

47. Ralph Ancell, b. 1878, d. unmarried in 1904.
- (14) Mary Jane Ancell & Alonzo Clark had (grand-daughter Mrs. Keys):
48. Nora Clark, md. W. R. Juden.
49. James N. Clark, md. Elizabeth M. Alford. They had 6 living children, among them a daughter Minnie, who before 1930 md. a Mr. Keys, and has supplied this list.
- (18) James Harvey Ancell & Mrs. Emmeline Baldwin Wiley had:
50. Mary Ancell, md. Mr. Rush, of Fonfelt, Mo.
51. Ada Ancell, md. Mr. McFerron, of Advance, Mo.
52. Norma Ancell, md. Mr. Ross, of Advance, Mo.
53. Alice Ancell, md. Mr. Stone, of St. Louis, Mo.
- (20) Thornton Ancell, Jr., & Margaret Jane Barker had (their dau. Mrs. Pace):
54. Alonzo Ancell, b. Oct. 11, 1881, d. April, 1913; railroad conductor and in grocery business at Elmo, Mo. He md. September 30, 1907, Lula Allman. They had a son Marshall Ancell, b. in 1908, d. young, and a daughter Marie Ancell, b. Jan. 10, 1910.
55. David Glenn Ancell, b. 1883, d. young.
56. Florence Luella Ancell, md. May 4, 1905, Joel Pleasant Pace, a railroad man; they live at 641 Young St., Neosho, Mo., and have the following named children.
- Glenn Alpheus Pace, b. Jan 14, 1906, d. in October of same year.
- Howard Eugene Pace, b. Nov. 26, 1907.
- Wilson Ancell Pace, b. Jan. 14, 1910.

Weldon Roy Pace, twin to Wilson.
Edna Mae Pace, b. July 12, 1911.
Lillian Margaret Pace, b. Oct. 30, 1912, d. 1913.
Herbert Melvin Pace, b. Feb. 24, 1914
Robert Joseph Pace, b. Aug. 20, 1918.
Mildred Ruth Pace, b. March 1, 1922, d. 1922.
Helen Louise Pace, b. July 27, 1925.

57. Thornton Harvey Ancell b. Feb. 2, 1889, md. Dec. 26, 1916, Edna May Mathews, of St. Louis. They live at 402 Yoakum Avenue, Chaffee, Mo. No living children.

(21) Georgia Ann Ancell & Edward Joyce had (their son Edward):

58. Sarah Elvira Joyce, b. Nov. 29, 1851.
59. Edward Thornton Joyce, b. June 22, 1856.
60. Thomas English Joyce, b. June 3, 1858.
61. Mary Louisa Joyce, b. Feb. 3, 1861.
62. Martha Jane Joyce, b. Dec. 30, 1862.
63. Hannah Beatrice Joyce, b. Aug. 7, 1865.
64. Annie Parthenia Joyce, b. Aug. 18, 1867.
65. Robert Lee Joyce, b. May 28, 1869.
66. Addie Delilah Joyce, b. Nov. 27, 1870.
67. Georgia Mildred Joyce, b. Oct. 18, 1876.

(46) Albert Clay Ancell & Anna Maria Moore had (herself):

68. Ralph Leslie Ancell, b. Aug. 4, 1896.
69. Clyta Isabella Ancell, b. Aug. 12, 1898.
70. Leon Uriel Ancell, b. Nov. 20, 1900.
71. Lynn Albert Ancell, twin to Leon.
72. Frederick Moore Ancell, b. Dec. 2, 1903.
73. Lillian Marie Ancell, b. Sept. 17, 1906.
74. Harold Washington Ancell, b. Aug. 31, 1909.
75. Walter Clay Ancell, b. Nov. 12, 1911.

III. Robert Ancell, in 1804, married Frances Pearson, daughter of Robert Pearson, who in his Will, dated Aug. 2, 1805, (Orange Co. W.B.4, p. 303) leaves Fifty Pounds cash to each of his grand-children Phelicia and Edward Ancell, to remain in the hands of Executors till they come to lawful age. These two children would be of age by 1829. Ancell's wife seems to have died before her father's will.

Albemarle County, May 12, 1835, one Robert Ancell married Harriet Boswell; and in September, 1835, these two unite in a deed selling to Edward Ancell of Orange

County a tract of 146.5 acres of land for \$150: the land being immediately on the line which divides the County of Albemarle from Orange, a few acres of the survey being in Albemarle County. This is perhaps father selling to son; in which case we know that Robert Ancell was still living in 1835, though he does not appear again in the Orange County records.

Mr. Edward A. Lacy, son of Elizabeth Ancell Lacy, writes that the aforementioned Phelisha Ancell married a man named Huffman, and lived in Rockingham County.

IV. Edward Catterton Ancell, born Dec. 25, 1781, died Aug. 12, 1866. He married in Fluvanna Co., Aug. 30, 1813, Ann Winn (b. Aug. 10, 1791, d. May 30, 1862), daughter of Maj. Thomas Winn and his wife Elizabeth Dabney Anderson. Lived in Fluvanna Co. on a farm given to his wife by her father, which lay on James River, its eastern boundary being Bremo Creek. Both Edward C. and wife Ann Ancell are buried at "Lowfields," the old Winn homestead. Their issue:

1. Thomas Winn Ancell, b. April 24, 1815, d. March 30, 1885, in Doddridge Co., W. Va Issue below.
2. Lucetta Todd Ancell, b. May 17, 1817.
3. Edward James Ancell, b. Oct. 16, 1818; died single about 1852, and is buried at St. Mary's, Ohio.

4. William Henry Ancell, b. Nov. 12, 1822, md. Nov. 24, 1853, Adeline Cleveland. Issue below.
5. Elizabeth Ann Ancell, b. Aug. 3, 1825; is buried in Grace Church yard, Bremono Bluff, Va.
6. Benjamin Franklin Ancell, b. June 6, 1828; killed in the Civil War. "Lieut. B. F. Ancell, a meritorious officer, was killed at Bethesda Church, May 30, 1864" (Official War Records).
7. John Jay Ancell, b. Sept. 21, 1831, d. March 31, 1894, and is buried at Grace Church, Bremono Bluff, Va. Issue below.

(All the above except dates of death and place of burial is from the Family Bible of Edward C. Ancell).

- (1) Thomas Winn Ancell md. (1) on Dec. 2, 1845 (Albemarle Co. Marriage Register), Mildred N. Moon. They removed to Lewis County, West Va., and she died (so old letter) when her youngest child was one year old. Issue:

8. Nathaniel Moon Ancell, b. 1846, d. 1895.
9. Edward C. Ancell.
10. William Henry Ancell, b. Feb. 20, 1852.
11. Thomas Winn Ancell, Jr., b. Sept. 7, 1854.
12. John Franklin Ancell.

He married (2) about 1872 Miss Elizabeth Duvall, who died Sept. 28, 1883. Issue:

13. Benjamin Anderson Ancell, b. May 11, 1874, d. 1887.
14. Frank Lee Ancell, b. Oct. 17, 1876, d. (single) 1901.

- (4) William Henry Ancell, b. Nov. 12, 1822, md. Nov. 24, 1853, Adeline Cleveland, daughter of William Cleveland and———Moon. Issue:

15. Sallie Ann Ancell, b. April 25, 1855; never married.
16. Edward James Ancell, b. 1856; died young.
17. William Henry Ancell, Jr.; died about 1880 while a student at Richmond College.
18. Virginia Adeline Ancell, md. (his second wife)

- Sidney W. Pace, of Fluvanna. They removed to Roanoke. Issue below.
19. Benjamin Winn Ancell, b. May 15, 1866, md. Gertrude Daniel, daughter of James Edward Daniel of Cumberland County and his wife Eleanora Pettit. Issue below.
 20. Vincent Cleveland Ancell, b. Aug. 8, 1872, md. April 28, 1892, Helen Grena Toney, daughter of Riely and Mary Susan (Thomas) Toney. Issue below.
- (7) John Jay Ancell, Captain in the Confederate Army, and Elizabeth Pettit his wife had issue:
21. Edmonia Ancell.
 22. Annie Ancell, md. T. Ashby Payne. Issue below.
 23. William Franklin Ancell.
 24. Benjamin Lucius Ancell, b. May 15, 1868, d. Nov. 30, 1933; md. Frances Cattell.
 25. Joseph Jay Ancell, md. Myrtie Jennings. Issue below.
- (18) Virginia Adeline Ancell and her husband Sidney W. Pace had issue:
26. Natalie Ancell Pace, md. Sidney Small.
 27. Willard Winn Pace, who lives in Washington.
- (19) Benjamin Winn Ancell and his wife Eleanora Pettit had issue; besides a son who died young:
28. Hazel Ancell, who married W. Howard Ransom. Issue below.
 29. Virginia Ancell.
- (20) Vincent Cleveland Ancell and his wife Helen Grena Toney have issue:
30. Vincent Cleveland Ancell, Jr., b. Oct. 16, 1893, md. July 3, 1918, Irene Lorraine Neilson, in Elkton, Md. They have two children; Patricia Yvonne and

Vincent Cleveland III.

31. William Guy Ancell, b. June 6, 1898, md. Nov. 8, 1923, Edith Louise Councill, daughter of Uncas Mineco Councill of Richmond and his wife Dora Belle Johnson of Jackson, Miss.
 32. Helen Adeline Ancell, b. Oct. 2, 1899; died young.
 33. Philip Winn Ancell, b. Sept. 5, 1903.
 34. Marjorie May Ancell, b. June 29, 1906.
- (22) Annie Ancell and her husband T. Ashby Payne have issue:
35. Ellen Ashby Payne.
- (25) Joseph Jay Ancell and his wife Myrtie Jennings have issue:
36. Edward Franklin Ancell, md. Annie Beel Carter.
 37. Evelyn Ancell.
 38. Margaret Ancell.
 39. Elizabeth Ancell.
 40. James Ancell.
- (28) Hazel Ancell and her husband W. Howard Ranson have issue:
41. Margaret Ancell Ranson, b. May 1, 1921.
 42. Howard Winn Ranson. b. July 28, 1923.
 43. Hazel Gertrude Ranson, b. Jan. 23, 1925.
 44. Samuel Treat Ranson, b. May 26, 1926.

VI. Michael Ancell & Nancy Williams had (Mrs. Frazier):

1. John Sims Ancell. md. Frances Bouett Yager. Issue below.
2. Francis Williams Ancell, md. in Virginia his cousin Lucetta Todd Ancell. They had four sons, all of whom died in infancy or childhood.
3. Mary Ann Ancell, md. John Route. They had several children, only one of whom, Frank Miller Route, was living in 1933. But a grand-daughter

of Mrs. Mary Ann Ancell Route is Mrs. Mamie Gipson, 915 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa.

(1) John Sims Ancell & Frances Bouett Yager had (Mrs. Frazier):

4. Nancy Ancell, md. Robert Hardy. No issue. She lived till a few years ago.
5. Sallie Ancell, md. Stephen Warren. One of their children is Mrs. Joe Shaw, Cairo, Randolph Co., Mo.
6. Mary Fanny Ancell, md. John William Walker. They lived near Jacksonville, Mo., where she died in May 1932, aged 84; so was born in 1848. One of her children is Mrs. Ella Polson, Box 363, Filer, Idaho.
7. A daughter who had died before 1914.
8. A son, living in 1914.

VIII. James Ancell and wife Frances Estes lived near Jacksonville, in the northern part of Randolph Co., Mo.

They had:

1. John E. Ancell, lived near Darksville (Huntsville), Mo. He was born Oct. 8, 1830; md. Jan. 7, 1855, in Albemarle Co., Va., Mildred Herndon. He was a carpenter. Issue below.
 2. Margaret Ann Ancell, b. 1831, d. Oct. 21, 1902; md. Edward Oliver. Issue below.
- (1) John E. Ancell and Martha Mildred Herndon had:
3. John Ancell, died before 1931; never married.
 4. Martha Ancell, living in 1931 at Darksville; md. William Gaines.
 5. Lucetta Ancell, died before 1931; md. Howell Dowding; lived near Jacksonville, Mo.

(2) Margàret Ann Ancell and Edward Oliver had:

6. Elizabeth Ann Oliver, born June 21, 1859; died July 8, 1923; md. Elijah Butler, of Mo., son of Elijah K. Butler, of Ky., and wife Katie.

7. Edward Oliver, living in 1931 at Jacksonville, Mo.

(6) Elizabeth Ann Oliver and Elijah Butler had, with others who all died young:

8. Virgie Butler, b. Nov. 22, 1881; md. Jan. 8, 1914, Cyrus Frazier. Address: 105 Library St., Huntsville, Mo. (It is she who supplied this data).

9. Orville Butler, b. Feb. 19, 1897 (?); md. June 2, 1916, Louisa A. Purdon. They live about four miles east of Cairo, Mo.

The above is a deduction based on data supplied by Mrs. Virgie Frazier.

VIII. Elizabeth Ancell md. Allan Raines Lacy in 1816. They lived in Bath County, Va., and left three sons and six daughters. (For names and records, see Lacy List).

Allen Lacy and wife Elizabeth sell their reversionary interests in some slaves devised to Sarah Ancell (mother of Elizabeth Lacy) by her sister Polly Catterton, which slaves were to go after Sarah's death to her daughter Elizabeth Lacy. (Albemarle Co. D. B. 26: 250).

IX. Mary Ancell & X. John Ancell. No court record has been found except that John joins in the sale of his father's land in 1836, so (see terms of his father's Will) he had probably married at that time. Mr. E. A. Lacy writes that these two while yet single went west, and perhaps stopped in Ohio. John was somewhat deformed, from a strain in shouldering a heavy load in youth. (I remember hearing my father speak of one of his uncles' being injured by trying on a wager to carry a sack of salt up a flight of stairs. B.L.A.)