

# Descendants of Charles Humphries of Virginia

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## DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES HUMPHRIES OF VIRGINIA

The facts recorded here are supplementary to Descendants of Charles Humphries of Virginia by John D. Humphries and are based upon Colonists of Carolina by Mrs. Blanche Humphrey Abee, with whose consent they are used. Page references are to that work unless otherwise indicated.

1. Evan Humphreys came to Virginia as a colonist (pages 10, 36, 37; Surry County Order Book, 1681-1693, page 353). He was a "titheable" in 1679, tithes being levied upon the personal industry of the individual as well as upon the profits of real and personal property; a freeholder in 1687; a member of the Virginia Militia in 1687 (pages 10, 36; William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 11, page 86); included in Quit Rent Roll in 1704; made deed in 1704; acquired land in 1710. He must have emigrated to America a few years before 1679 when not more than twenty-five or thirty years of age. Therefore he was born about 1645 or 1650. He married Jane Harris. Of him, Mrs. Abee says: "His wife was Jane, and, apparently, Robert Humphrey was their son."

2. Robert Humphrey lived in Surry County, Virginia. The records disclose many transfers of lands in which he was interested. If he was the son of Evan Humphreys, he was born about 1670 or 1675. He died in 1713 and his wife, Mary \_\_\_\_\_, administered his estate. Mrs. Abee (Page 10) says: "It is thought that John Humphrey was the son of Robert and Mary."

3. John Humphries was born in Virginia about 1690 or 1695. He married Mary White (Page 10). He died in the Parish of Saint Andrews, Brunswick County, Virginia, in 1738. His will was dated April 19, 1738. It

appears in full in *Colonists of Carolina*, page 234. The sons named in his will were William, John, Thomas, Charles, and Richard, all of whom, with the possible exception of Richard, were minors. He had a daughter named Elizabeth who married Thomas Wright (Page 36). In view of the terms of the will it would seem that Richard and Elizabeth were adults in 1738. They may have been children by a former marriage.

The work of Mrs. Abee (*Colonists of Carolina*) is most valuable, because it is exhaustive of the early Virginia Records for the period covered. It not only supports the claim that Charles Humphries was the son of John Humphries, but excludes the idea of any other relationship. The statement in Dr. Frederick Humphreys' book, *The Humphreys Family in America*, and referred to in *Descendants of Charles Humphries of Virginia* (Page 7), to the effect that Charles Humphries was born about 1710 or 1715, is erroneous. It does not purport to be definite. The dates of the marriage and birth of children of Charles Humphries support this conclusion. Charles Humphries was under 18 in 1738.

In his will (Book 2, page 2, Brunswick County Records), John Humphries bequeathed to his wife, Mary Humphries, "the tract of land and plantation whereon I now live" as an absolute and indefeasible estate. He bequeathed an "entry of land I have on Allen's Creek, containing 400 acres of land, to my four sons, to wit: William, John, Thomas, and Charles Humphries, to be equally divided between them, to wit: one hundred acres of land to each son, only I will and bequeath that one hundred acres, part of said tract, being the part whereon I am now settling, shall be for the use and benefit, culture and occupation of my loving wife, Mary Humphries, during her natural life, and after her decease it is my desire that the same one hundred acres be and remain to my son Charles Humphries as his part and pro-

portion of said four hundred acres, and it is my will and desire that my son William have his first choice of the remaining three hundred, and so of the others according to their seniority." . . . "I give and bequeath to my son Richard Humphries a young grey mare together with all her increases," . . . "it is my desire that my children may live and remain with my loving wife till they arrive to lawful age provided she remain a widow, and if she marries, then it is my desire they be for themselves and go free from her at the age of eighteen years each." The will contained other provisions. His wife was made executrix.

On September 8, 1728 (Land Book 13, page 39), John Humphries, of Brunswick County, acquired 541 acres on both sides of Little Creek. It appears that he acquired other lands by patent June 5, 1736 (page 236).

Mary (White) Humphries subsequently married Richard Wood, who died in 1746 and left by will to Mary the land whereon he lived, which "came through her first husband, John Humphries" (page 236). Prior to March 18, 1750, according to a deed of that date recorded in Book 5, page 66, of the Brunswick County Records, Mary Humphries Wood had married William White. Charles Humphries paid thirty pounds to "William and Mary his wife" for 124 acres which John Humphries patented on June 5, 1736, and devised to said "Mary relict of said John Humphries by his will dated 1738" (page 236), being the residue of 324 acres after deed of Mary Humphries, executrix, to Richard Blunt, dated January 6, 1739, (Book 1, page 533), for purpose of paying debts (original notes of Mrs. Abbe).

On October 3, 1748 (Deed Book 1, page 356), William Humphrey of the Parish of Cumberland, Lunenburg County, conveyed 90 acres on Allen's Creek, part of tract granted by letters patent to William, John,

Thomas, and Charles Humphries, of the County of Lunenburg, Cumberland Parish.

On January 1, 1749 (Book 2, page 47), William, John, Thomas, and Charles Humphries conveyed to Lewis Diloney for 40 pounds 91 acres, "one-half of which was one-fourth of land on Allen's Creek . . . granted to said Humphries on August 20, 1747 . . . next to where a Dutchman did once live and where John Humphries now lives. . . . Allen's Creek . . . to Dunkley's line" (page 237).

On October 2, 1750 (Book 2, page 168), John, William, Thomas, and Charles Humphries, of Lunenburg County, conveyed to James Tucker for 96 pounds 183 acres on Allen's Creek. The deed was signed, John Humphreys, William Humphrey, Thomas Humphrey, and Charles Humphrey (pages 11, 237).

Lunenburg County was formed from Brunswick in 1748. "On the tax lists for that year, but not the following year, appear the names, John, William, Thomas, and Charles Humphreys, and the names William Wood, John Williams, Daniel Humphries, Richard Ward, John Ambrose, John Ellis, and other names often seen early in Onslow County, North Carolina" (page 11). About this time William, John, and Robert Humphrey went to Onslow County, North Carolina (page 234).

On January 29, 1753 (Book 5, page 406), Charles Humphries of Brunswick County, conveyed to John Pilkinton, of Nancemond County, for 20 pounds 150 acres, being that part of 324 acre tract granted to John Humphries by letters patent June 5, 1736, and conveyed to Charles Humphries by widow of John Humphries.

On November 8, 1758, (Book 6, page 360), John Adams of Lunenburg County conveyed to Charles

Humphries of Lunenburg County for 20 pounds 200 acres in Brunswick County, north side of Teague Creek, joining Richard Wood's line . . . Howson's line . . . Wood's corner.

On May 24, 1762 (Book 7, page 149), Charles Humphries and wife, of Lunenburg County, conveyed to Thomas Colles Young, of Brunswick County for "good cause and 20 pounds 200 acres in Brunswick County, north side of Teague Creek, beginning at Wood's upper corner, South . . . Howson's line . . . to Wood's corner . . . land granted by patent to Richard Wood 20th August, 1747, and bequeathed by Wood to his daughter, Susannah Wood, and by said Susannah Wood, her husband, David Ally Burton, conveyed to said Charles Humphries.

NOTE: This deed was signed by Charles Humphries and Mary Humphries. Therefore, Charles Humphries married Mary Bennett. (See page 7, Descendants of Charles Humphries of Virginia, by John D. Humphries).

On September 1, 1763 (Book 9, page 246), William White of Lunenburg County conveyed to Charles Humphries, of the same county, for 30 pounds a tract of land on Allen's Creek, . . . line on Allen's Creek . . . to Jones' corner . . . Bilbow's line.

On April 8, 1764 (Book 9, page 393), Charles Humphries, of Lunenburg County, conveyed to Joseph Freeman for 50 pounds current money of Virginia 50 acres of land in Lunenburg County, beginning on a red oak of Colonel Burwell's, of Jones' line, thence along Jones' line . . . Indian Camp fork . . . to corner pine on Bilbow's line, thence on Bilbow's line to Burwell's line.

NOTE: The preceding five conveyances were taken from the original notes of Mrs. Abee.

Mecklenburg County was cut off from Lunenburg in 1764 and included Allen's Creek. No transfers of these Humphries appear of record in that county (page 237).

In the early records of Virginia the name was spelt interchangeably Humphrey, Humphreys, Humphries. It was sometimes spelt differently in the same document and by members of the same immediate family.

Of the four sons of John and Mary (White) Humphries, (William, John, Thomas, and Charles), William and John went to Onslow County, North Carolina, about the year 1750 (page 234). Mrs. Abee is descended from William Humphrey. Charles Humphries remained in Lunenburg County, Virginia, until 1764. On April 8, 1764, he sold 50 acres of land in that county, and soon afterwards, with his wife, Mary (Bennett) Humphries, and three sons, John, Charles, and Bennett, removed to Wake County, North Carolina, from whence they soon removed to Chester District, South Carolina (see page 7, Descendants of Charles Humphries of Virginia, by John D. Humphries).

Charles Humphries died in Chester District, South Carolina, prior to April, 1803. In that month Thomas Humphries and Sarah, widow of the deceased, were appointed administrator and administratrix of his estate. In the division of the estate Sarah receipted for her one-third share and the shares of her three children, Amy, Charles, and Solomon, who must have been minors. It may seem odd, though complimentary to her husband, that she, too, should have named a son Charles. The other named heirs were: Absalom, John, Bennett, Charles Humphries; Robert Smith for his wife's part; Richard Humphries; Thomas Veney; and Jeremiah Kingsley. The latter two signed receipts without further explanation. They were probably sons-in-law of the deceased (Probate Office, Chester County, South Carolina).



Mary (Bennett) Humphries, wife of Charles, died after he removed to Chester County, South Carolina. His son, Richard, was born there (Descendants of Charles Humphries of Virginia, page 7). His second wife was probably Sarah Hughes. William Hughes by deed of December 19, 1831 (Book Y, page 411), gave and released unto his daughter, Sarah Humphries, and her bodily heirs, one negro woman called Lydia, about 16 years of age, and her child called Moses, about two months old, "not subject to any debt, contract, or demand of any person or persons whatever."

Dr. Frederick Humphreys (page 1014) states that Charles Humphries had ten children, all of whom, except Richard, were born in Virginia. He names seven sons: John, Charles, Thomas, Absalom, James, Emmet, and Richard. The three daughters who married Robert Smith, Thomas Veney, and Jeremiah Kingsley would make ten children by the first marriage.

## AMOS HUMPHRIES LINE

Amos Humphries, son of John and Elizabeth (Thomas) Humphries and grandson of Charles and Mary (Bennett) Humphries, was born in Chester County, South Carolina, February 22, 1798; died in Winston County, Mississippi, October 5, 1867. He married, about 1815, Sarah Hughes, born in Chester County, South Carolina, June 22, 1798; died August 23, 1873. Both are buried in Old Enon Cemetery, about twelve miles from Louisville, Mississippi. Their children were:

1. John W. G. Humphries, born May 15, 1816; married, first, ----- Greer, in Alabama. Child:

a. Emaline; married ----- Finkley. Children: (1) Charner; (2) Jeff; (3) Will.

John W. G. Humphries married, second, ----- Conner. Child:

b. Amos.

Soon after the War Between the States John W. G. Humphries moved to Arkansas.

2. Martha (Patsy) Humphries, born August 13, 1818; died 1881; married, first, ----- Wilson, brother of her sister, Elizabeth Caroline's husband, who died soon afterwards; married, second, August 12, 1847, at Noxapater, Mississippi, Thomas Lovorn, a large land and slave owner, residing at Fearn Springs, in Winston County. Six years after marriage Thomas Lovorn died, and was buried at Lovorn Cemetery, Fearn Springs. His wife ran the plantation which was soon to pass through the hazardous times of the War Between the States. Children:

a. Calhoun Lovorn, born 1850; died 1906; married, 1888, Ellen Riddell. Children: (1) Alice; (2) Emmett; (3) Viny. Descendants of these children now live in Leake County, Mississippi.

b. John Humphries Lovorn, born May 28, 1849; died June 27, 1924; buried at Noxapater, Mississippi; married, December 15, 1870, Lydia Estes (Watts) who, with her family, had removed from Chester, South Carolina, a few years before the War Between the States. Children: (1) Hughes Lovorn, born July, 1873; died October 14, 1935; married, February 14, 1895, Maggie Stokes. Children: (a) Claude Ezell, born December 12, 1891; married, 1936, Lavada Ryals. Child: 1. William Hughes. (b) Vivian, born October, 1897; married, June, 1925, Needham Hanna. Children: 1. James Kenneth; 2. Charles. (c) John, now living in Detroit, Michigan. (d) Thomas, born 1901; married April 1, 1923, Abbie Fulcher. Children: 1. Mary Ruth, born February, 1924; 2. Mildred. (e) Kate, born April 23, 1905; married 1924, Vance Bateman. Children: 1. Wanda; 2. Troy; five other children. (f) Lydia, born October, 1907; married 1936, Callaway Harrison. (g) Ollie Mae, born October, 1909; married Henry Clarke; now living in Detroit, Michigan. Child: 1. J. W. (h) Sara, born July 6, 1912; married J. D. McAdory. Children: 1. Magie Rene; four other children, two twins, Willis and Wallis. (i) Hazel; married L. R. Miles. Child: 1. Shelby Jean. (2) Ernest Calhoun Lovorn, born April 2, 1875; married October 18, 1904, Alma Suttles. Children: (a) Roy Ernest; married Annie Mordis. Child: Thomas Henry. (b) Mary Merle. (c) Eddie Corinne. (3) Ed Lovorn, born August 31, 1877; married October 13, 1901, Lucy Jane Moore. Children: (a) Prentiss Harbrough, born October 26, 1902; married Virginia .....; lives in Houston, Texas. Child: 1. Charles. (b) Edna Elizabeth, born July 10, 1904; married, 1924, Louis Vernon. Chil-

dren: 1. Ethel Waldine; 2. Erline; 3. Irene; 4. Katherine; 5. L. E.; 6. \_\_\_\_\_. (c) John Moore, born July, 1906; married Sadie Rogers. Has five children. (d) Henry, born June 24, 1908; married Sula Rogers. Has three children. (e) Ophelia, born July 31, 1910; married 1935, Preston Chancellor. Child: 1. Ollie Jane, born March 16, 1936. (f) Joe, born July 5, 1912; married Jewell Palmer. Has one child. (g) James, born 1914. (h) Charles Bernice, born 1916. (i) Eunice, born 1918; married November 4, 1935; Marshal Kugle. (j) Doris, born May 1, 1922. (k) Louise, born April, 1926. (4) Everett Lovorn, born August 31, 1877; married, first, October 14, 1902, Minnie Montgomery, who died November 13, 1904. Child: (a) Emmett, born August 14, 1903. Everett Lovorn, married, second, September 20, 1909, Willie Yarbrough. Children: (b) Edward Everett, born July 10, 1910; (c) Charles Bernice, born December, 1912; (d) O. T., born May 1, 1914; married 1936, Bonnie Kate Whitehead. Child: 1. Cynthia Mae, born October 19, 1938. (e) John Murrah, born September, 1915; married 1939, Grace Barrett. (f) Mary Lydia, born July 13, 1918. (g) Grace, born March 1, 1920. (h) Ralph, born September, 1923. (i) Pollyanna, born January, 1926. (j) Robert Eugene, born October, 1931. (k) James Lamar, born September 2, 1933.

3. Elizabeth Caroline Humphries, born December 8, 1820; married "Bobbie" Wilson, brother of Martha's first husband. Her descendants settled around Newton, Mississippi.

4. Amos T. Humphries, born February 13, 1822; married Nancy Gentry, of Winston County, Mississippi. Child:

a. Amos T. Humphries; married Mary Jones. Children: (1) Chester, born October 21, 1887; married

October 9, 1912, Edna Woodford. Children: (a) Chester Woodford, born July 10, 1916; (b) Joseph Thomas, born November 7, 1917; (c) Norma May, born June 30, 1921; (d) J. Harry, born September 14, 1923; (e) Edwin Harlan, born February 28, 1926; (f) Isabel, born March 12, 1928; (g) Helen Ruth, born October 30, 1930; (h) Esna, born October 11, 1932; (i) Maude, born December 15, 1934. (2) Harlan Humphries, born July 18, 1889; married December, 1915, Ruth Clark. Children: (a) Joseph Augustus, born November 23, 1915; (b) Travis, born February 19, 1918; married May, 1936, William Callahan. Children: 1. William, born 1937; 2. Raymond, born 1939. (c) Wallace Gene, born December, 1935. (3) John Daniel Humphries, born November 23, 1896; married, 1921, Mary Street. Children: (a) Mary Winston, born September 26, 1924; (b) John Daniel, born January 2, 1926. (4) Annie Humphries, born January 1, 1900; married 1915, Ceabie Hull. Children: (a) Russell, born November 28, 1917; (b) Stanley, born June 30, 1921; (c) Virginia, born October, 1934. (5) Henry Humphries, born April, 1904; married Valeria Holiness. (6) Sherrill Humphries, born April 9, 1907; married December 24, 1932, Virginia Lovell. Children: (a) Dwight, born August 14, 1936; (b) John Dale, born April 9, 1938.

b. Georgia Humphries, born November, 1858; died October 10, 1914.

c. Nancy Emaline Humphries, born January 7, 1868; died September 10, 1927; married March 15, 1885, C. P. Slaughter. Children: (1) James Henry; married, first, October 10, 1911, Bessie Shomette. Child: (a) Maude, now living in Norfleet, Arkansas. James Henry married, second, March 22, 1914, Mary Montgomery. Child: (b) Charley Cooper; died in infancy; (c) Lida; married T. M. Brooks; living in Louisville, Mississippi. Child, died

in infancy. (d) Grover Cleveland; (e) Aldine Stevenson; (f) Emma; (g) John Wesley; married July, 1919, Esther Hall. Children: 1. John Wesley, Jr.; 2. Jimmie. 3. Nancy; 4. Phillip Humphries. (h) Ruth; died in infancy. (i) Ira Reginal; married January, 1924, Bonnie Hobby. Children: 1. Argelle Ruth; 2. Nancy Katherine. (j) Jessie; married June, 1938, S. H. Sims. (k) Thomas Tilden; married, 1929, Marion Deprist. Children: 1. Thomas Tilden, Jr.; 2. Elizabeth Joy; 3. Edwina; 4. Avelon. (l) Ora; married October, 1933, Leo K. Hughes. Child: 1. Sally Slaughter.

5. Thomas Jefferson Humphries, born September 12, 1825; married Mary Knowles. Children:

a. Roxana Humphries; married T. J. Barnes. Children: (1) Thomas; (2) Martha Lieutitia, born February 19, 1880; married November 4, 1900, Coley Chambliss. Children: (a) Edgar, born October 4, 1901; died April 22, 1926. (b) Ettie Mae, born January 4, 1904; married December 24, 1925, John Woodward. Children: 1. Martha, born July 4, 1929; 2. David, born December, 1934; 3. Roland, born July, 1934; 4. Sue, born December, 1937. (c) Mary Hattie, born October 29, 1906; married September 5, 1925, Rufus Kimbrough. Children: 1. Richard Edgar, born August 25, 1926; 2. George Thomas, born November 21, 1928; 3. Barry Chambliss, born April 11, 1930; 4. Lady June, born March 13, 1932. (d) James Kimball, born July 1, 1908; married July 14, 1939, Myrtle McCullough. (e) Jewell Chambliss, born April 17, 1910. (f) Audry Tynes, born April 17, 1912. (3) Jim. (4) John. (5) Lydia, born November 4, 1893; married June, 1928, Charles S. Scott. Child: 1. Charles, Jr., born October 26, 1932. (6) Ada, born 1899; married February 7, 1915, Aubrey Hathorn. Children: (a) Harold, born February, 1917; (b) William; (c) Mary Elizabeth, born April, 1925; (d) Robert; (e) Eugene.

b. Elizabeth (Betty) Humphries, married J. A. Barnes. Children: (1) Mary; married D. A. Gillett; (2) Ida; married Felin McAdory. Ten children. (3) Charner; married Jenneta McAdory.

c. Josephine Humphries, married Thomas Estes. Lives in Winston County, Mississippi.

d. Charner Humphries, married Lula Gregory. Died in southern Mississippi.

e. Thomas Jefferson Humphries, married Annie Jones. Children: (1) Mary Calhoun, born February 22, 1892; married August 12, 1913, J. F. Kirkpatrick. Child: Elizabeth, born May 6, 1914; (2) Prentiss; (3) Ruby; (4-6) Three others.

