

Lee Family of Shropshire, England

1100 A.D.

to

1961 in America

called the

Lee Family of Virginia

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LEE GENEALOGY

An honorable ancestry is a gift of God, and should be regarded as such by those who possess it. Position and learning are desirable gifts. Possession of wealth cannot make an ancestry "honorable", unless the rights were gained honorably.

Among the "Virginia Lee" ancestors were men of learning and high position. They were bishops of the Church of England, the lords chief justices of England; the sheriffs of Shropshire and London.

The name Lee occurs very early in the list of the landed gentry of England, and of the Lord Mayors and Sheriffs of the counties.

The name often appears as "de Lee" before the reign of King Henry VI. In that reign the "de" before names began to be left off, and "Knight" and "Squire" took its place.

The Lees of England were men of large wealth, as well as distinction. Nowhere is it recorded that they ever wronged man or woman. They won their worldly goods honorably, used them beneficently, and laid them down cheerfully when duty demanded the sacrifice, and when it pleased God to call them out of this world.

Col. Richard Lee¹, born at Nordley Regis, England in 1613, was the first of this Lee family to settle in Virginia in 1640.

Note: The numerals to the right of each name indicate the generation descended from Col. Richard Lee¹, who came to Virginia in 1640.

Some of the notable descendants of Col. Richard Lee¹ in Virginia were: Richard Henry Lee, and his brother, Francis Lightfoot Lee, both Signers of the Declaration of Independence; President Zachary Taylor; Light Horse Harry Lee, of Revolutionary War fame, and Governor of Virginia; and his son, General Robert Edward Lee, of the Confederate States of America. Down through the years there have been many doctors, lawyers, judges and ministers; besides many substantial men and women.

General Robert Edward Lee descended from the eldest son, Richard Lee, II². Col. Thomas Lee³, son of Richard Lee II², built the fine brick house called "Stratford", which is restored today as it was originally, and a show place of Westmoreland County, Virginia. General Robert Edward Lee was born at "Stratford" in 1807. The house called "Ditchley", is a brick house containing twenty rooms, built by Hancock Lee² and belongs to his descendants; it is also restored. "Cobb's Hall", also a brick house with twenty rooms, in Northumberland County, Virginia, belongs to some descendants of Charles Lee², the youngest son.

Lilly (Quarles) Lee, mother of Emma Lee Bettis (compiler of this book), was twice of the Richard Lee, II² family; and Dr. John Andrew Lee, the father of Emma Lee Bettis, was descended from Charles Lee², the youngest son of Col. Richard Lee¹ and wife Anne (Constable) Lee.

LEE FAMILY OF SHROPSHIRE, ENGLAND 1100 A.D. to 1640 A.D. IN VIRGINIA

1. Hugo de Lee, 1100 A.D.
2. Reginaldus de Lee, Sheriff of Shropshire, England, 1201. He was the first of record to use the coat of arms of the Shropshire Lee family.
3. Sir John de Lee.
4. Sir Thomas de la Lee, wife Petronella, daughter of Sir Thomas Corbet.
5. Reginaldus de la Lee.
6. John de la Lee, wife Matilda Erdington.
7. John de la Lee.
8. Roger de la Lee, wife Margaret Astley, daughter of Sir Thomas Astley.
9. John de Lee, wife Jacosa Packington.
10. Roger de Lee, wife Johanna Burnell, daughter of Sir Edward Burnell.
11. Robert de Lee, wife Petronella de Lee, daughter of Roger and Johanna de Lee.
12. Radulphus de Lee, wife Isabella Ridley.
13. Richardus de Lee, wife Margaret Spenchose, daughter of Fulke Spenchose.
14. Fulke de Lee, wife Elizabeth Leighton.
15. Thomas de Lee, wife Jane, daughter of Sir Robert de Corbet de Morton.
16. Sir Humphrey de Lee, wife Margaret de Corbet.
17. Sir John de Lee de Nordley, wife Elizabeth Corbin.
18. Sir Thomas de Lee de Nordley, wife Johanna Morton.
19. Sir Humphrey Lee of Coton Hall, wife Katherine Blount (Royal line).
20. Sir John Lee of Coton Hall, wife Joyce Romney, issue eight sons;
the 6th son:
21. Richard Lee of Nordley Regis, Shropshire, England, wife Elizabeth Bendy.
22. Col. Richard Lee¹, born 1613, came to Virginia 1640, wife Anne Constable.

This is the end of the Shropshire Lee pedigree, extracted from the College of Arms by Mr. Charles Townley, York; and John Pomfret, Rouge Croix. August 1850. This is one of the longest and most accurate pedigrees in England.

The basis for this Lee history, in detail, is found in "Lee of Virginia", by Edmund Jennings Lee (Philadelphia, 1894); also by (Mrs. M. P.) Emma Lee Bettis, genealogist and historian, who has done twenty years of Lee research. And the Virginia Magazine of History, January, 1954 says:

P-3. "Now it is possible to write with assurance, regarding Col. Richard Lee's¹ parentage and to trace his career after 1640. (The earliest of the Lees of Shropshire, known to us was Hugo de Lee in 1100.) Reginaldus de Lee, the Norman, flourished about the year 1201; he was Sheriff, and does not occur after 1210. He appears to have been the first to bear the generic Lee arms: gules, a fess chequy or and azure, between ten billets argent, four in chief and three, two, one in base.

The motto: "Ne Incautus Futuri."

Translated: "Not incautious of the future."

P-4. Through successive generations, the descendants of Reginaldus de Lee prospered, achieving knighthoods, marrying well, acquiring additional manors. Two sons of the house, both named Roger de Lee, marrying two notable heiresses: Roger de la Lee, son of Sir John Lee of Roden and Stanton, married Margaret Astley, daughter of Sir Thomas Astley of Coton and Nordley Regis. Roger de Lee, son of John de Lee of Lee and Pimhill, married Johanna Burnell; their only daughter, Petronella Lee, married her cousin, Robert de Lee, the elder son of Roger de la Lee and Margaret Astley. This marriage united all the Lee estates in Shropshire, except Coton and Nordley Regis, which passed to Robert's younger brother, John Lee."

From John Lee are descended the Lees of Coton.

"Coton Hall" is the Manor of Nordley Regis in the Parish of Alveley at the southeastern extremity of Shropshire; it is no ordinary English country house. The site is on a high hill overlooking the Severn Valley and has been of special importance since pre-Roman times.

P-6. Coton and Nordley Regis became the inheritance of Margaret Astley, who married Roger Lee.

In the time of Queen Elizabeth I, lived Sir Humphrey Lee of "Coton Hall" and wife Katherine Blount (of the Baronial Blount family).

Sir Humphrey Lee and Katherine's only son, Sir John Lee, born 1530; he succeeded to the Manor of Nordley Regis. He married Joyce Romney in 1553, issue eight sons: Thomas; William; Edward; Gilbert; Jasper; Richard; Ferdinand; and Josias Lee.

The sixth son, Richard Lee, born 1563, was the father of Richard Lee¹, the emigrant to Virginia in 1640.

Richard Lee¹, the emigrant to Virginia, was unquestionably descended from the ancient Shropshire family of Lees; for he used the generic arms of the Lees of Shropshire; and a contemporary officer of the College of Arms attested his right to do so; as quoted in "Lee of Virginia", page 40.

P-7. One certain example of Richard Lee's¹ use of the armorial bearings was the inscription and generic arms on a silver tankard, which his son, John Lee² presented to Queens College, Oxford, England; then the well known wood carving of "Cobbs Hall", which once adorned the emigrant's home on Dividing Creek, Northumberland County, Virginia; also the Lee arms on a communion cup presented to Lee Parish, Wicommico, Virginia by Hancock Lee².

P-10. The parents of Richard Lee¹, the emigrant, were Richard Lee, born at "Coton Hall" in 1563 and was a resident of Alveley Parish in 1599, when he married there to Elizabeth Bendy; was still living in 1621. In 1599 he acquired the estate of Stratford Langton in Essex, near London, which Richard Lee¹, the emigrant, later possessed.

It has been supposed that the emigrant, Richard Lee¹ was born in 1600, because of the date of his parent's marriage in 1599; a more likely date is 1613. This is the proven birth date of a Richard Lee, which may have been the emigrant. The date 1613 is more consistent with his appearance in a portrait painted in 1661, which is of a man forty-eight, rather than of a man sixty-one. We conclude that Richard Lee¹, the emigrant, was born at Nordley Regis in 1613.

P-12. Richard Lee's¹ education must have included legal studies. It is notable that Richard Lee went to Virginia to be Clerk of the Quarter Court, and three years later he was appointed Attorney General of Virginia.

P-14. Sir Francis Wyatt, the first Royal Governor of Virginia; on his second term, he brought with him, as a member of his household a young lady named Anne Constable. She and Richard Lee¹ may have become interested in each other during the long voyage to Virginia; certainly they met frequently in the society at Jamestown. In 1640/41 they were married; presumably in the new brick church at Jamestown, with the Governor giving the bride away.

Note: It is possible that Anne's mother was a Hancock, since she named her seventh son, Hancock Lee².

P-22. Richard Lee¹ served as Sheriff of York County, Virginia in 1646, as Burgess for York County in 1647. Richard Kemp died in 1649, so

Richard Lee¹ succeeded him as Secretary of State; thus at the age of thirty-six he became Sir William Berkley's principal lieutenant on the eve of a new crisis in the affairs of Virginia.

P-25. It was during this crisis that Richard Lee¹ was admitted to the "Council" by Sir William Berkley's appointment. He was granted the title of Colonel at this time.

P-23. Richard Lee¹ was sent by Sir William Berkley to perform an official duty with King Charles II. Richard Lee¹ found the King at Breda in the Netherlands. This was a profitable voyage for Richard Lee¹; he freighted a Dutch ship on his own account, and brought back a return cargo to Virginia, including a number of immigrants; thirty-eight of whom were unable to pay their own passage. Their services were his for a term of years, and their headrights were the basis for three new land grants, which he obtained in 1651: these grants were for 500 acres adjoining War Captain's Neck; 500 acres on Poropotank Creek in Northumberland County, Virginia. See: Land Patent Book #2, pp 314-338, and Book #4. pp 211, 375.

P-26. By 1650 Richard Lee¹ had 2400 acres in the new County of Gloucester. During 1653 Richard Lee¹ patented 300 acres on the York River side of Tendall's Neck; and another 300 acres on the south side of the Rappahannock at the head of the south branch of Matchepungo.

Of more interest than Richard Lee's¹ land transactions in 1653 was the "store", a commercial warehouse; the site of considerable export-import business.

P-28. From 1652 Richard Lee¹ was owner of a ship, trading between England and Virginia.

P-27. In the Spring of 1653 Richard Lee and Anne (Constable) Lee's family included six sons: John², now aged eleven; Richard II² was six; Francis², four; William², two; and a twin's name unknown to us was drowned; and the infant Hancock Lee². During the year twin daughters were born at their home, Paradise; their names were Elizabeth² and Ann², born between Hancock's² birth, September 1652, and their mother's departure for England in February 1654. Charles Lee², the youngest child of Richard Lee¹ and Anne (Constable) Lee, was born May 21, 1656 at Dividing Creek, Northumberland County, Virginia. Richard Lee¹ took out a patent for 4000 acres in November 1661. One tract of 1000 acres was the site of Mount Vernon; another 2000 acres was on the south shore of Hunting Creek, opposite the site of Alexandria.

P-44. The complete text of Richard Lee's¹ will is in "Lee of Virginia", by E. J. Lee, pp 61-64. "I, Colonel Richard Lee¹ of Virginia and lately of Stratford Langton in the County of Essex, England." So began the last will of Richard Lee¹, signed in England, February 6, 1664 on the eve of a new voyage to Virginia. "He left strict instructions, that if he did not survive the voyage, his executors were to sell the property at Stratford and send his family to Virginia with all convenient speed."

P-45. Col. Richard Lee¹, accompanied by his son, John Lee², probably sailed from England immediately after signing his will. He arrived at Dividing Creek a dying man. At the April Session of Northumberland County, Virginia Court 1664 John Lee² obtained an order for headrights due his deceased father.

Col. Richard Lee¹ was only fifty-one, and was at the height of his career when death overtook him. Richard Lee's¹ will was probated in London in January 1665. His executors were: Thomas Griffith and John Lockey, London merchants, and his eldest sons, John Lee² and Richard Lee II².

P-45. John Lee² was twenty-two when his father died; he was left the Machodoc plantation of 2000 acres, with ten English servants, and ten negroes; also three islands in Chesapeake Bay. As heir-at-law he also inherited 4700 additional acres. John Lee² served as Militia Captain, Justice, Sheriff, and Burgess for Westmoreland County, Virginia. John Lee² died unmarried 1673 at the age of thirty-one.

Richard Lee II² was eighteen when his father died 1664; he inherited Paradise plantation of 1350 acres. After his graduation from Oxford he went there to live, but at John Lee's² death, Richard Lee II² inherited John's² lands, and moved to Machodoc; there he married Letitia Corbin, the daughter of his neighbor, the Councilor, Henry Corbin.

Francis Lee² was sixteen in 1664; the 750 acre plantation on York River was left to him. Francis Lee² became a London merchant.

P-47. The younger children: William Lee² was fourteen years of age when his father, Col. Richard Lee¹ died in 1664; Hancock Lee² was twelve; Betsey² (who later married Leonard Howison) and Ann² (who became the wife of Thomas Youell) were eleven in 1664;

Charles Lee², the youngest child, was eight in 1664 when his father died.

These five children lived with their mother, Anne (Constable) Lee, who was left their home on Dividing Creek with all of its lands, also five negroes "during her widowhood and no longer", by her husband's will. He well knew that she would soon be remarried.

In September 1666 her new husband, Edmund Lister, brought suit against John Lee² regarding the execution of Col. Richard Lee's¹ will.

The Dividing Creek lands were eventually divided among the three younger sons. William Lee² was the first to leave his mother's home; he received 500 acres the Bishop's Neck tract, and the purchased land in Maryland.

Hancock Lee² received 800 acres, which became the "Ditchley" estate.

Charles Lee², the youngest, inherited the old homestead of 600 acres, which became the "Cobb's Hall" estate.

The Stratford estate in Essex County, England was sold and the proceeds were divided between the two daughters, Betsey Lee², and Ann Lee².

"Lee of Virginia." Second Generation, "Cobbs Hall" Line.

P-558. Charles Lee², born on May 21, 1656 at Dividing Creek, Northumberland County, Virginia; son of Col. Richard Lee¹ and Anne (Constable) Lee. Charles Lee² was a Captain in the Colonial Militia, Northumberland County, Virginia; Justice 1687 - 1699. He died December 17, 1701. Charles Lee² married Elizabeth Medstand in 1676 (daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Lawson) Medstand of Lancaster County, Virginia.)

Issue: 2 sons and 2 daughters:

1. Thomas Lee³, eldest son, born 1679 at "Cobbs Hall", Northumberland County, Virginia; married Elizabeth Keene of Maryland.
2. Elizabeth Lee³, born 1682, married her cousin, John Howison.
3. Major Charles Lee II³, born 1684, married Elizabeth Pinckard.
4. Leeanna Lee³, born 1689, married William Jones.

P-561. "The will of the first Charles Lee² (son of Col. Richard¹ and Anne Lee), written July 13, 1700; after giving his soul to God and a Christian burial, and all debts are paid.

First, I give to my son, Thomas Lee³, all my land on Rappahannock River side, had by my wife, also 500 acres left to me by Walter Jenkins, one feather bed and a child's part of my negroes, cattle and household stuff unto Thomas Lee³ and his heirs forever.

Next, to my daughter Leeanna Lee³, 200 acres and a child's part.

Next, to my son Charles Lee³, the 600 acres whereon I live, and a child's part of my negroes, cattle and household stuff.

Next, to my daughter Elizabeth Lee³, a child's part of my negroes, cattle, etc.

Lastly, I give to my loving wife all my bedding not set down, and a child's part of my negroes, and household stuff, and half of my white hands; my part of the mill and all my sheep and hogs. I make her my Executrix of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand & seal.

This will probated in Dec. 1701.

Charles Lee² seal

Test Richard Lee II², Clerk of Court"

Ref: "Lee of Virginia"

P-561. Thomas Lee³ (eldest child of Captain Charles Lee² and Elizabeth (Medstand) Lee); born 1679 at "Cobbs Hall", Northumberland County, Virginia; married Elizabeth Keene of Maryland.

Va. Mag. Vol. 2 pp 7-8. Thomas Lee³ was Sheriff of Lancaster County, Virginia 1702-1714. Justice 1716.

Will Book 12. page 342 Lancaster County, Virginia: "Last will of Thomas Lee³, 16, June 1733. To son John Lee⁴ all that tract of land on ye head of Corrotomon River, which I had by my wife, where Harvy now lives, to him and his heirs forever. Unto sons, Thomas Lee⁴, Richard Lee⁴ and Charles Lee⁴ land I now live on. Executors: my loving wife, my loving brother Major Charles Lee and William Nicholas Martin. Thomas Lee³ seal"
Witness Ezekiel Gilbert, Isaac Correll. Proved 1735.

"Deed Book 13. p 35 Lancaster County, Virginia.

Consideration of a marriage shortly to be solemnized between James Scrosby of Middlesex County, Virginia and Elizabeth Lee, widow of Thomas Lee, deceased late of Lancaster County, Virginia. James Scrosby doth hereby covenant agree to pay unto Leeanna Lee⁴ and Elizabeth Lee⁴, daughters of said widow Elizabeth Lee, \$10 yearly when Leeanna and Elizabeth arrive at age 21, also to Lucy⁴ and Ann⁴ two other daughters of said Elizabeth, to each of them a negro not under ten years of age. April 15, 1737

Witness Thomas Edwards, Alex. Campbell. James Scrosby seal"

"Deed Book 13 Lancaster County, Virginia. 1735-1743

Division of Lee Lands. James Scrosby & wife Elizabeth, late widow of Thomas Lee³, deceased. William Jones appointed guardian of son, Thomas Lee⁴; Ezekiel Gilbert guardian of sons Richard Lee⁴ and Charles Lee⁴, orphans. Witness Wm. Steptoe, Abraham Correll and Nicholas Martin.

P-91. John Fearn guardian of Richard Lee⁴ 1744, paid by Ezekiel Gilbert, former guardian of Richard Lee⁴, orphan."

Will Book #4, Lancaster County, Virginia.

P-147. "Last will of Lucy Lee⁴, daughter of Thomas Lee³, deceased. Dated 1746. Legatees her brothers: John Lee⁴, Richard Lee⁴, Thomas Lee⁴ and William Lee⁴ & Charles Lee⁴; sisters: Leeana Fearn⁴ and Elizabeth Lee⁴."

There was no guardian appointed for John Lee⁴; it appears that John Lee⁴ was the eldest child of Thomas Lee³ and Elizabeth (Keene) Lee. No doubt that John Lee⁴ had married by the time of his father's decease.

When Thomas Lee⁴ died in 1759 he requested that his brother John Lee⁴ administer his estate. John Lee⁴ was living in South Carolina at that date so Rev. John Leland administered the estate of Thomas Lee⁴ and appointed guardian of Mary Lee⁵, daughter of Thomas Lee⁴.

The Book, "Expansion of South Carolina", by Dr. Robert L. Meriwether, Professor of History, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina. Note: P-141. "John Lee⁴ and his son, Francis Lee⁵ in Chester County, South Carolina, November 7, 1752, See J.C."

(I went to see Dr. Meriwether and asked about this reference.)

Dr. Meriwether told me, "John Lee⁴ appeared before the Governor and Council of South Carolina and made the statement that he had come from Maryland to South Carolina in 1751 and settled on Wateree Creek, where he cleared nine acres of land, and on it built proper conveniences for his family."

P-149. "Easy access to the west side of Enoree River was the ford over Broad River, above the mouth of the Enoree, called John Lee's⁴ ford."

P-235. "Lee's ford was at the head of the east fork of Little River in 1769."

In 1759 there was no church in Chester County, South Carolina. Four men with their wives organized Catholic Presbyterian Church (a Protestant church) and John Lee, Sr.⁴ was one of the founders.

I drove out eight miles east of the town Chester, South Carolina in 1959 and found this old church in splendid preservation. A large memorial stone has been placed in front of the church, where John Lee's name is listed.

Secretary of State's Office - Columbia, South Carolina.

Index to Land Grants 1695-1776 A. K.

Vol.5.p.379 John Lee gr. 200 acres on Wateree Creek January 19, 1752.
 Vol.5.p.414 John Lee gr. 200 acres on branch of Wateree River May 11, 1754.
 Vol.8.p.331 John Lee gr. 100 acres on Cedar Creek August 1, 1758.
 Vol.10.p.307 John Lee gr. 50 acres Rockey Creek Cravens Co. August 30, 1762.
 Vol.11.p.210 John Lee gr. 50 acres on Rockey Creek June 10, 1763.
 Vol.8.p.493. John Lee gr. 100 acres in Granville County July 8, 1763.
 Vol.11.p.352 John Lee gr. 100 acres East of Savannah River March 2, 1764.
 Vol.9.p.90 John Lee gr. 150 acres on Little River June 23, 1768.
 Vol.1.p.297 John Lee gr. 100 acres on Little River June 23, 1768.
 Vol.16.p.301 John Lee gr. 200 acres Cravens County December 30, 1771.
 Vol.20.p.113 John Lee gr. 200 acres Mackey branch Wateree February 21, 1772.

Besides these South Carolina grants John Lee, Sr.⁴ bought much land, which he gave to his children before making his will in 1786.

He also received a land grant in Richmond County, Georgia in 1771:

"Richmond County, Georgia, Deed Book A.2:

Page 321. John Lee, Sr.⁴ was granted 500 acres on October 1, 1771 in Richmond County, Georgia on Upper Richland Creek."

(Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ died 1784, three years before the death of his father, John Lee, Sr.⁴, in 1787.)

"Historical Collections, Georgia Chapters D.A.R.

Vol.2.p.229 (p.321) John Lee, Sr.⁴ deeds to Elizabeth Lee, widow of Greenberry Lee⁵, 500 acres for \$5 on November 1, 1784; this land had been granted to John Lee, Sr.⁴ on October 1, 1771.

Witness Fritz M. Hunt
 Mary Few

Ignatius Few J.P."

"Georgia Roster of the Revolution, by Knight:

P-420 Greenberry Lee, Colonel."

Found in the Court House in Camden, South Carolina. Apartment #39,
Package 1436. Last will of John Lee, Sr.⁴

"I, John Lee, Sr. of Little River, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
To be buried in a Christian manner. After all my debts are paid out of
my estate, I give to Mary my dearly beloved wife the plantation whereon I
dwell, containing 200 acres, also the mill thereon, the same during her
widowhood and then to fall to my son Stephen⁵ and 100 acres more joining
the 200 whereon I dwell, also 75 acres; the whole containing 375 acres at
his mother's death, also negroes.

Next I give to my daughter Elizabeth⁵ land on north side of Mill Creek,
extending as high as the wagon road, also a negro Hannah. Also unto my
daughter Elizabeth's husband, William Marshall, 100 acres joining Robert
Coulton on a branch of Rockey Creek.

Next I give to my daughter Sarah⁵ my old place of 250 acres on the
Great Wagon road run by Pinson, also negro Philis.

Next I give to my daughter Agnes⁵ 350 acres where she and her husband
now dwell; also negro Jen.

Next I give to my son John Lee⁵ 300 acres and negro Sam.

Next I give to my daughter Rachael⁵ 200 acres joining my daughter Sarah
and negro Dise.

Next I give to my son Francis Lee⁵ 100 acres run by Jacob Castels and
50 acres adjoining, and negro Prince.

Next I give to my daughter Rosanna⁵ 300 acres on Mill Creek and negro
Maria.

Next I give to my daughter Rebecca⁵ part of tract run by Jacob Bowers
and negro Ceily.

Executors: my son John Lee⁵ and my son-in-law Alexander Gordon.
All my stock of every kind and household furniture to be disposed of by my
beloved wife and executors. This my Last Will and testament.
I set my hand and seal this November 16, 1786.

Witness: Stafford Curry signed John Lee, Sr. seal

James Turner Benj. Halsell Proved April 20, 1787 James Turner J.P."

Deed Book F. Chester County, South Carolina.

PP-46-47. Indenture dated 1775 between John Lee⁴, Province of Camden District, South Carolina and John McClerkin of said place. Consideration 150 acres of land on Wateree Creek unto John McClerkin for \$100.

Witness:	William Thompson	John Lee	seal
	John McClerkin	Mary Lee	seal

Mary Lee was the third wife of John Lee, Sr.⁴ His first wife's name is unknown to us; she was the mother of sons: Francis Lee and John Lee, Jr., who were old enough to sign deeds in 1755 in South Carolina.

The marriage of John Lee⁴ to Margaret Howard on November 23, 1746 is recorded in St. John's Parish Register, Harford County, Maryland. Margaret Howard was the second wife of John Lee, Sr.⁴, and the mother of Col. Greenberry Lee⁵, born 1750 in Harford County, Maryland. Col. Nicholas Greenberry was acting Governor of Maryland when he died in 1697. His and his wife, Ann's fine tombs are in St. Ann's Parish church yard in Annapolis, Maryland. Their four daughters married into the following families in Maryland: Howard, Ridgley, Hammond and Goldsborough.

"Mss. Georgia Journal of Augusta Land Court:

On October 15, 1773 John Lee, Jr.⁵ came from South Carolina bringing a wife and six children, ages 1-12 years. He was granted 200 acres on Bryer Creek, called Rockey Ford in Richmond County, Georgia."

"Vol. 3, Wilkes County, Georgia Records:

P-11. On October 15, 1773 Greenberry Lee⁵, a single man from South Carolina was granted 100 acres at the head of a branch of Bryer Creek, called Beaver Dam, half mile above Upper Trading Path at a tree marked J.L. in Richmond County, Georgia."

"P-14. On November 9, 1773 Francis Lee⁵, from North Carolina was granted 200 acres on Bryer Creek, Richmond County, Georgia; he soon resigned his grant, and returned to his home on Beaver Dam, a branch of Rockey Creek, South Carolina. This was in North Carolina at that time."

Many South Carolina deeds show that John Lee, Sr.'s daughters were:

1. Elizabeth Lee⁵ married William Marshall; they sold the land given to them by Elizabeth's father, John Lee, Sr.⁴, then removed to Richland County, South Carolina; their son Greenberry Marshall lived in Richmond County, Georgia in 1818.
2. Sarah Lee⁵ married Alexander Gordon.
3. Agnes Lee⁵ married John Young.
4. Rachel Lee⁵ married John Cameron.
5. Rosanna Lee⁵ married _____ Halsell.
6. Rebecca Lee⁵ married (1st) a John Lee; (2nd) to Francis Winn.

McCall's Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia:

P-67. Greenberry Lee⁵ married Elizabeth Few (in 1774, in old Bible); she was born 1752 in Harford County, Maryland, daughter of Col. William Few, Sr., who was born in 1714 at Kennet Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania; he married Mary Wheeler, a Roman Catholic, in 1743 at Hickory, Harford County, Maryland." They removed with their young children to Hillsboro, Orange County, North Carolina in 1758, where his home was destroyed by the English, during the "Battle of Alamance" on May 17, 1771; they soon removed to Richmond County, Georgia. His son, James Few, was hanged without a trial by the English on May 17, 1771.

Three Revolutionary soldiers: Col. Greenberry Lee, William Few, Sr., and Lieut. Col. Thomas Short. Their female descendants are accepted for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution by furnishing following proof:

1st: The signature of *Col. Lee*. He gives proof of

2nd: William Few, Sr.'s Revolutionary service.

"
STATE OF GEORGIA

This is to certify, That *William Few Sr* hath ftedfaftly done his duty, from the time of paffing an Act at Augufta, to wit, on the 20th of Auguft, 1781, until the total Expulfion of the Britifh from this ftate; and the faid *William Few Sr* cannot, to my knowledge or belief, be convicted of plundering or diftreffing the country; and is therefore, under the faid Act, entitled to a Bounty of Two Hundred and Fifty Acres of good Land, free from taxes for ten years.

Given under my hand, at *Feb 7* the
25th day of *March* 1784.

Col. Lee "

3rd: Ref. Amelia County, Virginia Order Book 1776-80 p. 424:

Dorothy (Jones) Short, born in Bristol Parish, Virginia 1744; married on September 23, 1762 to Thomas Short. In the October Court of Amelia County, Virginia Thomas Short was qualified as Lieutenant Colonel of Amelia County, Virginia Militia.

In 1784 he with his wife, Dorothy, sold their plantation of 1000 acres in Amelia County, Virginia to John Royal and moved to Wrightsboro, Richmond County, Georgia. Their daughter, Susanna Edmonds Short, married on October 2, 1804 to John Lee, son of Col. Greenberry Lee.

John Lee and wife Susanna removed to Giles County, Tennessee in 1815 where he died 1825. Susanna died in Giles County, Tennessee in 1844.

"Vol. 3 - Revolutionary Records of Georgia, by Candler:

P-572. Col. Greenberry Lee, Col. William Few, Jr. and Col. Benjamin Few were Members of the House of Representatives of Georgia 1783 - Feb. 4, 1784.

P-191. Greenberry Lee⁵ was Justice for Richmond County, Georgia, Jan. 12, 1782 - February 4, 1784. He was a Revolutionary soldier, Colonel of 2nd Battalion, Richmond County, Georgia. Road Commissioner July 29, 1783.

Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ signed certificates for many Revolutionary soldiers to receive bounty land in Georgia. He received $287\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Washington County, Georgia."

"World Almanac and Book of Facts, 1959: Col. William Few, Jr. signed the U. S. Constitution for the State of Georgia, September 17, 1787."

After the death of Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ in 1784, his widow, Elizabeth (Few) Lee married 2nd to Benjamin Andrew in 1788; he was a Member of the Continental Congress from Liberty County, Georgia. He died in 1790 in Columbia County, Georgia. Issue: Hannah Andrew and Dr. Moses Andrew, who was a Physician and a Methodist Minister and removed to Montgomery, Alabama, where he built a fine house and was pastor of the first Methodist church built in Montgomery. He willed his home to his granddaughter, who requested President Jefferson Davis to live there when he was inaugurated President of the Confederate States of America. Today this house is called "The First White House of the Confederacy". It is restored as it was in 1861 and a hostess is there five days a week to show people through the building; a Confederate flag is unfurled on the lawn each morning.

In 1802 Elizabeth (Few) Lee Andrew married as her 3rd husband, Capt. Thomas Bush, a Revolutionary soldier; his will was probated in 1812 in Warren County, Georgia; he willed the home that Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ left to Elizabeth, to his daughters by his 1st wife. The law at that time gave

to a husband the right to do what he pleased with his wife's property.

Capt. Thomas Bush and Elizabeth (Few) Lee Andrew Bush had three daughters:

1. Elizabeth Bush married George W. Hardwick on September 4, 1815.
2. Martha Bush married on Dec. 17, 1815 to Dr. Robert L. Kennon, a noted Methodist Minister of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where they are buried.
3. Ann Bush married Col. Joseph McDowell; they are the great grandparents of Justice Thomas C. Clark of the Supreme Court of the U. S. A.

"Vol. 2 - Revolutionary Records of Georgia, by Candler.

P-591. Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ received a land grant of 400 acres in Wilkes County, Georgia on February 13, 1784."

"Vol. 3 - Wilkes County, Georgia Records:

P-235. Greenberry Lee⁵, on his death bed June 10, 1784, appointed Ignatius Few to act as executor in settling his estate.

Test John Roussau, and Elezer Carmins."

The heirs of Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ received 1150 acres, a Colonel's Bounty warrant in Franklin County, Georgia on May 7, 1787.

Witness: John Smithfield. Larkin Cleveland. C.F.C."

(We have the gun used by Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ during the Revolutionary War.)

Ref. Old Bible. Unto Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ and Elizabeth (Few) Lee were born 2 sons, 1 daughter:

1. John Lee⁶ the eldest child born July 24, 1775, Richmond County, Georgia.
2. Dr. William Lee⁶ (he was also a General in the U. S. Arm) 2nd son born 1777, died 1815 at Montecello, Jasper County, Georgia; married Maria Lucas, (cousin to his brother John Lee's wife); no issue.
3. Mary Lee⁶ the only daughter, married Hugh Blair, January 14, 1805 in Warren County, Georgia. Their daughter, Ann Blair⁷, married Rev. T. H. Dawson. These two brothers, John Lee⁶ and William Lee⁶ were said to have been the best drilled Military men in Georgia in their day.

Jasper County, Georgia placed a fine memorial stone on the grave of Dr. and General William Lee⁶ in the Methodist Cemetery, Montecello, Georgia, commending him for his splendid services to the County.

John Lee⁶, the eldest child of Col. Greenberry Lee⁵ and Elizabeth (Few) Lee, born July 24, 1775 in Richmond County, Georgia at Wrightsboro, now a dead town. He married Susanna Edmond's Short on October 2, 1804; she was the daughter of Lieut. Col. Thomas Short, a Revolutionary soldier from Amelia County, Virginia, and his wife Dorothy Jones, daughter of Peter Jones, for whom Petersburg, Virginia was named, and his wife Dorothy Chamberlayne. They lived at Petersburg, Virginia.

John Lee⁶ with his family removed to Giles County, Tennessee in 1815, where he died in 1825; his wife, Susanna, died there in 1844. Issue: 5 daughters and 2 sons:

1. Harriet Lee⁷ married John Ralston, a tax collector of Giles County, Tennessee. Issue: Susan Ralston; Esther Ralston; James Ralston.
2. Mary Lee⁷ married David Ralston, a tax collector of Maury County, Tennessee. Issue: David Ralston; James Reid Ralston; Calfernia Susanna Estha Ralston.
3. Frances Dorothy Lee⁷ married Benjamin Franklin, as his 1st wife; she died 1841. Issue: Mary Jane; John Lee; Sarah Frances; Elizabeth Bush, and Arkansas Dorothy who married Newton Greene Eslick; their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Eslick, married Jerome Clayton Abernathy.
4. Martha Lee⁷ married William Nix, a Campbellite preacher.
5. Sarah Lee⁷ married Wesley Harwell.
6. Edward Greenberry B. Lee⁷, eldest son of John Lee and Susanna Edmonds (Short) Lee married (1st) Miss ^{Elizabeth} Abernathy, a son: John William Lee⁸; (2nd) Miss Ralston; (3rd) Lucy Farrar, a son: Robert Earl Lee⁸; his daughter Lucy⁹, and his son, Judge Robert E. Lee⁹ of Pulaski, Tennessee. (4th) Miss Lusk; his 5th marriage to Mrs. Matilda (Stanton) Hargrove.

7. Rev. John William Thomas Lee⁷, youngest child of John Lee⁶ and Susanna Edmonds (Short) Lee, born December 15, 1821 in Giles County, Tennessee, where he died June 14, 1862; he was ordained a Methodist minister in 1840, by the Tennessee Methodist Conference. He joined the Alabama Conference in 1841, and was pastor of the Methodist Church at Cahaba, Alabama, the first Capitol of Alabama. He returned to Giles County, Tennessee in 1845; married a widow, Mrs. Mary (Goodrum) Bridges in Maury County, Tennessee on February 5, 1848; she was born November 29, 1817 in Maury County, Tennessee; died July 2, 1898. Both buried near their home at Diana, Giles County, Tennessee. Issue: 2 sons who lived to maturity:

1. Dr. John Andrew Lee⁸ born June 23, 1853 at Diana, Giles County, Tennessee.
2. Rev. Theophilus Lee⁸ born 1860 at Diana, Giles County, Tennessee. He was a Methodist Presiding Elder in the South Texas Methodist Conference.

Dr. John Andrew Lee⁸ received degrees from Vanderbilt University, also from the University of Nashville, Tennessee. He married Lilly Quarles on May 7, 1878 at Warsaw, Sumter County, Alabama, where she was born on January 5, 1854. Lilly Quarles attended Alabama Central College at Tuscaloosa, Alabama; after she finished there, she continued her music studies under a private German Professor, Pffenslager. She died June 22, 1911 at her home, Pine Hill, Alabama. Dr. John Andrew Lee died May 29, 1914. They are both buried in Shady Grove Cemetery, near Warsaw, Sumter County, Alabama.

1. Ida Mimms Lee⁹ born March 28, 1879, died March 13, 1941, Lenoir, North Carolina. She graduated from Alabama Central College, also taught there, and at Davenport College, Lenoir, North Carolina. She married at Pine Hill, Alabama, July 31, 1912 to Charles E. Corperning of Lenoir, North Carolina. Issue: one son, Charles Lee Corperning¹⁰ born July 21, 1914. He received B.S. degree in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina. Charles Lee Corpening¹⁰ married in 1941 to Catherine Harrison. They live at Canton, North Carolina, where he is a Chemist.

They have 2 sons: Charles Lee Corpening, Jr.¹¹, born December 8, 1947; his brother Bradford Corpening¹¹, born in February, 1955.

2. Dr. Frank J. Lee⁹, 2nd child of Dr. John Andrew Lee and Lilly (Quarles) Lee, born October 24, 1880, married Clara Nichols November 29, 1919. Dr. Frank J. Lee⁹ is in "Who's Who in the South and the Southwest". He received a special award in May 1958 from the Alabama Medical Association for having practiced medicine for 50 years in Alabama. They lived at Luverne, Alabama, and had no children. Dr. Frank J. Lee died Jan. 4, 1961.

3. Mimms W. Lee⁹, 3rd child of Dr. John Andrew Lee⁸ and Lilly Quarles Lee, born September 17, 1886; received B.S. degree from Mississippi State University; also A.B., A.M., and B.D. degrees from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. Mimms W. Lee is in "Men of Mark in Virginia, 1936". He is on the Board of Governors of the Jamestown Society in Virginia; a member of the Society of the Cincinnati; also the Society of the Colonial Wars; and a member of the Society of the Lees of Virginia. Mimms W. Lee⁹ was a Captain in the First World War; he married Ruth Johnson, of Washington, D.C. in 1919. They live at 3802 Tomacee Road, Richmond, Virginia. They have two sons:

- (1) William Bradford Lee¹⁰, born August 6, 1922. He received B.S. degree from Richmond University, Richmond, Virginia. He was in the Second World War. He married Elsie Brauer on April 24, 1948; one adopted son, William Bradford Lee, Jr.
- (2) Dr. Richard Mimms Lee¹⁰, 2nd son, born February 7, 1931. His schools: B.S. degree from Hampden Sidney College, and the Medical College of Virginia. He spent two years as Captain in the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Ord, California; is now a Pediatrician in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Richard Mimms Lee¹⁰ married Cynthia (Smith)

Kutcher on May 5, 1956. Issue: 1 daughter and 2 sons:

1. Anne Bradford Lee¹¹ born March 11, 1958
2. Richard Mimms Lee, Jr.¹¹ born May 3, 1959.
3. John Stanton Lee¹¹, born November 9, 1961.

4. Emma Lee⁹, the 4th and yougest child of Dr. John Andrew Lee and wife, Lilly (Quarles) Lee.

Born at Diana, Tennessee, while her father was at Vanderbilt University.

She was a graduate of Florence University for Women; degrees: History and Music; she also taught music there.

Emma Lee married Maiben Poole Bettis, on June 12, 1912 at Pine Hill, Alabama. They lived twenty years in St. Louis, Missouri, where Maiben Poole Bettis died on September 22, 1942.

Emma (Lee) Bettis was active in her church in St. Louis, taught young women in Sunday School for many years. She was active in St. Louis Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; also the Daughters of the American Colonists, in St. Louis.

She is now a member of Francis Marion Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Montgomery, Alabama. Her National # 111648.

She has been a Professional genealogist and Historian for many years. Is a member of the National Genealogical Society; also a member of the Society of the Lees of Virginia. She has done genealogical research in eighteen States, in Archives, State Libraries, and Court Houses. At the request of many of her family, she has consented to make her findings accessible to others; hence this Virginia Lee family history.

Emma (Lee) Bettis lives at 500 Adams Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama.

Mrs. Jennie Lee (Scott) Birdsong¹⁰, who lives at 214 West Poplar Street, Pulaski, Tennessee, contributed the following data of her great grandmother's line:

Mary Short Lee⁷, daughter of John Lee⁶ and wife, Susanna Edmonds (Short) Lee, who removed from Richmond County, Georgia to Giles County, Tennessee in 1815.

Mary Short Lee⁷, born in Georgia, January 1, 1809; married David Ralston about 1829 in Giles County, Tennessee. She died June 12, 1840; is buried in the private Ralston Cemetery at Diana, Giles County, Tennessee. David Ralston, born July 22, 1810, a tax collector and farmer of Giles County, son of James Reid Ralston and wife, Esther (Shannon) Ralston.

In the winter of 1840 David Ralston sold his farm land to his wife's mother, Mrs. Susanna E. (Short) Lee, and moved to Maury County, Tennessee, where he died May 25, 1881. Buried in Matthews Cemetery, about two miles south of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, established in the early 1800's by the Scott family and others. There were two sons and one daughter born to David and wife, Mary Short (Lee) Ralston⁷:

1. John Ralston⁸, died about seventeen years of age.
2. James Reid Ralston⁸, a dentist, died at twenty-five years of age.
3. Calfernia Susanne Esther Ralston⁸, called Callie, born May 20, 1834; died March 24, 1888; married on July 21, 1859 in Maury County, Tennessee to Charles Strong Scott, born September 24, 1824; he died December 24, 1886; buried in Matthews Cemetery. Charles Strong Scott served four years in the Confederate Army.

Charles Strong Scott and California S. E. (Ralston) Scott⁸ had five children:

1. Mary Strong Scott⁹, born August 22, 1860, died June 13, 1945; married Rush Johnson; no children.
2. David Lee Scott⁹, born April 19, 1866, Maury County, Tennessee; died June 12, 1916. Married August 28, 1895 to Jennie Anderson, born November 4, 1865 in Giles County; died June 21, 1940. They are buried in Lot #521 Maplewood Cemetery, Pulaski, Tennessee.
3. Harriett Reid Scott⁹, called Hattie, born June 9, 1869, in Maury County, Tennessee; died September 9, 1940; buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Pulaski, Tennessee. Married William Burr Harwell; called Dee. They had four daughters and two sons.
4. Andrew Edward Scott⁹, born September 5, 1872, died July 7, 1916. Single.
5. Bertha Scott⁹, born November 25, 1876 in Maury County. Married Frank Hardy; he died March 21, 1951. Issue: four daughters and two sons. She lives at Seymour, Texas.

David Lee Scott⁹ and Jennie (Anderson) Scott had five children:

1. Esther Scott¹⁰, born and died June 15, 1896 near Waco, Texas;
2. Jennie Lee Scott¹⁰, born July 19, 1897 in Hill County, Texas;
3. and 4. Edith Ralston Scott¹⁰, and Carter Anderson Scott¹⁰, were twins, born November 12, 1899 at Waco, Texas; both are single.
Edith¹⁰ lives at 5656 11th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama;
and Carter¹⁰ lives in Pulaski, Tennessee.
5. Hallie Margaret Scott¹⁰, born December 19, 1901 at Waco, Texas;
Hallie¹⁰ is single and works for an attorney and lives in her own home, 1516 Sweetbrier Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Jennie Lee Scott¹⁰, married Clarence Butler Birdsong on January 6, 1925 in Pulaski, Tennessee. Issue: four sons:

1. Clarence Butler Birdsong, Jr.¹¹, born December 25, 1925; married Jean Zink on August 26, 1950 in Hinsdale, Illinois, where he is employed by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. Jean was born in Chicago, on February 23, 1930. They have three children:
 1. David Thomas Birdsong¹², born September 14, 1954;
 2. Janet Clare Birdsong¹² and
 3. John Robert Birdsong¹², twins, born September 30, 1956.
2. Henry Thomas Birdsong¹¹, born May 18, 1927; married June 10, 1951 to Mabel Doris Hyatt. She was born April 29, 1932 at Paragould, Arkansas. He is the owner of West End Drugs, Inc., 21st and West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. They have one daughter:
 1. Robin Elaine Birdsong¹², born September 7, 1957.
3. David Scott Birdsong¹¹, twin to Henry Thomas Birdsong¹¹, born May 18, 1927. David¹¹ married Norma Jean March, on June 26, 1954. Jean March was born November 29, 1926. They now live in Nashville, Tennessee, where David¹¹ is a Metropolitan Life Insurance Agent; and Jean teaches. They have two sons:
 1. David Ross Birdsong¹², born July 27, 1957.
 2. Alan Scott Birdsong¹², born September 9, 1958.
4. Eugene Logan Birdsong¹¹, born April 23, 1931; died October 31, 1950.

Clarence Butler Birdsong, (husband of Jennie Lee (Scott) Birdsong), was born February 24, 1898 at Aspen Hill, Giles County, Tennessee, the son of the late John Thomas Birdsong and wife, Betty Butler Birdsong.

Children of (Mrs. W. B.) Hattie Reid (Scott) Harwell⁹:

1. Eulalia Harwell¹⁰, married Tom Blackshear, now living at DeFuniak Springs, Florida; retired teachers. They had two sons:
 1. Thomas J. Blackshear, Jr.¹¹, a teacher at Baker, Florida.
 2. Dr. Joe Randall Blackshear¹¹, lives at Gallatin, Tennessee.
2. Lizzie Lee Harwell¹⁰, married Robert S. Locke, at Ethridge, Tennessee.

They have two daughters:

 1. Mrs. Ray Jackson¹¹.
 2. Adah Lee Locke¹¹, Ethridge, Tennessee.
3. Alla Harwell¹⁰, married Charles Wesley Fowler. She lives at Huntsville, Alabama. One son:
 1. Charles W. Fowler Jr.¹¹, an engineer in St. Louis, Missouri.
4. Hattie Will Harwell¹⁰, single, lives in East Chicago, Indiana.
5. Edward Harwell¹⁰, married and lives in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

One daughter:

 1. Jane Ann¹¹.
6. Fred Reid Harwell¹⁰, married Oletha Flowers; have two children.

Children of Bertha (Scott) Hardy⁹; lives at Seymour, Texas:

1. Kathleen Hardy¹⁰, died in May, 1924 at Pulaski, Tennessee.
2. Lucius Hardy¹⁰, married Marie Morgan; four children.
3. Louise Hardy¹⁰, married Raymond T. Warren, Seymour, Texas.
Four children: Kenneth¹¹, John¹¹, Travis¹¹, and Beth Warren¹¹,
married a Danforth
4. Lorene Hardy¹⁰, married Lawton Taylor. She died May 15, 1951.
Two children: Glenna Jean¹¹, and Charles Taylor¹¹.
5. Oneta Hardy¹⁰, married Burrell Mills, Seymour, Texas; two children:
Patsy Mills¹¹, and Billy Burrell Mills¹¹.
6. Wallace Rutledge Hardy¹⁰, born March 10, 1913; married Pauline Rister.
They live at Wichita Falls, Texas and have two children:
 1. Wallace Rutledge Hardy, Jr.¹¹, born June 10, 1942.
 2. Janice Hardy¹¹, born March 1, 1947.

This ends the list of descendants of Mary Short Lee⁷, (daughter of John Lee⁶, son of Col. Greenberry Lee⁵) and her husband David Ralston of Giles County, Tennessee.

Miss Nell Aymett¹⁰, who lives at 215 South 1st Street, Pulaski, Tennessee, contributed the following data of her great grandmother's line:

Harriet C. Lee⁷, daughter of John Lee⁶ and wife Susanna Edmonds (Short) Lee.

Harriet C. Lee⁷ was born in Georgia in 1813; died in December or January 1888; married John Ralston, a tax collector in Giles County, Tennessee. He was born May 10, 1812; brother of David Ralston, who married Mary Short Lee⁷, sister of Harriet C. Lee. David and John Ralston were sons of James Reid Ralston and wife Esther (Shannon) Ralston of Davison County, Tennessee.

John and Harriet C. (Lee) Ralston⁷ had three children:

1. Susan Ralston⁸, born September 2, 1834; died August 9, 1903; married T. C. Marks, born August 16, 1827, died June 7, 1906.
2. Esther Ann Ralston⁸, born August 6, 1836, died April 18, 1882; married on January 6, 1864 to Logan D. Harwell, born May 18, 1817, died August 6, 1899. Issue: six daughters.
3. James A. Ralston⁸, born June 23, 1838, married Cornelia Harwell, born _____, died _____. He died March 19, 1907.

The six daughters of Esther Ann Ralston⁸ and Logan D. Harwell:

1. Robert Hattie Lee Harwell⁹, called Hattie, born February 20, 1865, died April 25, 1942, had married on September 1, 1896 to Henry Walton Aymett, born May 7, 1859, died November 25, 1921.
2. Sallie McFerrin Harwell⁹, born June 27, 1867, born June 27, 1867, married W. M. Montgomery on September 4, 1892.
3. Mary Edmonds Harwell, born September 5, 1868, died June 18, 1934.
Unmarried.
4. Katie Pierce Harwell⁹, born September 13, 1871, died November 29, 1904.
Unmarried.

5. Maggie L. Harwell⁹, born September 6, 1873, married December 25, 1894 to David C. Elder.
6. Mattie Marvin Harwell⁹, born September 5, 1876, married Neil C. Birdsong on December 26, 1893.

Esther Ann Ralston⁸ and Logan D. Harwell's eldest child:

1. Robert Hattie Lee Harwell⁹, called Hattie, born February 20, 1865, married September 1, 1896 to Henry Walton Aymett, born May 7, 1859. She died April 25, 1942. They had four children:

1. Infant son¹⁰, died 1899
2. Annie Nell Aymett¹⁰, born October 25, 1900, unmarried. She lives at 215 South First Street, Pulaski, Tennessee.
3. Henry Harwell Aymett¹⁰, born November 14, 1902, lives at 215 South First Street, Pulaski, Tennessee. Married May 24, 1920 to Naomi Elizabeth Murphy, born September 16, 1905.

She died April 30, 1961. They had two sons:

1. Henry Murphy Aymett¹¹, born November 18, 1940; living.
2. Jerry Harwell Aymett¹¹, born September 22, 1944; living.

4th child of Robert Hattie Lee Harwell⁹ and Henry Walton Aymett was Katherine Louise Aymett¹⁰, born December 18, 1904, died March 31, 1925; unmarried.

Esther Ann Ralston⁸ and Logan D. Harwell's second child:

2. Sallie McFerrin Harwell⁹ born June 27, 1867, died Sept. 22, 1949; married September 4, 1892 to W. M. Montgomery, born October 5, 1862, died November 17, 1934. They had three children:
 1. Elsie Lou Montgomery¹⁰, born November 18, 1893; married 1st Talmadge Owen; married 2nd to Arnie Young; both husbands died. Mrs. Arnie Young lives at 107 Ingram Street, Pulaski, Tennessee.

One daughter by Arnie Young:

1. Martha Ann Young¹¹, born October 10, 1925, married on July 22, 1946 to Cletus Dunnavant. Issue one daughter:
 1. Janice Ann Dunnavant¹², born April 16, 1955.

Second child of Sallie McFerrin Harwell⁹ and W. M. Montgomery:

2. Logan Harold Montgomery¹⁰, born March 15, 1897, died June 11, 1958; married Venitia Ethridge, on July 17, 1925. One son:
 1. Rev. Harold Montgomery¹¹, born April 16, 1931. He is a young Methodist Minister living at Oakfield, Tennessee, married in September, 1955 to Rebecca Ann Moore.
Issue: two sons:
 1. Michael Stephen Montgomery¹², born July 18, 1956.
 2. Joseph Harold Montgomery¹², born December 31, 1958.

Third child of Sallie McFerrin Harwell⁹ and W. M. Montgomery:

3. Esther Ann Montgomery¹⁰, born January 28, 1902, lives at Pulaski, Tennessee, Route #5; married on September 25, 1930 to Lexie Young, deceased. Issue one son:
 1. James Paul Young¹¹, born August 5, 1937; married on July 13, 1957 to Mary Ann Owen.

Fifth child of Esther Ann Ralston⁸ and Logan D. Harwell:

5. Maggie L. Harwell⁹, born September 6, 1873, died November 6, 1897; married on December 25, 1894 to David C. Elder, born December 31, 1873, died December 6, 1946. Issue:
 1. Douglas Whitfield Elder¹⁰, born November 25, 1895.
 2. Arthur Clair Elder¹⁰, born July 5, 1897, died October 2, 1948; married to Vallie Jackson. (She is Mrs. Clair Elder, Fayetteville, Tennessee.) Issue: Three children.

1. Elaine Elder.
2. A. C. Elder, Jr.
3. Joe Douglas Elder.

Sixth child of Esther Ann Ralston⁸ and husband Logan D. Harwell:

6. Mattie Marvin Harwell⁹, born September 5, 1876, died January 9, 1957;
married Neil C. Birdsong, born September 22, 1873, died May 5, 1959.

Issue two children:

1. Esther Adelaide Birdsong¹⁰, born July 12, 1897. She lives at
416 South Third Street, Pulaski, Tennessee. Married on
December 25, 1913 to Willis E. Winstead; deceased.

Issue: Four children: Two sons died in infancy.

3. Martha Elizabeth Winstead¹¹, born September 20, 1917.

She is a technician in a hospital in South Bend,
Indiana. Lives at 51824 Lilac Road, South Bend,
Indiana.

4. Ruth Winstead¹¹, born July 18, 1922; married on
July 14, 1943 to Robert E. Lee, Jr.¹⁰, (great grandson
of Edward Greenberry B. Lee⁷ and 3rd wife, Lucy
Farrar.) They live at 600 West Jefferson Street,
Pulaski, Tennessee. Issue: Three children:

1. Martha Elizabeth Lee (Marty), born April 24, 1957.
2. Lucy Johnson Lee, born January 16, 1959.
3. Robert E. Lee, III, born December 28, 1960.

Second child of Mattie Marvin Harwell⁹ and Neil C. Birdsong:

2. Logan Hudgens Birdsong¹⁰, born August 9, 1904, died May, 1954;

married August 15, _____ to Elsie Grace Schildt. She is

Mrs. Logan H. Birdsong, Sr., Fort Walton Beach, Florida,

Box #411. Issue two children:

1. Logan Hudgens Birdsong, Jr.¹¹, born _____

2. Shirley Louise Birdsong,¹¹ born _____

This ends the list of descendants of John Ralston and Harriet C.

(Lee) Ralston⁷, daughter of John Lee⁶, son of Col. Greenberry Lee⁵.

Edward Greenberry B. Lee⁷, son of John Lee⁶ and wife Susanna Edmonds (Short) Lee; born 1819 and 1907 in Giles County, Tennessee; married five times:

1st wife, Miss Abernathy; a son, John William Lee⁸, who married four times.

2nd wife, Kate Ralston; a son, George G. Lee⁸

3rd wife, Lucy Farrar; a son,

1. Bob Lee⁸, married Janie Dunlap; issue:

1. Judge Robert Edward Lee⁹ of Pulaski, Tennessee.

2. Lucy Lee⁹, married Dr. W. B. Johnson, formerly of Port Arthur, Texas; now living in Pulaski. Dr. Johnson is a retired dentist.

4th wife, Miss Lusk; no children

5th wife, Mrs. Matilda (Stanton) Hargrove; no children.

Judge Robert Edward Lee⁹, married Della Clayton of Lewisburg, Tennessee.

They had three children: Robert E. Lee, Jr.¹⁰, Daniel Clayton Lee¹⁰, Lucy Lee¹⁰

1. Robert E. Lee, Jr.¹⁰, married Ruth Winstead, (a descendant of Harriett Lee⁷ and John Ralston). They have three children:

1. Martha Elizabeth Lee¹¹.

2. Lucy Johnson Lee¹¹.

3. Robert Edward Lee, III¹¹.

2. Clayton Lee¹⁰, married Betty Sanders of Lewisburg, Tennessee; one daughter:

1. Linda Lee¹¹.

3. Lucy Lee¹⁰, married Elmer David Davies, Jr., a Nashville attorney. They have two children:

1. Luda Davies¹¹

2. Lee Davies¹¹

John William Lee⁸, son of Edward Greenberry B. Lee⁷ and first wife, Miss Abernathy, born in Giles County, Tennessee. Married four times:

1st wife, Roena Payne; one daughter, Rosa Lee⁹.

2nd wife, Jennie Rogers, married March 21, 1881 in Sumter County, Alabama.

They had five children:

1. Rupert Lee⁹
2. Ada Lee⁹
3. Sallie Lee⁹
4. Johnie Lee⁹
5. Robert Lee⁹

The last child, Robert, was reared by his mother's sister, Mrs. Mattie Marshall and husband, Dr. J. B. Marshall of Mobile, Alabama.

On December 30, 1853 Edward D. Amason married Mary S. Rogers (sister of Jennie (Rogers) Lee) in Sumter County, Alabama. Their daughter, Alice^{a.} Amason, married May 10, 1894 as:

3rd wife of John William Lee⁸, in Sumter County, Alabama.

*Ref: Alice A. Amason born Nov. 15, 1854
Pictorial Family Register by George MacGowan. 1871*

One daughter: Mary Edward Lee⁹, married Gordon Topp.

Issue: Three daughters:

1. Elizabeth Topp¹⁰, married Robert J. Lord. They live at 1104 Grand Avenue, Washington, Indiana. Issue:

1. Robert Gordon Lord¹¹
2. Mary Emily Lord¹¹
3. William Arthur Lord¹¹

2. Mary Edward Topp¹⁰, born January 20, 1919; married to William Riley Young, born December 17, 1914. They live at 610 Ocean View Drive, Vandenburg Air Force Base, California. Issue: Three daughters:

1. Martha Lee Young¹¹, born June 30, 1947.
2. Elizabeth Lane Young¹¹, born November 18, 1949.
3. Margaret Helen Young¹¹, born June 12, 1956.

3. Helen Topp¹⁰, married Oron P. South, Box 181, Woodley Road, Montgomery, Alabama.

4th wife of John William Lee⁸, Margaret (Snow) Lee.

Issue: Three Children:

1. Hamilton Lee⁹
2. Margaret Lee⁹
3. Annie Ruth Lee⁹

and wife, Susanna Edmonds (Short) Lee and their descendants:

Issue two daughters and one son:

1. Harriet Caroline Marks married Dunlap Erwin.

- McCormack; she born April 5, 1874. Issue seven children:**

2. Esther Ann Ralston born Aug. 6, 1836, died April 18, 1882, married Logan D. Harwell. Her line given in this book pp. 31-35.

- Issue two sons and five daughters:

1. Mary S. (called Minnie) Ralston married Wirt Westmoreland.
2. John Reed Ralston died March 29, 1906, married Lula Thompson King.
3. Hattie Ralston . Deceased.
4. James L. Ralston . Deceased.
5. Clara Cornelia Ralston married Logan McClure Beasley.
6. Sue Esther Ralston married Richard Jerome Ragsdale.
7. Rosa Estelle Ralston .

1. Mary S. (called Minnie) Ralston eldest daughter of James Alexander Ralston and Cornelia Adeline (Harwell) Ralston married Wirt Westmoreland. Issue two daughters:

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1. Hallie Westmoreland married G. Cleveland Baird. 4 daughters, 1 son:

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1. Virginia Baird married Bill Johnson. Issue one daughter.

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2. Marie Baird married Ralph Poplin. Two daughters.

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3. Hallie Baird married 1st. Tom Kellam; m. 2nd. in Texas.

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4. Louise Baird married Mr. Berrie.

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2. Madie Westmoreland single.

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2. John Reed Ralston (son of James Alexander Ralston and Cornelia Adeline (Harwell) Ralston; he died March 29, 1906, married Lula Thompson King. Issue three daughters and two sons:

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1. Mildred Ralston married Lee Hulme; divorced.

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2. Jim King Ralston married 1st. Imogene Cash; Issue two daughters

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Murial Jean and Joyce . 2nd. Elise Harwell; two daughters:

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Virginia Ralston and Frances Ralston .

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3. Esther Ralston married 1st. Sam McConnell; a daughter, Louise .

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4. Clara Ralston .

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5. John Reed Ralston born November 9, 1905, married Avis Speed on Aug. 21, 1926. Issue two daughters and one son:

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1. Dorothy Jean Ralston born June 21, 1927; died Jan. 16, 1941.

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3. John Reed Ralston born February 22, 1939.

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2. Elizabeth Yevonne Ralston born June 15, 1930; m. July 29, 1954,

to Dr. Oliver Rhodes Ashworth. Issue one son and one daughter:

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1. John Rucker Ashworth born May 13, 1955.

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2. Jean Elaine Ashworth born June 17, 1957.

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5th child of James Alexander Ralston and Cornelia Adeline (Harwell) Ralston:

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5. Clara Cornelia Ralston born March 11, 1876, died May 23, 1902, married October 7, 1896, Logan McClure Beasley; he was born June 20, 1876, died February 10, 1955. Issue one daughter and one son:

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1. ~~Elva Olivia~~ Olivia Beasley born Sept. 8, 1897, married October 25, 1919 to

John Rufus Baker born June 29, 1897, died October 11, 1957. Two sons:

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1. John Logan Baker born Sept. 22, 1920, married Sept. 1, 1941,

to Frances Haston. They live at Columbia, Tennessee. Two sons:

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1. Albert Sidney Baker born August 10, 1946.

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2. Robert Lee Baker born March 18, 1957.

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2. Charles Rufus Baker born May 12, 1926, married April 23, 1955,

to Patricia Mae Nelson. Issue two daughters:

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1. Mary Beth Baker born November 20, 1956.

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2. Patricia Ann Baker born March 23, 1959.

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2. Neal Shannon Beasley born March 13, 1899, died June 21, 1907.

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6th child of James Alexander Ralston and Cornelia Adeline (Harwell) Ralston:

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6. Sue Esther Ralston born December 27, 1877, married Rufus Jerome Ragsdale on August 28, 1918. He was born January 10, 1877, died Sept. 23, 1938.

No issue. She lives at 610 Mitchell Avenue, Columbia, Tennessee.

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7. Rosa Estelle Ralston born October 9, 1879; single. She lives with her sister at 610 Mitchell Avenue, Columbia, Tennessee.

1st. child of John Ralston and Harriet C. (Lee) Ralston was
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 Susan E. Ralston born Sept. 2, 1834, died Aug. 9, 1903, married Thomas Coleman
 Marks; he was born Aug. 16, 1827, died June 1, 1906. Their eldest child:

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 1. Harriet Caroline Marks born March 27, 1867, married Dunlap Erwin. Issue:

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 1. Edmons Erwin born Aug. 29, 1898, died May 30, 1959, married

Howard Marshall. Issue:

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 1. James Erwin Marshall born April 29, 1923, married

¹²
 Lily Mai Tyler; issue 1. Bonnie Lynn Marshall b. Sept. 26, 1

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 2. John Scott Marshall born April 27, 1948. 1946

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 2. Sarah Lewis born April 14, 1868, married Charles Morgan Wheeler.

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 Issue 1. Bennie Tom Wheeler born Oct. 1, 1900, married Clithel Smith.

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 4. Anna Kate Marks born March 22, 1871, married Thomas Graves. 2 children:

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 1. Lois Graves died young.

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 2. Thomas J. Graves married Blanche Wilkes of Columbia, Tennessee.

The third child and eldest son of Susan E. Ralston and Thomas Coleman Marks was:

3rd. John William Marks⁹ born August 28, 1869, married Annie Eliza McCormack. She was born April 5, 1874. Issue seven children:

1. Esther H. Marks¹⁰ born October 28, 1890, married Albert Lacy Gunter,

he was born April 27, 1895. Issue three daughters:

1. Lessie Grey Gunter¹¹ born Nov. 21, 1917, married Horace Russell.

Issue one son; 1. Phillip Russell¹² born Dec. 14, 1940.

2. Ellen Floreine Gunter¹¹ born Feb. 5, 1920, married Edward Payne.

Issue one: Edward Lany Payne¹² born July 8, 1940; 2. Karen Payne.¹²
2nd. marriage to James Robert Baskin. Issue James Robert Baskin, Jr.¹²

3. Emma Ree Gunter¹¹ born May 5, 1925, married James Sullivan.

2. Sue Mai Marks¹⁰ born Sept. 28, 1892, died December 19, 1907.

3. Albert Seay Marks¹⁰ born Jan. 24, 1895, died Nov. 1934, married Oct. 10, 1915

Annie M. Gunter. Issue one daughter and two sons:

1. Katherine Marks¹¹ born Aug. 16, 1917, a twin; married Morris Tully.

2. Kenneth Marks¹¹ born Aug. 16, 1917, a twin; died March 22, 1918.

3. James Knox Marks¹¹ born March 10, 1922, married Madolyn Watkins.

Issue son 1. Kenneth Marks¹² born September 11, 1948.

4. Hallie B. Marks¹⁰ born July 23, 1897, married James Bryan Gunter. 4 children:

1. Gilbert Cecil Gunter¹¹ born December 4, 1916.

2. Thomas Paul Gunter¹¹ born June 27, 1921.

3. Margaret Virginia Gunter¹¹ born December 12, 1924.

4. John Aymett Gunter¹¹ born July 10, 1927.

5. William Henry Marks¹⁰ born June 21, 1900, married Sarah Louise Adcock.

6. Annie Kate Marks¹⁰ born May 26, 1903, married Davis W. Hightower, on August 23,

1925, Issue one son: 1. Dr. Billy Marks Hightower¹¹ born October 14, 1926.

7. John Howard Marks¹⁰ born Aug. 5, 1908, died June 5, 1944, married Katherine Pigg.

No issue.

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Dr. Billy Marks Hightower only child of Davis W. Hightower and Annie Kate

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(Marks) Hightower) born October 14, 1926, married Feb. 11, 1950, to Hilma Jane

Seay; she was born October 11, 1925; Issue one daughter and three sons:

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1. Hilma Annie Hightower born December 6, 1950.

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2. Davis Irby Hightower born Feb. 11, 1953.

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3. John Marks Hightower born April 17, 1954.

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4. William Charles Hightower born December 14, 1959.

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Dr. Bill Marks Hightower is a physician, now living at Lebanon, Tennessee.

He and his wife are graduates from Southwestern, a Presbyterian School in Memphis,

Tennessee; she majored in voice. He spent three years in graduate school at

the University of Tennessee where he received his M. A. degree in Biochemistry, also did

research for Ph. D.; he spent the next three years in medical school where he received

his M. D. degree. His parents live in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

3rd. daughter of John Lee (son of Col. Greenberry Lee) and wife Susanna

Edmonds (Short) Lee:

3. Francis Dorothy Lee married Benjamin Franklin of Giles County, Tennessee. She died 1841. Issue: Mary Jane ; John Lee ; Dorah Frances ; Elizabeth Bush ; and Arkansas Dorothy Franklin who married Newton Green Eslick; their daughter:

1. Mary Elizabeth Eslick born 1861, died in September, 1958.

She married Jerome Clayton Abernathy. Issue seven children:

1. Julia Abernathy married Will Wilkerson; dau. Frances
2. Gilbert B. Abernathy, Clerk of Giles County Court for twenty-six years. Married Louise Johnson; one son:
 1. Gilbert Abernathy, Jr.
3. John Matthews Abernathy ; Judge in Pulaski, Tennessee; married Helen Price of England. Issue two sons:
 1. John Matthews Abernathy Jr. married Betty J. Curry
 1. John Matthews Abernathy III
 2. Betty Burt Abernathy.
2. Thomas Jerome Abernathy a graduate of West Point.

Now studying law at the University of Tennessee.

4. Dorothy Abernathy died single.
5. Marguerite Abernathy married Arthur Wellborn. One son:
 1. Arthur Wellborn, Jr.
6. Mary Dora Abernathy married Carter Harrison Witt, Jr.

Issue two daughters and one son:

1. Jane Witt married Henry Smith Forrest; one son and two daughters: Robert ; Betty ; Jean Forrest .
2. Betty Witt married Bill Long of Nashville, Tenn.
3. Carter Harrison Witt III .

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Seventh child of Mary Elizabeth Eslick who married Jerome Clayton Abernathy was:
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7. Newton Jerome Abernathy born Dec. 23, 1901, married Mary Fowler on December 24,

1928. They lived in Pulaski, Tennessee. Issue two daughters:

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1. Marilyn Abernathy born October 13, 1930, married on Nov. 23, 1946,

to Arthur Clyde Teague. Issue five children:

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1. Michael Newton Teague born October 3, 1947.

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2. James Teague born April 15, 1949, died April 16, 1949.

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3. Laura Darby Teague born January 5, 1954.

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4. Bebe Ann Teague born September 10, 1955.

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5. Jerome Clayton Teague born March 24, 1958.

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2. Marguerite Abernathy born January 18, 1937, married Sept. 24, 1955,

to Donald Massey. Issue two children:

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1. Robert Donald Massey born May 5, 1956.

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2. Darby Massey born January 5, 1958.

3. James Wilson Massey¹² born August 30 1961.

Ref. "History of Tennessee", by Goodspeed Publishing Company. Page 750.

The first settlement in what became Giles County, Tennessee, was in 1805. Among the first settlers was Thomas Reed on Elk River. Page 751. James Reed was in Mt. Pisgah Church settlement in 1808. (This name was spelled "Reid" in the earliest records). Page 757. "Giles County, Tennessee, furnished two full companies in the Mexican War in 1846. E. G. B. Lee was in the First Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry under General Jonas E. Thomas of Maury County, Tennessee."

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Captain Edward Greenberry B. Lee was the eldest son of John Lee and Susanna Edmonds (Short) Lee. He was born in Giles County, Tennessee, in 1819; died 1907; married five times, all lovely women but delicate. 1st. wife, Elizabeth Abernathy, one son, John William Lee. Issue see pp. 37-38. 2nd wife, Kate Ralston, Brick Church, Tennessee. Issue one son:

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1. George Green Lee born May 27, 1861, married Kate Anderson on December 31, 1890; she was born September 24, 1862, died May 21, 1953. Is buried in the McKimmin Lot, Maplewood Cemetery, Pulaski, Tennessee; daughter of R. J. Anderson and Rachel (Everly) Anderson of Brick Church, Giles County. After George Green Lee died his widow married a minister, a Mr. Williams; he died before 1939. George Green Lee died Feb. 20, 1911, St. Augustine, Florida, buried in Jacksonville, Florida. Issue:

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1. Harry Anderson Lee born June 12, 1892, Ennis, Texas; died during WORLD WAR I, buried at Aisne-Marne, Belleau Wood, France.
2. Marguerite Lee born July 12, 1894, died before 1900.
3. Andrew Marshall Lee born Feb. 7, 1897, died before 1900.
4. Katherine Lee born March 16, 1900, Alvin, Texas; married Earl Gordon Archer of Woodburn, Oregon, on Sept. 29, 1929.

Issue two sons.

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Present address of Katherine (Lee) Archer and Earl Gordon Archer is Route #1,
Eckville, Alberta, Canada. They have two sons:

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1. Edward Lee Archer born June 25, 1932, Alsack, Saskatchewan, Canada;

wife, Darline; he works at Royal Bank in Calgary. Children:

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1. a son two years old in 1961 .

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2. Bruce Edward Archer , a twin, born May 31, 1961.

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3. Brian Lee Archer , a twin of Bruce, born May 31, 1961.

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2. William David Archer born July 12, 1934, Dedsbury, Alberta;

he is attending seminary and expects to take work as a pastor in

South Bend, Indiana. He is engaged to marry Karen, a teacher of piano
and organ there, on September 2, 1961.

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Captain Edward Greenberry Lee's 3rd wife was Lucy Farrar. They had one son,
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Bob Lee married Janie Dunlap. Their record on p.36 in this book. 4th wife was
Miss Lusk, no issue. 5th wife was Mrs. Matilda (Stanton) Hargrove, no issue.

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The first Ralston that we have found was David Ralston who served in the
Revolutionary War and for his services was granted 200 acres of land in 1783 on
1
White's Creek, now Davidson County, Tennessee. This David Ralston married Mary
2
Reed. Their son, James Reed Ralston , married Esther Shannon. They were the
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parents of John Ralston who married Harriet Cornelia Lee ; and his brother, David
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Ralston who married Mary Short Lee , sister of Harriet Cornelia Lee .