

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN LITTLE OF  
BOTETOURT AND ROCKBRIDGE COUNTIES, VIRGINIA

With Notes on Other Lines of Littles & Lytles  
That May Be Related

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## THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN LITTLE

The earliest records of this family reach back into Augusta County, Va., out of which Botetourt was formed in 1770. These are abstracted as follows:

Book 13-455 - Bargain of Sale, David Lyttle from Andrew and Jane Brown, Aug. 13, 1767, all parties from Augusta Co., and Colony of Virginia, 270 acres in the forks of James River, on the North Branch of James River, "the rent of one peppercorn on Lady Day next," 5 shillings, test, John Madison.

Book 13-457 - Release, dated Aug. 14, 1767, David Lyttle from Andrew and Jane Brown. The Browns held title through "An Estate of Inheritance", 125 Pounds, 270 acres, the same land covered in Bargain of Sale of Aug. 13, 1767.

Book 20, - 1774 - Joseph Little, purchased 380 acres on P. 331 - James River.

No other Littles or Lyttles were found in Grantee or Grantor Indices, or in the Index to Estates at the Augusta County Court House. Augusta County was formed in 1745.

Two Patents, as recorded in the State Land Office at Richmond, Va., are now given. These were abstracted by Ann Waller Reddy a genealogist of that city.

### Patent Book 39 - 1770-71, Page 329

George the Third, etc etc To all etc, but more especially for the sum of 35 shillings we grant unto David Lytle one tract of 38 acres lying and being in Augusta County in the fork of the James River adjoining to his former survey bounded etc etc, Beginning at a double white oak corner to said Lytle and Christin Godfrey Millorn and adjoining Edmund Crump's line etc etc. In witness etc etc, our well beloved Wm Nelson Esq. President and Commander in Chief of our sd Colony and Dominion 16 Feb. 1771.

WILLIAM NELSON

### Patent Book 42 - 1773-1774, Page 670

George by the Grace of God King of Great Britain Ireland Defender of the Faith etc etc (George III) Do grant unto David Lytle for the sum of 10 shillings Tract of 75 acres in Botetourt County on the south branches of the Catawba a branch of James River near Armstrongs Mountain between the land of Strattons heirs and the McKinzie tract. etc etc Witness etc etc John Earl of Dunmore our Lt. Governor 5th July 1774.

DUNMORE

It will be noticed in the abstracts of Botetourt Co. records that John, the father of David, also received Patents for certain lands

To clarify the subject of Patents, the report of Ann Waller Reddy is given as follows:

"There is much confusion about the Patents and Grants. Every person coming into Virginia was entitled to 50 acres of land. If he bought his tract after arriving the deed would be in the county in which he bought the land and there would be no record in the Land Office.

"The head rights are mostly persons who sold their right to 50 acres and bought somewhere else, or returned to England. These later Patents are out and out purchases. All early Patents have the head rights listed at the bottom of the Patent.

"In the early books many land owners are not mentioned as they bought their lands from a County Clerk and there should be a record in the county, but so many early Virginia counties have lost all their records by fire."

#### THE BOTETOURT COUNTY RECORDS

The Will of John Little, Sr., dated June 21, 1788, is copied in full from Will Book A, Page 361:

"Know all men by these presents I John Little of Botetourt County and Staite of Virginia Senior, Being in good health blised be God for the Saime, and being in my Right mind and of good Sound Judgment I make this my last Will and Testament in Maner and form foling. To wit, my Body to the dust and my Soul To God that gave it. I desier that all my Just Debts and Funerol Expenses be fully paid and if my wife Elizabeth lives after me I Desier and order that She have a Suficient, good Maintenance out of my Estate Real & Personal as long as She liveth or whilst aney part Estate is to be found, and after her Deceas if ther be aney of the Estate then Remaining I desier it to be devided amongst my children, the Meals Shall have twenty Shillings each and the femals fifteen Shillings Each this is the preportion betwiset the meals and femals each meal a lick and each femal a lick, David and John if a live & James and William to be Equal and Mary and Fannet, & Sarah Each of them a lick, part, I also Desier my wife Elizabeth, and my sons David and William to be the Executors of this my last will and Testament Given under my hand and Seal this Twenty first Day of June one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Eight.

Witnefs present

David Little

William Little

John Little - Seal  
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July Botetourt Court. 1793

This Instrument of writing purporting the last will & Testament of John Little decas was Exhibited in Court & proved by the oath of William Little & David Little witnefs hereto Subscribed, they having first Relinquished their legacies therein Contained & thereupon it is ord ered to be Recorded.

A Copy Teste

The compiler in 1955 engaged Miss Betty R. Firebaugh of Fincastle, Va., to read the Court Order Books from 1770 to 1810. Besides some minor law suits the only record of interest discovered is the following regarding the estate of John Little Sr.:

Bot. Co. Order Book 1792-1799, Bot. Co. Court July 9, 1793

The last will and testament of John Little deceased, was proved in court by David Little and William Little, witnesses there unto subscribed, they having first relinquished their legacy therein contained, where upon it is ordered to be recorded and on motion of David Little, one of the executors in the will named who made oath entered into bond according to law. Certificate is granted him allowing probate in due form.

If the Mormon Church has micro-filmed the Botetourt County records, a search of these may be of value.

The original will and all papers regarding the estate are missing.

Will Book B, Page 183, records a settlement at April Court, 1808, as follows:

Thomas Wilson and John Wilson, Master Commissioners reported that "in compliance with an order of the Worshippul Court of Botetourt, Feb. 1808, we have settled and made a statement of the estate of John Little deceased, in the hands of David Little Administrator, which shows David Little and James Little as debtors of the estate and recites: "To David Little for the support of the widow in provision and clothing from 1793 to Dec. 1807, 88 pounds, 10 shillings, 10 pence."

This proves that the widow, Elizabeth, was living at least to Dec. 1807.

At the time John Sr. made his will in 1788 he named his children as: David, John (if alive), James, William, Mary, Fannet and Sarah.

The will says "David and John if alive" but the compiler thinks John Sr. intended to refer to John only as "if alive" as David was a witness to the will. It would appear that John Jr. had not been heard from for some time and there was doubt as to his still being alive.

The legal phrasing of the will would indicate that it was prepared by an attorney or notary.

Before proceeding with the abstracts of deeds, attention is drawn to the fact that in very few cases did wives sign with their husbands when conveying real estate. Mrs. B. M. Allen, Deputy Clerk of Botetourt County, in a letter to the writer made the following concise statement regarding the matter:

"Prior to the 'Married Women's Act' of 1887, it appeared to be more a courtesy than anything else when a woman was invited to unite with her husband in a deed - that not being necessary to convey title. Hence the mere fact that few Little women signed deeds does not prove that the men were unmarried."

The notes made on the following deeds, where Littles were grantors, were made by the compiler under rather difficult conditions - shortage of time and at night. The reader is requested to excuse any lack of detail. The following deeds are given in the order as given in the Index - that is alphabetically and not chronologically and following the writer's general practice, the search is not continued beyond about 1840.

Index to Littles Appearing as Grantors With Brief Extracts From Deeds

1. 1771 David and James Little to Joseph Snodgrass Book 1-96  
Dated Feb. 10-1770, 260 acres on Fork of James River,  
S. W. side of North Branch of James River, 5 shillings,  
Wts. Trimble, McCune and Trimble.
2. 1772 David Lyttle to Joseph Snodgrass Book 1-428-9  
David Lyttle of Botetourt Co. formerly Augusta, 5  
shillings, 38 acres, in Forks of James River and join-  
ing S(orD) Lyttle and Christian Godfrey. No wife or  
witnesses. Also page 429, 5 Pounds, no witnesses.
3. 1816 David Little to Robert Harvey Book 12-10  
Andrew Smiley & Shanks, Executors of David Little Sr.  
(who died 1813) land in the county on Catawba Creek,  
63 acres. By patent dated June 21, 1787 John Little had  
received 263 acres by Patent of July 10, 1787 he received  
other land, both tracts contain 490 acres. Note by L.L. -  
It appears from my scanty notes that David Little, grand-  
son of John had acquired this land through his father,  
David and grandfather John. David signed by mark.
4. 1817 David Little to Robert Harvey Agent Book 15-187  
Could not find Deed Book.
5. 1820 David Little to Phillip Mortin Book 14-448  
\$153. 75 acres, David Little rec'd Patent July 5,  
1774, title now in his son David by his will, land on  
Catawba Creek. This deed dated May 6, 1820, Wts. Robt.  
Anderson, Mark Biegler, John Watkins, Jacob Bigler.  
David signed by mark.
6. 1822 David Little et. al, to Robert Little 15-366-368  
80 acres Catawba Creek - Part of 250 acres patented  
to John Little, March 25, 1801.
7. 1831 David Little per Atty. to Thos McDowell 19-689  
James Little, Atty for David Little of Roan Co. Tenn.  
one undivided half of my brother William's part of our  
father's land which he willed to him, on Catawba Creek.  
David Little formerly of Botetourt Co. now residing in  
Roan Co., Tenn. appointed James Little, "my brother of  
the county of Roan, my attourney to go to Boutetourt Co.  
to collect, etc."
8. 1831 David Little per Atty. to Joel Rowland 19-692 to 694  
Land on Catawba Creek, \$300. granted to David Little  
by Patent June 21, 1787. Signed James Little Atty for  
David Little.

9. 1838 Epharim Little et al, to Wm. McDurmid 23-367  
Not examined.
10. 1846 Epharim Little et al, to Samuel Stover 28-203  
Not examined.
11. 1857 Epharim Little Heirs to James Flemming 34-81  
Not examined.
12. 1800 John Little to Robt Little 7-357  
Both parties of Botetourt Co. 55 acres, \$100, surveyed May 18, 1798, branch of Catawba Creek, which is a branch of James River, joining land of David Little, no wife, no wits.
13. 1808 James Little to Henry Moore 8-546-7  
Deed Book missing.
14. 1811 James Little to Jacob Smith 10-273  
James of Tenn. William of Botetourt Co. land on to 5  
Catawba, no wives signed deed on page 273. Deed on page 275 signed by James Little and wife Eliz, also by William Little and wife Nancy. Land on Catawba, John Little witness.
15. 1816 John Little to Wm. Little 12-64  
Both of Botetourt Co. 134 acres, part of 250 acres patented to John Little, March 26, 1801, on Catawba, no wife but witnessed by Wm. and James Little.
16. 1816 James Little for sbc to Thos Crop 12-238  
Sold for taxes by Sheriff
17. 1819 James Little to John Little 14-107  
Both of Botetourt Co. Catherine wife of James, 104 acres conveyed to David August 14, 1771. said David now deceased, had willed this land to James Little, corner to Robert Little.
18. 1820 John Little to David Bradley 14-526  
This land had been patented to John Little Aug. 25, 1800, no wife signed.
19. 1821 James Little to Thos McDowell 15-12  
James and wife Catherine, \$100, all of James' interest in brother John Little's two tracts of land where his mill stands on Catawba Creek .... their father David Little ... which John Little bought from his brother Robert. Witnesses, Robert and Sally Little.
20. 1822 John Little per heirs, to Robt Little 15-366, 368  
Not examined.
21. 1820 James Little to Thos McDowell 17-55  
Not examined.

22. 1831 James Little to David Little, Power of Atty.  
Not examined. 19-690
23. 1831 James Little et al, to Joll Rowland  
Not examined. 19-690,  
694
24. No other James Little deeds entered in this list after  
1839.
25. 1812 Margaret Little to George Linkenhoker  
Margaret of Botetourt Co. 110 acres on Catawba. 14-678
26. 1825 Margaret Little to Wm. Lee  
Not examined. 16-487
27. 1825 Margaret Little per atty. to Henry Moore  
Not examined. 17-32, 36,  
77
28. 1812 Robert Little to Michael Henderliter  
Robert of Botetourt Co. 52 acres part of 55 acres  
patented to John Little Jan 25, 1800. No wife signed,  
Wts. John and David Little. 11-4
29. 1821 Robert Little to Sarah, David and James Little  
and Thos McDowell. Not examined. 15-178
30. 1825 Robert Little to Thos McDowell  
Not examined. 16-276
31. 1832 Robert Little to John VanderGrift and  
Thos McDowell. Not examined. 19-949-50
32. 1832 Robert Little to C. R. Campbell.  
Not examined. 20-601
33. 1810 William Little et al, to Jacob Smith  
James Little of Tenn. William of Botetourt, refers to  
a contract covering several people. John Little a  
witness. 10-273-  
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THE WILLS AND ESTATES OF BOTETOURT CO. TO 1832 INCLUSIVE

Will Book b, 368. Will of David Little, dated Nov. 25, 1813.

"To son John all my interest in my saw mill and 50 acres of my old tract of 200 acres. He is to pay to my other children .. equal shares. To son, Robert part of my old tract of 210 acres by Big Spring Ridge to Peter's line. To my son William (two words Illegible) my old grist mill and saw mill to begin on the Creek of the old saw mill fording. To my son James ... to my son David and his heirs my tract of 75 acres on the foot of Tinker Mountain which joins the lands of Christian Shanks. To my daughters Sarah and Rebecca and their heirs, my tract of land in Rock-bridge County on the North Run. Mentions a partnership with Robt. Harvey on some land. I appoint my friends James Smiley, Wm. Anderson, and Christian Shanks my executors. Witnesses, David Smiley, Sarah Little and Luke Barrett. Probated Dec. 1813. Inventory in Book B, 387.

Will Book C, 161, Bill of Sale, dated Jan. 13, 1814 shows personal property of David Little sold to:

William Little	John Watkins	John Little
Henry Lemon	Brian McDonalds	Mark Bigler
Robert Little	Saml. Ervin	Harmon Brough
Jos. Polk	Sally Little	Peter Cortman
Fanny Garman	Rebecca Little	Peter Lemon
Sam Davis		

The above recorded June 1819. Settlement, in Book C, 167

Will Book A, 361 Will of John Little. Already shown on Page 2.  
The Inventory of this estate is in Book A, 363.

Will Book B, 183, John Little, Settlement already shown on Page 3.

Will Book C, 276, John Little, Inventory. Made pursuant to order of Court dated July 1820, was made Aug. 2, 1820 shows no names other than what looks like "Janet Shigler" was made by Edward McDonald, James Smiley and Christian Shank, and certified before Matthew Harvey.

Will Book C, 589, John Little Sale Bill, 1820. Not examined

Will Book D, 10, John Little Settlement. (This entry and the three above seem to apply to the estate of a John Little probably a son of David.)

By a settlement of Rebecca Little and Rebecca McDowell, Administratrices of John Little, recorded October Court, 1824, in Will Book "D" page 10, is shown.

"To amount of property sold at the sale on the 18th of August, 1820 as per sale bill. \$160.48½"

Recites collection of \$2.50 from Geo. Linkinhoger and \$14.00 from William Carroll, which was due intestate in his life time.

Shows payment of execution against intestate in favor of R. & Kyle. \$166.74.

Payment of intestate's bond to \_\_\_\_ Layman, \_\_\_\_ Wiley; payment on execution in favor of E. Taylor & Co.; bond to Sarah Little, executed March 23, 1819, "left by said Sarah in the hands of Robert Anderson as her agent for collection which bond said Anderson has shewed to me ..."; payment on Brownlees proven accounts, also on proven accounts of Robert Little and Henry Lemmon.

"Pursuant to an order of the worshipping county court of Botetourt made at the April term 1824, directing me to settle the accts. of Sussanah McDowell but aught to have been Rebecca McDowell Administratrix of John Little deceased, and make report thereof to the court, I have at the July Court of 1824 met Thomas McDowell the husband of the said Rebecca, she being in bad health and unable to attend herself in Fin-castle, and proceeded to take the foregoing accounts."

Immediately following the recordation order of the above mentioned settlement, appears the following:

"At Botetourt April Court 1824.

On motion of Thomas McDowell ordered that the Master Commissioner Wood do state and settle the administration accounts of Susanna McDowell, adtrix. of John Little, and make report thereof to Court."

Will Book C, 227, William Little Inventory. Recorded Oct. 1819. Shows no names other than debtors of the estate; Mathew Garman, George Linkenauer, Rundall Openchain and Wm. Lee. Appraisment was made by James Snider or Smiley, Samuel Phillips and Christian Shanks, Appraisers.

Will Book E, 343, William Little, Will  
Dated the 23rd of (no month) 1819. "Brother David, sister Rebecca, brother, John Little appointed executor, Also appoints Alex. McNutt and John Robinson Executors "for my property in the State of Indiana."

No other estate matters taken down. All papers in the estate of David Little including the original will are missing.

#### LITTLES APPEARING AS GRANTEES

The following data on deeds where Littles appear as Grantees was prepared by Mrs. B. M. Allen, Deputy Clerk:

34. A deed dated August 14, 1771 and recorded in Deed Book No. 1 page 283 from Thomas Stockton to David Little, conveyed to the said Lytle "of the said county" (Botetourt) ... 210 acres on both sides of Catawba Creek, a branch of James River, described by metes and bounds as adjoining David Mitchell, Smiley's land. The deed is witnessed by Malcolm Allen, Robert Shields, Archibald Fisher and John Little.

35. A deed dated Nov. 26, 1806 recorded in Deed Book 9, Page 238, from Elijah Smith and Mary, his wife, to David Little conveys 18 acres, waters of Catawba, adjoining lands of Jacob Smith, the heirs of David Mitchell and the David Little land and Abraham Peters, and is witnessed by Jacob Smith, Alan Smith and Robert Little.

36. A deed dated Feb. 24, 1816, recorded in Deed Book 12, Page 104 from Robert Harvey to David Little, conveys 63 acres, the same was granted to David Little, deceased, by patent bearing date of June 21, 1787 ... and conveyed by his executors to said Harvey - on waters of Catawba Creek, adjoins David Mitchell, deceased, and Smith. The deed is witnessed by Joseph Fogg (?), Reuben Tankersley (?) and John Little.

37. By deed dated Nov. 10, 1772, recorded in Deed Book 1, page 439, Matthias Cleek (probably Clark) and Margaret Cleek, his wife, conveyed to John Little of the County and colony aforesaid (Botetourt) 50 acres on no. br. of James River, described by metes and bounds but no adjacent land owner's names mentioned in the description. Names no witnesses.

38. By deed dated February 13, 1816, and recorded in Deed Book No. 12 page 8, Robert Harvey conveyed to John Little, 5 acres, "part of David Little lands, described by metes and bounds, and as being part of 384 acres of David Little land.

39. By agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1817, recorded in Deed Book 13 page 187, between Robert, William, David and James Little, the terms of the will of David Little are varied as to division of his lands and indemnifying Sally and Rebecca Little, his daughters against any dissatisfaction that they may feel when they become of age by reason of said variance.. It is signed by the above named Littles, witnessed by Edward McDouals, Robert Anderson and B. Kyle and recorded at January Court 1818.

40. By deed dated October 14, 1800, recorded D.B. 7 page 357, John Little conveys to Robert, in consideration of \$100.00 a tract of 55 acres in Botetourt on Stone Cole Run, a branch of Catawba Creek, which is a branch of James River, adjoining the land of the heirs of David Mitchell deceased, and the land of David Little and of Robert Harvey, described by metes and bounds.

41. By deed dated July 8, 1812, D.B. 11 page 5, Michael Henderliter, in consideration of \$20.00, conveys certain tract of land containing by survey 30 acres, which was granted to George Edzler, Michael Henderliter by patent bearing date the 11th day of October 1797, lying on Stone Coal Run, a branch of Catawba Creek, described by metes and bounds. Witnessed by Jesse Henderliter and John Little and David Little.

42. By deed dated September 16, 1822, recorded D.B. 15, page 366, Paulis Winters and Sarah, his wife, David Little and Thomas McDowell and Rebecca McDowell, convey to Robert Little 80 acres on the waters of Catawba Creek, on each side the Catawba Road, described by metes and bounds and as a part of a tract of 850 acres granted to John Little, deceased, by a patent bearing date the 26th day of March, 1801.

43. By deed dated February 13, 1816, recorded in Deed Book 12 Page 9, Robert Harvey conveyed to Robert Little, 10 acres, part of 263 acres David Little lands.

44. By deed dated May \_\_\_\_\_ 1785, Deed Book 3 page 332, Joseph Dennis and Mary Dennis, his wife, conveyed to William Little, in consideration of 45 pounds, a parcel of land containing 196 acres, lying in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ on Holstines Spring, a branch of Catawba Creek, a branch of James River, described by metes and bounds.

45. By deed dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1784, recorded in Deed Book 3 page 362, Robert Snodgrass conveyed to William Little, by bill of sale, certain personalty. Witnesses by William B. Laforce and Thomas McGeorge - recorded January Court 1785.

46. By deed dated January 3, 1816 and recorded in Deed Book No. 12, page 64, John Little conveyed to William Little 164 acres, part of 250 acres, granted to the said John Little by patent bearing date the 26th day of March, 1801, on Waters of Catawba. Witnessed by Robert Anderson, William Little and James Little.

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF BOTETOURT CO.

Prepared by Mrs. B. M. Allen, Deputy Clerk.

PAGE NO.

LITTLE (LITTLE) MARRIAGES TO 1853

283	Sarah to Paulis Winther, March 19, 1822, security or witness, Thomas McDowell
506	William to Nancy Craddock, by Rev. Edward Mitchell
103 526	Elizabeth, to John Hartman, son of Frederick Hartman, October 17, 1798, by Rev. Edward Mitchell, Father: William Little: witnesses: Geo. Clerk, Mary Clerk, Joseph Snodgrass.
309 605	Ephriam, to Mary St. Clair, Dec. 17, 1825, by Rev. Joel Crumpacker. Daughter of Geo. St. Clair
30	James, to Elizabeth Craddock, August 9, 1786 "Consent of William Craddock. William Little surety.
436 654	James - Harriett Bryan, October 1, 1842 by Jacob Carper (Minister) Daughter of Stephen B. Bryan
72 517	Margaret - to George Clark, January 6, 1794 by Rev. Edward Crawford, Daughter of William Little. Robert Tresham wit.
216 567	Martha - to William Lee, son of Zachariah Lee, by Rev. John Helms, December 23, 1813. William Little father. Securities Jonathan Lee and Mary Lee.
223 570	Mary - to Matthew Gorman (most likely Garman) by Rev. John Helms, January 18, 1815. William Little father: James Wolfe and William Lee securities.
279	Rebecca, "over age of 21 years" to Thomas McDowell, Sept. 8, 1821. David Little, deceased, father; Robert Little witness or security.
130	Susanna - to James Wolf, December 8, 1802. William Little father; Michael Wolf, security or witness.
4	William - to Margaret Snodgrass, August 16, 1774, James Snodgrass security.

157 William - to Nancy Craddock "above the age of 21 years"  
April 16, 1806. William Craddock, deceased, father;  
Jennet Craddock and Geo. Clark securities.

391 William, to Eliza Backus, by Rev. Jacob Carper, March 2,  
635 1836. Mrs. D. Backus mother; Dolly Backus, security.

Where two page notations appear for the same marriage, the last shows the return of the minister. Not all ministers' returns are indexed in this office.

Any of the above marriage records (with the ministers' returns where they are indicated) can be furnished by the County Clerk for \$1.00 each.

At another time Mrs. Allen sent the following marriage record:

John Lytel to Elizabeth Baggs, Jan. 24, 1807.

UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS, BOTETOURT COUNTY

1800 Missing

1810 Wm. Little M-1 45 or over  
F-1 under 10 -2, 10 to 16 -1, 45 or over

" Wm. Little Sr. M-1, 45 or over  
F-3 10 to 16 -1, 16 to 26 -1, 45 or over

" David Little M-1, 10 to 16 -3, 16 to 26, -2, 26 to 45 -1,  
45 or over.  
F-1, 10 to 16 -1, 16 to 26

1820 Robert Little, Catawba Creek, M-2, 26 to 45  
F-1, 16 to 26 -1, 26 to 45

1830 Not any census for this year.

1840 Ephraigham M-2 under 5 -1, 30 to 40  
Little F-1 under 5 -2, 5 to 10 -1, 20 to 30

1840 William Little ? (L is like his S's) M-2 under 5 -1, 20-30  
F-1, 20 to 30

1850 "Western District Aug. 20".  
Charles C. Little 56 teaching school from New York  
Lucy S. " 53 " Va.  
Charles C. " Jr. 23 laborer " Va.

Notes by Leonard Lytle:

In 1810 there were only three families of Littles and in 1820 only one family. In 1840 there are two but one of these, "Ephraigham" probably does not belong to this line. Those in 1850 census do not fit our problem as the father, Charles C., was born in New York. Therefore, it appears that some time after 1810 and before 1820, most of the family had gone "west". By 1850 all had gone except possibly some of the descendants of the female branches.



DATA OBTAINED IN 1951 FROM FLETCHER O. LITTLE  
OF ROSELAND, VA.

He was then 82 years of age and stated he was a son of William A. Little. "My father's father settled in Rockbridge Co., Va. Some of the family settled in Tenn. and other states. There were seven brothers who would be my father's uncles - they all came over together".

The following Ross County, Ohio records were contributed by Mrs. Marcella Campbell, 703 E. Main, Clinton, Ill. This cemetery is that of a very old Methodist Congregation. The Bethel Church is in Green Township about 5 miles S. E. of Kingston.

Andrew Little d, Mar. 17, 1859 age 84-7 mo.  
Nancy wife of Andrew, d, Jan. 13, 1842, 62 yr.  
David, son of Thos. and Rebecca, d, Feb. 2, 1841, 11 mo. 2 days.  
Samuel Lightle, d, Jan. 17, 1851, age 52 yr, 9 mo. 3 days.  
Stewart Lightle, d, - - - 22, 1836 (age illegible)  
Isabell Little, wife of Stewart d, Sept. 13, 1821, 56 yr.  
Baty, John, d, Aug. 13, 1825, 60 yr.  
Baty Mary Little, wife of John, d, Oct. 14, 1864 - 100 yr.

All of the above graves are together.

Thomas O. Little 1856-1913.

The following three names are on one stone.

James Little, Mar. 2, 1817 - Mar. 23, 1882.  
Elizabeth Orr, his wife, Sept. 27, 1818, Aug. 9, 1900.  
Wm. Fletcher Little, June 29, 1848, Apr. 6, 1905.

Samuel Little, d, Dec. 22, 1834, age 65 yrs.  
Isabell Little, his wife, d, Jan. 13, 1858, age 78 yrs.  
Martha Little, d, Mar. 2, 1827 - 87 yrs.  
Hugh Little, d, Sept. 19, 1825, age 37 yr.  
Catherine Rigby, his wife, d, June 7, 1848, age 55 yrs.  
Martha Little, their daughter, June 1, 1890, age 70 yrs.

There is some possibility that this line is connected to John Little of this paper. The "Seven Brother" tradition may be of interest.

TAX REPORT - BOTETOURT COUNTY

As Prepared by Ann Waller Reddy

1783	Wm. Little	250 acres		
	David Little	210 acres		
1791	David Little	210 acres		
	Wm. Little	250 acres		
1783		Tithes	Horses	Cattle
	Wm. Lytel	1	5	4
	David Lytle	1	4	4
1784	Wm. Little	1	4	14
	David Little	1	4	4
	Thos Little	1	2	6
1786	Wm. Little	1	2	5
	David Little	1	5	8
1787	David Little	1	9	21 (?)
	James Little	1	1	
	Wm. Little	1	3	5
(Cattle not taxed in 1788 and 1789)				
1788	David Little	1	8	
	James Little	1		(if just 21 born 1766)
	John Little	1		(if just 21 born 1767)
	Wm. Little	1	2	
1789	David Little	1	10	
	Wm. Little	1	2	
	James Little	1	1	

Kegley's Virginia Frontier, published 1938, makes mention of the Botetourt County Littles on the following pages: 161, 345, 358, 368, 426, 430, 437, 468, 471, 473, 474, 476, 477, 482.

Annals of South West Virginia, by Summers, mentions Botetourt County Littles as follows: Pages; 101, 116 122, 123, 152, 171, 197, 215, 338, 547, 582.

John Little, Sr.  
Botetourt Co., Va.  
d. 1793, will 1788  
wife Elizabeth;  
his children: #10,  
11, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16, 17, 18, 19.

19 Elizabeth in  
Ireland in 1787  
18 Margaret in  
Ireland in 1787  
17 Joseph, Rockbridge  
Co. died about 1787

16 Sarah  
15 Fannet  
14 Mary  
13 William  
12 James  
11 John "if alive"  
10 David d. 1813 in  
Botetourt Co.  
m. 1st-McCalpin  
and had children  
shown.  
  
m. 2nd-Margaret  
McCalpin - no  
children

107 Reuben, d. age 20  
106 Rebecca, minor in 1816.  
in 1821 m. Thos. McDowell  
105 Sarah (Sally) minor  
in 1817  
104 David, Jr. b. 1781. Lived  
Roane Co. Tenn.  
m. Charity E. Ross; d. Iowa  
in 1863. Left heirs.  
103 James, in 1808 in Roane  
Co., Tenn.  
1st wife Elizabeth  
2nd wife Catherine  
Main chart says he m.  
in Va. to Wease and  
moved to Missouri 1835.  
102 William, d. 1819. Will  
notes land in Indiana;  
m. Agnes McCalpin,  
May 11, 1787.  
101 Robert, living in 1813  
per Main chart.  
100 John, died 1824.

Note: No. 17, Joseph, above, d. 1787. Will dated 1786 mentions "brother David" and sisters Margaret and Elizabeth living in Ireland.  
Orrin W. Main is a descendant of #104 - David Little, Jr.



In 1951, the compiler advertised in the Fincastle County papers for information on the Little family. A contact was made with Mrs. Lottie O. Vandegrift, (Mrs. S. C.) of Rt. 2, Troutville, Va. Her maiden name was Old. Her father was born 1830 and married a Snodgrass. Her grandfather was Charles Old and her great grandfather was Edward Old, who married a Miss Little. This family has lived in the vicinity of Troutville, near Fincastle for many generations.

She recalled that about 1935, some ladies came to Troutville and employed a local undertaker to help them find the grave of David Little.

She also stated that a neighbor says he helped to tear down an old house near Stone Coal Gap and that there was a stone bearing the name of David Little.

In 1954, Mrs. Vandegrift found in her scrapbook an old clipping (not dated) from a local newspaper which told of Orrin W. Main and wife of Montclair N. J., coming there on their honeymoon.

" From the scrap book of Mrs. S. C. Vandegrift, Rt. 2, Troutville, Va. The clipping does not give the year but it is thought by Mrs. Vandegrift that it was around 1930 or 1935.

#### NEW YORKER LOCATES HOME OF ANCESTORS IN BOTETOURT COUNTY

Troutville, Jan 25, (special) One of Botetourt's historic old cemeteries told an interesting story to Mr. and Mrs. Orrin W. Main of Montclair, N. J., who spent part of their honeymoon here looking up the records of Mr. Main's ancestors, who left Botetourt County more than a century ago. Mr. Main, whose business address is 63 Wall Street, N. Y. arrived here Wednesday and left for New York this morning. He was successful in finding records in the courthouse at Fincastle with the aid of Turner McDowell, Clerk, which enabled him to find the grave of his great, great grandfather, David Little, who died in 1813 and whose will was probated in that year. From descriptions in the will of David Little and from a deed from David Little to Joseph Snodgrass in Deed Book I, dated before the Revolution in which 110 acres were sold for 150 pounds and with the aid of Mr. W. H. Rader and G. W. Layman of Troutville. Mr. Main succeeded in locating the old Little residence on the old Blackburg road about five miles south west of Haymakertown. The house is now occupied by Rome Campbell and family and is in a fair state of preservation. It was built originally of logs, but has since been weatherboarded over the logs.

Mrs. W. T. Carroll, 72, who lives near the old cemetery and house remembered hearing her grandmother, who died many years ago at the age of 94, speak of a family of Littles and led Mr. Main to the cemetery nearby, where among a dozen graves in the old burying ground which had not been cared for in the present generation. They found the tombstone of David Little among the vines which had long ago taken possession of the spot.

Mr. Little's children, of which there were six sons and two daughters left Botetourt, going to Tennessee, over a century ago. From there David Little, Jr., moved to Iowa in 1854. Orrin Main of New York is his descendant.

"Executors of the Little will, which was probated November 25, 1813, were James Smiley, W. M. Anderson, and Christian Shanks, whose descendants live in the Haymakertown section now. Among the property bequeathed was a grist mill and a saw mill. The location of the grist mill is still in evidence. Little's original title to the property was a grant from George III. The dictum of the will is interesting that it is couched in the reverent and stilted language of the period. The cemetery in which David Little is buried is on the property of E. K. Crawford and is near the Little home."

In a later letter Mrs. Vandegrift said that the cemetery is on the Carroll place instead of the Crawford farm.

Mrs. B. M. Allen of Fincastle wrote in October 1953, that she had found an old County map of 1821, which showed "Little's Mill" in the Stone Coal section of the County. This seems to be about 7 or 8 miles northwest of Troutville. Haymakertown is in the same area.

#### NOTE

(The Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church was organized about 1808, in Floyd County, Ky. See FILSON CLUB HISTORY QUARTERLY, Vol. 32, 1958.)

Mr. Orrin W. Main, moved from Montclair, N. J., to his present home at Rt. 2, Brook Valley Road, Boonton, N. J. The compiler visited him in 1954, at his office at 52 Wall St., New York City, and in the correspondence that followed obtained the following data:

"I am interested that you obtained so much material at Fincastle. The Littles, by that surname, are no longer in that area of Virginia, but there is a large family of double cousins of the Littles there. They go by the name of McAlpin or McAlphin (in Lexington), - the spelling of the original Robert was Mc Calpin or McColpin, and so appears on the old court records. There is a group of McAlpins on adjoining farms at Fancy Hill, The Lee Highway, Rockbridge County. The Church yard where the family have been buried succeeding generations since Colonial times is Falling Springs Church, which is only a few miles distant.

This Robert Mc Calpin was from Edinborough, I believe. David Little my great great grandfather was from Ireland; what town, I have been unable to learn. He was settled near Tinker Mountain a few miles from Fincastle by 1770. Robert Mc Calpin was apparently an equally early settler in those parts, and the two families were closely allied in all their activities. In fact, David married one of Robert's daughters. Later when she died he married a sister, Peggy. All his children were by the earlier marriage, namely; David (my great grandfather), John, Rebecca, Robert, Sarah, William, and James.

David had a brother, Joseph, who died in 1786, in Rockbridge County, leaving three children; Joseph, Margaret, and Elizabeth. The latter married Robert McCalpin, a son of the elder Robert, and brother of my great grandmother. It is from this marriage that the McAlpin clan still living in Rockbridge County springs.

I have elaborate genealogical tables on the Littles and the McAlpins bringing them down to the present generation. There are a big host of us scattered all over the country."

THE LITTLES OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VA.

Book I Wills 1778 - 1796  
Page 291, 293

Abstract of Will

Dated Aug. 25, 1786 Joseph Little of Rockbridge Co. - weak & infirm. To my wife, Mary 3 Negros and the third of John Makeys moveable estate, - directs son Joseph to build her a cabin 16 x 18, my daughter, Elizabeth - her husband Robert, - her son Robert, her son Joseph, her son James, my daughter Margaret my brother David. To my two sisters now in Ireland, Margaret & Elizabeth, bequeaths ½ acre to Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania. To my wife Mary's children; Jain Mary Henery William Hester Elizabeth. Appoints wife, Mary, son Joseph and William Macapin executors.

Signes. Joseph Littel by mark.

Witnesses: John McCulloch, William McClung  
Will was entered in Court, Feb. 6, 1787.

Book 5 1819 - 1825  
App. 449  
Inventory

John Little, deceased, 1824. Logs in John Poague's field - - - plank in Wm. Little's lane - - - David Little's note \$48.43 - - speaks of Mill - - lists lumber for boats, James Little owes balance - also Wm. Little and Enick Huston.

Book 7 1831 - 1837

Joseph Little - Settlement 434. Appraisors - 209. (No other Little entries down to 1848)

Joseph Little acquired his 380 acre farm in 1774 as noted on Page 1 of this paper. The compiler's notes, as made at Staunton, Augusta County, in 1945, now follow:

"To Joseph Little, 380 acres - part of 92,100 acres granted to Benjamin Bordin by patent on James River - adjoining land of James McKee and Wm. McClung - beginning on John Allison's line.

Signed - Archibald Alexander and Magdalene Bowyer.

Witnesses - Robert Kinhead - John Allison - Samuel Lyle."

At the time of making this abstract the compiler made the following notations:

"This deed gives quite a complete history of the Benjamin Bordin family of New Jersey. Benj. Bordin, the younger - refers to Frederick County, Va."

The following deeds appear in the Grantee Index at Lexington, Va. prior to 1848:

Z-366 1847 - Little, David, from James McLoughlin et al 100 acres.

W-30 1841 - Little, James, from Samuel F. Jordan & wife, land on Bratton Run.

- F-534 - 1809 - Little, Wm. from John Posey & wife, 66 Pounds - 9 acres - where Posey now resides - which the said Little has improved and is now settled on adjoining the Falling Springs Meeting House Lot, on the Falling Springs Branch that runs into Buffalo Creek, Wts: Wm. Paxton, John Spence, Abraham Little.
- M-186 - 1820 - Little Wm., Trustee, from David Little. David Little gives chattel mortgage on household goods, etc. for \$92.10, David owes James Little.

#### GRANTOR INDEX

- Book A - P. 186 - Sept. 7, 1786. Joseph Little & Mary, his wife, 1 Pound - ½ acre, convey to Thos. Russell & Finley Porter. Wits: George Currie, Thos. Reed, Wm. McClung. Property is on McClung's line. Signed: Joseph Little, by mark and by Marey Little.

#### NOTE BY COMPILER:

This deed might cover the ½ acre he willed to the Church on Aug. 20, 1786.

- Book P - 35 - These deeds on furniture, etc. to various parties  
 Book R - 187 given in 1826, 1831, 1836 and 1843 were security  
 Book T - 158 for loans of from \$48.00 to \$104.00.  
 Book W - 425
- Book R - 311 - Wm. Little and Rebecca, his wife, \$5.00, 1 acre as surveyed contiguous to the Church on Buffalo - John Poague's line, conveyed to Falling Springs Congregation, 1837.
- Book R - 312 - Wm. Little and Rebecca, his wife, to Jacob Cunningham \$2.00 - 9 acres on Buffalo Creek adjoining Poague 1837.
- Book R - 350 - Wm. Little and Rebecca, his wife to John Poague 1837, land on Buffalo Creek, 3½ acres, \$2.00. (See Plat and Survey Book R, P. 358.)

#### ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY MARRIAGES TO 1825

1. Joseph Little to Mary Mackey - Apr. 19, 1785.
2. Joseph Little to Sarah Beatty - Dec. 4, 1788.
3. Wm. Little to Agnes McCalpin - May 11, 1787.
4. Abraham Little to Eliz. McCalpin - Oct. 20, 1795 by Rev. Samuel Houston.
5. David Little to Peggy McCalpin - Oct. 22, 1801.
6. David Little to Ann McCalpin - Sept. 12, 1811 by Rev. Samuel Houston.
7. James Little to Polly Peters - May 29, 1823.
8. David Little to Rebecca Adams - Sept. 29, 1825.

#### Notes regarding the above marriages:

1. Mary Mackey, the second wife of Joseph Little, was a widow with children who are listed in Joseph's will.
2. This is Joseph Little, Jr.

3. D.A.R. Magazine, P. 34, Jan. 1959, shows David Little as father of William Little of this marriage.

5. Peggy is the diminutive of Margaret.

Note by Mr. Main: "The Rev. Samuel Houston shown as performing two of the marriages above, was a first cousin of the father of General Samuel Houston of Texas fame, was pastor of Falling Springs Church - - also pastor of Highbridge, - - I am not sure how these two marriages connect to the family history but Abraham was given as a son of a David Little and it may be that both marriages are also recorded at Fincastle Court House."

PERSONAL TAX RECORDS - ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

	Lytle Family	White	Tithes	Slaves	Horses	Cattle	
1782	Little,	Joseph	1				
	"	Thomas	1		3	6	
	"	J.	1		5	3	(Jno. in Census)
1783	"	Joseph	1		5	10	
	"	Thomas	1		4	7	
1784							
1785	"	Thomas	1		1	5	
	"	David	1		2	1	
	"	Joseph	1		5	9	
1786	"	Thomas	1		1	5	
	"	Joseph, Sr.	1	3	3	13	
	"	Joseph, Jr.	1		1		
	"	David	1		1	6	
1787	"	Margaret			2	11	
	"	Thomas	1		2	5	
	"	Joseph	1		2	4	
	Lytle	William	1				
	"	David			2	10	
1788	Little	David	1		2		
1789	"	Joseph	1		2		
1790	"	"	1		4		
	"	William	1		2		
	"	David, Sr.	1		2		
	"	Charles	1		1		
	"	David, Jr.	1		1		
	"	Joseph	1		4		
1791	"	Joseph	1		3		
	"	David	2		1		
	"	William	1		2		

Little 1792	Family Little		Tithes	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
		Joseph	1		3	
1793	"	William	1		2	
	"	Philip	1		1	
	"	David	3		2	
1794	"	William	1		1	
	"	David	1		1	
	"	Abraham	1		1	
	"	Philip	1		3	
	"	Joseph	1		4	
1795	"	William	1		2	
	"	Philip	1		2	
	"	David	3		3	
1796	"	Philip	1		2	
	"	William	1		3	
	"	David	2		2	
	"	Joseph	1		3	
1797	"	William	1		1	
	"	David, Sr.	1		2	
	"	David, Jr.	1			
	"	Joseph	1		4	
1798	"	David	1		2	
	"	William	1		3	
	"	Philip	1		2	
	"	Joseph	1		3	
1799	"	David, Jr.	1			
	"	David, Sr.	1		1	
	"	William	1		3	
	"	Joseph	1		3	
	"	Mary		3		
1800	"	William	1		4	
	"	David, Sr.	1		2	
	"	Joseph	1		4	
	"	Mary		3	3	
1801	"	William	1		1	
	"	David	1		1	
	"	Joseph	1		4	
	"	Mary		3	3	
1802	"	William	1		3	
	"	Abraham	1		3	
	"	Joseph	1		4	
1803	"	William	1		3	
	"	Abraham	1		3	
	"	David	1		1	
	"	Joseph	1		3	

Note that Philip appears in the tax records for the years 1793, 4, 5, 6, 8. In 1802, a Philip Lytle received a county levy for a wolf in Scott County, Ky. This is the county in which the Capt. William Lytle line lived and owned much land. There are two old deeds bearing the



passed; it still ministers to the community. Here was the place of worship of the McCalpin family and the mortal remains of many of the clan lie in the church cemetery.

The McCalpin line is one in which I have a very personal interest. Robert McCalpin, whose will was probated, June 1, 1790, had a son named Robert, whose will was probated, Sept. 6, 1791; the latter married Elizabeth Little, sister of Joseph. One of the four children of the Robert McCalpin and Elizabeth Little marriage was Joseph McCalpin, born Dec. 22, 1778; died Sept. 23, 1855; married, Sept. 21, 1815, Catherine Carper, born July 25, 1795; died July 4, 1869. Their son, Joseph, Jr., born July 21, 1835, died while in the Confederate Army, March 1, 1863. They are buried in the cemetery of Falling Spring Church and close by Samuel McCalpin, born, 1808; died Jan. 10, 1888, and his second wife, Elizabeth Dixon McCalpin, born Oct. 26, 1809, who died Oct. 24, 1870. Their daughter Martha E. McCalpin, born 1844, married William Douglas Deacon, a soldier of the Confederacy. The grand-daughter of William D. Deacon and Martha E. McCalpin is Mrs. Diehl. Hence, my personal interest in the McCalpin line. I have not been able, up to now, to connect this Samuel McCalpin to the McCalpin line."

The compiler has been unable to find the name of Joseph Sr.'s first wife nor the addresses in Ireland of the two sisters, Margaret and Elizabeth mentioned in the will. The bequest to "my brother David", seems to prove that the father of Joseph and David was John Little, who made his will in Botetourt County on June 21, 1788. As Joseph died in Rockbridge Co., before Feb. 6, 1787, he would not be mentioned in his father's will made about a year later.

The genealogy of Joseph Little, Sr., based chiefly on the chart of Mr. O. W. Main now follows:

Joseph Little, Sr. Bought 380 acres in 1774 in what is now Rockbridge Co., Va. The name of his first wife is unknown. He married secondly on April 19, 1785, Mrs. Mary Mackey, the widow of John Mackey. The six step-children are named in the will as follows: Jain, Mary, Henery, William, Hester and Elizabeth. The living children and grand-children of Joseph Little, Sr. are named in the will and the Main Chart as follows:

- I. Joseph (Jr.) 1833, m, Sarah Beaty, 4 children:
  - a. Margaret Little
  - b. Phoebe Little
  - c. Ellen Little
  - d. Sally (Sarah) Little
- II. Margaret, 1791, m, Thomas Dougherty
- III. Elizabeth d, after 1791, m, Robert McCalpin. He d, 1791 in Rockbridge Co. Children:
  - 1. a. Robert, b, 1776, m, 1811, Grigsly Spence
  - 1. b. Joseph, 1778-1855, buried Falling Springs Church, m, Catherine Carper, 1795- 1869
  - 1. c. James
  - 1. d. John, single.
  - 1. e. Daughters (?)



From the above records it appears that there are no descendants of Joseph Little, Sr. bearing the name Little.

DATA APPLYING TO BOTH BOTETOURT & ROCKBRIDGE COUNTIES

The descendants of David Little Jr. of Botetourt Co., Va., Roane Co., Tenn, and Harrison Co., Iowa preserved their family history written in four typed pages by Martin Fernoy Little. From this record and the charts prepared by Mr. Main, the following genealogy has been prepared:

David Little, Sr., who died in Botetourt Co., Va., in 1813, married 1st - - - McCalpin. She died between 1797 and 1801, and all of David's children, by this wife. David married secondly, Margaret ("Peggy") McCalpin. Mr. Main, about 1925, visited the old farm of David Little, Sr. about 8 miles N. West of Troutville. The old log house, which had been sided over, was built about 1800 and was then occupied by a family named Campbell. They said the Little family name was pronounced "Little". On a small hill overlooking the farm lies the Little graveyard with about a dozen graves. Mr. Main said that the mill site was nearby. He did not furnish the compiler with the tombstone inscriptions if there are any.

The will of David Little, Sr. names 7 children but the family record of Martin Fernoy Little adds Reuben with the note that "Reuben died single, at about 20". As he is not mentioned in the will dated Nov. 25, 1813, he must have died previously. Note that "Reuben" is a most unusual name for a Scotch-Irishman. The children of David Little, Sr. are listed as follows:

I. David Jr., b, Nov. 8, 1781. In 1830, he moved to Cedar Fork, Claiborne County, Tenn., and then to Paint Rock, Roane Co., Tenn. Here he married Charity E. Ross. In 1831, he moved to Harris Grove in Harrison County, Iowa. Six years later he removed to Whitesborough, Jefferson Twp. He served in the Union Army and died March 31, 1863.

II John, died, 1824 but see note under IV William.

III Robert "living in 1813" per Main Chart.

IV. William, m, Agnes McCalpin, May 11, 1787. His will of 1819, mentions land in State of Indiana. The Main Chart says a William was living in Lynchburg, Va. in 1824. The Martin Fernoy Little record says: Either John or William went to Sandusky, Ohio, where he died single. He willed his property to David and one or more of the sisters." The Main Chart says William married and had a son William, Jr. who married (? Eliz. Bacus ? ) and had:

- a. Julia.
- b. John.
- c. William.
- d. Charles.
- e. Anne

See Marriage Record Page 11. "William Little to Eliz. Backus by Rev. Jacob Carper, March 2, 1836".

Also see the Lee-Little Family data on Page 26 .

V. James, The legal records already given show that in 1808, he was in Roane Co., Tenn., and that his 1st wife was Eliza. - - - and his second wife, Catherine - - - . The Main Chart says he married in Virginia, - - - - Wease and that he moved to Missouri in 1835. The Martin Fernoy Little record says "James and David moved to Cedar Fork, Claiborne County, Paint Rock, Roane County, Tenn., where David married Charity E. Ross. (The record is confused.) James was married in Virginia to a - - - Wease. After living in Tennessee till about 1835, he moved to Missouri."

Note the marriage on Page 10. "James Little to Elizabeth Craddock, Aug. 9, 1786, consent of William Craddock, William Little, Surety."

Mrs. Allen, the Deputy Clerk at Fincastle, Va., sent the compiler the following records not heretofore noted in this paper:

"A deed from James Little and Elizabeth, his wife, of Logan, Ky., dated 1808, places him as of that time: and either another James Little, whose wife was Catherine, or the same James, with another wife, acknowledges a deed in Cocke Co., Tenn."

A deed from William Little and Nancy Craddock Little, his wife: and James Little and Elizabeth Craddock Little, his wife of Tenn., convey interest in Craddock lands."

Later in this paper, the compiler will discuss the connection of Littles and Craddocks that settled in Bourbon Co., Ky., about 1780. There were from 2 to 3 James Littles in this group and one went to Missouri.

VI. Sarah, ("Sally" is the diminutive for Sarah) See Deed Book 13, Page 187. She was not of age in 1817. Possibly married Paulis Winther, March 19, 1822.

VII. Rebecca, not of age in 1816, m, Thos. McDowell in 1821.

VIII. Reuben, died age 20 as per Main Chart and M. F. Little record. Not mentioned in will of his father David Little, Sr.

I. David Little, Jr. and his wife Charity Emeline Ross had 3 sons:

1. Martin Fernoy Little, b, Sept. 21, 1833, m, Mary Magdaline Rowe, 1846-1919. 4 children:

a. Amanda Emmaline, 1867 - 1930, m, 1896, Wm. Artyn Main, 1866-1945, of Magnolia, Iowa. Missionary of M. E. Church in China.

b. Anna, m, Edward Bailor, no children.

c. David Abbott Little, b, 1866, m, C. Edith Lyon. 8 children:

a1. Arthur, m, Alice Marden.

a2. David M.

a3. Mary, m, Stone.

a4. Lewis.

a5. Alice, m, Frank Masden.

a6. Glen

a7. Daniel

a8. Paul

d. Maggie M. Little, m, 1871, J. Orval Bartholmew. Many descendants. He was a farmer at Rocky Ford, Colo. later of Redlands, Calif.

2. Calvin Vinan Little, b, 1836, d, 1889 in Kansas m, Eliz. D. Norris. See Main Chart for desc.

3. Daniel Asberry Little, b, 1840 d, 1882. No desc.

(A) above, Amanda Emmaline Little, m, Wm. Artyn Main. Missionary of M. E. Church in China had 3 children.

a 1. Artyn Little Main, b, 1898, m, Margaret Jones, born of missionary parents in Korea. Mr. Main is Commander U. S. Navy, retired, living in Mill Valley, Calif. 2 children:

Wm. Artyn Main, b, 1921. Harvard Law School.  
Attorney for U.S. Steel Co. San Francisco, Calif.

George Heber Main, b, 1922. Brown University. Living in W. Hartford, Engineer.

a 2. Orrin Wm. Main, b, 1900, m, Constance Topley Proctor of Ottawa, Canada. He graduated from Yale College, taught in Shanghai American School, then was employed by American Silk Association at Lingnam University, Canton, China. He returned to New York and became an Industrial and Financial Consultant for many large financial concerns. He has very generously shared his family data with the compiler.

His own line is copied in full and brought down to 1956. His related lines are not so completely copied. His residence address: Orrin W. Main, Brook Valley Road, Route 2, Boonton, N. J.

Frank Proctor Main, b, 1934, graduated Brown University, an employee of "Business Week Magazine".

Orrin Hardy Main, b, 1930, Ursinus College, U.S. Army in Germany, m, Carol Morgan, of Wayne, Pa. One son.

Douglas Bruce Main b, 1955.

### THE LEE - LITTLE FAMILY

On Page 9 appears the following marriage record: "Martha Little to William Lee, son of Zachariah Lee, by Rev. John Helms, Dec. 23, 1813. William Little, father. Securities: Jonathan Lee and Mary Lee".

The following data was sent by Mr. Jessee R. Lee, 2315 Larchwood St. N. E., Roanoke, Va., in 1956:

"Zachariah Lee was born in Albemarle County, Va., in 1765, and in 1769 the family moved to Rockingham Co., Va. He enlisted at age 14 served in the Revolution for 18 months. Was wounded at Hobbs Hole, near Richmond Va., and later fought at Guilford in North Carolina. He married Jean Right in Rockingham Co. in 1782. They later moved to Botetourt where he died in 1838. They had 5 children:

William Lee, m, Martha Little in 1813.  
Jonathan Lee, m, Sarah Brickey in 1806.  
Zachariah Lee, Jr. m, Agnes Brickey .  
Mary(Polly) Lee, m, Jacob Dooley, 1813.  
Elizabeth Lee, m, Colin Parrish, 1823.

The Brickey sisters were daughters of Peter Brickey who was closely associated with the Littles of what is now Catawba Valley where the Littles owned and operated a grist and saw mill which is still in evidence. In the old grave yard a Little marker still stands. Descendants of both families, Lee and Little, are numerous around Fincastle, Salem and Roanoke".

Much has been given on two of the sons of John Little, Sr., who made his will in 1788, and died in 1793. David Little, Sr., son of John, bought his first land in 1767. Assuming that he was at least 21 at that time he would have been born in 1746 or before and was about 67 at his death in 1813.

The first born should have been John. The will of John Little, Sr. says "David and John, if alive", but as David was a witness to the will the "if alive" phrase must apply to John only. Apparently he, "John, if alive" had not been heard from for some years and there was a question in 1788 whether he was still living. The compiler knows of two John Littles that might have been so described in 1788.

One was Captain John Lytle of Fort Freeland, Northumberland Co., Pa. To avoid a massacre of his forces and the civilians in the fort, he surrendered to the attacking force of British and Indians and was taken prisoner to Canada where he remained a captive for several years. The date of his release is not known to the compiler. Mr. Heber G. Gearhart, a historian of Sunbury, Pa., says that this John Lytle was a son of Nathaniel Lytle of Lancaster Co., Pa.

The other John Little, who may fit the situation, is the John Little, a Tory of Plum Creek, Allegheny Co., near Pittsburgh, Pa. His daughter, Eleanor is said to have been stolen by the Indians, taken to Canada and adopted by Chief Cornplanter. John Little fled to Detroit and some of his family joined him there. He returned to Pittsburgh in 1783, on a pass and the American authorities put him in jail. He escaped and returned to Detroit where he died in 1817 at age 70. This would make him born in 1747. He had lived for some time

in Path Valley now in Franklin Co., Pa. A John Little and some other Littles took land there in 1767. Fannet township is in the Path Valley area. John Little, Sr. of Botetourt Co., Va. named one of his daughters Fannet. Some who have looked at the will as copied in the Will Book have thought that the name of the daughter was "Jeannett". But in the will the word "Funerel" is used and spelled with a capital "F". This F looks just like the first letter in "Fannet". The compiler has had others look at the word and they have reported that the daughter's name was certainly "Fannet".

Mrs. B. M. Allen, Deputy Clerk, at Fincastle, sent the marriage record on pages 9 and 10. She suggested that William Little shown as the father of several of the girls might have been a contemporary of John Little, Sr. The compiler thinks that this William was likely the son of John, Sr. of the will dated 1788. Also that this William and his brother, James, lived for some years in Botetourt Co. A careful reading of the land records might bring to light many interesting facts. According to the custom in Virginia, a wife was not required to sign a deed hence this identifying factor is absent.

As David Little, Sr. also had sons, John, James and William, there is much confusion. It would be interesting to know what other children of John Sr. (besides Joseph) died before he made his will in 1788. Note the similiarity of name patterns the children of John Sr. and David Sr.



DATA ON OTHER LITTLES THAT MAYBE RELATED

The compiler's line as well as two other lines that appear to be related think that the Littles first settled around Cochranville in Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pa., some say in 1722. The compiler made an extensive search of the tax records of the entire county and in those places in or close to Fallowfield, a group of Littles was found whose name patterns are the same as the Littles of Botetourt Co., Va. John Little is listed in 1737 in Londonderry Twp., then come the names of William, Robert, Thomas in later years. There are two Johns in 1740 and 1747, 49 and 53. (Some of the tax books are missing). David appears in 1760, 62, 63 and 65 and then the Littles disappear from the tax records.

Several generations of these Littles produced millers as they went westward. No document was found in Chester County that directly named the Littles as millers but note the following paragraph:

"At the Chester County Historical Society there is an index to the Pennsylvania Gazette; under John Little is a reference to the following advertisement:

"To be sold, Sundry tracts of land situated in Township of Londonderry, Chester Co. Pa. - - - another in the tenure of John Little containing 185 acres, N.B., the Great Road from Lancaster to Wilmington runs through the tract in the tenure of John Little and James Green".

The compiler neglected to set down the date on which the advertisement appeared. The Librarian stated that John Little, if he were a miller possibly leased the mill and the necessary water rights from others as such properties represented a very large investment for the times. She said most mills were operated under leasehold. It has been stated that mill operators frequently became distributors and merchandizers of a wide variety of goods and implements and that many became well to do. I could not find a record of the Lytle-Green lease either at West Chester or at Philadelphia; could it be that John Little Sr. of Botetourt Co. Va. was Green's partner in the lease?

When Scotch - Irish settlers left Chester Co., Pa., around 1750 they mostly went to west of the Susquehanna River to that immense territory called Cumberland County; a few went to North Carolina and many to the Western part of Virginia.

The compiler knows from a sworn statement that his ancestor, Robert Little, was a resident of Cumberland Co. in 1753 and that he took land from the Penns in present Juniata Co., Pa. in 1767. Another likely place was the Marsh Creek region, around Gettysburg in present Adams Co.

The Penns set aside a fine tract of land in the Marsh Creek region for their own private estate and called it "Manor of the Masque". The Scotch-Irish with scant respect for the rights of the Penns intruded on this land and laid claim to it. The Proprietors sent agents to evict the squatters but the unruly settlers armed themselves and defied the owners; they stayed on and appear later to have acquired title to the lands, though no search of the land office was made or county records pertaining to this land.

A Seceder Parson served this frontier district and kept a record of his services; His book has been published and bears the title of:

Register of Marriages and Baptisms, Performed by Rev. John Cuthbertson 1751 - 1791.

On April 9, 1752, at Marsh Creek Society he baptized "William son of Jo. Little".

On July 23, 1756, at the same place he baptized "Sarah, daughter of Jo Little".

At Philadelphia the compiler discovered the will of William McNeal "of Philadelphia" dated Sept. 28, 1768; it contains the following items:

"I give and Bequeath to my Friend John Little of Marsh Creek in York County in the Province of Pennsylvania, the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Lawful Money of the said Province, to be paid him in two years next after my decease".

"I give and Bequeath unto David Little, son of the said John Little the sum of One Hundred Pounds, like money to be paid him in two years after my Decease".

This legal record is of importance as it fixes the time and place of John and David Little and shows their relationship, there can be little doubt that these are the same persons that settled in Botetourt County Va. The papers of the estate of William McNeal were searched in an effort to find further information also receipts showing signatures of the father and son but the file contained nothing helpful. It could be that Wm. McNeal was the owner of mills and that the Littles had been building or operating them for him.

It is evident that a group of Littles lived in the Marsh Creek region from 1741 to 1768 and perhaps longer and they maybe a part of the same group that lived in Chester County.

The McKeanes were Chester County people and one of these, Thomas McKean became Governor of the state and appointed three of the compiler's people Justices of the Peace. No search of the York and Adams County records has been made.

On Jan. 22, 1767, the compiler's ancestor, Robert Little, and David Little made applications for land in what is now Juniata Co., Pa. David received #2528 and Robert received #2529. Thus they received consecutive numbers and must have been together. Usually, but not always the clerk wrote the applicants name on the back. The names, in good handwriting were certainly made by two different men. David never lived on his land, nor does his name appear on the tax lists at any time. The compiler thinks David was a cousin to his ancestor, Robert, and being disappointed in drawing only 70 acres, sold his land to Robert and went to Virginia where on Aug. 13, 1767, the same year, he bought the 270 acres then in Augusta County but which later fell into Botetourt when that county was formed in 1770.

At the time Robert Little Sr. died in 1779 his son Robert Jr. owned David's land and in 1802 when he went to Ohio, he, Robert Jr. sold his three farms, one of which was David's tract which was carefully described.

David's 70 acre tract was on a creek and it may be that he selected this as a possible mill site.

In a list of marriages for which licenses were granted by the State of Pennsylvania, appear the marriage of John Little to Elizabeth English in 1763. A John Little had blacksmith shop and his wife was Elizabeth. His estate was being closed or at least guardians being appointed for six minor children (Entered in a book dated Nov. 6, 1782 and ending Nov. 5, 1784). The names of the 6 minor children were John Catherine, Jane, Susannah, Sarah and Thomas. Thomas had gone to sea and had not been heard from for several years. We can be sure that John the blacksmith was not the John of Botetourt.

No record has been found giving the occupation of John Little, the father of David; but at Fincastle Court House, there is an old map which shows a mill built by David Little and right below the mill is shown the Iron Works. These industries are on a branch of Catawba Creek and about four miles from Fincastle. Eight miles above Littles Mill and the Iron Works there is an iron furnace and a portion of this is still standing in 1955.

At Carlisle, Pa., the compiler found the following records which prove that there was a John Little who was a blacksmith living in Middleton Twp. in 1779. Deed Book, 1, E, 454, Dec. 14, 1779. John Little, Miller, of Bedford Twp. Bedford Co. to John Little, Blacksmith of Middleton Twp. Cumberland County, Pa. John Little had purchased lots in 1760. He sold on Dec. 14, 1779 for 200 Pounds to John Little, Blacksmith. Signed by John Little, witnessed by Ann and William Lyons.

On Dec. 15, 1779, John Little, Blacksmith, sold to William Moore for 350 Pounds. Signed John Little  
Witnessed by John Little and William Lyon.

Here we have three John Littles, one a miller, one a blacksmith and another whose occupation is not given. None of these could have been the John Little or Lytle who married Jane McConnell and died in 1777. Any one of these could have been John Little of Botetourt Co.

John Little named one of his daughters, "Fannet", There is a Fannet township in Franklin Co. Pa. This is in Path Valley and here in 1767, Robert Little took 200 acres. John Little at the same time took 150 acres adjoining Robert and at the same time Robert Little Jr. took 150 acres.



### THE HOUSTON ASSOCIATION

When the compiler's ancestor, Robert Little, Sr., in 1767, made application No. 2529 in present Juniata Co., Pa., the land adjoined a tract taken by Robert Houston in 1762. Page 761 of Vol. 1, History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys says that this Robert Houston was considered to be the ancestor of General Sam Houston.

When Capt. William Little was married 1761 to Mary Steel, a bondsman was William Little and the witnesses were: John Little and Robert Houston.

The compiler's family preserved no tradition of friendships with the Houstons, but a descendant of Capt. William Little, Col. Robert Todd Lytle, of Cincinnati, Ohio, raised money for two cannon and ammunition which were sent to General Sam Houston, which helped him to defeat the Mexicans. General William Haines Lytle, the son of Robert Todd Lytle served in the Mexican War and on his return from that service came through Texas and called upon General Sam Houston who gave Lytle a section of land in Bexar Co.

The Houstons lived near Lexington, Va., and the Kiwanis Club of Houston, Texas has erected a tablet at Timber Ridge, some six miles from Lexington. At the courthouse there is a portrait of General Sam Houston. There is one Houston deed dated ? at Orange Co., Va. 47 deeds (1748-1819) are recorded at Augusta, Va., and 21 are recorded at Lexington, Va. down to about 1820. There are also several wills recorded.

It has already been noted that a John Little was a witness to the marriage of Capt. Wm. Little in 1761. When Capt. William bought his 150½ acre farm near Carlisle, Pa., in 1760, a witness was John Little. Could it be that this John Little was John Little of Botetourt Co., who died in 1793?

It is known that David Little was a miller and owned two mills at his death. Could it be that David Little and his father, John, were financed by William McNeal of Philadelphia in the selection of mill sites and their building and operation? If that is true perhaps John and David Little, with the backing of McNeal sought out likely mill sites over a wide territory in anticipation of the opening of the great tract of land covered in the "New Purchase of 1768" which was actually thrown open for settlement in 1767. Centre County, Pa. Histories show a John Little Mill.

Barree Township in Bedford County, Pa., also had a John Little Mill. Barree Township is now roughly that area covered by Huntingdon County. There may have been other John Little Mills in the great number of counties created out of the "New Purchase of 1768".

THE LITTLES OF BOURBON COUNTY, KY.

Two or three James Littles settled in Bourbon Co., Ky., in about 1780 and stayed for some years. There were: Thomas and Nancy Jackson (late Nancy Little), John and Sally Craddock (late Sally Little), John A. Miller and Isabella, his wife (late Isabella Little), James Little, David Little and Peggy Little, all heirs of James Little, deceased of Bourbon Co., and mentioned in Deed Book H, p, 188, 22 April 1811. Also see pp 247 - 249, Deed Book H.

The following extract is from a letter dated 1952, addressed to the Kentucky Historical Society by Mr. Harcourt Parrish, who was living in New York City:

"There were three James Littles, one from Redstone, who appeared in Bourbon County in 1776 and returned to Pennsylvania: No. 2, an original trustee of Paris and of Falmouth, the one who killed Owens in 1807; No. 3, James Little of Bourbon. Nos. 1 and 2 may be the same but the two wives' names are different. James No. 2 was an important person as documents in Virginia State Library show; have photostats in his signature and am endeavoring to get signatures of the other two for comparison".

Mr. Parrish, who was a native of Richmond, Kentucky, died early in 1957. He had a Lytle connection which is not clear. He had a large collection of records and photostats but the present whereabouts of these is unknown.

The James Little - Standiford line moved from Bourbon to Scott County and then to Pendleton County, Kentucky. Courthouse records at Louisville show many Little-Standiford documents which appear to be of this line.

James Littell of Pendleton County had wife, Milcah, daughter of Nathan G. Standiford. See Deed Book G, p. 171, Dec. 1807.

Page 172, Deed Book G - "James Little of Pendleton County to trusty son, William, of same, Power of Attorney to transact business in Kentucky and Pennsylvania; "I have obtained judgment in Pennsylvania - - - and have several law suits in said state": 6 September, 1809".

Aquilla Standiford was born in Baltimore Co., Md. 1741. For two Little - Craddock marriages see Pages 9 and 10 of this book.

Miss Hallie Browning, formerly of Green Castle, Indiana, is a descendant of James Little, a Revolutionary soldier. He had a son, James, and daughter, Nancy, born in Virginia. Nancy married Thomas Jackson, Sr. and their son, Thomas, Jr., moved to Bourbon County, Ky. He represented Marion Twp., Putnam County, Missouri. James Little drew a pension, 1816 to 1835 in St. Louis, Mo.

The compiler received a letter, in 1957, from Mrs. Hallie Browning Sutherlin, R.R. 1, Russellville, Indiana. She stated she was 81 years of age, had been sick and had lost all her genealogical records. She said that Miss Grace Jackson, 38 North Penn., R. 317, Indianapolis, Ind., was interested in both Thomas Jackson and James Little.

See the compiler's Outline of the Lytle Families of America, pp 186-191 for more data on the Littles of Bourbon Co., Ky. Note that John Houston was living in Paris on a lot next to a James Little. Mentions of the names, Wm. McConnell and Samuel Lee may be of interest.

For the benefit of those readers who do not have access to the compiler's papers on the other five groups of Littles and Lytles that may be related to those descendants of John Little of Botetourt and Rockbridge Counties, the following very brief sketches are now given:

GROUP NO. 1 - CAPT. WILLIAM LITTLE OF VIRGINIA, PENNSYLVANIA AND  
KENTUCKY

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His traditional ancestors were first, "Christopher Little and his wife Mary - who both lived to be 90". Nothing else is known about these ancestors and the name, Christopher, has not been given to any of the descendants. Christopher and Mary are supposed to have had a son John, born 1703, died Aug. 24, 1777 and married to Jane McConnell, b, 1712, d, Oct. 4, 1797, - daughter of Wm. McConnell and his wife Mary. This John probably lived in Chester County, Pa., in the Marsh Creek region in present Adams Co., and around Carlisle, Pa. the following legal record at Carlisle might be of this John Little:

Orphans Court, Book 2, page 217, Carlisle, Pa.

"At an Orphan Court held in Carlisle, the 18th day of Nov. 1777 before John Agnew, Hugh Laird and Alexander Laughlin, Esqr's. Justices: Came into court, Mary Little, a minor orphan daughter of John Little, Decd., above the age 14 years and prayed the court to appoint Wm. Little to be guardian over her person and estate during her minority".

William Little was appointed guardian. No papers can be found in the files and no further mention of the case is found in the books. Capt. William served three years at Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburgh, in the Virginia forces. He is frequently mentioned as being a Virginian and may have spent some time in Botetourt and Rockbridge Counties, Va. He bought a farm near Carlisle in 1760 and a witness was John Little. He was married 1761 at Mercersburg, Pa., to Mary Steel. A bondsman was William Little, and witnesses were John Little and Robert Houston. Capt. William Little and wife Mary sold their land in 1779 and went down the Ohio river to Kentucky in 1780 taking along all their children named as follows: (All adopted the Lytle spelling) Jane, Mary, John, William, Sarah, Ann, Elizabeth and Joseph. Capt. William Little owned much land in Harrison and Scott Counties. He died in 1797 "at Elm Grove near Lexington, Ky." but that place has not been found. He left no will.

To further identify the family the following additional data is given on two of the children:

William Lytle, Jr. b, 1770 settled in Clermont Co., Ohio and then in Cincinnati. Was a surveyor and land dealer and became wealthy. Died in 1831. He was Surveyor General of the Northwest Territory and this office was also held by his son, Col. Robert Todd Lytle. The latter raised money to send cannon, etc. to General Sam Houston in Texas. A son of Col. Robert Todd Lytle, William Haines Lytle, on his return from the Mexican War passed through Texas and called upon General Sam Houston who gave Lytle a section of land. This William Haines Lytle became a Brigadier General and was killed in the Civil War at Chickamauga.

Ann Lytle, b. 1772, married John Rowan of Bardstown, Ky. He became a judge, United States Senator, a prominent lawyer and built the "Old Kentucky Home" which remained in his family till purchased by the State of Kentucky. According to a disputed legend, it was here that Stephen Collins Foster composed "The Old Kentucky Home".

The compiler has written a 100 page, typed paper on Captain William Little and his descendants.

GROUP NO. 2 - ROBERT LITTLE OF PRESENT JUNIATA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

(This is the compiler's line)

The traditional ancestors are exactly the same as already given in Group 1. Robert Little was probably born in Chester County, Pa., about 1730. His first child, Robert, Jr. "was born in 1753 in Cumberland County, Pa." (by sworn statement). Robert Sr. died intestate about 1779 in Cumberland as bond in his estate was filed at Carlisle, Nov. 19, 1779. There was a Robert Little (sometimes Lytle) taxed in Middleton Township near Carlisle in 1753-1763-1764 and 1765. (Many years missing.)

On Jan. 22, 1767, by Application No. 2528 a David Little applied to the Penns for 150 acres on Tuscarora Creek. He received only 70 acres. On the same day Robert Little, the compiler's ancestor, made Application No. 2529 for 200 acres adjoining Robert Huston. The tracts taken by Robert & David were about 3 miles apart. Later Robert and his sons acquired some 800 acres adjoining David's tract on two sides. This land later fell into Milford and Turbet Township in present Juniata County. David never lived on his land and it became the property of Robert Little, Jr. The latter sold his own and David's land in 1802 when he went to Ohio. The compiler believes that Robert Sr. and David were related - perhaps cousins. Robert Little, Sr. had a wife Margaret and children as follows: (All adopted Lytle spelling.)

Robert Lytle, Jr. born "in Cumberland Co., June 28, 1753". Moved to Butler Co. Ohio in 1802 with wife Margaret and 10 children. Appointed a Justice of the Peace by Governor Thomas McKean of Pa., in 1800. Was a farmer and judge. Died 1838. Drew a pension for his Revolutionary service.

John Lytle, b. 1755. The compiler's ancestor. Married Rachel Kenney. Served in Revolution. Owned and ran the John Lytle Mill for 30 years. The only one of the sons that did not go west. Appointed Justice of the Peace by Governor Thos. McKean 1808. Died at Mifflintown, Pa. 1822. Several of his descendants operated mills. Robert, son of John, b. 1755, lived at Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa. and then moved to Hollidaysburg, in Blair County, Pa.

Jean Lytle, married James Sanderson 1780.

Mary Lytle, married George Crane.

Hannah Lytle, (The family had a tradition that a Hannah Lytle once carried a message for General Washington.)

Andrew Lytle, b. 1766, married Elizabeth Bell. Settled in Warren County, Ohio in 1796, died there 1830.



Edward Lytle, born 1770. Settled in Butler Co., Ohio then moved to Indiana. Had 21 children by two wives. Died at Lebanon, Ind., 1846. A descendant, John Lytle Winters, Box 44, West Newton, Ind., is interested in the family genealogy.

Rachel Lytle, married Gabriel Lukens and lived in Walker Township, Juniata Co., Pa. Died 1832.

William Lytle, born about 1774, settled in Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, where he was a merchant. He built a steam mill here, but it was not a success and bankrupted him. He then lived for a while in Cincinnati and may have gone to New Albany, Indiana. He wore a wooden leg. He seems to have married twice - the last marriage may have been to Catherine Woods. A son, William, Jr., died single in 1835 and from his estate papers we learn that the children of William Sr. were: William, Jr., John C., who moved to Delphi, Ind., Andrew J., Mary, who married Shadrack Dill, Margaret, Joseph C., Elizabeth, Hannah Jane, b, May 30, 1823, Catherine Woods, b, 1828. ( 5 of these were minors in 1835.)

Hannah Jane, married J. U. Camnitz, an Ohio and Mississippi River Captain. She died in 1846 and Mr. Camnitz married Catherine Woods Lytle. They had 3 children. There were descendants named Randell.

James Lytle, born about 1779. Died during the closing of his father's estate.

There were several millers among the above and their descendants and two of them were Davids.

The compiler has written about 200 pages on this line.

### GROUP III - THE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES LITTLE OF VIRGINIA AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA.

The first traditional ancestors were Christopher Little and his wife, Mary. Christopher had two sons, John and James. Both of these married McConnell sisters - John already given in Groups I and II and James of this Group III, who married Martha McConnell on March 26, 1746 at the First Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia.

James Little moved to southern Virginia and bought land in Lunenburg Co., in 1753. This land fell into Charlotte Co., and James and Martha sold it in 1767 and in 1768 bought land in West Pensborough Township, near Carlisle, Pa. A witness was William Little. James Little sold his land Oct. 28, 1779 and it may be he intended to go to Kentucky with his nephew (?) Capt. William Little. James Little left a will dated, July 3, 1778, and mentioned his wife - Martha, sons; George and Alexander and daughters; Martha and Mary. Probate proceedings were started in 1782. A witness to the will was Wm. McConnell, probably a son of Wm. McConnell, Sr., father of Martha. No descendants of George and Martha have been found. Alexander was born 1748, in Virginia, died 1833 at Washington, Pa. He was Second Lieutenant also

Paymaster under General Devine. Alexander had a son who died in infancy and four daughters; Lucy, b, 1780, d, 1786, Charlotte, m, John King, Harriett, b, 1782, died single in 1861. Martha, b, 1793, m, 1813 to Walter Walker at Washington, Pa. She had 5 children and died in 1874. Mary, m, Hugh Truesdale and they had numerous descendants who have been very completely charted down to 1954 by Anna M. Bishop, RT. 5, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

James Little was a soldier in the Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery the same regiment to which "Molly Pitcher" belonged. Alexander Little was commissioned Justice of the Peace by Governor Thomas McKean in District No. 1 in the County of Washington on April 1, 1805.

This genealogy was largely furnished by a descendant, Martha Lytle Taylor about 1925. The compiler personally checked the legal records in the various counties and confirmed every statement made by Mrs. Taylor.

She said: "I came with my parents to California in 1861. Began our journey across the plains May 6, arrived in California, Sept. 5, 1861".

Now is given a possible explanation of the reason for Governor Thos. McKean in appointing three Lytles to be Justices of the Peace. At the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, there are on file three original rolls of a company that was raised by Captain John Little of the 2nd Battalion of the Philadelphia Militia, Extracts follow:

"List of Persons in the Middle Ward in the City of Philadelphia 18 and upwards, who are able and willing to bear arms, May 1st, 1775". The names of about 40 men then follow and among these names appears that of Thos. McKean. The Genealogy of the McKean Family of Pennsylvania by Roberdeau Buchanan, Lancaster, Pa., 1890, quotes the above entry of Thos. McKean on the rolls. This would seem to indicate that the McKean family accepts the listing of Private Thos. McKean as being the one who became, Governor. The compiler has spent many days abstracting the legal records of Philadelphia County, but so far, has been unable to prove or disprove that Captain John Little, who raised the company in 1775, was the John Little, who married Jane McConnell and died Aug. 24, 1777.

The compiler has written a 21-page paper on this line.

#### GROUP IV - THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM LYTLE AND HIS WIFE, JANE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA., AND CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

This William Lytle was born in 1769 and was living in Washington Co., Pa., in 1800. Jane, his wife, whose family name is not known, was born in 1767, and was married to William in 1788. The above date was obtained from their obituaries which appeared in the Clermont Courier, Batavia, Ohio, on Oct. 5 and Nov. 4, 1848. After several years search their tombstones were found in the O'Bethel cemetery, a short distance from Bantam in Clermont Co. He died on Sept. 30, 1848, at the age of 79 and she died Oct. 8, 1848 in her eighty first year.

His first child, John, was probably named after the grandfather. This child died in infancy. An obituary says the 4th child was born in Washington Co., Pa.

William Lytle purchased 2 properties in Washington Co., Pa. at a Sheriff's sale, one in 1801, and another at a later date. William and Jane sold these properties in 1803 and 1808. He was a member of the Brownsville Pa. Masonic Lodge and secured a Demit in 1815.

It would appear that William Lytle went to Clermont Co., Ohio in 1807, and left his family in Washington Co., Pa., till 1817. He had among his possessions a certificate stating that he had served 7 years in the Batavia Light Infantry prior to July 28, 1814.

William & Jane Lytle had children:

1. John died in infancy.
2. Alexander b, Aug. 17, 1792 - d. 1820.
3. Nancy b, Jan. 11, 1795 - m. - - Carter.
4. James C., b, 1798, d. Nov. 1816.
5. William Jr. b, 1800, d. 1856. He married Nancy Ann Keenan and had 4 children.
6. Elizabeth b, 1803 - d. 1804.
7. Jane, b. 1805 - d. 1833, m. - Jacob Hulings.
8. Robison - b, 1809 - no data.
9. Armstrong - b. 1815 - no data.

William Lytle Sr. left a will and had a set of "Surveying Instruments". Descendants have had Lytle Reunions for many years. I have met many of them and have had them read my Lytle books but they seem to know nothing of their ancestors back of William. There is a dim tradition that the early ancestors lived near Harrisburg, Pa. There is a persistent tradition that this family is related in some way to that of General William Lytle and his brother, John Lytle. Both came to the county around 1796 and General William Lytle laid out Williamsburg shortly thereafter. The General moved to Cincinnati in 1809, but John remained and his descendants in the county are numerous as are those of William and Jane Lytle, the subjects of this sketch. Both families, or at least some of them, thought they were related. The descendants of William and Jane have been in the county for 148 years to 1955, and it seems they have always thought they were related to the other group. One other strange tradition has been found.

They believe that Jane McConnell and the Kincaid family were somehow related. It is easy to see how they could have a recollection of Jane McConnell, but so far, I have not encountered the Kincaids as having anything to do with the early Lytles.

The compiler suggests that a further search should be made at Carlisle, Pa., into the descendants of George Lytle, who was a son of James Little of Group III. William Lytle, of Group IV could well be a descendant of George Little and this might account for the traditional relationship of Group IV to Group I - both of whom lived in Clermont Co., Ohio.

The compiler has visited many of the descendants living in Clermont County and is especially indebted to Mr. Ivan L. Lytle, now living at 233 North St. Greenfield, Ohio.

The compiler has written a 21-page paper on this line.

GROUP V - JOHN LITTLE OF BURLINGTON & CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; PHILADELPHIA, WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE, ALEXANDRIA, WINCHESTER AND NEW ORLEANS

One branch settled in New Orleans and used the Lytle spelling. The Indiana branch was using the Lytle spelling in 1885.

Descendants of John Little thought that his father was Robert Little and that he, Robert, married Jane Reay. The Pennsylvania Archives (Swedes Church - Philadelphia) gives a record of a William Lytle, who married Jane Reay, April 15, 1754.

A careful study of the legal records seem to show that John Little had sisters: Jane, Hannah and Sarah. Jane left a will which mentions John and his sons: Thomas and James. She also mentioned her sisters, Hannah and Sarah Henderson and her nieces, Jane and Mary Henderson and niece, Elizabeth Hindman. Will was dated 1792 and entered for probate the same year. Jane appeared to be single.

John Little was born May 29, 1746, married on March 24, 1774. Mary Williams, b, Nov. 2, 1751. She was drowned Feb. 10, 1782. They had four children:

Robert, b, Apr. 22, 1775, d. July 26, 1776.  
Edmund Winder, b, Dec. 1, 1776, d. 1819.  
Thomas, b, Oct. 3, 1778, d. at New Orleans 1804.  
James, b, Aug. 9, 1780, drowned, 1803.

John named his first son "Robert" which supports the family tradition that John's father was Robert, who married Jane Reay.

On Dec. 25, 1783, John Little married secondly, Hannah Vaughn (Humphreys), a widow. She was the daughter of Richard and Dinah Humphreys. Ten children:

1. Ann, b, 1784.
2. Hannah, b, 1785, m, 1st. Jesse Talbott.
3. Mary, b, 1787.
4. Richard Humphreys, b, 1789, m, 1st. Elizabeth Talbot and 2nd. Ruth James.
5. Dinah Humphreys, b, 1790.
6. Mary Ann, b, 1792.
7. Dr. John, b, 1793, m. Sarah Sinclair.
8. Charles, b, 1796, m. Lydia Parkins.
9. William, b, 1797.
10. Robert, b, 1800.

John Little's second wife was a Quaker and the family records appear in the Quaker records of Burlington, N. J., Philadelphia and Frederick Co., Va. The legal records at Burlington have not been examined.

A John Little bought land in Manor Springton, Chester Co., Pa. in 1777. In 1779, he bought land from John Henderson and wife Sarah in West Nantmel Township, Chester Co. It adjoined other land of John Little. John Little was described as a merchant of Burlington, N. J. John Little and Hannah, his wife in 1786, sold the above two parcels to Owens. Little was then living in Bucks Co.



John Little of Philadelphia, merchant, in 1790 sold land in Westmoreland Co., Pa. to John Hindman. In the same year he gave a mortgage on lands in Westmoreland and Northumberland counties. In 1805 John Little & Hannah, his wife, of Washington, D. C. mortgaged 3 tracts in Westmoreland Co., a total of 1716½ acres.

In 1952, the compiler took a quick look at the courthouse records at Washington, D. C., John Little shown living in Georgetown. He had several real estate transactions and Hannah is shown as his wife in at least one of these. The dates are 1809 and 1811.

John Little, merchant, with wife Mary, had several real estate transactions in Philadelphia. Mary was his wife from March 24, 1774 until she drowned in crossing the Delaware River on Feb. 10, 1782. ~~Sometimes~~ John Little, merchant, was living in Gloucester Co., N. J.

John Little had a son John, who became a doctor and lived in Washington, D. C. or Georgetown. Beginning 1820, this John Little (I think) loaned quite large sums on furniture, etc. In 1820, Robert Little, perhaps the brother of Dr. John Little, had some sort of a deal with a person in England, the amount being 2000 Pounds.

In the sale of one of the Philadelphia properties on July 11, 1777, John Little, of Township of Newton, Gloucester Co., N. J., Iron Master and wife Mary, sold two lots for 600 Pounds. A John Little was a Justice of the Peace here 1781-1783, and his docket has been found and presented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. He also appears to have been paymaster during the Revolution. The History of Camden County, N. J., by Prowell, 1886 - states as follows:

- P. 71 - John Little, Paymaster in Revolution.
- P. 74 - John Little, John Little, Sr., John Little Jr.
- All privates.

From the statement on Page 74, we learn that other John Littles were living in this neighborhood. Camden County was formed out of old Gloucester County.

Dr. John Little, born 1793, son of John, lived at Georgetown, D. C., moved west and stopped a short time at Wilmington, Ohio, and then settled at Logansport, Ind., in 1836. He married, 1st. Sarah Sinclair of Baltimore and 2nd. to Susannah Parquhar. The following scanty data on his children has come to light due to an application for Bounty Land by Mrs. Nancy Lytle, of 2128 California St., Denver, Colo., in 1906. Three children of Dr. John Lytle are shown:

1. William, had a son Charles M. (W.) living in Barnesville, Minn., Oct. 15, 1885 (the date of an affidavit made by Charles) Charles was married to Nancy Bird, Jan. 18, 1843, at Augusta, Ind. He died June 25, 1889.
2. Sara A., married - - - Johnson, who was born 1827. Their daughter Ella Johnson, m. - - - Ward and lived at Newark, Ohio.
3. Rebecca T., b. 1833 of Cass Co., Ind., m. - - - Twells.

Charles Litle, brother of Dr. John Litle, married Lydia Parkins and lived in Winchester, Va. They had among others, Charles William Lytle, who settled in New Orleans in 1837. (This line adopted the Lytle spelling.) This New Orleans family is well described in "Collections and Recollections in The Times of Cardinal Gibbons" by Reilly.

### Traditions

Letters from Ella Johnson Ward of Newark, Ohio, in 1904, show that the descendants of John Litle believed they were related to the General William Lytle family of Cincinnati. A portion of one of these letters is now given:

"Cousin Mary Talbott writes that she had a letter written by General Lytle to her cousin, William Lytle of New Orleans, upon whom General Lytle called asking about the connections, and she writes, " - - - that General Lytle's people owned lands just where her family did. I suppose that was along the Delaware River as her grandfather owned a beautiful place along the river. He was wealthy and had retired from business. President Madison's wife's father bought her grandfather's town house in Philadelphia. She tells me the Lytles were all Federalists of the highest type, and she says, "from stories of my childhood of Revolutionary events, I gather they were pronounced patriots", and then goes on to tell about her grandmother once carrying a message to General Washington. - - - There is a Mrs. Charles Lytle living in New Orleans, a widow, who might be able to throw some light on the subject and I think I can get her address - - - ."

The compiler has been unable to find in Philadelphia any deed from John Litle to the Paynes who were the parents of Dolly Madison. But this land may have been on the New Jersey side of the river.

Richard Humphreys Litle, m. 1st. Elizabeth Talbott and secondly, Ruth James and their son, was John J. Litle. A daughter of this marriage became the wife of William Kennard of Moorestown, N. J. Mr. Kennard has in a safety deposit box an original letter from Dolly Madison to John Litle's wife. The compiler and his wife saw this letter in Mr. Kennard's office in Philadelphia about 1950. It is addressed:

"Dear Litle" and signed "D. Madison". In this letter Dolly Madison tells of her new kind of life - probably referring to her experiences in the White House. She then gives some remedies and mentions paregoric and rhubarb. Mr. & Mrs. Kennard have at their home an oil painting of Dolly Madison.

Mrs. Charles Lytle of New Orleans sent to Ella Johnson Ward, a two page biography of the General William Lytle family of Cincinnati.

John Litle Sr. died at Washington, D. C., prior to 13 Nov., 1810. Letters of Administration were granted to William B. Jackson, Sureties; B. L. Jackson and J. T. Ryan, Bond \$300.

Similar papers were filed about the same time at Philadelphia. Had John Litle lost his wealth or did he dispose of this property before he died?

Hannah Little, wife of John Little, appears to have died at Alexandria, Virginia, prior to April 11, 1818. She left a will dated Aug. 23, 1817. She had a considerable estate and a bond of \$6,000. was required.

Suggestions for further searching:

The Application for Bounty Land should be investigated. An effort to find an obituary for John Little in the Washington and Philadelphia papers should be made. D.A.R. records should be checked for possible military service rendered by John Little.

The compiler has written a 35 page paper on this line.

#### OMISSION

The following paragraph was omitted on Page 28:

The History of Cumberland and Adams Counties, Warner Beers and Co., 1886, in discussing the Marsh Creek region around Gettysburg in present Adams County, gives a list of early settlers as follows:

John Little	-	May 1741
Alexander McKean	-	1738
Hugh McKean	-	1738
John McKeen's children		March 1738

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 The Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tenn.

Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas.  
Houston Public Library, Houston, Texas.  
San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, Texas.  
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Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, Pa.  
Juniata County Historical Society, Mifflintown, Pa.  
Huntingdon County Historical Society, Huntingdon, Pa.  
Blair County Historical Society, Hollidaysburg, Pa.  
Warren County Historical Society, Lebanon, Ohio.  
Butler County Historical Society, Hamilton, Ohio.

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Other Genealogical Writings by the Compiler

In 1932 rough manuscript copies of "An Outline of the Lytle Families of America" were deposited in the following libraries:

The Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.  
The Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
The Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.

These books contained material as follows: Pages 1 to 143, genealogies on some 20 Little-Lytle lines and much miscellaneous data; pages 1000 to 1098 contained the genealogy of the compiler's line - The Descendants of Robert Lytle of Juniata County, Penna. Duplicated copies, more or less complete, were sent to the following:

The Presbyterian Historical Society, Belfast, N. Ireland.  
The Tennessee State Library, Nashville, Tenn.  
Prof. Chas. W. Lytle, 226 Hunter Ave., N. Tarrytown, N. Y.  
Mrs. Estelle M. Wetzel, Molly Pitcher Hotel, Carlisle, Pa.  
Rev. Chas. H. Neff, Tennent, N. J.  
Mr. George T. Lytle, 14 Lonsdale Ave., Dayton 9, Ohio.  
Mr. J. Lytle Winters, Box 44, West Newton, Ind.

Two brothers of the compiler's family, Andrew and William, settled in Warren County, Ohio, in 1796. Two other brothers, Judge Robert and Edward, settled in the adjoining county of Butler in 1802. Much material on these Lytle brothers has been collected from 1950 to 1954 and is being deposited at the Warren and Butler County Historical Societies.

"The Outline of the Lytle Families of America" has been greatly expanded and revised and will contain about 500 pages. The compiler plans to have this micro-filmed in 1960 and to place copies as follows:

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St. Philadelphia, Pa.  
Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
New York Public Library, New York City, N. Y.  
D. A. R. Library, Washington, D. C.  
The Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Md.  
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tenn.  
Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, La.  
Denver Public Library, Denver, Colo.  
Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas.  
Houston Public Library, Houston, Texas.  
Oklahoma Historical Society Library, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Public Library, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Public Library, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Sutro Branch, California State Library, San Francisco, Calif.  
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