

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

by

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Ancestors of Merlin Mathew Merrell

Generation No. 1

1. Merlin Mathew Merrell, born Private. He was the son of **2. Brett Parker Merrell** and **3. Rachel Maria Lacasse**.

Generation No. 2

2. Brett Parker Merrell, born Private. He was the son of **4. Jr. John Gilbert Merrell, Jr.** and **5. R.N. Ann Elizabeth Parker**. He married **3. Rachel Maria Lacasse** Private.

3. Rachel Maria Lacasse, born Private. She was the daughter of **6. Lacasse** and **7. Patricia Ann Dustin**.

More About Brett Merrell and Rachel Lacasse:

Private-Begin: Private

Child of Brett Merrell and Rachel Lacasse is:

- 1 i. **Merlin Mathew Merrell**, born Private.

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4. Jr. John Gilbert Merrell, Jr., born Private. He was the son of **8. John Gilbert Merrell, Sr.** and **9. L.P.N. Johnette Elizabeth Collins**. He married **5. R.N. Ann Elizabeth Parker** Private.

5. R.N. Ann Elizabeth Parker, born Private. She was the daughter of **10. Sr. Harold Wade Parker, Sr.** and **11. Ocie Denoris (Dee) Estes**.

More About John Merrell and Ann Parker:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of John Merrell and Ann Parker are:

- i. **Jennifer Elizabeth Merrell**, born Private; married **Joseph Raymond Davis** Private; born Private.

More About Joseph Davis and Jennifer Merrell:

Private-Begin: Private

- 2 ii. **Brett Parker Merrell**, born Private; married **Rachel Maria Lacasse** Private.

6. Lacasse, born Private. He married **7. Patricia Ann Dustin** Private.

7. Patricia Ann Dustin, born Private.

More About Lacasse and Patricia Dustin:

Private-Begin: Private

Child of Lacasse and Patricia Dustin is:

- 3 i. **Rachel Maria Lacasse**, born Private; married **Brett Parker Merrell** Private.

Generation No. 4

8. John Gilbert Merrell, Sr., born 27 Jul 1935 in Jasper County, Mississippi; died 11 Aug 2001 in St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital, Houston, TX. He was the son of **16. John Thomas "JT" Merrell** and **17. Vannah Gertrude Merrill**. He married **9. L.P.N. Johnette Elizabeth Collins** Private.

9. L.P.N. Johnette Elizabeth Collins, born Private. She was the daughter of **18. Roy Dawson Collins** and

19. Ruth Elizabeth White.

Notes for John Gilbert Merrell, Sr.:

This is the obituary from the Jackson, MS Clarion Ledger.
August 14, 2001

Gilbert Merrell

New Hebron

Gilbert Merrell, 66, died Saturday, August 11, 2001, at St. Luke Hospital. Services are 2:30 p.m. today at New Hebron Baptist Church with burial in New Hebron Cemetery. Saulters-Moore Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mr. Merrell died with his wife and children at his side. He was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. He had owned and operated Venture Industries, Inc. in New Hebron for six years. He also owned Con-Spec, Inc. and off shore construction company.

Survivors include: wife, Mary Merrell of New Hebron; three sons, Michael Merrell of New Hebron, John Merrell Jr. of Spartenburg, S.C. and Robert Merrell of Los Angeles; two daughters, Paula Brooks and Kimberly Polk, both of New Hebron; eight grandchildren; brother, Tracy Merrell of Laurel; and sister, Martha Lane Furr of Montgomery, Ala.

More About John Gilbert Merrell, Sr.:

Burial: 14 Aug 2001, New Hebron Cemetary, New Hebron, MS

Graduation: May 1952, Heidleburg Consolidated High School, Heidleburg, MS

More About John Merrell and Johnette Collins:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of John Merrell and Johnette Collins are:

- 4 i. Jr. John Gilbert Merrell, Jr., born Private; married R.N. Ann Elizabeth Parker Private.
- ii. Robert Dale Merrell, born 29 Jun 1954 in Boone Clinic, Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi; died 23 Jun 2003 in Glendalough, Wicklow Co. Ireland; married Cynthia Coffey Private; born Private.

Notes for Robert Dale Merrell:

Robert was delivered by Dr. H.L. Boone, at Boone Clinic, Laurel, MS. Born on a hot day in June. Bob was above average in learning ability. He walked alone at age eight months. At an early age had good motor skills and manual dexterity.

Lived with grandparents Roy and Ruth Collins until he was three years of age, at that time his mother married Ernest Ray Nicholson and they moved to San Diego, California where his dad was stationed in the U.S. Navy.

He attended Farragot and Will Angiers Elementary Schools in San Diego. When was in the third grade his family moved to Honolulu, Hawaii. There he attended Aliamanu Elementary School.

He as outfielder for the Little League team.

In 1966 he and his family moved to Long Beach, California where he attended Stephens Junior High and graduated from Poly Technic High School. At Poly was on the football team and in the high school band. He marched in the Rose Parade with the Long Beach Unified Band. This band was formed from the top musicians of the three high schools in Long Beach.

He took auto mechanics classes at Poly and later became a Master Mechanic and worked for awhile for Cormier Chevrolet in Long Beach.

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On his 21st birthday he was on his way to New York to travel with the Peace Corp. to Tunisia. He spent eighteen months in the Care Division. He and three other workers were in charge of water purification. They went to villages to install water collection wells. They designed simple water pumps. Prior to the installation of the water pumps the village people shared their drinking water with the animals as well as did their laundry in the same stream.

When Bob returned from Tunisia he obtained a job as a draftsman for Sperry-Univac and started attending night classes at Long Beach State College. He worked at Sperry until they moved their home office, at which time Bob decided to stay in the Long Beach area.

He was sought by several corporations but decided to take a position with Beckman Corp. a manufacturer of scientific instruments. He was promoted on a rapid scale and became the Corporate Director of Communications.

He obtained his Bachelors Degree in Business at University of Redlands. His MBA from Cal State San Bernardino.

He, Cynthia and Ron lived several years in Lake Arrowhead, California. Deciding that he would like to be closer to work, they moved to Laverne, California. Their home was in the foothills.

Time must be spent on his pet "Duncan" a Sheltie. Bob had taught the animal to do commands that were beyond the comprehension of most canines. He could pick out certain toys from his basket which he was told specifically to get. Amazing!!!!

He died of a sudden Heart Attack while on vacation with Cynthia in Ireland. He was cremated in Ireland and his memorial service was held on his 49th birthday at the Community Baptist Church of Lake Arrowhead.

More About Robert Dale Merrell:

Education: Jun 1972, Longbeach, CA; Education: Longbeach Polytechnic High School

More About Robert Merrell and Cynthia Coffey:

Private-Begin: Private

10. Sr. Harold Wade Parker, Sr., born Private. He was the son of **20. Hubert Lloyd Parker** and **21. Lucy Alice Winchester**. He married **11. Ocie Denoris (Dee) Estes** Private.

11. Ocie Denoris (Dee) Estes, born Private. She was the daughter of **22. REV Dwight Moody Estes** and **23. Bert Fleming**.

More About Harold Parker and Ocie Estes:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of Harold Parker and Ocie Estes are:

- 5 i. R.N. Ann Elizabeth Parker, born Private; married Jr. John Gilbert Merrell, Jr. Private.
- ii. Melanie Denise Parker, born Private; married Charles C. Elliott Private; born Private.

More About Charles Elliott and Melanie Parker:

Private-Begin: Private

- iii. Jr. Harold Wade Parker, Jr., born Private; married Gwendolyn Mae Kreynus Private; born Private.

More About Harold Parker and Gwendolyn Kreynus:

Private-Begin: Private

Generation No. 5

16. John Thomas "JT" Merrell, born 23 Nov 1908 in Clarke County, MS; died 13 Nov 1988 in Laurel, Jones County, MS. He was the son of **32. Charles William (Shank) Merrell** and **33. Mamie McNeill**. He married **17. Vannah Gertrude Merrill** 23 Oct 1929 in Laurel, MS.

17. Vannah Gertrude Merrill, born 10 Aug 1908 in Jasper County, MS; died 19 Feb 1995 in Heidelberg,

Jones County, MS. She was the daughter of **34. Abel Greenberry Merrill** and **35. Lillie Virginia Morris**.

More About John Thomas "JT" Merrell:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About Vannah Gertrude Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About John Merrell and Vannah Merrill:

Marriage: 23 Oct 1929, Laurel, MS

Children of John Merrell and Vannah Merrill are:

- i. Baby Boy Merrell, born 19 Jun 1933; died Infant.

More About Baby Boy Merrell:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

- 8 ii. John Gilbert Merrell, Sr., born 27 Jul 1935 in Jasper County, Mississippi; died 11 Aug 2001 in St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital, Houston, TX; married (1) L.P.N. Johnette Elizabeth Collins Private; married (2) Mary Francis Crawford Private.
- iii. Thomas Tracy Merrell, born Private; married Shirley Jean Livingston Private; born Private.

More About Thomas Merrell and Shirley Livingston:

Private-Begin: Private

- iv. Martha Jane Merrell, born Private; married William Frazier Furr Private; born Private.

More About William Furr and Martha Merrell:

Private-Begin: Private

18. Roy Dawson Collins, born 09 Oct 1911 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 03 Jun 1976 in New Orleans, Louisiana Orleans Parish. He was the son of **36. Willie Anderson Collins** and **37. Ellen Aridene "Nell" Jackson**. He married **19. Ruth Elizabeth White** 23 Aug 1933 in Yazoo City, MS.

19. Ruth Elizabeth White, born 27 Sep 1916 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; died 12 Sep 2004 in Pascagoula, Jackson County, MS. She was the daughter of **38. R.R. Shop Foreman John Thomas White** and **39. Janie Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jackson**.

Notes for Roy Dawson Collins:

Roy was the eldest son of Willie and "Nell" Jackson Collins. He was born in Yazoo County, Mississippi.

He attended Valley School and received an eight grade education.

After he and Ruth E. White married they built a house on the back 80 acres of his parents farm. This land was later inherited when both parents died. He farmed part of the land but never had the heart to be a farmer. In the late 1930's he became a night watchman in a nearby gravel pit, which was contracted by the state of Mississippi.

When WWII broke out and the military started building camps in Mississippi he worked as a truck driver. He moved his family to Elliot, Mississippi for the construction of Camp Elliot an army base there. Elliot is south of Grenada, Mississippi. When the work was completed there he returned to Yazoo county and was employed by Landrum Oilwell Maintenance Co. which was located at Oil City community.

In 1943-1944 oil was discovered in Jasper County, Mississippi. The Landrum company moved some of the workers to Heidelberg, Mississippi. Since this was a small rural town, housing was scarce so many of the families lived in nearby towns. He and his family moved to Vossburg where they rented an apartment from the Vester Rowell family. Later they would rent a house from Mr. Gay Voss an elderly paraplegic.

About 1947-1948 he obtained a job as a pumper with the Fair and Billings Leasing Company. He maintained the production and maintenance of eight oil wells in the Heidelberg area. In 1950 he moved his family into a

company owned house at Heidelberg.

In 1963 he and Ruth separated and he went to California where he lived for a short period of time before relocating to Louisiana.

He continued in the oil related jobs until his death. At the time of his death he had been employed by an Off Shore Drilling Company as a worker on a shuttle boat to carry men and supplies to the drilling rigs off the Louisiana coast. He lived in Morgan City, Louisiana.

He died at the U.S. Public Health Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana of carcinoma of the lung secondary to carcinoma of the throat. He was a heavy smoker of Camel Cigarettes.

Medical History: Died of Carcinoma of the lung secondary to Carcinoma of the Throat.

Physical Characteristics: Medium build. Brown eyes. Black

Hair Tanned well.

More About Roy Dawson Collins:

Burial: Unknown, Mt. Olivet Meth. Church Cem. Yazoo County Mississippi

Occupation: Oil Field Employee

Notes for Ruth Elizabeth White:

Born and raised in Meridian. She was sent to live with an aunt after her fathers death in 1932. There she married Roy Dawson Collins. Together they lived on the Collins farm, just south of Yazoo City, Ms. She and Roy lived on the Collins Farm until 1944/1945, when they moved to Heidelberg, Ms. Roy was working in the Oil Fields and was sent there when the oil was discovered. While living in Heidelberg she was a member of the Garden Club and won several ribbons for her flowers and arrangements.

She was a member of the Methodist Women's Auxiliary. They served lunch to the Rotary Club members to raise funds to add a new wing on the First Methodist Church. Her favorite pastimes included collecting antiques and restoring them. She loved to garden and raised a vegetable garden and flowers wherever she made her home. She and Roy lived in Heidelberg until their divorce.

After their divorce she moved to Pascagoula, Ms. Where she worked as a decorator in a bakery owned by her friends Ruth and Leroy Cooper.

She was diagnosed with Alzhiemers in 1999 and was in the Plaza Nursing Home in Pascagoula, MS.

She passed away in her sleep while in the Singing River Hospital where she was under treatment for a Bladder infection with sepsis.

Her funeral was held by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Mortuary, with Rev. John Dobbs officiating. Pallbearers were her grandsons, John Merrell, Michael Nicholson, Mark Nicholson and great-grandsons, Stephen, Austin Nicholson and Jack Nobels. She was laid to rest in the Jackson County Memorial Park in Pascagoula.

She will be missed by many old friends and her family.

More About Ruth Elizabeth White:

Burial: 18 Sep 2004, Jackson County Memorial Park, Pascagoul, Ms

More About Roy Collins and Ruth White:

Marriage: 23 Aug 1933, Yazoo City, MS

Child of Roy Collins and Ruth White is:

- 9 i. L.P.N. Johnette Elizabeth Collins, born Private; married (1) John Gilbert Merrell, Sr. Private; married (2) Ernest Ray Nicholson Private.

20. Hubert Lloyd Parker, born 31 Oct 1896 in Clayton City, Georgia¹; died Jul 1969 in Anderson, Anderson County, SC¹. He was the son of **40. ? Parker** and **41. Minnie Charity ?**. He married **21. Lucy Alice**

Winchester 04 Dec 1918 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA¹.

21. Lucy Alice Winchester, born 28 Mar 1900 in Rayburn County, GA; died 20 Aug 1991 in Greenville, SC¹. She was the daughter of **42. Judson Asbury Winchester** and **43. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Smith**.

More About Hubert Lloyd Parker:

Burial: Jul 1969, New Silverbrooke Memorial, Anderson, SC

Notes for Lucy Alice Winchester:

Uses name of Winchester.

More About Lucy Alice Winchester:

Burial: Aug 1991, Graceland Cemetary, Greenville, SC¹

More About Hubert Parker and Lucy Winchester:

Marriage: 04 Dec 1918, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA¹

Children of Hubert Parker and Lucy Winchester are:

- i. Betty Ann Parker, born Private; married Harold Elm Private; born Private.

More About Harold Elm and Betty Parker:

Private-Begin: Private

- ii. Franklin Cebus Parker, born Private.
- iii. Mary Katheline Parker, born Private; married Charles Penny Private; born Private.

More About Charles Penny and Mary Parker:

Private-Begin: Private

- iv. Jule Parker, born 16 Dec 1919 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA¹; died Mar 1921¹
- v. Ethel Joyce Parker, born Private; married Harold Dean McCombs Private; born Private.

More About Harold McCombs and Ethel Parker:

Private-Begin: Private

- vi. Hazel Louise Parker, born 17 Dec 1925; died 17 Dec 1932.
- 10 vii. Sr. Harold Wade Parker, Sr., born Private; married Ocie Denoris (Dee) Estes Private.

22. REV Dwight Moody Estes², born 26 Jan 1910 in Reed Creek, Hart County, GA; died 19 May 1980 in Anderson, SC. He was the son of **44. Jasper Lee Estes** and **45. Maude Mae Cleveland**. He married **23. Bert Fleming** 27 Aug 1928 in Anderson, SC.

23. Bert Fleming², born 06 Aug 1909 in Reed Creek, GA; died 12 Mar 1981 in Anderson, SC. She was the daughter of **46. James Balus Fleming** and **47. Matilda Mariah Baker**.

Notes for REV Dwight Moody Estes:

Moody was a minister and served several churches in Hart and Anderson Counties. Bert and Moody live in Anderson, SC.

More About REV Dwight Moody Estes:

Burial: 21 May 1980, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Hartwell, GA

More About Bert Fleming:

Burial: 14 Mar 1981, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Hartwell, GA

More About Dwight Estes and Bert Fleming:

Marriage: 27 Aug 1928, Anderson, SC

Children of Dwight Estes and Bert Fleming are:

- i. Dwight Balus Estes, born Private; married Mildred Renie Haynie Private; born Private.

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More About Dwight Estes and Mildred Haynie:
Private-Begin: Private

- ii. Willie Lyman Estes, born Private; married Hazel Aleen Hedden Private; born Private.

More About Willie Estes and Hazel Hedden:
Private-Begin: Private

- 11 iii. Ocie Denoris (Dee) Estes, born Private; married Sr. Harold Wade Parker, Sr. Private.
- iv. Jewellette E. Estes, born Private; married Lalon Clyde Pruitt Private; born Private.

More About Lalon Pruitt and Jewellette Estes:
Private-Begin: Private

- v. Jeanette Estes², born 07 Feb 1936; died 11 Jul 1936.

Notes for Jeanette Estes:
Twin to Jewelette.

- vi. Gwenloyn "Gwen" Ann Estes, born Private; married (1) Franklin Pruitt Shaw Private; born Private; married (2) William "Billy" Ray McLeese Private; born Private.

More About Franklin Shaw and Gwenloyn Estes:
Private-Begin: Private

- vii. Jimmy Moody Estes, born Private; married Ellen Nora Hampton Private; born Private.

More About Jimmy Estes and Ellen Hampton:
Private-Begin: Private

- viii. Jewellette "Judy" E. Estes, born Private; married Lalon Clyde Pruitt Private; born Private.

More About Lalon Pruitt and Jewellette Estes:
Private-Begin: Private

- ix. James "Jimmy" Moody Estes, born Private; married Ellen Nora Hampton Private; born Private.

More About James Estes and Ellen Hampton:
Private-Begin: Private

Generation No. 6

32. Charles William (Shank) Merrell, born 01 Sep 1882; died 01 Apr 1946 in Wayne County, MS. He was the son of **64. Isaiah Pickney Merrell** and **65. Nancy Jane "Sis" Thomas**. He married **33. Mamie McNeill**.

33. Mamie McNeill, born 21 Nov 1882; died 11 Mar 1960 in Wayne County, MS. She was the daughter of **66. Rev John Trimell McNeill** and **67. Mary A. Freeman**.

Notes for Charles William (Shank) Merrell:
Also known as Shank.

More About Charles William (Shank) Merrell:
Burial: Unknown, Zion Rest Cemetery, Wayne County, MS

More About Mamie McNeill:
Burial: Unknown, Zion Rest Cemetery, Wayne County, MS

Children of Charles Merrell and Mamie McNeill are:

- i. Basil C. Merrell, born 25 Dec 1904; died 10 Jun 1926 in Wayne County, MS; married Della Mae McCraney; born 1908 in Jasper County, MS; died 1969.

More About Basil C. Merrell:

Burial: Unknown, Zion Rest Cemetery, Wayne County, MS

- 16 ii. John Thomas "JT" Merrell, born 23 Nov 1908 in Clarke County, MS; died 13 Nov 1988 in Laurel, Jones County, MS; married Vannah Gertrude Merrill 23 Oct 1929 in Laurel, MS.

34. Abel Greenberry Merrill, born 11 Aug 1870; died 02 Aug 1952. He was the son of **68. Nelson Cooley Merrill** and **69. Nancy Adeline Arrington**. He married **35. Lillie Virginia Morris** 14 Jan 1894.

35. Lillie Virginia Morris, born 04 Jun 1876; died 04 Jul 1967. She was the daughter of **70. Drury "David" Allen Morris** and **71. Mary Emma Weeks**.

More About Abel Greenberry Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About Abel Merrill and Lillie Morris:

Marriage: 14 Jan 1894

Children of Abel Merrill and Lillie Morris are:

- i. Merrill, born 20 Nov 1894; died 26 Feb 1895.
- ii. Maude Merrill, born 01 Jan 1896 in Vossburg, Jasper County, MS; died Unknown; married (1) Otto Gibson; born 11 Mar 1887 in Iberia, MO; died 19 May 1964; married (2) Bee Herbert Mosley 15 Jun; born 05 Dec 1892 in St. Clair County, AL; died 1926.

Notes for Bee Herbert Mosley:

Nickname -- "Hub"

More About Bee Mosley and Maude Merrill:

Marriage: 15 Jun

- iii. Nannie Merrill, born 04 Dec 1897; died Unknown; married Forrest J. Holland; born 1892; died 1961.
- iv. Myrtle Lolene Merrill, born 19 Apr 1900; died Unknown; married James Slater Mosley 10 Aug; born 11 Jul 1886; died 1958.

More About James Mosley and Myrtle Merrill:

Marriage: 10 Aug

- v. Joyce Merrill, born 23 Mar 1902; died Unknown; married Walter Mae Carmichael 29 May; born 1897; died 1949.

More About Walter Carmichael and Joyce Merrill:

Marriage: 29 May

- vi. Mary Emma Merrill, born 11 Mar 1904; died Unknown; married Thomas Theodore Sanders 12 Jun 1929; born 1899; died Unknown.

Notes for Thomas Theodore Sanders:

Also known as Ted.

More About Thomas Sanders and Mary Merrill:

Marriage: 12 Jun 1929

- vii. Arthur Morris Merrill, born 08 Aug 1906; died 1968; married Viola Vermell West Private; born Private.

More About Arthur Morris Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About Arthur Merrill and Viola West:

Private-Begin: Private

- 17 viii. Vannah Gertrude Merrill, born 10 Aug 1908 in Jasper County, MS; died 19 Feb 1995 in Heidelberg,

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- Jones County, MS; married John Thomas "JT" Merrell 23 Oct 1929 in Laurel, MS.
- ix. Jr. Abel Greenberry (AG) Merrill, born 30 Apr 1911; died 18 May 1988; married Mary Lee Duke Private; born Private.

Notes for Jr. Abel Greenberry (AG) Merrill:
Also known as AG.

More About Jr. Abel Greenberry (AG) Merrill:
Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About Abel Merrill and Mary Duke:
Private-Begin: Private

- x. Galberth Henrick Merrill, born 09 Dec 1919; died 24 Jul 1972; married Vettie Lowery Private; born Private.

Notes for Galberth Henrick Merrill:
A supplementary headstone on the grave says:

"Gilbert H. Merrell
""PFC CN CO 20 Infantry
""WWII BSM

The headstone on the grave says Hendricks G. Merrell

More About Galberth Henrick Merrill:
Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About Galberth Merrill and Vettie Lowery:
Private-Begin: Private

36. Willie Anderson Collins, born 25 May 1890 in Mississippi; died 24 Nov 1961 in Yazoo County Mississippi. He was the son of **72. CSA John Henry Collins** and **73. Martha Alitha White**. He married **37. Ellen Aridene "Nell" Jackson** 11 Jan 1911 in Yazoo County Mississippi.

37. Ellen Aridene "Nell" Jackson, born 20 Apr 1893 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 29 Mar 1944 in Yazoo County Mississippi. She was the daughter of **74. Thomas Lee Jackson** and **75. Emma Eudora Dawson**.

Notes for Willie Anderson Collins:

Willie "Will" was just three years old when his mother and father died. He was raised by his older brother Frank. He eventually lived with his brother James A. "Jim" in Yazoo County. Evidently he was living in Yazoo County at the time of his marriage to "Nell".

He had an elementary school education.

He was a gentle person and loved Nell dearly. He never left the house without kissing her and telling her he loved her, even to do the farm chores. By today's standard he and his family lived a meager existence. They owned 180 acres of land approximately eight miles south of Yazoo City.

They raised corn for the chickens, cows, horse and pigs. He raised cotton for sale to buy the flour, sugar and other staples they did not raise and clothing. They killed hogs in the fall and he smoked the meat and sausage in the smoke house next to house. They raised chickens for eggs and eating. There was always plenty of milk and butter.

In those days refrigeration consisted of an icebox. With delivery twice a week of ice by the store owner Tom Kirk. Milk was kept cool by lowering a jug into the cistern which caught rainwater for drinking, washing and bathing.

After his wife's death he continued to live alone on the 180 acre farm until he died. He is buried at the Mt. Olivet Church Cemetery, in the Mechanicsberg community.

He was never in the military service.

Medical history of Peptic Ulcers with a partial gastrectomy.

Medical History: Surgery for Peptic Ulcers

Education: Elementary education

Military: Never in Military Service

More About Willie Anderson Collins:

Burial: Unknown, Mt. Olivet Methodist Church Cemetary Yazoo County, MS. west of Bentonia, MS

Notes for Ellen Aridene "Nell" Jackson:

Ellen Aridene "Nell" Jackson Collins was the daughter of Thomas Lee and Eudora Dawson Jackson. She was raised in the Mechanicsberg community. She was named for her father's sister Aridene.

Her father spent time in the Louisiana State Penitentiary for killing his brother George. This forced Emma to live with her parents Sam James and Sarah Elizabeth Dawson. While Thomas was in prison Emma divorced and remarried a man by the name of Moses House. They continued living in the Mechanicsberg community.

In 1910 her mother and Moses house (her stepfather) were living next door to the James A. Collins family--- brother of Willie Anderson Collins. Nell and Willie Anderson Collins were married a year later in 1911.

Nell was confined to a wheelchair after dislocating her hip in a fall. She only started walking with the aid of crutches a short time before her death. She died of stroke. She suffered from Hypertension for a number of years. The day she had the stroke she was sitting by the window watching her son Roy go to Camp Shelby for his physical and induction into the army. He was summonsed before he got to the main road. By the time the doctor arrived from Yazoo City she was in a coma. She never regained consciousness. She died later that night. Roy was deferred from the draft.

More About Ellen Aridene "Nell" Jackson:

Burial: Unknown, Mt. Olivet Methodist Church Cemetary Yazoo County, MS. west of Bentonia, MS

More About Willie Collins and Ellen Jackson:

Marriage: 11 Jan 1911, Yazoo County Mississippi

Children of Willie Collins and Ellen Jackson are:

- 18 i. Roy Dawson Collins, born 09 Oct 1911 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 03 Jun 1976 in New Orleans, Louisiana Orleans Parish; married Ruth Elizabeth White 23 Aug 1933 in Yazoo City, MS.
- ii. Willie "Bill" Preston Collins, born 08 Apr 1915 in Meridian, Ms.; died 20 Jun 1980 in Jackson, MS; married Allma Ellen Burroughs 26 Nov 1936 in Yazoo County, MS; born 22 Oct 1915 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 04 Oct 2005 in Yazoo City, MS.

Notes for Willie "Bill" Preston Collins:

Willie P. "Bill" Collins started working for the railroad in the 1940's as a fireman and continued until his retirement. He also had a small business on the side of laying driveways with the slag waste from the railroad. This was a by product of the Coal being burned in the engines. He was married twice, first to Alma Burroughs which ended in divorce in the 1960's. He remarried and was living in Jackson, Ms. at the time of death of a Heart Attack. He is buried next to his father, mother and brother Roy in the Mt. Olivet Meth. Cem. in the Mechanicsberg community west of Bentonia, Ms.

More About Willie "Bill" Preston Collins:

Burial: Unknown, MT. Olivet Cemetary, Yazoo County, MS

Notes for Allma Ellen Burroughs:

Alma Ellen Burroughs was born in Yazoo County in the Phoenix community, west of Bentonia, Ms. She grew up in a large family. Her father was a farmer and her mother was a homemaker. Alma is a hard working person with a warm heart and a willingness to help any in need.

Alma died October 4, 2005 after fracturing both hips. She was in the hospital 2 weeks and then 2 weeks in a nursing home, where she peacefully died. This information given by her daughter Frances "Frankie"

Mc Lean.

More About Allma Ellen Burroughs:

Burial: Unknown, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Yazoo County, MS

More About Willie Collins and Allma Burroughs:

Marriage: 26 Nov 1936, Yazoo County, MS

38. R.R. Shop Foreman John Thomas White, born 10 Jun 1868 in Marion County, Tennessee; died 24 Mar 1931 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS. He was the son of **76. Martin V. White** and **77. Sarah Brightwell**. He married **39. Janie Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jackson** 03 May 1915 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS.

39. Janie Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jackson, born 26 Sep 1898 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 07 Aug 1956 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS. She was the daughter of **74. Thomas Lee Jackson** and **75. Emma Eudora Dawson**.

Notes for R.R. Shop Foreman John Thomas White:

Born in Marion county Tennessee just after the Civil War. He grew up on a farm in the hills along the Tennessee River. He was the second child of Martin V and Sarah Brightwell.

He was a member of the Masonic Order of Meridian, Ms.. He attained the 32nd degree before he died. He had a Masonic funeral and is buried in a Masonic cemetery.

He was also a religious person. He built the Methodist church on the corner of 1st St. and 34th Ave. This church is still standing in 1993.

More About R.R. Shop Foreman John Thomas White:

Burial: Unknown, Magnolia Cemetery. Meridian, Lauderdale Co., MS

Description: Died of Cancer of the throat. He was a long time tobacco

Occupation: Rail Road Shop Foreman

More About Janie Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jackson:

Burial: 09 Aug 1956, Cokers Chapel Church Cem. in Vimville, Mississippi

More About John White and Janie Jackson:

Marriage: 03 May 1915, Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS

Children of John White and Janie Jackson are:

- i. Jeff White, born Private.
- ii. Henry Ford White, born 31 Jul 1924 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; died 09 Apr 1993 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; married Lena Stanley Private; born Private.

Notes for Henry Ford White:

He lived in the Masonic Home for Boys in Columbus, Ms. until he was 18 years of age. He was sent there to live after his fathers death in 1931. He was a discipline problem and would not attend school.

At age 18 he entered the U.S. Marine Corp. and saw combat in the Pacific Theater during WWII.

After his discharge from the Marine Corp. he returned to MS. where he lived with his sister, Ruth Collins in Vossburg. He started working in the Oil Fields with his brother-in-law, Roy Collins. There he met and married Lena Stanley of the Vossburg area.

He died of Cancer.

More About Henry Ford White:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Cemetery, Vossburg, Jasper County, MS

More About Henry White and Lena Stanley:

Private-Begin: Private

- 19 iii. Ruth Elizabeth White, born 27 Sep 1916 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; died 12 Sep 2004 in Pascagoula, Jackson County, MS; married Roy Dawson Collins 23 Aug 1933 in Yazoo City, MS.
iv. Woodrow Wilson "Dookie" White, born 19 Aug 1919 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; died 19 Dec 1920 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS.

Notes for Woodrow Wilson "Dookie" White:

Woodrow aka "Dookie" died of burns received while burning scrap paper into an open fire. His flannel nightshirt caught fire.

More About Woodrow Wilson "Dookie" White:

Burial: Unknown, Magnolia Masonic Cemetery, Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS

40. ? Parker, died Unknown. He married **41. Minnie Charity ?**.

41. Minnie Charity ?, died Unknown.

Child of ? Parker and Minnie ? is:

- 20 i. Hubert Lloyd Parker, born 31 Oct 1896 in Clayton City, Georgia; died Jul 1969 in Anderson, Anderson County, SC; married Lucy Alice Winchester 04 Dec 1918 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA.

42. Judson Asbury Winchester, born 1875 in Walhalla, SC³; died Abt. 1964 in Greenwood, Greenwood Co., SC³. He was the son of **84. Pinkney "Pink" Andrew Paden Winchester, Sr.** and **85. Sarah Ridley**. He married **43. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Smith**.

43. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Smith, born 18 Jul 1871³; died 16 Apr 1911³.

Notes for Judson Asbury Winchester:

Name: Judson WINCHESTER

1880 Census Information

Age: 5

Estimated birth year: <1875>

Birthplace: South Carolina

Relationship to head-of-household: Son

Home in 1880: Whitewater, Oconee, South Carolina

Marital status: Single

Race: White

Gender: Male

Father's name: Pink WINCHESTER

Father's birthplace: GA

Mother's name: Sarah WINCHESTER

Mother's birthplace: NC

Cannot read/write: [View Image](#)

Blind: [View Image](#)

Deaf and dumb: [View Image](#)

Otherwise disabled: [View Image](#)

Idiotic or insane: [View Image](#)

Image Source: Year: 1880; Census Place: Whitewater, Oconee, South Carolina; Roll: T9_1236; Family History Film: 1255236; Page: 445B; Enumeration District: 127; Image: .

It appears Judson may have been married to a Louvenia Brown first and had two children Belle and Bessie (who married Jabe Gibson). Are these Judson's children or one of his wives children?

Judson, I am told, was the father of 14 children.

More About Judson Asbury Winchester:

Burial: Unknown, Between Hodges and Greenwood, SC

Children of Judson Winchester and Elizabeth Smith are:

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

- i. Sr. Floyd William Winchester, Sr.³, born 11 Jan 1899 in Walhalla, Oconee Co., South Carolina³; died 20 Jan 1969 in South Carolina³; Stepchild; married Mary "Pauline" Blain 13 Jul 1919³; born 11 Sep 1902 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tn³; died 05 Oct 1997³.

More About Sr. Floyd William Winchester, Sr.:
Burial: Unknown, Woodlawn Cemetary Greenville, SC

More About Floyd Winchester and Mary Blain:
Marriage: 13 Jul 1919³

- ii. Lloyd Winchester, Sr.³, born 11 Jan 1899 in Walhalla, Oconee County, SC; died 26 Feb 1943; Stepchild; married Mattie Viola West³; died Unknown.

More About Lloyd Winchester and Mattie West:
Marriage: ³

- 21 iii. Lucy Alice Winchester, born 28 Mar 1900 in Rayburn County, GA; died 20 Aug 1991 in Greenville, SC; married Hubert Lloyd Parker 04 Dec 1918 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA.
- iv. Rosette Lee Winchester³, born 24 Jul 1901; died Unknown; Stepchild; married (1) John Hope³; died Unknown; married (2) Thomas Smith; died Unknown; married (3) Pete Johnson; died Unknown.

Notes for Rosette Lee Winchester:
Husbands were: Thomas, Pete then John.

Notes for John Hope:
After Thomas and Pete.

More About John Hope and Rosette Winchester:
Marriage: ³

- v. Lester Wright Winchester³, born 14 Dec 1903 in Rabun Co, GA; died 02 Feb 1989; Stepchild; married (1) Rosa Lee Copeland Private; born Private; married (2) Minerva Harbert Private; born Private.

More About Lester Winchester and Rosa Copeland:
Private-Begin: Private

- vi. Melvin Winchester³, born 11 Sep 1905; died Unknown; Stepchild.

Notes for Melvin Winchester:
Understand Melvin burned to Death.

- vii. Robert Lee Winchester³, born 05 Nov 1906 in Pickens Co, SC; died 1996 in Greenwood, SC; Stepchild; married Nellie Rice Private; born Private.

More About Robert Winchester and Nellie Rice:
Private-Begin: Private

44. Jasper Lee Estes⁴, born 13 Sep 1888 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 29 Sep 1911 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA. He was the son of **88. , REV Francis Marion (Frank) Estes** and **89. Frances Rejetta (Fanny) Walters**. He married **45. Maude Mae Cleveland** 02 Aug 1908 in Hart County, GA.

45. Maude Mae Cleveland⁴, born 24 Sep 1891 in Hart County, GA; died 23 Mar 1962 in Augusta, GA. She was the daughter of **90. Thomas L. Cleveland** and **91. Dora M. Vickery**.

Notes for Jasper Lee Estes:
Jasper and Maude lived at Reed Creek. Jasper died at home. After Jasper's death, Maude married Glenn T. Cleveland.

More About Jasper Lee Estes:
Burial: 29 Sep 1911, Reed Creek Baptist Church, Hart County, GA

Notes for Maude Mae Cleveland:

Maude was buried by her first husband at Reed Creek Church.

More About Maude Mae Cleveland:

Burial: Mar 1962, Reed Creek Baptist Church, Hart County, GA

More About Jasper Estes and Maude Cleveland:

Marriage: 02 Aug 1908, Hart County, GA

Children of Jasper Estes and Maude Cleveland are:

- i. Chester T. Estes, born 24 Jan 1909 in Hart County, GA; died Unknown; married (1) Marie C. Hamby Private; born Private; married (2) Ethel Foster; born 21 Jul 1897; died Unknown.

Notes for Chester T. Estes:

Lives in Ocean Springs, MS with Ethel. No children with Ethel.

More About Chester Estes and Marie Hamby:

Private-Begin: Private

- 22 ii. REV Dwight Moody Estes, born 26 Jan 1910 in Reed Creek, Hart County, GA; died 19 May 1980 in Anderson, SC; married Bert Fleming 27 Aug 1928 in Anderson, SC.

46. James Balus Fleming^d, born 02 Apr 1869 in Barkers Creek Community, Anderson County, SC; died 05 Dec 1965 in Hartwell, GA. He was the son of **92. Ambrose Milton Fleming** and **93. L. Jane Rampey**. He married **47. Matilda Mariah Baker** 17 Aug 1897.

47. Matilda Mariah Baker^d, born 18 Apr 1874 in Hart County, GA; died Mar 1962 in Royston, GA. She was the daughter of **94. Daniel A. Baker** and **95. Evaline Webb Estes**.

More About James Balus Fleming:

Burial: 07 Dec 1965, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Hartwell, GA

More About Matilda Mariah Baker:

Burial: Mar 1962, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Hartwell, GA

More About James Fleming and Matilda Baker:

Marriage: 17 Aug 1897

Child of James Fleming and Matilda Baker is:

- 23 i. Bert Fleming, born 06 Aug 1909 in Reed Creek, GA; died 12 Mar 1981 in Anderson, SC; married REV Dwight Moody Estes 27 Aug 1928 in Anderson, SC.

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64. Isaiah Pickney Merrell, born 1856; died 1895. He was the son of **128. William (Put) Merrill** and **129. Keziah Goodwin Overstreet**. He married **65. Nancy Jane "Sis" Thomas**.

65. Nancy Jane "Sis" Thomas, born 19 Jun 1862; died 15 Dec 1934.

More About Isaiah Pickney Merrell:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

Notes for Nancy Jane "Sis" Thomas:

Also known as Sis.

More About Nancy Jane "Sis" Thomas:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

Child of Isaiah Merrell and Nancy Thomas is:

- 32 i. Charles William (Shank) Merrell, born 01 Sep 1882; died 01 Apr 1946 in Wayne County, MS; married

Mamie McNeill.

66. Rev John Trimell McNeill, born 01 Nov 1848; died 09 May 1903 in Wayne County, MS. He married **67. Mary A. Freeman** 22 Jan 1873 in Clarke County, MS.

67. Mary A. Freeman, born 12 Aug 1853; died 31 Jan 1936 in Wayne County, MS.

More About Rev John Trimell McNeill:

Burial: Unknown, Zion Rest Cemetery, Wayne County, MS

More About Mary A. Freeman:

Burial: Unknown, Zion Rest Cemetery, Wayne County, MS

More About John McNeill and Mary Freeman:

Marriage: 22 Jan 1873, Clarke County, MS

Child of John McNeill and Mary Freeman is:

- 33 i. Mamie McNeill, born 21 Nov 1882; died 11 Mar 1960 in Wayne County, MS; married Charles William (Shank) Merrell.

68. Nelson Cooley Merrill, born 22 Dec 1846; died 08 Jul 1881 in Jasper County, MS. He was the son of **136. Abel Merrill** and **137. Eliza Cooley**. He married **69. Nancy Adeline Arrington** 20 Sep 1866.

69. Nancy Adeline Arrington, born 08 Mar 1848; died 24 Oct 1937 in Jasper County, MS. She was the daughter of **138. Ezekiel Arrington** and **139. Adeline Cooley**.

More About Nelson Cooley Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About Nancy Adeline Arrington:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About Nelson Merrill and Nancy Arrington:

Marriage: 20 Sep 1866

Children of Nelson Merrill and Nancy Arrington are:

- 34 i. Abel Greenberry Merrill, born 11 Aug 1870; died 02 Aug 1952; married Lillie Virginia Morris 14 Jan 1894.
- ii. Susie Mary Merrill, born 20 Dec 1872 in Jasper County, MS; died 16 Jun 1959 in Tupelo, Lee County, MS; married Robert Welton Pennington 20 Sep 1905; born 07 Nov 1871 in Newton County, MS; died 08 Feb 1935 in Jasper County, MS.

More About Susie Mary Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Lebanon Cemetery, Newton County, MS

More About Robert Welton Pennington:

Burial: Unknown, Lebanon Cemetery, Newton County, MS

More About Robert Pennington and Susie Merrill:

Marriage: 20 Sep 1905

- iii. Biddie Merrill, born 04 Aug 1875 in Vossburg, Jasper County, MS; died 07 Apr 1963; married Lorenzo Guy Smiley; born 20 Nov 1870 in Shubuta, Clarke County, MS; died 26 Oct 1945 in Clarke County, MS.

More About Lorenzo Guy Smiley:

Burial: Unknown, New Hope Cemetery, Clark County, MS

70. Drury "David" Allen Morris, born 30 Dec 1816 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died 03 Apr 1904

in Davisville, Jasper County, MS. He was the son of **140. William Morris** and **141. Dora Smith**. He married **71. Mary Emma Weeks** 27 Dec 1865 in Jasper County, MS.

71. Mary Emma Weeks, born 09 Apr 1838 in St. Clair County, Al; died 21 Apr 1911 in Vossburg, Jasper County, MS.

Notes for Drury "David" Allen Morris:
Also know as David Allen.

More About Drury "David" Allen Morris:
Burial: Unknown, Salem Church Cemetery

More About Drury Morris and Mary Weeks:
Marriage: 27 Dec 1865, Jasper County, MS

Children of Drury Morris and Mary Weeks are:

- i. Annie Morris, born Abt. 1865 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died Unknown.
- ii. Julia Morris, born Abt. 1866 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died Unknown.
- iii. Patsy Mannis Morris, born Abt. 1867; died Unknown.
- iv. Ella Morris, born 27 Jan 1870 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died Unknown.
- v. Allen A. Morris, born 15 Jan 1871 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died Apr 1950.
- vi. Emma Gertrude Morris, born 12 Aug 1875 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died 31 Jan 1943 in Jackson, Hinds County, MS.

More About Emma Gertrude Morris:
Burial: Unknown, Delhi, LA

- 35 vii. Lillie Virginia Morris, born 04 Jun 1876; died 04 Jul 1967; married Abel Greenberry Merrill 14 Jan 1894.
- viii. Fannie Morris, born Jan 1880 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died Unknown.

72. CSA John Henry Collins, born 20 Oct 1823 in Ga.; died Abt. 1893 in Yazoo County Mississippi. He was the son of **144. James C. Collins** and **145. Tabitha (Elitha) Sexton**. He married **73. Martha Alitha White** 18 Dec 1872 in Leake Co. Mississippi.

73. Martha Alitha White⁵, born 12 Aug 1850 in Prob. Attala Co. Ms.; died 12 Dec 1893 in Yazoo County Mississippi. She was the daughter of **146. James Daniel White** and **147. Rachel Sivils**.

Notes for CSA John Henry Collins:

MILITARY HISTORY:

John H. served in the Civil War as follows: Confederate Company I, McLemore Guards of Lauderdale Co. 37th Mississippi Infantry. Organized Feb. 23, 1862. He served under Captain William P. Andrews, First Lieutenant John C. Ellerbe, 2nd lieutenant John J. Williams and 3rd Lieutenant C. H. McLemore. He was taken prisoner of war in Vicksburg at the surrender of Confederate forces by Pemberton. He was paroled in the Washington hospital in Vicksburg and sent by US Steamer Suffolk to Fort Morgan, Alabama where he turned over to the Confederate authorities on July 22, 1863. No date of release was given but given the date of his son Joseph Henderson of 1865 it is probable he was not detained more than 6 months.

He was married to Martha Alitha White on 18 Dec 1872 in Leake County, MS. on file at Leake County Ms. John H. married to first wife Phedora Mc Donald in Chatooga County, GA,

Marriage to #2 Adeline Sexton/Saxton unknown date.
Marriage to #3 Martha Alitha White

FAMILY HISTORY:

Martha Alitha White Collins was born in Leake or Attala County. By family history told by Ruth E. White Collins, Martha was part Indian (Choctaw). This could be true since the Choctaw have headquarters for their band in Philadelphia, MS in Nehosha County.

After correspondence with Barbara Vaillancourt, grandmother of James A. Collins she indicated she had heard

the story from her mother that Martha was part Choctaw.

Martha died of a presumed overdose of Laudanum, an opiate she was taking for a toothache.

John H. died shortly after Martha's death. They are buried in unmarked graves at Flethers Chapel Church Cemetery approximately eight miles south of Yazoo City.

After death of Martha and John, the younger children lived with their older half-brother, Frank Demascus and his wife Alice in Holmes County.

CENSUS RECORDS:

1870 Fed. Census for Leake County, MS list a James Collins age 81 as the father of Thornton Collins, John H.'s brother. James is listed as being born in NC.

Adelade (Saxton) Collins wife of John H. was still alive. She died between that census and 1872 when he married Martha A. White.

on file at Leake Co. Ms.

More About CSA John Henry Collins:

Burial: Unknown, Fletchers Chap. Cemetary, Yazoo Co., MS

More About Martha Alitha White:

Burial: Unknown, Fletchers Chap. Cemetary, Yazoo Co., MS

Marriage Notes for John Collins and Martha White:

John H. married his first wife Phedora Mc Donald in Chatooga County, Ga..

Marriage #2 Adaline Sexton/Saxton unknown date

Marriage #3 Martha Alitha White

More About John Collins and Martha White:

Marriage: 18 Dec 1872, Leake Co. Mississippi

Children of John Collins and Martha White are:

- i. (twin) James Albert "Jim" Collins, born 24 Nov 1874 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 13 Feb 1944 in Yazoo, County, MS; married Mary "Mollie" Partridge 08 Jul 1896 in Yazoo City, MS; died Unknown.

Notes for (twin) James Albert "Jim" Collins:

James "Jim" was living in the Robinet Voting District of Yazoo County at the time of the 1910 Federal Census was enumerated. The entry indicated he and his wife had been Married 14 years. "Mollie" had given birth to 6 children. He was listed as a farmer.

The Robinet Voting district was an area south of Yazoo City.

Birth information from family Bible given by Beatrice Able of Lexington, Mississippi the granddaughter of Jim's sister.

Family structure given by granddaughter: Barbara Valincourt of Roswell, NM.

More About James Collins and Mary Partridge:

Marriage: 08 Jul 1896, Yazoo City, MS

- ii. (twin) Rachel Alitha Collins, born 24 Nov 1874 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 11 May 1917 in Yazoo County Mississippi; married W. B. Wieldman in Mississippi; died Unknown.

Notes for (twin) Rachel Alitha Collins:

Rachel is the twin of James A. Collins

More About W. Wieldman and Rachel Collins:

Marriage: Mississippi

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- iii. Martha Lucinde Collins, born 16 May 1877 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 31 Dec 1879 in Yazoo County Mississippi.
- iv. Floid Cornelius Collins, born 26 Apr 1879 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 11 Apr 1959 in Yazoo County Mississippi; married Elizabeth Goodson 1917 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died Unknown.

More About Floid Cornelius Collins:

Burial: Unknown, Concord Church Cem. Yazoo County Mississippi

More About Floid Collins and Elizabeth Goodson:

Marriage: 1917, Leake Co. Mississippi

- v. John Green Collins, born 18 Dec 1881 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 22 Jul 1886 in Yazoo County Mississippi.
- vi. Cisroe Thornton aka Sisroe Collins, born 18 Feb 1884 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 1948 in Presumed Washita County Oklahoma; married Rosa Lee Webb 1925 in Oklahoma; born 09 Oct 1894 in Oklahoma; died 13 Apr 1993 in Washita County Oklahoma.

Notes for Cisroe Thornton aka Sisroe Collins:

Sisroe was in Nolan County Texas in 1920, On the 1920 Fed. Census. He was single at this time. In 1922 Nolan county he purchases land and again in 1923. There was no specified amount of land. This is recorded in the Bexar Dist. Nolan County, certificate #37/4187 page830 on Jan. 17, 1923. He must have left Nolan Co. by 1925 when he married Rosa Lee Webb.

His brother John La Vester also purchased the same year.

Birth and death information on Cisroe and Rosa(Webb) Collins taken from the Social Security Index.

Notes for Rosa Lee Webb:

Birth and death information obtained from the Social Security Death Index.

More About Cisroe Collins and Rosa Webb:

Marriage: 1925, Oklahoma

- vii. (twin) Leila Thedora Collins, born 07 Jun 1889 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 17 Apr 1920 in Yazoo County Mississippi; married Thomas Jefferson I Cessna 17 Feb 1910 in Yazoo County Mississippi; born 26 Dec 1868 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 19 Jan 1922 in Ellisville, Mississippi Jones County.

Notes for (twin) Leila Thedora Collins:

Leila Thedora died shortly after the birth of her youngest child Mildred. She hemorrhaged during the birth.

Leila was the twin of Lula Dora.

More About (twin) Leila Thedora Collins:

Burial: Unknown, Pasture near home in Tinsley, Yazoo County, Mississippi

Notes for Thomas Jefferson I Cessna:

Thomas Jefferson Cessna, Sr. was said to be "slow" of wit, which in fact could have been from the undiagnosed and uncontrolled Diabetes Mellitus which caused him to be incoherent and slow. He was housed in the South Mississippi State School at Ellisville, Ms. until his death in 1922. When he found he was going to be a resident of the SMSS he set aside money for his children, which was never found.

When he was near death the school sent word to his brother J.R. Cessna J.R. was unable to make the trip to claim the body so he is buried on the campus. He was the first patient to be buried on the campus. He was buried under a large oak tree, with an unidentified local minister officiating.

It should be noted that Thomas loved to play the violin.

This information provided by his granddaughter Carylon Willis.

More About Thomas Jefferson I Cessna:

Burial: Unknown, Campus of the South Mississippi State School, Ellisville, Mississippi

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

More About Thomas Cessna and Leila Collins:
Marriage: 17 Feb 1910, Yazoo County Mississippi

- viii. (twin) Lula Dora Collins, born 07 Jun 1889 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 04 Jan 1973 in Homes County, Lexington, Ms; married John Samuel Augusta "Gus" Tidwell 16 Jan 1905 in Holmes County, Mississippi; born Nov 1881 in Jefferson County Mississippi; died 28 Apr 1964 in Holmes County, Mississippi.

More About (twin) Lula Dora Collins:
Burial: Unknown, Harlands Creek, Lexington, MS

More About John Samuel Augusta "Gus" Tidwell:
Burial: Unknown, Harlen Creek Bapt. Church Cem. Holmes County, Mississippi
Occupation: Holmes County, Mississippi; Occupation: Farmer

More About John Tidwell and Lula Collins:
Marriage: 16 Jan 1905, Holmes County, Mississippi

- 36 ix. Willie Anderson Collins, born 25 May 1890 in Mississippi; died 24 Nov 1961 in Yazoo County Mississippi; married Ellen Aridene "Nell" Jackson 11 Jan 1911 in Yazoo County Mississippi.
x. Mary Ellen Collins, born 10 Sep 1893 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 13 Apr 1963 in Yazoo County Mississippi; married (1) Abner Williams in Yazoo County Mississippi; died Unknown; married (2) C. H. Anthony in Yazoo County Mississippi; died Unknown.

Notes for Mary Ellen Collins:
1920 Federal Census for Nolan County TX, Abner M. and Ellen Collins Williams are found with C.T., J.V. and James A. Collins families.

Ellen and Abner were divorced. Date unknown.

By family history she met C. H. Anthony through a lonely hearts pen pal club. It is not known if they were divorced or if he died before she did. She and Maude lived in one of the houses on her brother Willie Anderson's farm in Yazoo County for a short period of time.

More About Mary Ellen Collins:
Burial: Unknown, Centeridge Baptist Church Cem. Yazoo County, Mississippi

More About C. Anthony and Mary Collins:
Marriage: Yazoo County Mississippi

74. Thomas Lee Jackson, born 19 Oct 1866 in E. Feleciana Parish, Louisiana; died 19 Jul 1941 in Yazoo County, Mississippi. He was the son of **148. James C. Jackson** and **149. Mary Ann Northam**. He married **75. Emma Eudora Dawson** 26 May 1890 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi, Yazoo Co..

75. Emma Eudora Dawson, born 15 Apr 1866 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi, Yazoo Co.; died 09 Oct 1912 in Yazoo County, MS. She was the daughter of **150. CSA Samuel James Dawson** and **151. Sarah Elizabeth Tatum**.

Notes for Thomas Lee Jackson:

Thomas Lee was the youngest child of James C. and Mary Ann Northam Jackson. He was born at the end of the Civil War in the farming area of Louisiana. East Feleciana Parish was rich with plantations and his family owned one near Clinton, Louisiana. This was an era when cotton was king. He was born post war when the wealth and grandier was gone. His father owned a general store and farm.

He met his wife Emma Eudora Dawson of the Mechanicsburg community of Yazoo County Mississippi through an old friend Mr. McMasters who also lived in Yazoo County. Thomas and Emma were married in 1890 and lived in Yazoo County.

In 1901 he and his brother George W. were in dispute over money or inheritance of his sister Ellen at which time Thomas Lee shot and killed George. George's death was avenged by the state of Louisiana by sentencing Thomas to a prison term in Louisiana State Prison in Angola, Louisiana. He was an inmate there at the time of the 1920

Federal Census.

Some time between his release from prison and his death he married a lady by the name of Maggie _____ from the area of Mc Comb, Mississippi. They had a son, who's name was Sammy. Birth date unknown.

By family history from Florence Nerf, the granddaughter of George Thomas was a gambler and often times his brother George would have to pay his gambling debts.

It is known through out the family that Thomas Lee was a roving individual. After his prison term was over he lived in Mina, Arkansas. He was in poor health and came to live with his daughter Ellen Aridene "Nell" and her family, in Yazoo County, Mississippi. He died at her home and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church Cemetery in the Mechanicsburg Community.

Buried in an unmarked grave.

More About Thomas Lee Jackson:

Burial: 20 Jul 1941, Mt. Olivet Methodist Church Cemetery, Mechanicberg, MS

Notes for Emma Eudora Dawson:

Emma Eudora was married first to Thomas Lee Jackson, son of James C. and Mary Ann Northam Jackson, of Clinton, E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

While Thomas Lee was in prison for killing his brother, Emma was divorced. She married Moses House, the widower of her sister Eveline. Dates of marriage are not yet recorded but should have taken place in Yazoo County.

1910 Federal Census Yazoo County, Ms. Robinett Voting Dist. Dwelling #198 Fam. #195 House, Mose age 38 born in Ms. parents born in Ms. Owned Farm Clear of mortgage.

Emma	"	35	"	Ms.	"	"Ms.
Alice	"	12	"	Ms.		
Wm.	"	10	"	Ms.		
Mary	"	8	"	Ms.		
Emma	"	6	"	Ms.		
Minnie	"	4	"	Ms.		

NOTE: Age for Emma should be 43 years. She stated she had given birth to 6 children and 4 were living. Married 2 times.

Moses had been married 2 times. His age is recorded incorrectly as well.

Emma died in 1912.

Where were Emma's children: Ellen Aridene, Samuel James and Janie Elizabeth?

More About Emma Eudora Dawson:

Burial: Unknown, Mt Olivet Cemetery. Mechanicsberg, MS

More About Thomas Jackson and Emma Dawson:

Marriage: 26 May 1890, Mechanicsberg, Mississippi, Yazoo Co.

Children of Thomas Jackson and Emma Dawson are:

- 39 i. Janie Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jackson, born 26 Sep 1898 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 07 Aug 1956 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; married (1) R.R. Shop Foreman John Thomas White 03 May 1915 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; married (2) Everet Leonard Herrington Private.
- 37 ii. Ellen Aridene "Nell" Jackson, born 20 Apr 1893 in Yazoo County Mississippi; died 29 Mar 1944 in Yazoo County Mississippi; married Willie Anderson Collins 11 Jan 1911 in Yazoo County Mississippi.
- iii. Samuel James Jackson, born 16 May 1891 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi, Yazoo Co.; died 15 Oct 1918 in Killed in WWI.

Notes for Samuel James Jackson:

Samuel James Jackson was killed during WWI. No other information.

More About Samuel James Jackson:

Burial: Unknown, Mt Olivet Cem. Mechanicsberg, Ms

76. Martin V. White, born Oct 1840 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died 16 Jul 1916 in Whiteside, TN, Marion CO.. He was the son of **152. James M. White** and **153. Caroline Narcissus Gatlin**. He married **77. Sarah Brightwell** 01 Mar 1866 in Cherokee County, GA.

77. Sarah Brightwell, born 10 Sep 1848; died 18 Sep 1880 in Whiteside, TN. She was the daughter of **154. Marshall Floyd Brightwell** and **155. Mary Jane Hatcher**.

Notes for Martin V. White:

1840/1842 Martin was born to James M and Sarah E.(maiden name unknown) in Georgia. It is presumed Cherokee County.

1860 Federal Census for Marion County, Tn., he was enumerated in an area known as Running Water. He was working as a laborer for the railroad. He had not married when the census was taken. It will later show that he married shortly afterwards. The name of his wife is unknown but his daughter Mollie was born in 1861 in Alabama. It is not known if he had other children of this marriage.

1866 Marriage to Sarah Brightwell on March 1, 1866 in Cherokee County Ga. is recorded in Marriage Book D page 219. There is a period of time when they are accounted for until he bought property in Marion County, Tn. from J. W. Hale, Apr. of 1875. His farm was located in Whiteside near what is now known as Guild. Guild was known as Haletown, Hales Bar and Hales Crossing in early times. The name Hales Bar was so named for early settlers by the name of Hale that settled the area when it was Indian Lands.

Mr. J.W. Hale and his wife were neighbors of Martin and his wife Sarah and would later become the father and mother-in-laws of their son John Thomas.

1880 Federal Census Marion County, Tn.:

1890 -1891 Martiin on Male Voters list for Marion County, Tn..

Property Deeds on microfilm files in the Marion County courthouse in Jasper are as follows:

Book L page 65,340, 341, 342, 509

Book WW page 343, 344, 345

Book ZZ page 235 which is the transfer deed to Samuel M. White in 1917 after his fathers death in 1916.

Most of the other deeds were for the sale to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for the purpose of flooding the area for a dam on the Tennessee River. The area is now known as Nickerjack Lake.

Martin was a member of the Free Masons (Masonic) Order and was given a Masonic funeral and is buried in Hooker Cem., Hooker, Ga.

More About Martin V. White:

Burial: Unknown, Guild, Marion County, TN

More About Sarah Brightwell:

Burial: Unknown, White Home Place, Whiteside, TN

Marriage Notes for Martin White and Sarah Brightwell:

Recorded in Book D page 269 Courthouse in Canton, Ga.

More About Martin White and Sarah Brightwell:

Marriage: 01 Mar 1866, Cherokee County, GA

Children of Martin White and Sarah Brightwell are:

- 38 i. R.R. Shop Foreman John Thomas White, born 10 Jun 1868 in Marion County, Tennessee; died 24 Mar 1931 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; married (1) Hattie Emaline Hale 18 Sep 1886 in Marion County, TN; married (2) Laura D. Long 24 Dec 1890 in Whiteside, Marion County, TN; married (3) Janie Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jackson 03 May 1915 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS.
- ii. II William Frank White II, born 08 Feb 1867 in TN; died 19 Aug 1909 in Trenton, GA; married Josephine Tennessee Gridley 25 Dec 1887 in Marion County, Tennessee; born 08 Apr 1867 in Marion County, Tennessee; died 13 May 1953 in Trenton, Ga..

More About II William Frank White II:

Burial: Unknown, Baptist Church Cemetery, Trenton, GA

More About Josephine Tennessee Gridley:

Burial: Unknown, Baptist Church Cem. Trenton, Ga.

More About William White and Josephine Gridley:

Marriage: 25 Dec 1887, Marion County, Tennessee

- iii. Samuel M. White, born 10 May 1872 in Marion County, Tennessee; died 19 Jan 1925 in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; married Olive Bradley in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS; born Abt. 1875 in Iowa; died Aft. 1910.

Notes for Samuel M. White:

1910 Federal Census Lauderdale County, Ms. 407 Davis Ave. Meridian.

Dwelling# 284, Family # 318

White Samuel age 37 born Ga. Father born Ga, Mother born Ga.

Olive " 35 " Iowa " "Conn. " " N.Y.

Bradley, Mildred " 10 " La. " "Ms. " " Iowa s/daug.

White, Forrest " 12 " Al. " "Tn. " " Al. nephew

White, Roy " 10 " Al. " "Tn. " " Al. nephew

Samuel's Occupation: Forman of call yard for the R.R. Meridian,Ms.

** Mildred Bradley was the daughter of Olive by a previous marriage.

** Forest and Roy were the oldest children of Samuel's brother Robert "Bob" White.

Samuel and Olive had been married 5 yrs.(1915)

Samuel's death certificate list him as divorced..

More About Samuel White and Olive Bradley:

Marriage: Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS

- iv. Robert "Bob" White, born 1874 in Tn.; died Aft. 1931 in probably Denver, Colorado; married Ella L. Lovell 24 Dec 1896 in St. Clair County, Al; born Sep 1880 in St. Clair County, Al; died Unknown.

Notes for Robert "Bob" White:

Robert " Bob White and Ella L. Lovell were married in St Clair County,Alabama on Dec. 24, 1896.

1900 Census in Marion County Tennessee: Worked as a clerk and Ella was a housewife. They had Forrest and Roy. They were living in the same district as Roberts father, Martin. 1910 Robert and Ella were not living in Marion county but the children were living with relatives. Forrest and Roy had gone to live with Roberts brother Samuel M. and his wife in Meridian, Ms. and Robert and Irene were living with their grandfather Martin in Marion County, Tennessee. Sometime between 1910 and 1916 Robert returned for Robert and Irene.

1920 Federal Census Pittsburg County Oklahoma Dow Township ED 189Jan. 13, 1920

White, Bob age 43 b. Tn. f. Ga. m. Ga. divorced boarder

Occupation; Tram Fayer in Coal Mines. Name of employer not given, however in the same area was a large mine, Rock Island Coal Mines Dow, Oklahoma.

Since this was after his father Martin had passed away in 1916, was he already in Oklahoma when he came for the children? Was he divorced from Ella or another wife by the 1920 census??

1920 Census Robert. E., son of Robert "Bob". was listed in the same county in the township of Buckluskey with a wife and 1 child born in Okla. in 1918, which means Robert and Irene had gone to

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Okla. after the death of Martin White. Irene was not on the census but it is presumed she had married by that time.

Same census year in the County of Ottawa his brother Benjamine B. "Buck" was living.

1930 Census:

Denver Co. Colorado ED 144 Pg. 8-A District T Apr. 14, 1930
1713 Larimer Street, Denver Colo.

30/47 White, Bob age 55 b. Tn. fa. Ga. mo. Ga. Lodger at this residence.
listed as a widow, occupation Miner with no specific type of mine.

1932 In the obituary of his brother John Thomas White of Meridian Ms. both Robert "Bob" and Benjamine were listed. Benjamine, B.B. was listed as living in Cardin, Okla. which is in Ottawa county. Robert "Bob" was listed as living in Denver, Colorado.

It has not been proven Where Forrest an Roy were living in 1930 as their uncle Samuel had passed away in 1925. They were both buried in the Magnolia Masonic Cem. in Meridian, Ms., where most of the family of John Thomas White is buried.

More About Robert White and Ella Lovell:
Marriage: 24 Dec 1896, St. Clair County, Al

- v. Dora Bell White, born 17 Mar 1878 in Marion County, Tennessee; died 08 Nov 1889 in Marion County, Tennessee.

More About Dora Bell White:
Burial: Unknown, Family cem. at White homeplace Whiteside, Tn

- vi. Benjamin B. White, born Abt. 1879 in Tn.; died Unknown; married Minnie Williams 15 May 1907 in Blanco, Mc Alester, Pittsburg Co, Ok; born Abt. 1888 in Missouri; died Unknown.

Notes for Benjamin B. White:
1920 Ottawa Co, Okla. Quapaw Township ED 129 Sheet 2-b. Jan.9-10.

White, Benjamin B.	age 43	b. Tn.	fa. Ga.	Mo. Ga.
Minnie	32	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.
Thomas	5	Ok.	Tn.	Mo.
Ernest	2 1/2	Ok	Tn.	Mo.
Benjamin's occupation	Zinc Miner			Rented house.

1930 Ottawa Co. Okla. Quapaw Township ED 33 Pg. 5-b April 7-8

White, Ben. B.	age 55	b. Tn.	fa. Ga.	mo. Ga.
Minnie	42	b. Mo.	fa. Mo	mo. Mo.
Thomas	16	b. Ok.		
Ernest V.	13	b. Ok		
Mildred	10	b. Ok		
Jewell	7	b. Ok.		
Jesse E.	1 2/12	b. Ok.		

Ben age 28 and Minnie age 19 when married.
Owned house \$150.00 mortgage payment
Ben worked as a Zinc Miner.

Note: The years of birth on Benjamin do not concur.

1932 His address listed as Cardin Okla on his brother John Thomas White obituary in Meridian, Ms. Cardin is located in Ottawa Co. Okla.

Choctaw Nation Marriage. registered in McAlester, Ok. Record on file in the Choctaw Headquarters in Oklahoma City, Ok.

Marriage Notes for Benjamin White and Minnie Williams:

Choctaw Nation Marriage. registered in McAlester, Ok. Record on file in the Choctaw Headquarters in Oklahoma City, Ok.

More About Benjamin White and Minnie Williams:
Marriage: 15 May 1907, Blanco, Mc Alester, Pittsburg Co, Ok.

- vii. Thaddeus Johnson White, born 26 Feb 1880 in Marion County, Tennessee; died Unknown.

Notes for Thaddeus Johnson White:
Twin to Maggie Maude White. Evidenced White family Bible.

- viii. Maggie Maude White, born 26 Feb 1880 in Marion County, Tennessee; died 19 Sep 1889 in Marion County, Tennessee.

Notes for Maggie Maude White:
Twin to Thaddeus Johnson White. Evidenced family Bible.

84. Pinkney "Pink" Andrew Paden Winchester, Sr.⁶, born 12 Nov 1849 in Haywood Co., NC⁷; died 08 Jul 1888 in Killed in Mica Mine, Pine Mountain, GA. He was the son of **168. Jonas Winchester** and **169. Sarah Ann Noblett**. He married **85. Sarah Ridley**⁸.

85. Sarah Ridley⁸, born 1847 in North Carolina; died Dec 1928. She was the daughter of **170. James "Jimmy" Napoleon Ridley** and **171. Catherine "Katy" Queen**.

Notes for Pinkney "Pink" Andrew Paden Winchester, Sr.:

Pinkney and Sarah (a sister to Mary) had eight children. The family continued living at Burrell's Ford. The old home place was sold around 1920 and it appears McDuffey, Pinkney (the son) and Dovie had already died. Pinkney and Thomas married and had a family. Most of Pinkney's descendents live around Anderson, SC and most of Tom's descendants live in Walhalla, SC.

Letter from Pinkney to T.G. Winchester

Colimbia SC Jany 15th 1998

Dear Borother I know take
the pleazer of writing to you I have
bin looking for a letter for Some
time I have not received no letter from
you in Some thing over a month
I have got nuthing good to write
onley I am in beter helth at this time
then I have bin for Some tine
we are all faring vary well here to be
in jall we get enough to eat of beef and
bread we have fire all of the time.
I get all the privlige that I wish to get
Some of the unites States prisernes is loct
up in there cells of a night but I am not
there is about 30 priserners in this jail
one of them is in for murderning
a woman and committing a rape on the one
he killed and on her Sister after he had
killed her, at the Same house
he went to bed and went to Sleep
and Stade the till day and then he left
and went home and they arested hm at home
and brought him here and they just got him in
jail and a mobing croud folerd him here
it was all the jailer and others

could dood to keep them forum coming in
(over to back of page)
Mother you nood not Studey any
thing about me for I am faring
aSwell as I would at home

the Jail there was about two hundred in the
croud was mostly black people, when they bought
the priserner here he was bluday he had never
washed him Self Sence he killed the woman
for there was blood on his hands he does
not deny doing the crimes, he left his
Shoes at the house where he done the crime
they was brout here today they had blood
on them, we have a heape of reign but no
Snow of a count - it has Snowed here two or three
times enought to make the topes of the houses
white, one tine it oSade on the north sides of the
houses a day or two
My time is two mounthes yet if I haft to
Stay for the fine it will be three mounthes
I gess I will haft to Stay for the fine
I want you to tell me how cuz Lavandie & hosben
is getting a long to me what father is doing
tell me when he got home tell me if wilebey
is moved or not if he is tell me where
he moved too tell me about all the
reste of the people tell me of there a working
at the mines or not tell me what they done
on the Cheokee mountain at that
currund on I will close hoping this
will finde you and mother well write soon
PA Winthester to TB Winchester

More About Pinkney "Pink" Andrew Paden Winchester, Sr.:
Burial: Unknown, Burrell's Ford, SC

Notes for Sarah Ridley:
Sarah had 2 children from first marriage to Will Davis.

More About Pinkney Winchester and Sarah Ridley:
Marriage: ⁸

Children of Pinkney Winchester and Sarah Ridley are:

- i. Jr. Pinkney A. Winchester, Jr.⁸, born May 1882; died Abt. 1920; married Mary A. Thacker⁸; died Unknown.

More About Pinkney Winchester and Mary Thacker:
Marriage: ⁸

- ii. Minnie A. Winchester⁸, born Aug 1884; died Unknown; married Andrew (Burt) Burke; died Unknown.
- iii. Dovie Winchester⁸, born May 1887; died Abt. 1920; married Smith; died Unknown.

Notes for Dovie Winchester:
Dovie and Husband died childless. It appears Dovie died around 1920 or before.

- iv. Elizabeth Winchester⁸, born 1866 in South Carolina; died Unknown.
- v. Elias Winchester⁸, born 1867 in South Carolina; died Unknown.
- 42 vi. Judson Asbury Winchester, born 1875 in Walhalla, SC; died Abt. 1964 in Greenwood, Greenwood Co.,

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SC; married (1) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Smith; married (2) Hassie Brown; married (3) Lola Kelley.

- vii. William "Will" Winchester⁸, born 25 Feb 1875 in South Carolina; died 07 Feb 1939 in Saw Mill, Laluda NC; married (1) Harriet Elizabeth "Lizzie" Nicholson⁸; born 22 Aug 1874; died 25 Dec 1904 in Snyder Cemetery, Mountain Rest, SC; married (2) Sevilla; died Unknown.

More About William Winchester and Harriet Nicholson:

Marriage: ⁸

- viii. McDuffy Winchester⁸, born 1877 in South Carolina; died Unknown; married Elizabeth Lay Nicholson⁸; died Unknown.

Notes for McDuffy Winchester:

Died : around 1917 McDuffey froze to Death.

Notes for Elizabeth Lay Nicholson:

Lizzie G. Nicholson alias Elizabeth Jane Winchester (per court records in Walhalla)

More About McDuffy Winchester and Elizabeth Nicholson:

Marriage: ⁸

- ix. Joseph Daniel "Kit" Winchester, Sr.⁸, born 09 Jan 1879 in Mountain Rest, SC⁸; died 09 Feb 1951 in Anderson, Anderson County, SC⁸; married Margaret "Vinnie" Louvenia Phillips 12 Nov 1905 in Walhalla, Oconee Co., South Carolina⁸; born 03 Oct 1888⁸; died 21 May 1956⁸.

More About Joseph Winchester and Margaret Phillips:

Marriage: 12 Nov 1905, Walhalla, Oconee Co., South Carolina⁸

- x. James "Franklin" Winchester⁸, born 23 Oct 1884 in Oconee, SC; died 23 Oct 1964 in South Carolina; married Lola Tilley Sep 1906⁸; died Unknown.

More About James Winchester and Lola Tilley:

Marriage: Sep 1906⁸

88. , REV Francis Marion (Frank) Estes⁹, born 07 Jan 1847 in Gwinett County, GA; died 05 Nov 1926 in Reed Creek, Hart County, GA. He was the son of **176. Thomas Estes** and **177. Elizabeth (Betsy) Richardson**. He married **89. Frances Rejetta (Fanny) Walters** 21 Jan 1883 in Hart County, GA.

89. Frances Rejetta (Fanny) Walters⁹, born 24 Jul 1863 in Hart County, GA; died 07 Apr 1933 in Reed Creek, Hart County, GA. She was the daughter of **178. Franklin M. Walters** and **179. Eliza O'Barr**.

Notes for , REV Francis Marion (Frank) Estes:

He moved with his widowed mother and siblings from Gwinnett County to the Reed Creek District of Hart County sometime in the 1850's. He enlisted in the Confederate service in Co. D, 1st Regiment of GA Reserves on April 19, 1864, at the age of 17. He was a lifelong resident of Reed Creek community, teaching school for a time, also serving as Justice of Peace for the 1115th G. M. District.

The marriage was performed by Asa Avery, M..G., at the home of Jim and Joanna O'Barr Sone of Reed Creek, where Fannie Walters was living at the time.

Frank Estes was licensed to preach June 24, 1882 and was serving Mt. Tabor Church in Anderson County, SC. On Dec. 21, 1883, he was ordained to the full ministry of the Baptist Church at Reed Creek; and served as pastor for many churches throughout Hart and Anderson counties during the next 35 years.

Frank lost one of his eyes due to a neuralgic condition in September of 1887. The eye was extracted in the Medical College in Atlanta, GA on October 17, 1888 and an artificial eye fitted. He has a black eye-patch which he often wore in place of the artificial eye, and in later years wore glasses with a darkened lens over the missing eye. He was about 5'6" tall, fair complexioned with blue eyes and sandy-red hair, and had a red bears. In later his hair and beard were completely white.

Frank Estes died Nov. 5, 1926 at his home at Reed Creek, after several years of ill health. He was buried at Reed Creek Baptist Church where he was a member, and where he had served as pastor. His wife, Fannie, died at home

on April 7, 1933, and was buried beside her husband at Reed Creek.

More About , REV Francis Marion (Frank) Estes:

Burial: Unknown, Reed Creek Baptist Church, Hart County, GA

Military Servic: 19 Apr 1864, Confederate Service Co. "D", 1st Reg. of GA Reserves

Ordination: 21 Dec 1883, Reed Creek Baptist Church, Hart County, GA

More About Frances Rejetta (Fanny) Walters:

Burial: 08 Apr 1933, Reed Creek Baptist Church, Hart County, GA

Marriage Notes for Francis Estes and Frances Walters:

At the home of Jim Stone of Reed Creek.

More About Francis Estes and Frances Walters:

Marriage: 21 Jan 1883, Hart County, GA

Children of Francis Estes and Frances Walters are:

- i. Waco Cato Estes, born 15 Oct 1884 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 14 Nov 1955 in At his home Greenville, SC; married (1) Inez O'Bryent Private; born Private; married (2) Vela Mackey 10 Apr 1904 in Hart County, GA; born 22 Apr 1885; died 06 Aug 1913.

Notes for Waco Cato Estes:

Waco and Vela lived at Reed Creek and they had five children.

Waco and Inez had two children. Waco and Inez lived in Greenville, SC where he was a merchant. Waco Estes died Nov. 14, 1955 at his home in Greenville, and was buried in Graceland Cemetery, Inez O'Bryant Estes still resides in Greenville, SC.

More About Waco Cato Estes:

Burial: 16 Nov 1955, Graceland Cemetery

Occupation: Merchant

More About Vela Mackey:

Burial: Unknown, Reed Creek Baptist Church, GA

More About Waco Estes and Vela Mackey:

Marriage: 10 Apr 1904, Hart County, GA

- ii. Thomas Francis Estes, born 10 Sep 1886 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 05 Jan 1887 in Reed Creek, GA.

Notes for Thomas Francis Estes:

No Headstone.

More About Thomas Francis Estes:

Burial: Unknown, Reed Creek Baptist Church, GA

- 44 iii. Jasper Lee Estes, born 13 Sep 1888 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 29 Sep 1911 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; married Maude Mae Cleveland 02 Aug 1908 in Hart County, GA.
- iv. Sr. Walter Ecco Estes, born 02 May 1891 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 20 Nov 1960 in Hart County Hospital, Hartwell, GA; married Lula O'Barr; born 25 Aug 1887 in Hart County, GA; died 06 Jun 1973.

Notes for Sr. Walter Ecco Estes:

Walt and Lula were lifelong residents of Reed Creek community, and owned a farm in the section known as "the Bend". Walte was buried next to his wife.

More About Sr. Walter Ecco Estes:

Burial: 22 Nov 1960, Reed Creek Baptist Church, GA

Notes for Lula O'Barr:

Lula was buried next to her husband.

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More About Lula O'Barr:

Burial: Unknown, Reed Creek Baptist Church, GA

- v. Eula Elizabeth Estes, born 06 Sep 1893 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 20 Dec 1971 in State Hospital in Milledgeville, GA; married Victor Emmanuel Caudie 23 Nov 1924 in Anderson County, SC; born 17 Jan 1886; died Nov 1952 in Anderson Memorial Hospital, Anderson, SC.

Notes for Eula Elizabeth Estes:

Eula was a Nurse at Anderson Memorial Hospital in Anderson , SC for many years. Eula as childless, but had four step-children, Vic having married previously to Annie Pearl Scott who died in 1922.

After Victor's death, Eula lived for awhile with her sisters, Jewell Estes Thompson of Reed Creek and Dollye Estes Eaton of the Liberty Hill community in Hart County. She died after several years of declining health.

More About Eula Elizabeth Estes:

Burial: 21 Dec 1971, Reed Creek Baptist Church, GA

Notes for Victor Emmanuel Caudie:

Vic Caudle was well known electrical contractor in the Anderson area, and he and Eula were active members of St, John's Methodist Church there.

More About Victor Emmanuel Caudie:

Burial: Unknown, Old Silverbrook Cemetery, Anderson County, Anderson, SC

More About Victor Caudie and Eula Estes:

Marriage: 23 Nov 1924, Anderson County, SC

- vi. Delrey Regetta Estes, born 27 Feb 1896 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died Unknown; married Parnell Norman O'Barr 11 Dec 1917 in Hart County, GA; born 30 Oct 1891; died Unknown.

More About Parnell O'Barr and Delrey Estes:

Marriage: 11 Dec 1917, Hart County, GA

- vii. Jewel Elee Estes, born 17 Oct 1899 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 09 Sep 1977 in Hart County Hospital, Hartwell, GA; married Asberry Berry Thompson 22 May 1943 in Hart County, GA; born 1882; died 14 Aug 1962 in Reed Creek, GA.

Notes for Jewel Elee Estes:

No Children. Jewel and Berry lived their entire married life at Reed Creek.

More About Jewel Elee Estes:

Burial: 11 Sep 1977, Reed Creek Baptist Church, GA

Notes for Asberry Berry Thompson:

There were no children in both marriages. Berry died at home.

More About Asberry Berry Thompson:

Burial: Unknown, Reed Creek Baptist Church, GA

More About Asberry Thompson and Jewel Estes:

Marriage: 22 May 1943, Hart County, GA

- viii. Dollye Walters Estes, born 14 Aug 1901 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died Unknown; married Sr. Charles Rufus Heaton 05 Dec 1930 in Anderson County, SC; born 1903 in Hart County, GA; died 18 May 1978 in Hart County Hospital, Hartwell, GA.

Notes for Dollye Walters Estes:

Lived in the Liberty Hill Community of Hart County.

Notes for Sr. Charles Rufus Heaton:

Lived in the Liberty Hill community of Hart County. Member of Sardis Baptist Church in Hart County, GA. Died following an illness of many years.

More About Sr. Charles Rufus Heaton:

Burial: Unknown, Sardis Baptist Church in Hart County, GA

Occupation: Businessman

More About Charles Heaton and Dollye Estes:

Marriage: 05 Dec 1930, Anderson County, SC

90. Thomas L. Cleveland, died Unknown. He married **91. Dora M. Vickery**.

91. Dora M. Vickery, died Unknown.

Child of Thomas Cleveland and Dora Vickery is:

- 45 i. Maude Mae Cleveland, born 24 Sep 1891 in Hart County, GA; died 23 Mar 1962 in Augusta, GA; married (1) Glenn T. Cleveland; married (2) Jasper Lee Estes 02 Aug 1908 in Hart County, GA.

92. Ambrose Milton Fleming, born 1830 in Abbeville District, SC; died 1895 in Anderson County, SC. He was the son of **184. Bailey Fleming** and **185. Mary Douglass Houston**. He married **93. L. Jane Rampey** Abt. 1860.

93. L. Jane Rampey, born 1840 in Edgefield District, SC; died 1909 in Hart County, GA. She was the daughter of **186. Nicholas Rampey** and **187. Mary M. Rush**.

Notes for Ambrose Milton Fleming:

Ambrose Milton Fleming disliked the name Ambrose according to family traditions and legal records; whenever he signed his name it was either A.M. or Milton Fleming, never Ambrose. He told his children he had no other name, in fact. Only through the census records has the name Ambrose been revealed. Milton enlisted in the Confederate Army March 28, 1862, at the age of 32, and served until August 31, 1864. He was a private in Company F, Anderson District, 24th Regiment, South Carolina Infantry under Captain Hill. The above information was taken from a letter from F.M. Hutson, Archivist, South Carolina Archives Department, Columbia, SC

Milton was born in Abbeville District, not county, South Carolina, but died in Anderson County, South Carolina where he was buried in the First Creek Baptist Churchyard. Recently his grave was marked with a Civil War marker and not can be easily found. The small unmarked infant grave to his left is believed to that of his daughter Janice who died in infancy.

More About Ambrose Milton Fleming:

Burial: Unknown, First Creek Baptist Churchyard, Anderson County, SC

Notes for L. Jane Rampey:

Jane or Gennie or Jannie as she was called, was probably born in Edgefield District, now county, South Carolina. Family tradition says she was Dutch - census records reveal she was born in South Carolina, her mother and father were also born in South Carolina; however, her grandmother and grandfather on her mother's side were born in Baden (Germany). Sometime after her husband Milton's death she moved from Anderson County, South Carolina to Hart County, Georgia, where she died and was buried at Mount Olivet Baptist Churchyard, a few miles north of Hartwell, Georgia.

More About L. Jane Rampey:

Burial: Unknown, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Hartwell, GA

More About Ambrose Fleming and L. Rampey:

Marriage: Abt. 1860

Children of Ambrose Fleming and L. Rampey are:

- i. Maggie Fleming, died Unknown.
- ii. Janice Fleming, died Unknown.
- iii. Milton Pal Fleming, born 30 Jun 1865; died 18 May 1935.

Notes for Milton Pal Fleming:
Milton was married 5/19/1894

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- iv. William Capus (Capers) Fleming, born 1869; died 1945.
 - v. James Balus Fleming, born 02 Apr 1869 in Barkers Creek Community, Anderson County, SC; died 05 Dec 1965 in Hartwell, GA; married Matilda Mariah Baker 17 Aug 1897.
 - vi. John Gist Fleming, born 30 Apr 1874; died 24 Apr 1950.

Notes for John Gist Fleming:
John Gist Fleming was married 15 Jan 1899

- vii. Rosa Lee Fleming, born 1875; died 1908.
- viii. Homer Hampton Fleming, born 1877; died 26 Feb 1947.
- ix. Pearl Fleming, born 13 Jun 1879; died 10 Jun 1910.

Notes for Pearl Fleming:
Pearl was married 9 Aug 1898

- x. Oscar Ellis Fleming, born 12 Aug 1882; died 07 Oct 1950.

Notes for Oscar Ellis Fleming:
Oscar Ellis Fleming was married April 1902

94. Daniel A. Baker⁹, born 13 Dec 1849 in Lancaster County, SC; died 05 Feb 1918 in Hodges, AL. He was the son of **188. John Baker** and **189. Sarah Suit**. He married **95. Evaline Webb Estes** 03 Mar 1870.

95. Evaline Webb Estes⁹, born 28 Jul 1855 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 17 Dec 1933 in Hodges, AL. She was the daughter of **190. Cain Estes** and **191. Rachael Harris**.

More About Daniel A. Baker:

Burial: Unknown, Old Lions Cemetary, Hodges, AL

Notes for Evaline Webb Estes:

Daniel and Evaline moved to Alabama in 1897.

More About Evaline Webb Estes:

Burial: Unknown, Old Lion Cemetary, Hodges, AL

More About Daniel Baker and Evaline Estes:

Marriage: 03 Mar 1870

Children of Daniel Baker and Evaline Estes are:

- i. John America Baker, died Unknown.
- ii. Mary Baker, died Unknown.
- iii. Sarah Rachel Baker, died Unknown.
- 47 iv. Matilda Mariah Baker, born 18 Apr 1874 in Hart County, GA; died Mar 1962 in Royston, GA; married James Balus Fleming 17 Aug 1897.
- v. Albert Baker, died Unknown.
- vi. Minnie Baker, died Unknown.
- vii. Eliza Baker, died Unknown.
- viii. Mariah Baker, died Unknown.
- ix. Peter A. Baker, died Unknown.
- x. George W. Baker, died Unknown.
- xi. Sloan W. Baker, died Unknown.
- xii. Grady Baker, died Unknown.
- xiii. Harvey Baker, died Unknown.
- xiv. Bert Baker, died Unknown.

Notes for Bert Baker:
Twin to Blanche.

- xv. Blanche Baker, died Unknown.

Notes for Blanche Baker:
Twin to Bert.

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128. William (Put) Merrill, born 1822; died 18 Jul 1883 in Jasper County, MS. He was the son of **136. Abel Merrill** and **137. Eliza Cooley**. He married **129. Keziah Goodwin Overstreet** 1847.

129. Keziah Goodwin Overstreet, born 1828; died 1912. She was the daughter of **258. Stephen Overstreet** and **259. Zyphilia Goodwin**.

Notes for William (Put) Merrill:

Company D, 8th Mississippi Infantry Regiment The original Merrill house in Mississippi was built in 1837 by Ferdinand Pippin (later married Vicy Merrill), William Merrill, and a slave named Wisdom. It was the first framed house in the area. Also known as Put.

According to a 4 May 1988 letter from Woodie Merrill, William Merrill "got his toe shot off" in the Civil War. "I remember Papa telling what a fine Christian that his father was but who relished telling about shooting Yankees."

More About William (Put) Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About William Merrill and Keziah Overstreet:

Marriage: 1847

Children of William Merrill and Keziah Overstreet are:

- i. Lazarus Merrill, died Unknown.
- ii. Sabra Merrill, born 1848; died Unknown; married William S. Thomas; died Unknown.
- iii. Mary Merrill, born 28 Nov 1849; died 25 Nov 1883; married William Theodore Bounds; born 02 Apr 1850 in Jasper County, MS; died Unknown.

More About Mary Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

- iv. William Wallace Merrill, born 1851; died 1932; married Julia; born 1852; died Unknown.
- v. Enoch G. Merrill, born 1854; died Unknown.
- 64 vi. Isaiah Pickney Merrell, born 1856; died 1895; married Nancy Jane "Sis" Thomas.
- vii. W. A. Merrill, born 1860; died Infant.
- viii. Eliza Merrill, born 12 Apr 1864; died 04 Mar 1949 in Wayne County, MS; married William Robert Howell; born 22 Feb 1863; died 08 Aug 1931 in Wayne County, MS.

More About Eliza Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Zion Rest Cemetery, Wayne County, MS

More About William Robert Howell:

Burial: Unknown, Zion Rest Cemetery, Wayne County, MS

- ix. Peter Wilson Merrill, born 1866; died 1954; married Kate Alma Lyerly; born 1879; died Unknown.

136. Abel Merrill¹⁰, born 1793 in Pendleton County, SC; died 1866 in Jasper County, MS. He was the son of **272. Charles Merrill** and **273. Elizabeth ??**. He married **137. Eliza Cooley** Abt. 1818 in Wayne County, MS.

137. Eliza Cooley¹⁰, born 1804 in South Carolina or Kentucky; died 1873 in Jasper County, MS. She was the daughter of **274. Sr. William C. Cooley** and **275. Nancy Bounds**.

Notes for Abel Merrill:

1812: Abel Merrell was a South Carolina veteran of the War of 1812.

1816: Abel Merrell had a son Pinkney from his first marriage possibly to a Thomas? A Pinkney Merrill married Kinchen Cooley's daughter, Jane. Kinchen was Eliza Cooley's uncle.

1820: Abel was probably in Mississippi at this time where he met and married Eliza Cooley. The Cooley family was in Mississippi by 1818 when Eliza was 14. Son Pinkney by a former marriage was born in 1816 in SC.

1833: 21 Nov A Wayne County land transaction refers to Abel Merrell as a resident. Later transactions refer to him as a resident of Jasper and Clarke Counties. All lands were near each other.

1837: The house where Abel raised his children was built by son William, son-in-law Ferdinand Pippin, and a slave named Wisdom. Five generations of Merrell's lived there through the 1970's when it was the home of Hendrix Merrill. The lumber to build it came from Eucutta and Heidelberg Mill near Paulding. It was the first frame house in the area.

Descendant Ned Touchstone related in 1966 that the Merrell's had not been long in Mississippi when daughter Mary Elizabeth wed Jesse Touchstone. However, they were there before Choctaws were moved northward. Abel Merrell owned 400 acres in corner of conjunction of Wayne, Clark and Jasper Counties. The Choctaws originally occupied central and south areas of Mississippi north of Wayne County. Between 1820 and 1830, the Choctaws moved mostly to Oklahoma after ceding lands to US. In 1828, Paulding was in Choctaw lands, in 1829 the area north of Wayne County was attached to the county. In 1830, Paulding was in Jones County, by 1833 in Jasper County. Clarke County was formed in 1833 from northern Wayne County.

More About Abel Merrill and Eliza Cooley:

Marriage: Abt. 1818, Wayne County, MS

Children of Abel Merrill and Eliza Cooley are:

- i. Nancy Merrill, born 07 Jun 1820 in Wayne County, MS; died Aug 1869 in Bay Springs, Jasper County, MS; married Richard R. Rodgers; born 28 Jan 1821; died 18 Aug 1859.

More About Nancy Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

- ii. William (Put) Merrill, born 1822; died 18 Jul 1883 in Jasper County, MS; married Keziah Goodwin Overstreet 1847; born 1828; died 1912.

Notes for William (Put) Merrill:

Company D, 8th Mississippi Infantry Regiment The original Merrill house in Mississippi was built in 1837 by Ferdinand Pippin (later married Vicy Merrill), William Merrill, and a slave named Wisdom. It was the first framed house in the area. Also known as Put.

According to a 4 May 1988 letter from Woodie Merrill, William Merrill "got his toe shot off" in the Civil War. "I remember Papa telling what a fine Christian that his father was but who relished telling about shooting Yankees."

More About William (Put) Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About William Merrill and Keziah Overstreet:

Marriage: 1847

- iii. Lavicay (Lavicía) Vicy Merrill, born 27 Dec 1824; died 06 Sep 1909; married Ferdinand E. Pippin Abt. 1845; born 08 Dec 1817; died 04 Aug 1911.

More About Lavicay (Lavicía) Vicy Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About Ferdinand Pippin and Lavicay Merrill:

Marriage: Abt. 1845

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

- iv. Mary Elizabeth Merrell¹⁰, born 1826 in South Carolina or Kentucky; died 1894 in White County, AR; married Jesse Jackson Touchstone 25 Aug 1843 in Clarke County, MS; born 1823 in South Carolina; died 1859.

Notes for Mary Elizabeth Merrell:

Mary Elizabeth (Polly) Merrell (mother of Nancy Priscilla Touchstone Moore) and husband Jesse Jackson Touchstone (1823-1859/60) had eight known children (Martha A., Elizabeth Delaney, Sarah Jane, Nancy Priscilla, John, Daniel David, Green Berry and George Washington) born from 1845 to 1859. In either 1859 or 1860, Jesse Touchstone died leaving wife Polly with the eight children on the eve of the Civil

War. The Federal census of Clarke County, Mississippi of 1860 lists Mary, a widow with real estate holdings worth \$200 and personal property valued at \$300. Jesse's death called upon all the skills and courage that the young widow could summon. According to descendant, Ned Touchstone, "the widow and family were at one time so poor they could not buy salt." By careful management of affairs of the family and some modest assets passed from her parents, she made a good life for the children and saw them grow to adulthood with families of their own. Polly Merrell can be considered a matriarch of the Touchstone, Moore and McKeehan lineages that descend from her. According to descendant, Nettie Moore Camp, Polly Merrell is listed on the Cherokee Rolls, a list of residents of Indian territories in the 19th century.

Family legend persists that descendants of Polly Merrell Touchstone carry "Indian blood," but no link has been verified.

More About Mary Elizabeth Merrell:

Burial: 1894

More About Jesse Jackson Touchstone:

Burial: 1860, Hattiesburg, Forrest County, MS

More About Jesse Touchstone and Mary Merrell:

Marriage: 25 Aug 1843, Clarke County, MS

- v. Martha Merrill, born 01 Sep 1828; died 07 Sep 1917; married John Thomas 10 Feb 1848 in Jasper County, MS; born 02 Mar 1822; died 20 May 1908.

More About Martha Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About John Thomas and Martha Merrill:

Marriage: 10 Feb 1848, Jasper County, MS

- vi. Eliza Jane Merrill, born 22 Oct 1833; died 08 Feb 1911; married David Thatch 19 Sep 1850; born 15 Feb 1830; died 14 Jun 1911.

More About Eliza Jane Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About David Thatch and Eliza Merrill:

Marriage: 19 Sep 1850

- vii. Green Berry Merrill, born 21 Oct 1835; died 22 Jun 1862 in Confederate Service, in camp near Columbus, MS; married Melissa Travis; died Unknown.

Notes for Green Berry Merrill:

Company K, 37th Mississippi Infantry Regiment

More About Green Berry Merrill:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

Notes for Melissa Travis:

Also shown as Artelissa.

- viii. Susan Merrill, born 03 Sep 1838 in Jasper County, MS; died 19 Sep 1907 in Heidelberg, Jasper County, MS; married (1) Hugh Satcher Abt. 1855; died Unknown in Civil War; married (2) James Travis 19 Nov

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

1865 in Jasper County, MS; born 16 Nov 1831 in Rawls Springs, Perry County, MS; died 26 Aug 1912 in Heidelberg, Jasper County, MS.

Notes for Susan Merrill:
Also known as Susie.

More About Susan Merrill:
Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

More About James Travis and Susan Merrill:
Marriage: 19 Nov 1865, Jasper County, MS

- 68 ix. Nelson Cooley Merrill, born 22 Dec 1846; died 08 Jul 1881 in Jasper County, MS; married Nancy Adeline Arrington 20 Sep 1866.
 x. Temperance Merrill, born 1848; died 1883; married Thomas Arrington; born 30 Mar 1816 in South Carolina; died Unknown.

Notes for Temperance Merrill:
Also known as Tempy.

- xi. Keziah Merrill, born 1848; died Unknown.

138. Ezekiel Arrington, born 01 Mar 1814^{1/1}; died 12 Aug 1864. He was the son of **276. Arthur Arrington** and **277. Milly Ann**. He married **139. Adeline Cooley**.

139. Adeline Cooley, died 09 May 1848. She was the daughter of **278. Kinchen Cooley** and **279. Lucy Shepherd**.

Children of Ezekiel Arrington and Adeline Cooley are:

- i. Ezakiel Arrington, died Unknown.
 ii. Millie Anne Arrington, died Unknown.
 iii. Arthur Arrington, born 04 Jan 1845; died 02 Aug 1864.
69 iv. Nancy Adeline Arrington, born 08 Mar 1848; died 24 Oct 1937 in Jasper County, MS; married Nelson Cooley Merrill 20 Sep 1866.
 v. Henry Arrington, born 12 Apr 1850; died Unknown.
 vi. William James Arrington^{1/2}, born 10 Sep 1853^{1/3}; died Unknown.

140. William Morris, born Abt. 1779 in Near Marion, McDowell County, NC; died Unknown. He was the son of **280. Thomas Morris**. He married **141. Dora Smith** 1805 in Jasper County, MS.

141. Dora Smith, born in Mississippi; died Unknown.

More About William Morris and Dora Smith:
Marriage: 1805, Jasper County, MS

Children of William Morris and Dora Smith are:

- 70 i. Drury "David" Allen Morris, born 30 Dec 1816 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died 03 Apr 1904 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; married Mary Emma Weeks 27 Dec 1865 in Jasper County, MS.
 ii. Drury Allen Morris, born 30 Dec 1816 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; died 03 Apr 1904 in Davisville, Jasper County, MS; married Mary Emma Weeks 27 Dec 1865 in Jasper County, MS; born 09 Apr 1838 in St. Clair County, Al; died 21 Apr 1911 in Vossburg, Jasper County, MS.

Notes for Drury Allen Morris:
Also know as David Allen.

More About Drury Allen Morris:
Burial: Unknown, Salem Church Cemetery

More About Drury Morris and Mary Weeks:
Marriage: 27 Dec 1865, Jasper County, MS

144. James C. Collins, born 1789 in North Carolina; died Aft. 1870 in Mississippi. He was the son of **288. Capt. John Collins** and **289. Phoebe Sailors**. He married **145. Tabitha (Elitha) Sexton** 02 Jun 1817 in Jackson County, Georgia.

145. Tabitha (Elitha) Sexton, born Abt. 1797 in Ga.; died Aft. 1860 in unknown.

Notes for James C. Collins:

James was born 1789 in North Carolina or possibly Ga..

Military services:

War of 1812. He served with Captain Thomas f. Anderson's Company of the Georgia Militia . Enlisting on November 21, 1814 and discharged on May 6, 1815. The war of 1812 was fought in 1814-1815. Source of information War of 1812 Pensioners Roll 20.

He married Elitha Saxon/Saxton in Hall County, Georgia. He was enumerated on the 1820 and 1830 in Hall County Ga. census.

1840 He and his family were in Chatooga Co. Ga.

Listed on Cherokee County Land Lottery in Georgia as a soldier to qualify for the drawing. Given his age he was in the War of 1812. Family history is he served in the Georgia Militia with Captain Thomas F. Anderson's Company. He enlisted November 21, 1814 and was discharged on May 6, 1815. (War 1812 pensioners roll 20).

More About James C. Collins:

Military: Bet. Nov 1814 - May 1815, War 1812 Georgia

Notes for Tabitha (Elitha) Sexton:

Year of birth based on 1860 census in Scott Co. Ms..

Marriage Notes for James Collins and Tabitha Sexton:

1820 Hall County, Ga. page 133 McCutchens Dist.

James Collins age 26-45 (1775-1794)

female " 16-26 (1794-1804) this would be Elitha

female " 0-10 (1810-1820) probably Martha

male " 0-10 (1810-1820) probably Thornton

James married Elitha Sexton in Jackson County, Ga. Hall county was part of Jackson County until Hall county was formed in 1818.

NOTE: The name Sexton is also listed as Saxton and Saxon on many of the census entries in reference to the same individuals.

1827 Cherokee land lottery shows James Collins (soldier) was in the 47th draw on Apr. 30. living in the Garrards District drew lottery #254 Dist# 3 for Coweta County, Ga.

John Collins Rev. Soldier had also drawn for for Coweta County.

It is doubtful that neither James or John moved to Coweta County.

1830 Hall County Ga. page 68

James Collins age 30-40

female age 30-40 (Elitha)

female age 10-15 (Martha)

male age 10-15 (Thornton)

male age 5-10 (John H.)

male age 0-5 (Cicero)

female age 0-5 (Catherine)

female age 0-5 (Emily)

Also listed is Charles Collins age 30-40 , John Collins (Sr.) age 60-70, Phillip Collins age 20-30.

Phillip and Charles are presumed to be sons of John Collins and brothers of James.

1840 Chattooga Co. Ga. page 151 Militia Dist. 961

James Collins age 50-60

female 40-50 (Elitha)
male 20-30 (Thornton) b. 1821
male 15-20 (John H.) b. 1823
male 10-15 (Cicero) b.1825
female 10-15 (Catherine) b. 1833
female 5-10 (Emily)
female 5-10
female 5-10
male 0-5 (James Anderson) b. 1836
female 0-5 (Harriet) b. 1842

all of the above persons were born in Ga.

NOTE: John H. Collins married Fedora(Phedora) Mc Donald Nov. 19, 1846Chattooga County registered in Groom's Book page 79.

Also listed on this census is Charles Collins and John Collins b. 1793which is presumed to be the son of John Collins Sr.(Rev. Soldier)

1850 Census for Chattooga County does not list James or any of this sons.
By 1850 John H.(Phedora) and Thornton were listed in Lauderdale County, Ms..

1855 James Collins listed on Ms. State Census in Scott Co. Ms. in the Hillsboro Dist. (Ancestry.com index.)
Data not viewed.

1860 Scott County, Ms. Hillsboro Township. page 37 dwell 235/235June 23, 1860

James Collins age 70 b. Ga. farmer
Taletha age 63 b. Ga. (this would Elitha)
Catherine age 26 b. Ga.
James A. age 24 b. Ga.
Harriet age 18 b. Ga.
James A. Lulman or Sulman age 4 b. Ms. (not sure what relationship)
James had real prop. valued at \$1200.00 and personal prop. valued at\$200.00.

Page 20 dwell 125/125 Hillsboro June 15, 1860

Cicero Collins age 33 b. Ga. farmer personal prop valued at\$200.00
Sarah age 29 b. Al.
Mary age 9 b. Ms.
Andrew J. age 5 b. Ms.
Calvin age 3 b. Ms.
James age 2 b. Ms.
Thomas age 4 months (b. Feb.) Ms.

1870 James listed living with his son Thornton in Leake County. Heave his age as 81 years and that he was born in North Carolina. By calculation he would have been born in 1789.. He died shortly after this census and by family history is buried in County Line Baptist Church Cemetery in Leake County.

NOTE: It is not known if Elitha died in Scott County or Leake County,nor where she is buried.

NOTE; THIS INDIVIDUAL IS PRESUMED TO BE THE FATHER OF JAMES C. COLLINS..

1820 Hall County Ga.

John Collins Rev. Soldier is listed on page 132. Mc Cutcheons District..

John Collins age 46-100 (1720-1794)

female 46-100 (1720-1794)
female 16-26 (1794-1804)
male 16-26 (1794-1804)

male 16-26 (1794-1804)
female 10-16 (1804-1810)
female 10-16 (1804-1810)
male 0-10 (1810-1820)
male 0-10 (1810-1820)

John Collins was listed in the 1821 Cherokee land lottery as living in the McCutchens District. His lottery # 243 section # 9 for Houston Co..

It does not appear that he occupied the land, as he is list on the Hall County census through 1827 Cherokee Land lottery listed previously

1832 Cherokee Land Lottery: John Collins Sr, Felix Collins and Daniel Collins were living in the Blackstock's Dist of Hall County and were listed in this lottery. Note in the comments: John Collins, Sr. soldier was granted land previous to Jan. 1, 1838

NOTE: Also listed in the same district was Charles Collins who drew lottery # 52 section 4 for Monroe County, Ga.

Page 133 Lists a John Sexton age 26-45 (1775-1794) He is listed living alone as a farmer. John Saxton/Sexton is the father of Adeline and the father-in-law of John H. Collins.

1840 when he moved to Cobb County, Ga.

Marriage license issued in Jackson County, Georgia but may have married in either Hall or Jackson County.

More About James Collins and Tabitha Sexton:
Marriage: 02 Jun 1817, Jackson County, Georgia

Children of James Collins and Tabitha Sexton are:

- i. Lucinde Collins, died Unknown.
- ii. Emily Collins, died Unknown.
- iii. Martha Collins, born Abt. 1818 in Hall County Georgia; died Unknown; married Lewis Vann 19 Sep 1847 in Chattooga County, Ga; died Unknown.

More About Lewis Vann and Martha Collins:
Marriage: 19 Sep 1847, Chattooga County, Ga.

- iv. Thornton Collins, born Abt. 1821 in Hall County Georgia; died Unknown; married (1) Elizabeth unknown Abt. 1844 in Alabama; born Abt. 1821 in Tn.; died Bef. 1863 in Ms.; married (2) Margaret Morgan 17 Dec 1863 in Leake Co. Mississippi; born Abt. 1842 in Alabama; died Unknown.

Notes for Thornton Collins:

Thornton was a Private in the 1st Battalion -Ms Infantry--State Troops for 12 months during 1862-1863. He was in the Leake County Reserves aka Minute Men. His brother Cisroe H. was attached to the same Battalion but in a different company.

More About Thornton Collins:
Military: Leake Co. Mississippi

More About Thornton Collins and Elizabeth unknown:
Marriage: Abt. 1844, Alabama

- v. Cisroe H. Collins, born Abt. 1825 in Hall County Georgia; died Unknown; married Sarah Unknown Abt. 1850; born Abt. 1831 in Alabama; died Unknown.

Notes for Cisroe H. Collins:

Cisroe H. Collins was first found on the Federal Census in 1850 living in Scott County, Ms. with his family. This census information indicated he was a farmer, owned property and could not read or write.

He removed from Scott County to Leake County about 1861-1862, this is evidenced by his enlistment in the 1st Battalion in 1862. He lived in Leake County through 1880, since we was on the 1880 Federal Census for Leake County.

Census Facts:

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

1855 Ms. State Census Scott County, Ms.
1860 Federal Census Hillborough, Scott County, Ms.
1870 Federal Census Conway Township, Leake County, Ms.
1880 Federal Census Beat 5, Carthage, Leake County, Ms.
Civil War service: Confederate 1st. Battalion State Troops of the Ms. Infantry "Co. D". Serving in the Leake County reserves, AKA Minute Men under the command of Major Harper. He entered at the rank of Private and was discharged at the same rank.

He served 12 months in 1862-1863

He was listed as C.H. Collins on the roster.

More About Cisroe H. Collins:
Military: 1862, Leake Co. Mississippi

More About Cisroe Collins and Sarah Unknown:
Marriage: Abt. 1850

- vi. Catherine Collins, born Abt. 1834 in Ga.; died Unknown.
- vii. James Anderson Collins, born Abt. 1836 in Ga.; died Unknown; married Susan Triplett Aft. 1860 in Ms; born Abt. 1830 in South Carolina; died Unknown.

Notes for James Anderson Collins:

Facts:

1866 Ms. State Census Leake County. (Index Ancestry.Com) **
1870 Federal Census Carthage Township listed as J.A. Collins.

** The enumerations on this census have not been viewed.

James Anderson Collins married the widow of Charner Triplett a longtime friend of the Collins family. The Triplett/Collins friendship can be traced to Chester County, S.C. in early 1800's.

More About James Collins and Susan Triplett:
Marriage: Aft. 1860, Ms.

- viii. Hariet Collins, born Abt. 1842 in Ga.; died Unknown.
- 72 ix. CSA John Henry Collins, born 20 Oct 1823 in Ga.; died Abt. 1893 in Yazoo County Mississippi; married (1) Adaline Saxton; married (2) Cindy or Cathy McDonald; married (3) Phedora Mc Donald 19 Nov 1845 in Chattooga County, Ga.; married (4) Adaline Sexton/Saxton Aft. 1860 in Ms.; married (5) Martha Alitha White 18 Dec 1872 in Leake Co. Mississippi.

146. James Daniel White, born Abt. 1824 in Mississippi; died Aft. 1880 in Leake Co. Mississippi. He married **147. Rachel Sivils** 1848 in Attala County, Mississippi.

147. Rachel Sivils, born 1827 in Alabama; died Abt. 1885 in Leake Co. Mississippi.

Marriage Notes for James White and Rachel Sivils:

LAND OWNERSHIP: LAND PATENT...

White, James D. purchased 75.13 acres of land in Leake County October 01, 1859 cash sale. This is registered with the Bureau of Land Management. through the Columbus land office.

MILITARY : CIVIL WAR

James D. White served for the Confederate Army. Entered service as a private and was discharged as a private. He served with Confederate Guards Artillery of Mississippi Capt. Bradford's Company. Captains William D. Bradford and John C. Grisham were in Command.

HISTORY OF THE COMPANY:

Capt. Bradfords Confederate Guards Light Artillery was organized in Pontotoc and Chickasaw Counties. More than 150 men and officers were mustered into service and were soon ordered north. It served in North Carolina and Southern Virginia. They were assigned to J. C. Coits Battalion of Artillery. The company fought at Swift Creek, Drewry's Blugg and shared the defense at Petersburg on June 16th and 17th, 1864. Saw action south of the

James River and Appomattox Campaign.

No members of the battery were present for the surrender April 1865.

CENSUS INFORMATION:

1850 Federal Census Attala County Mississippi

Page 148 family# 83 dwelling # 835

White, James D. age 27 born: Ms.

Rachel M. age 22 born: Ala.

Martha A. age 1 year born: Ms.

James' occupation farmer

property assessed at \$100.00

1860 Federal Census Leake County, Ms. Carthage P.O. date of enumeration July 4, 1860

Page 23 family and dwelling # 148

James D. age 35 occupation farmer born in Ms.

Rachel M. age 30 born Ala.

Martha A. age 10 born Ms.

William F. age 8 born Ms.

Rufus C. age 5 born Ms.

Rutha Elizabeth age 5 born Ms. (Twin to Rufus)

Green B. age 1 born Ms.

Property valued at \$840.00 Personal Prop. \$600.00

1870 Federal Census Leake County, Ms. Carthage P.O.

dwelling# 46 family # 46

All of the above persons listed as well as the following children:

Mary F. age 9

James Henry age 6

John age 1

James was still farming. Real Property valued at \$400.00 and Personal Property at \$ 500.00

1880 Federal Census Leake County, Ms. Edenburg P.O. page 347-b

White, James age 56 (1823-1824) Ms. father Ga. mother Ga. farmer

Rachel A. age 52 (1827-1828) Al. " Ky. "Ky.

Mary F. " 18 (1861-1862) Ms.

James H. " 16 (1864) Ms.

John " 12 (1867-1868) Ms.

Hanna R. " 7 (1873) Ms.

Note: Neither James or Rachel found on the census after this date. When and where they died is not known. Most probably Leake County. There is a CSA headstone in the County Line Baptist Cem. in Attala Co., Ms. with the name James Daniel White no dates given in the cemetery listing for Leake Co. Website..

More About James White and Rachel Sivils:

Marriage: 1848, Attala County, Mississippi

Children of James White and Rachel Sivils are:

- 73
- i. Martha Alitha White, born 12 Aug 1850 in Prob. Attala Co. Ms.; died 12 Dec 1893 in Yazoo County Mississippi; married CSA John Henry Collins 18 Dec 1872 in Leake Co. Mississippi.
 - ii. William F. White, born Abt. 1853 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died Unknown.
 - iii. Rufus C. White, born Abt. 1855 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died Unknown.

Notes for Rufus C. White:

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

Twin to Rutha Elizabeth

- iv. Rutha Elizabeth White, born Abt. 1855 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died Unknown.

Notes for Rutha Elizabeth White:
Twin to Rufus C.

- v. Green B. White, born Abt. 1858 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died Unknown.

Notes for Green B. White:
1880 Federal Census for Leake County..Carthage P.O. page 359-a
White, G.B. age 21 (1859) born in Ms and both parents born in Ms. Living along with the occupation of farmer.

- vi. Mary "Flora" White, born Abt. 1861 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died Unknown.

Notes for Mary "Flora" White:
Married a Unknown Faulkner

- vii. James Henry White, born Abt. 1865 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died 15 Jun 1928 in Shortleaf, Marengo Co. Al; married Eliza Jane Ivy 30 Aug 1889 in Leake Co. Mississippi; born 20 Dec 1869 in Dossville, Leake Co. Ms.; died 07 Jan 1968 in Oskya, Pike Co. Ms..

More About James Henry White:
Burial: Unknown, Old French Cem. Demopolis, Marengo Co. Al

More About James White and Eliza Ivy:
Marriage: 30 Aug 1889, Leake Co. Mississippi

- viii. John Corneluis White, born Abt. 1869 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died Unknown.
ix. Hanna R. White, born Abt. 1873 in Leake Co. Mississippi; died Unknown.

Notes for Hanna R. White:
Married E. M. Browning date unknown

148. James C. Jackson, born 05 Feb 1800 in Virginia; died 21 Oct 1880 in Clinton, LA. E. Feleciana Parish. He married **149. Mary Ann Northam** 26 Sep 1850 in E. Feleciana Parish, Louisiana.

149. Mary Ann Northam, born 26 Oct 1823 in Kentucky; died 20 May 1902 in Clinton, LA E. Feleciana Parish. She was the daughter of **298. Thomas M. Northam**.

Notes for James C. Jackson:

James C. had many titles in his life time. He was a plantation and slave owner prior to the Civil War. He was an auctioneer, notary, justice of the peace and store owner. The record of his public service is recorded in the East Feleciana Parish courthouse in Clinton, Louisiana where he took his oath for service.

The family cemetery remains on the home farmland. It is located on private property about eight miles from Clinton. James C., Mary Ann, George W. and probably other family members are buried there. Also buried there is Thomas Northam.

James C. was married to Susannah_____, November 14, 1826 in East Baton Rouge Parish. They had one son, Andrew B.. no date of birth or other information is known at this time.

James was on the 1830 Federal Census in West Feleciana Parish, page228

Jackson, James C. age 30-40
female " 20-30
female " 15-20
male " 0-5 this would be Andrew
female " 0-5

The female age 15-20 could be his sister. I have not found any information on the younger female age 0-5. The information on this family was sent by Florence Nerf and there was no mention of a female child.

He was reported on the census as owning 24 slaves.

Prior to 1824 East and West Feliciana Parish was one large Parish of Feliciana.

1840 Federal Census E. Feliciana Parish page 261

Jackson, J.C. age 40-50
female " 20-30
male " 10-15
male " 5-10

Susannah died between this census and the 1850 census.

James C. owned 20 slaves.

1850 Federal Census for E. Feliciana Parish. Family # 89 Dwelling #89

Jackson, James C. age 50 born in Va. Occupation Notary. Property \$3, 020.00

Shaffit, Mary A. " 26 " " La. Keeping House

Also Listed:

Jackson, Lucy age 70 black servant born Va.

Jackson, Richard " 70 " " " SC listed as blind

One female slave age 45 no name listed.

It is presumed that Lucy and Richard were long time servants that probably came from Virginia with the family. The question is who is Mary A. Shaffit? Was she is sister? This census was taken two month before James C. and Mary A. Northam were married.

1860 Federal Census E. Feliciana Parish Clinton P.O. page 61 July17, 1860

Jackson, J. C. age 60 occupation Parish Recorder. real prop.\$2, 300.00

personal prop. \$ 4, 250.00

Mary Ann age 36 born Ky.

George " 8 " La.

J. L. " 7 " La. (this would be James Leroy)

M. E. " 5 " La. (this would be Mary Ellen)

A. " 1 " La. (this would be Aridene)

1870 Federal Census E. Feliciana Parish

the following children had be born:

Jefferson Davis Jackson age 9

Emily " 6

Thomas Lee " 3

All children born in E. Feliciana Parish La.

James C. was listed as a farmer

1880 Federal Census E. Feliciana Parish 2nd Ward June 17, 1880

This census taken short time before is death. His age was 81..which would mean he was born 1799-1800 in Virginia, both is parents were born in Virginia.

there were 2 black servants listed: Anderson Jackson age 81widowed born in Va., both parents born in Va...

George Brown age 10born in La. both of his parents born in La.

Was Anderson Jackson one of the slaves brought from Va. by the Jackson family??

More About James C. Jackson:

Burial: Unknown, Jackson homeplace Clinton, East Feliciana Co., LA

Notes for Mary Ann Northam:

Mary Ann was a self proclaimed medical person who tended the medical needs of the slaves in the charge of their family. The story as related by her descendent Florence Nerf is that she rode in a black buggy, dressed in black

and was always accompanied by a black servant boy. In the 1850-1860 her medicine consisted of formulas made of herbs and roots.

She was petite in stature and a strong willed person and a task maker.

After her husband's death she lived alone and rented part of the homestead. She was living with her son George W. when she passed away in 1902.

She is buried on the homestead.

More About Mary Ann Northam:

Burial: Unknown, Jackson homestead Clinton, LA

More About James Jackson and Mary Northam:

Marriage: 26 Sep 1850, E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

Children of James Jackson and Mary Northam are:

- 74 i. Thomas Lee Jackson, born 19 Oct 1866 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; died 19 Jul 1941 in Yazoo County, Mississippi; married Emma Eudora Dawson 26 May 1890 in Mechanicsburg, Mississippi, Yazoo Co..
- ii. George Washington Jackson, born Oct 1851 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; died 26 Mar 1901 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; married Ophelia Amanda Knox 16 Jan 1873 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; born 07 Sep 1849 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; died 11 Apr 1947 in Alexandria, Louisiana Rapides Parish.

Notes for George Washington Jackson:

George W. Jackson was a gentle man who played the violin and was a Sunday School Superintendent. He was given the task of running the farm and store by his mother after the death of his father in 1880. He was loved and admired by his family.

He was shot in cold blood by his younger brother Thomas Lee in 1901 over a money dispute. His death was avenged by the state of Louisiana and Thomas Lee spent several years in the state penitentiary at Angola, La..

Ophelia lived as a widow until her death. She was a tiny person, quick of wit and movement. She could tell of events that happened during the Civil War near her home in Clinton, Louisiana. Her maternal uncle Lucien Smith Anderson Kent was injured and died in the War. She had seven sisters and two brothers. She died at the age of 97 at her Florence's home in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Ophelia taught school.

Family information given by descendent: Florence Nerf.

Married Jan. 16, 1873 by Thomas F. Dixon, Minister, with Amadee Delambre, James Leroy Jackson and G. W. Miller as witnesses.

More About George Washington Jackson:

Burial: Unknown, Jackson Family Cem. (ward 2) homestead E. Feliciana Parish, La.

More About Ophelia Amanda Knox:

Burial: Unknown, Greenwood Mem. Cem. Pineville, Louisiana

More About George Jackson and Ophelia Knox:

Marriage: 16 Jan 1873, E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

- iii. James Leroy Jackson, born 1853 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; died Unknown.
- iv. Mary Emily Jackson, born 1855 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; died 1946 in Vivian, Louisiana Bossier Parish; married Reverend Ike T. Reams in Louisiana; died Unknown.

Notes for Mary Emily Jackson:

Emily married Rev. Ike T. Reams who was a minister of the Methodist Church in Vivian, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

Emily died at 82 years of age.

More About Reverend Ike T. Reams:
Occupation: Bossier Parish Louisiana; Occupation: Methodist Minister

More About Ike Reams and Mary Jackson:
Marriage: Louisiana

- v. Jefferson Davis "Davie" Jackson, born 1861 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; died Unknown.
- vi. Ellen Jackson, born 1864 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; died Unknown; married Chaney in Louisiana; died Unknown.

Notes for Ellen Jackson:
Ellen was one of Thomas Lee's favorite siblings.

She was a Nurse. In 1932 she lived in Mina Arkansas where she cared for her brother Thomas Lee.

More About Chaney and Ellen Jackson:
Marriage: Louisiana

- vii. Ariadene Jackson, born Private; married Joseph Alexander Stott Private; died Unknown.

More About Joseph Stott and Ariadene Jackson:
Private-Begin: Private

150. CSA Samuel James Dawson, born 08 May 1833 in Yazoo City, MS; died 13 Apr 1904 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi, Yazoo Co.. He was the son of **300. Samuel J. Dawson** and **301. Mary Chisholm**. He married **151. Sarah Elizabeth Tatum** 30 Dec 1857 in Yazoo City, MS.

151. Sarah Elizabeth Tatum, born 12 Nov 1833 in Mississippi; died 19 Nov 1900 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi, Yazoo Co..

Notes for CSA Samuel James Dawson:

The surname of Dawson was not a common name in Mississippi history, There were a few Dawson families scattered throughout the state in the 1800's.

After the presumed death of his father Samuel, the family was listed on the 1850 Federal Census in Attala County. He had assumed the head of household status at that time. He is listed with his mother Mary and sister Elizabeth. There were others but none listed at this time.

In 1857 he took a bride, Sarah Elizabeth Tatum in Yazoo County. This marriage is recorded in the Yazoo County courthouse.

The Civil War was raging and many of the young men from Mississippi joined the ranks, such a young man was Samuel James Dawson

Confederate States Army (CSA).

Copies of his Civil War records list his birth place as Yazoo County.. He enlisted April 4, 1862 in Yazoo County and was assigned to 1st Regiment Ms. Calvary--Company "K" known as Wirt Adams Regiment. (This regiment was also known as Woods Reg't Calvary.) He served under Captain Barnett. He was present at the general muster of the Regiment at Corinth, Ms. on May 9, 1862..

By May of 1862 he was detached to the Navy Gun Boat Yard in Yazoo City. under the command of Admiral Brown. He remained at this command until the end of the war.

His rank was Private.

He applied to the State of Ms. for a Pension on The 1st Monday in Sept., 1900 for his Confederate service.

His grave is marked by a CSA marker which was placed Sept. 10, 1940.

Mechanicsberg was the route taken by the Federal troops to nearby Vicksburg. The town was burned except the church on one such march.

By family history Samuel James had red hair...a true Irishman..

Samuel James Dawson and Sarah Elizabeth Tatum were married Dec. 30,1857 in Yazoo City, Ms.

In 1860 they were on the Federal Census for Yazoo County p-970dwelling-368, family-301

Dawson m, S. J. farmer
Elizabeth
Mary (Mary Virginia "Ginny")
Huffman, Wm. b. 1841 Ms. farm hand

Braden, J. H. b. 1830 Tn. overseer

What relationship Wm. Huffman/Hoffman is to the Dawson family is not clear.

1870 Federal Census Copiah County Ms. Linden P.O. p-332 dwell-544family-552

Dawson, Samuel b. Ms.
Elizabeth b. Ms.
Mary b. Ms
Weisella b. Ms. ca 1862 should be Winnefred E.)
Emma E b. Ms.
Hoffman, Elbert b. 1851 works on farm

The year of birth on all except Weisella are else where recorded as the exact dates. This individual was only found on this census. What happened to her or where she may have gone is not defined at this time.

What relationship Elbert Hoffman is to the Dawson family is not clear.

1880 Federal Census for Yazoo County Ms. Phoenix community Beat 4,Sheet 1, Line 16 page-556-A.

Dawson. Sam b. Ms f. Pa. m. Ky.
S. E. b. Ms. f. Ms. m. Ms.
W. E.
E. U. which should be E.E.(Emma Eudora)
Eveline

Also listed:

Ingram, R. age 50 b. S.C.
H.H. age 28 b. Ms.
R. N. age 7 b. Ms. son
N. R. age 5 b. Ms. daug.
W.C. age 3 b. Ms. son
S. H. age 10 mo. b. Ms. daug.

There is no relationship to the Dawson family given. It is presumed that Mr. Ingram was a share cropper or a farm hand.

Mary Virginia not listed on this census: she had married Ben Land Matheny.

More About CSA Samuel James Dawson:

Burial: Unknown, Mt. Olivet Methodist Church Cemetery. Mechanicberg, MS

Military: Civil War CSA headstone on grave

Notes for Sarah Elizabeth Tatum:

Sarah Elizabeth was born in Mississippi according to the Federal Census. It is not known if she was born in Yazoo County.

There was a old established family of Robert Tatum was listed on the 1840 Federal Census but no tie has been made to this family.

More About Sarah Elizabeth Tatum:

Burial: Unknown, Mt Olivet Cemetery, Mechanicsberg, MS

More About Samuel Dawson and Sarah Tatum:

Marriage: 30 Dec 1857, Yazoo City, MS

Children of Samuel Dawson and Sarah Tatum are:

- i. Mary Virginia "Ginny" Dawson, born 15 Nov 1858 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co.; died 27 Dec 1935 in Yazoo City, MS; married Ben Land Matheny 28 Mar 1878 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co; born Abt. 1851 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co.; died Unknown in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co..

More About Mary Virginia "Ginny" Dawson:

Burial: Unknown, Fletchers Chap. Cemetary, Yazoo County, Ms.

More About Ben Matheny and Mary Dawson:

Marriage: 28 Mar 1878, Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co.

- ii. Winnefred Dawson, born Abt. 1862 in Ms.; died Unknown.
- 75 iii. Emma Eudora Dawson, born 15 Apr 1866 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co.; died 09 Oct 1912 in Yazoo County, MS; married (1) Thomas Lee Jackson 26 May 1890 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co.; married (2) Moses House Aft. 1900 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co..
- iv. Eveline Dawson, born Abt. 1874 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co.; died Unknown in Mt Olivet Cem. Mechanicsberg, Ms; married Moses House 14 Jan 1896 in Yazoo City, MS; died Unknown in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi , Yazoo Co..

More About Eveline Dawson:

Burial: Unknown, Mt. Olivet Meth. Church Cem. Mechanicberg, Mississippi

More About Moses House and Eveline Dawson:

Marriage: 14 Jan 1896, Yazoo City, MS

152. James M. White, born 1809 in Ga.; died 1890 in Cherokee County, GA. He was the son of **304. Sr. James White, Sr.** and **305. Sarah E. White**. He married **153. Caroline Narcissus Gatlin** 26 Jan 1837 in Green County, GA.

153. Caroline Narcissus Gatlin, born Jul 1818 in Ga.; died Bet. 1910 - 1918 in Marion County, Tennessee.

Notes for James M. White:

Purchased 7 acres of land from Ferdinand Baily in Cherokee County on July 13, 1837 for \$100.00.

Nov. 9, 1852 purchased 40 acres at auction for \$1.50.

Sept. 22, 1854 purchased 26 acres from the estate sale of Mathew Drumond \$62.50.

Oct. 2, 1854 purchased 13.5 acres from Solomon Knotts \$100.00.

Aug. 1, 1855 purchased 40 acres from Samuel Cove \$40.00.

Feb. 5, 1867 purchased 27 acres from Lydia Drumond \$65.00.

July 6, 1869 purchased 13.5 acres at auction \$5.00

1840 Fed. Cen. Cherokee Co. Ga. living in the household with his father and mother James (William?) and Sarah White.

1850 Fed. Cen. lists his occupation as farmer with property valued at \$2000.00 and personal property valued at \$200.00..

1860 Fed. Cen. he and family could be found in the Bell's Dist. of Cherokee County, Dwelling # 1495 family # 1604. This area was also known as Cherokee Mills and Sixes Dist. it is located in southwest corner of the county near Ackworth, Ga.. This area was noted for the gold mining of Ga. Whether he had any mining on his property has not been evidenced.

Civil War Veterans of Cherokee County Ga.: Confederate Army

John M. White Pvt. Georgia Volunteers-Co. D., 14th regiment-Infantry.

W. Frank White Pvt. Georgia Volunteers-Co. D., 14th regiment-Infantry

(Sons of James M. White)

1870-1880 Post Civil War: James M. Whit registered a claim with the U.S. Treasury Dept. for damages to his property which occurred during the War. (This claim was denied.) In order for reimbursement the applicant had to show sympathy to the Union.

James M. died prior to the Census of 1880. After his death his widow Caroline continued to live in Cherokee County but later moved to Whiteside, Tn. Marion County to live with her son Martin White. She lived there until her death. Family history is she is buried in the family cemetery on the White Farm which is located on the mountainside in Whiteside overlooking Nickerjack Lake, which is part of the Tn. River TVA project.

Notes for Caroline Narcissus Gatlin:

by family history she is buried in the old family cemetery on the White Farm.

More About Caroline Narcissus Gatlin:

Burial: Unknown, Marion County, Tennessee

More About James White and Caroline Gatlin:

Marriage: 26 Jan 1837, Green County, GA

Children of James White and Caroline Gatlin are:

- i. I. Harry White, born Abt. 1838 in Cherokee County, Ga. or Green County Ga; died Unknown; married Mary Brazelton 16 Feb 1868 in Cherokee County, Ga; died Unknown.

Notes for I. Harry White:

Civil War Veterans of Cherokee Co, Ga. Pvt. Cherokee Legion Co. A.

Marriage Notes for I. White and Mary Brazelton:

Marriage recorded in grooms book Book D page 391 Cherokee County Courthouse in Canton, Ga.

More About I. White and Mary Brazelton:

Marriage: 16 Feb 1868, Cherokee County, Ga.

- ii. John M. White, born May 1839 in Ga.; died Unknown; married Margaret Fowler 20 Dec 1867 in Cherokee County, Ga; died Unknown.

Notes for John M. White:

Civil War Veterans of Cherokee Co. Ga.

John M. White 14th Regular Ga. Volunteers Co. D. Pvt.

1880 Federal Census Cherokee County Ga. ED 23 Sheet 1 line 17

1900 Federal Census Fulton County, Ga. Living West of W&A Railroad. ED 27, Sheet 25
line 92 his occupation was Woodcutter.

He and Martha (Fowler) had 11 children with 6 living in 1900.

Information on this family contributed by Sherry Elizabeth Dieckmann stepdaughter of Joseph Frederick White....

Mrs. Sherry Elizabeth Dieckmann

3003 South Braeswood Blvd.

Houston, Tx. 77025-2603

More About John White and Margaret Fowler:

Marriage: 20 Dec 1867, Cherokee County, Ga.

- iii. Mary Alma White, born Abt. 1845 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died Unknown; married John D. Rainwater 17 Oct 1867 in Cherokee County, Ga; died Unknown.

More About John Rainwater and Mary White:

Marriage: 17 Oct 1867, Cherokee County, Ga.

- iv. William Frank White, born Abt. 1848 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died Unknown.
- v. B. "Buck" White, born Abt. 1849 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died Unknown.
- vi. Elizabeth White, born Abt. 1852 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died Unknown.
- vii. Sarah "Lucy" White, born Abt. 1854 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died Unknown.
- viii. George Washington White, born Abt. 1857 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died Unknown; married Sallie Collins 01 Aug 1878 in Cherokee County, Ga; died Unknown.

Notes for George Washington White:

George W. White and Sallie (Collins) White are found on the 1880 Federal Census in the Sixes District with his mother Caroline White living as head of household, her marital status as widow.

This evidence: James M. died before the census for that year.
Recorded in marriage book E. page 398. Co

Notes for Sallie Collins:

George W. White and Sallie (Collins) White are found on the 1880 Federal Census in the Sixes District with his mother Caroline White living as head of household, her marital status as widow.

This evidence: James M. died before the census for that year.
Recorded in marriage book E. page 398. Co

Marriage Notes for George White and Sallie Collins:
Courthouse in Canton, Ga.

More About George White and Sallie Collins:
Marriage: 01 Aug 1878, Cherokee County, Ga.

- ix. Phoebe A. White, born Abt. 1858 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died Unknown; married Samuel T. Duncan 02 Feb 1873 in Cherokee County, Ga; born Abt. 1849 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died Unknown.

Notes for Samuel T. Duncan:

1880 Federal Census Cherokee County, Ga. Fairplay District
page 165-A

Duncan, Samuel T.	age	31	b. Ga.	farmer
Phoebe A.	"	20	b. Ga.	
James R	"	2	b. Ga.	

Samuel lists birthplace of father as SC.. mother Ga
Phoebe lists birthplace of father unknown mother Ga.

Same district page 166 :
Duncan, Belton age 23 farmer
Unis " 17

Also living with Belton and Unis were his sister Georgia age 29 and his brother Mark D. age 16. All persons born in Ga and their parents born in Ga.

Recorded in Book E page 077

More About Samuel Duncan and Phoebe White:
Marriage: 02 Feb 1873, Cherokee County, Ga.

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- x. Martin V. White, born Oct 1840 in Cherokee County, Ga.; died 16 Jul 1916 in Whiteside, TN, Marion CO; married (1) Unknown Abt. 1860; married (2) Sarah Brightwell 01 Mar 1866 in Cherokee County, GA; married (3) Martha Elizabeth Morgan Abt. 1881 in Marion County, TN.

154. Marshall Floyd Brightwell, born Abt. 1813 in Oglethorpe Co. Georgia; died Apr 1870 in Bartow Co., Georgia. He was the son of **308. Samuel Brightwell** and **309. Francis Berry**. He married **155. Mary Jane Hatcher** 05 Aug 1844 in DeKalb Co. Georgia.

155. Mary Jane Hatcher, born Abt. 1820 in South Carolina; died 28 Mar 1921 in Bartow Co., Georgia.

She was the daughter of **310. Napoleon B. Hatcher** and **311. Nancy**.

More About Marshall Brightwell and Mary Hatcher:

Marriage: 05 Aug 1844, DeKalb Co. Georgia

Children of Marshall Brightwell and Mary Hatcher are:

- i. Elizabeth Brightwell, born Abt. 1845 in Georgia; died Bet. 1910 - 1923 in Georgia; married Augustus "Gus" Sanders Abt. 1869 in Bartow Co., Georgia; died Unknown.

More About Augustus Sanders and Elizabeth Brightwell:

Marriage: Abt. 1869, Bartow Co., Georgia

- ii. William Archer Brightwell, born Abt. 1849 in Georgia; died 29 Mar 1923 in Georgia; married Lula Keys 06 Jan 1875 in Bartow Co., Georgia; died Bet. 1880 - 1900 in Georgia.

More About William Archer Brightwell:

Burial: Unknown, West BView Cem. Atlanta, Ga.

More About William Brightwell and Lula Keys:

Marriage: 06 Jan 1875, Bartow Co., Georgia

- iii. Emma Brightwell, born Abt. 1852 in Georgia; died Bet. 1921 - 1923 in Bartow Co., Georgia; married Henry Maddox 25 Jan 1877 in Bartow Co., Georgia; died Bet. 1877 - 1880 in Georgia.

More About Henry Maddox and Emma Brightwell:

Marriage: 25 Jan 1877, Bartow Co., Georgia

- iv. J. (female) Brightwell, born Abt. 1854 in Georgia; died Unknown.
- v. Eliza Annie Brightwell, born Abt. 1856 in Georgia; died Bet. 1910 - 1915 in Bartow Co., Georgia; married Edward P. Cullinane 24 Sep 1873 in Bartow Co., Georgia; died Unknown.

More About Edward Cullinane and Eliza Brightwell:

Marriage: 24 Sep 1873, Bartow Co., Georgia

- vi. D. (female) Brightwell, born Abt. 1859 in Georgia; died Bet. 1860 - 1870.
- vii. Arbella "Bell" Brightwell, born Abt. 1860 in Georgia; died Bet. 1870 - 1923 in Georgia; married Pinkney Reeves 22 Feb 1876 in Bartow Co., Georgia; died Unknown.

More About Pinkney Reeves and Arbella Brightwell:

Marriage: 22 Feb 1876, Bartow Co., Georgia

- viii. John B. Brightwell, born Bet. 1862 - 1864 in Georgia; died 22 Jan 1942 in Chatham Co., Georgia; married Anna Durham Abt. 1881 in Cobb Co. Georgia; died Unknown.

Notes for John B. Brightwell:

John B. Married twice: #1, Anna Durham

2, Roxie _____ divorced 1920

More About John Brightwell and Anna Durham:

Marriage: Abt. 1881, Cobb Co. Georgia

- ix. Mary Ellen Brightwell, born Abt. 1866 in Georgia; died Abt. 1950 in Georgia; married John Hall Unknown; died Unknown.

More About John Hall and Mary Brightwell:

Marriage: Unknown

- x. Thomas Brightwell, born Abt. 1869 in Georgia; died Bet. 1893 - 1900 in Georgia; married Lula Maxwell Abt. 1893 in Bartow Co., Georgia; died Unknown.

More About Thomas Brightwell and Lula Maxwell:

Marriage: Abt. 1893, Bartow Co., Georgia

- 77 xi. Sarah Brightwell, born 10 Sep 1848; died 18 Sep 1880 in Whiteside, TN; married Martin V. White 01 Mar 1866 in Cherokee County, GA.

168. Jonas Winchester¹⁴, born 16 Jun 1828 in Oconee, SC; died 02 Mar 1915 in Georgia. He was the son of **336. Daniel Monterville Winchester** and **337. Sarah Kazalirue "Phoebe" Irwin**. He married **169. Sarah Ann Noblett** 24 Nov 1846 in Haywood Co., NC¹⁴.

169. Sarah Ann Noblett¹⁴, born 11 Feb 1831 in North Carolina; died 20 Nov 1902 in North Carolina.

Notes for Jonas Winchester:

Daniel's son, Jonas, (b. 1828 d. 1915) married Sarah Ann Noblett (b. 1831 d. 1902). They had five boys and our Willoughby was one of them. Of the other two, Marcellus and Asbury died in early manhood. Pinkney and Thomas married and had a family. Most of Pinkney's descendents live around Anderson, SC and most of Tom's descendents live in Walhalla, SC.

More About Jonas Winchester and Sarah Noblett:

Marriage: 24 Nov 1846, Haywood Co., NC¹⁴

Children of Jonas Winchester and Sarah Noblett are:

- i. Jonathan William "Willoby" Winchester Winchester¹⁴, born 30 Oct 1847 in Haywood Co., NC; died 30 Aug 1938 in Swain Co., NC; married Mary Magdaline Ridley Abt. 1871 in Rabun Co, GA; born 09 Mar 1848; died 18 Jun 1942.

Notes for Jonathan William "Willoby" Winchester Winchester:

Our Willoughby (b. 1847 d. 1948) was born in NC, but the family moved to Burrell's Ford Section of Oconee County, SC by 1860. There is a Winchester family cemetery here. Willoughby married Mary Magdaline Ridley (b. 1845 (?) d. 1942) and later bought land in Rabun County, GA. across the river from Burrell's Ford Section of SC. All their children were born in this area. Their children were: Jonas "Jody" (b. 1872 d. 1944), Roxie (b. 1873 d. 1957), Lucinda (b. 1875 d. 1982), Daniel (b. 1880 d. 1958), Luke (b. 1882 d. 1975), Elbert (b. 1886 d. 1953), ** William "Bill" (b. 1884 d. 1905), Benjamin "Ben" (b. 1886 d. 1918), Victoria (b. 1889 d. 1951), Columbus "Lum" (b. 1889), and Rosevelt. As you can see, there are errors in some of these dates, but they were taken from the tombstones. Willoughby, Mary and most of their children who are dead, are buried at Saw Mill Hill Cemetery.

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At first the family moved to Bruckner's Branch, near Jackson Line. Later, Willoughby purchased land at Lauada, NC. At one time Willoughby and Mary owned part of the land on which Saw Mill Hill Church and Cemetery is located. He helped with building the original church. Both Willoughby and Mary were religious people. They were not rich, but were financially well off for mountain people of their generation.

A painting of Mary called "Aunt Winchester" is hanging in the pioneer museum near Cherokee, NC.

** Per Florence Johnson, Elbert's daughter, he is born in 1876 not 1886.

Maxine Freeman Skelton

More About Jonathan William "Willoby" Winchester Winchester:

Adoption: William Roosevelt was adopted by Willoughby and Mary

More About Jonathan Winchester and Mary Ridley:

Marriage: Abt. 1871, Rabun Co, GA

- 84 ii. Pinkney "Pink" Andrew Paden Winchester, Sr., born 12 Nov 1849 in Haywood Co., NC; died 08 Jul 1888 in Killed in Mica Mine, Pine Mountain, GA; married Sarah Ridley.
- iii. Robert Monterville "Asbury" Franklin Winchester¹⁴, born 08 May 1852 in Oconee County, SC; died 22 Jun 1877 in Georgia.

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

- iv. Jesse "Marcelus" Theodore Winchester¹⁴, born 20 Sep 1859 in Oconee County, SC; died 25 Nov 1879.
- v. Thomas George Washington Winchester^{14,15}, born 28 Apr 1863 in Oconee County, SC; died 25 Jul 1929 in Pickens Co, SC; married Martha Crane 08 May 1884 in Pine Mountain, GA; born 12 May 1863; died 24 Feb 1931.

Notes for Thomas George Washington Winchester:

Well educated, possibly self educated. Tom and Martha lived in Pine Mountain, GA. Moved to Walhalla in 1921. Tom ran a grocery store and was the Post Master. He had quite a few horses and his sons was in the hauling business. Moved to Gainesville with his 3 sons. Tom and Martha are buried at Rocky Knoll Cemetery, Walhalla, SC

More About Thomas George Washington Winchester:

Burial: Unknown, Rocky Knoll Cemetery, Walhalla, SC

Medical Information: Hair: RedEyes: Blue

More About Martha Crane:

Burial: Unknown, Rocky Knoll Cemetery, Walhalla, SC

Medical Information: Hair: BlackEyes: Brown

More About Thomas Winchester and Martha Crane:

Marriage: 08 May 1884, Pine Mountain, GA

170. James "Jimmy" Napoleon Ridley¹⁶, died Unknown. He married **171. Catherine "Katy" Queen¹⁶**.
171. Catherine "Katy" Queen¹⁶, died Unknown.

More About James Ridley and Catherine Queen:

Marriage: ¹⁶

Children of James Ridley and Catherine Queen are:

- 85 i. Sarah Ridley, born 1847 in North Carolina; died Dec 1928; married (1) Pinkney "Pink" Andrew Paden Winchester, Sr.; married (2) Will Davis.
- ii. Mary Magdaline Ridley¹⁶, born 09 Mar 1848; died 18 Jun 1942; married Jonathan William "Willoby" Winchester Winchester Abt. 1871 in Rabun Co, GA; born 30 Oct 1847 in Haywood Co., NC; died 30 Aug 1938 in Swain Co., NC.

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Marriage: Abt. 1871, Rabun Co, GA

176. Thomas Estes¹⁷, born 04 Mar 1803 in South Carolina; died 21 May 1847 in Gwinett County, GA. He was the son of **352. Nathaniel Estes** and **353. Nancy Finley**. He married **177. Elizabeth (Betsy) Richardson** Bef. 1823 in Vironas, SC.

177. Elizabeth (Betsy) Richardson¹⁷, born 04 Aug 1804 in South Carolina; died 18 Jan 1891 in Home of Son Rev FM Estees, Reed Creek, GA.

Notes for Thomas Estes:

Thomas moved his family from South Carolina to Gwinnett County, GA, sometime around 1833. He was living in Gwinnett County when he died, between 1840 and 1850. He was enumerated on the 1840 census there, but was not listed in the 1850 census.

Notes for Elizabeth (Betsy) Richardson:

Sometime between 1850 and 1860, Elizabeth "Betsy" Estes moved her family to Reed Creek, possibly to be near other members of the Estes family, and also her Richardson family. She lived the rest of her life at Reed Creek and died Jan 18, 1891 at the home of her son, Rev. F.M. Estes. She was buried in the cemetery at Reed Creek Baptist Church, no headstone.

More About Elizabeth (Betsy) Richardson:

Burial: Unknown, Reed Creek Baptist Church, Hart Co., GA (No headstone)

More About Thomas Estes and Elizabeth Richardson:

Marriage: Bef. 1823, Vironas, SC

Children of Thomas Estes and Elizabeth Richardson are:

- i. James Nathaniel Estes, born 22 Jul 1823 in SC; died 22 May 1838.

Notes for James Nathaniel Estes:

He was enrolled at Fort Wool(?), GA in Capt. James Tuggle's Company of the Middle Military District, Cherokee Nation, commanded by Gen. Floyd. In a letter written May 22, 1838 by Capt. Tuggle, James was certified as being enrolled in his company; under permission of his father, being under-aged; and had died as a member of that company. We have no further details concerning his death. James N. Estes died May 22, 1838, at the age of 14.

More About James Nathaniel Estes:

Military: CSA James Tuggle Company of the Middle Military District

- ii. Samuel Estes, born 25 Jul 1825 in SC; died Unknown; married Sarah; born Abt. 1826; died Unknown.

Notes for Samuel Estes:

He was listed in the 1859 census of Franklin County, GA as living in Reed Creek District, with his wife, Sarah, who was born ca 1826 in South Carolina, and three children. Sometime between 1855 and 1858, Samuel moved his family to Fayette County, AL, and was the postmaster at Asbury, AL in 1858.

- iii. Nancy Caroline Estes, born 20 Jan 1828 in SC; died Unknown; married Lewis Bobo; born Abt. 1822; died Unknown.

Notes for Nancy Caroline Estes:

Lived at Reed Creek and had the following children of which we know, all born in Georgia. Family was living at Reed Creek in 1880 and were enumerated on the census there.

Notes for Lewis Bobo:

History of Hart County says that Lewis Bobo moved to Alabama in his old age, but the family was still living at Reed Creek in 1860 and were enumerated on the census there.

- iv. William Estes, born 31 Mar 1830 in SC; died Unknown; married Elizabeth Black; died Unknown.

Notes for William Estes:

William either died, before 1866, or else moved West when other members of the family were moving.

- v. Mary Estes, born 20 Jun 1832 in SC; died Unknown.

Notes for Mary Estes:

She was still unmarried and living with her brother, Samuel, and his family on the 1860 census of Fayette County, AL.

- vi. Margaret Elizabeth "Peggy" Estes, born 23 May 1834 in Gwinnett County, GA; died 13 Dec 1911 in Hart County, GA; married Sr. Joseph Black 17 Jun 1849; born 01 Mar 1822 in SC; died Unknown.

Notes for Margaret Elizabeth "Peggy" Estes:

Joseph Black and Peggy owned 182 acres of land in "the bend" section of Reed Creek where they lived.

Joseph Black enlisted in the Confederate service during the Civil War. He was away fighting, and the family received word that he was sick and was returning home. It was the last anyone ever heard from him. Peggy Estes Black continued to live at their residence at Reed Creek, and had an apartment in half of her house which she rented over the years to various people. She died DEC 13, 1911 at the age of 77, and was buried at Reed Creek Baptist Church, her headstone made of cement by Parnell O'Barr, her niece's husband.

More About Margaret Elizabeth "Peggy" Estes:

Burial: Unknown, Reed Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Reed Creek, GA

Notes for Sr. Joseph Black:

Joseph Black enlisted in the Confederate service during the Civil War. He was away fighting, and the family received word that he was sick and was returning home. It was the last anyone ever heard from him.

More About Sr. Joseph Black:

Military: CSA

Occupation: Carpenter

More About Joseph Black and Margaret Estes:

Marriage: 17 Jun 1849

- vii. Thomas G. Estes, born 1837 in Gwinnett County, GA; died 10 Aug 1863 in Sullivans Island, SC Hospital; married Rachel F. Dyer 24 Nov 1859 in Hart County, GA; born 1839 in GA; died Unknown.

Notes for Thomas G. Estes:

He lived in Reed Creek. Thomas G. Estes enlisted in the Confederate service on July 5, 1863 in the 1st SC Regiment of Infantry. He died of brain fever August 10, 1863 in the hospital of Sullivan's Island, SC. His widow applied for, and received, a pension for his war service.

After Thomas left home for the Confederate service, his wife, Rachel, was working in the fields one day, and had left three small children in the house. Somehow the house caught fire. Her young son, Jim, who barely four years old, managed to get his younger sister out of the house, but the baby died in the flames. Rachel never remarried, and lived at Reed creek the remainder of her life, part of the time at the home of her brother-in-law, Frank Estes. She is buried in the cemetery at Reed Creek Baptist Church, no headstone.

More About Thomas G. Estes:

Military: 05 Jul 1863, CSA 1st Infantry SC Regiment of Infantry

More About Thomas Estes and Rachel Dyer:

Marriage: 24 Nov 1859, Hart County, GA

- viii. Elizabeth Jane Estes, born 26 Oct 1839 in Gwinnett County, GA; died 12 Aug 1895 in Reed Creek, GA; married James "Jim" Allen 22 Feb 1863 in Hart County, GA; died Unknown.

Notes for Elizabeth Jane Estes:

It is not known whether her husband died or whether she left him, but she always lived with a relative at Reed Creek. She had no children, that we know of. She died August 12, 1895 at the home of her brother, Frank Estes. She was buried at Reed Creek Baptist Church, no headstone.

More About Elizabeth Jane Estes:

Burial: Unknown, Reed Creek Baptist Church, GA

More About James Allen and Elizabeth Estes:

Marriage: 22 Feb 1863, Hart County, GA

- 88 ix. , REV Francis Marion (Frank) Estes, born 07 Jan 1847 in Gwinett County, GA; died 05 Nov 1926 in Reed Creek, Hart County, GA; married Frances Rejetta (Fanny) Walters 21 Jan 1883 in Hart County, GA.

178. Franklin M. Walters, died Unknown. He married **179. Eliza O'Barr**.

179. Eliza O'Barr, died Unknown.

Notes for Eliza O'Barr:

Of Shoal Creek.

Child of Franklin Walters and Eliza O'Barr is:

- 89 i. Frances Rejetta (Fanny) Walters, born 24 Jul 1863 in Hart County, GA; died 07 Apr 1933 in Reed Creek, Hart County, GA; married , REV Francis Marion (Frank) Estes 21 Jan 1883 in Hart County, GA.

184. Bailey Fleming, born 1795 in Virginia; died 04 Jan 1834. He was the son of **368. Jamie (James) Fleming** and **369. Mary Mc Clure**. He married **185. Mary Douglass Houston** Bef. 1818.

185. Mary Douglass Houston, born 1756 in North Carolina; died 1853 in Abbeville District, SC. She was the daughter of **370. Hugh Houston** and **371. Martha Mc Clure**.

Notes for Bailey Fleming:

Bailey Fleming was born in the state of Virginia in the year 1795, married Mary Douglas Houston, daughter of Hugh and Martha McClure Houston.

More About Bailey Fleming and Mary Houston:

Marriage: Bef. 1818

Child of Bailey Fleming and Mary Houston is:

- 92 i. Ambrose Milton Fleming, born 1830 in Abbeville District, SC; died 1895 in Anderson County, SC; married L. Jane Rampey Abt. 1860.

186. Nicholas Rampey, born in South Carolina or Kentucky; died Unknown. He married **187. Mary M. Rush**.

187. Mary M. Rush, born in South Carolina or Kentucky; died Unknown.

Notes for Nicholas Rampey:

Born in South Carolina[

Notes for Mary M. Rush:

Born in South Carolina[

Child of Nicholas Rampey and Mary Rush is:

- 93 i. L. Jane Rampey, born 1840 in Edgefield District, SC; died 1909 in Hart County, GA; married Ambrose Milton Fleming Abt. 1860.

188. John Baker, died Unknown. He married **189. Sarah Suit**.

189. Sarah Suit, died Unknown.

Child of John Baker and Sarah Suit is:

- 94 i. Daniel A. Baker, born 13 Dec 1849 in Lancaster County, SC; died 05 Feb 1918 in Hodges, AL; married Evaline Webb Estes 03 Mar 1870.

190. Cain Estes¹⁷, born 17 Mar 1811 in Anderson County, SC; died Bef. 1873 in Hart County, GA. He was the son of **352. Nathaniel Estes** and **353. Nancy Finley**. He married **191. Rachael Harris** in Anderson County, SC.

191. Rachael Harris¹⁷, born 1814 in South Carolina; died Unknown.

Notes for Cain Estes:

Cain and Rachel lived at Reed Creek in Hart County, GA for many years and all their children were born there. Cain Estes was Road Commissioner for the 1115th (Reed Creek) District of Hart County in 1854. Some of his descendants say he later moved from Hart County to Walker County, AL and died and was buried there. Still others say that he never left Hart County, and is buried somewhere at Reed Creek. He was on the 1860 census for Hart County, GA, and his death occurred sometime before before 1873. Cain Estes was buried in the Old Estes Cemetery at Reed Creek.

More About Cain Estes:

Burial: Unknown, Old Estes Cemetary at Reed Creek, GA

More About Cain Estes and Rachael Harris:

Marriage: Anderson County, SC

Children of Cain Estes and Rachael Harris are:

- i. Nathaniel Harvey Estes, born 30 Jun 1837 in Reed Creek, Franklin County, GA; died 05 May 1916 in Walker County, AL; married (1) Mary E.; born 1841 in Georgia; died 05 Jan 1908 in Walker County, AL; married (2) Mullen 04 Feb 1909; born Bef. 1847; died Unknown.

Notes for Nathaniel Harvey Estes:

Nathaniel and Mary Estes moved to Alabama sometime between 1860 and 1865 and settled in Walker County.

More About Nathaniel Harvey Estes:

Burial: Unknown, Blooming Grove Cemetery, Walker County, AL

- ii. Emily Jane Estes, born 1840 in Reed Creek, Franklin County, GA; died Unknown; married Mathew Bobo 21 Jan 1858 in Hart County, GA; died Unknown.

Notes for Emily Jane Estes:

Emily later moved to Walker County, AL and was living there in 1909; and two of her sons were living in Western Texas.

More About Mathew Bobo and Emily Estes:

Marriage: 21 Jan 1858, Hart County, GA

- iii. Jonathan W. Estes, born 1841; died Unknown.
iv. Sarah A. Estes, born 1843 in Reed Creek, Franklin County, GA; died Unknown; married (1) Joseph Dyer; died 1862 in Second Battle of Manassas; married (2) John Reed; born 1850; died Unknown.

Notes for Sarah A. Estes:

With John they lived at Reed Creek.

Notes for Joseph Dyer:

Joseph Dyer enlisted in the Confederate service and was killed in 1862 at the Second Manassas Battle of the Civil War.

More About Joseph Dyer:

Military: CSA

- v. Mary E. Estes, born 1845; died Unknown; married Sampson Bobo 19 Jan 1860 in Hart County, GA; died Unknown.

More About Sampson Bobo and Mary Estes:
Marriage: 19 Jan 1860, Hart County, GA

- vi. James W. Estes, born 1847; died Unknown.
- vii. Franklin R. Estes, born 1849; died Unknown.
- viii. Elias C. Estes, born 1851; died Unknown.
- 95 ix. Evaline Webb Estes, born 28 Jul 1855 in Reed Creek in Hart County, GA; died 17 Dec 1933 in Hodges, AL; married Daniel A. Baker 03 Mar 1870.

Generation No. 9

258. Stephen Overstreet¹⁸, born 1796 in Georgia; died Bet. 1850 - 1860 in Clarke County, MS. He was the son of **516. John Overstreet** and **517. Catherine Goodwin**. He married **259. Zyphilia Goodwin**.

259. Zyphilia Goodwin¹⁸, born 1798 in Georgia; died Nov 1849 in Clarke County, MS.

Notes for Stephen Overstreet:

Date: Tue, 23 Mar 1999 09:44:16 -0500

From: "David Overstreet" <fdaveo@erols.com>

To: OVERSTREET-L@rootsweb.com

Message-ID: <001001be753b\$d11224a0\$7a3facef@default>

Subject: Re: Keziah Goodwin Overstreet

According to Greg Smith this Keziah G. O was the dau Stephen and Zyphilia (believed to have been a Goodwin). Stephen b 1796 GA d between 1850-1860 MS. (Possibly Clark Co since he was there in 1850--my thoughts, fdaveo). Zyphilia was b 1798 GA d 1849 of liver disease, Clark Co, MS.

Dave

Date: Mon, 16 Nov 1998 23:22:52 -0500

From: "F. David Overstreet" <fdaveo@erols.com>

To: OVERSTREET-L@rootsweb.com

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Subject: Stephen and Zyphilia O.

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This is the info I have on Stephen and Zyphilia. It is from Greg Smith's research.

Stephen O, son of John and Catherine O, b c 1796, GA d between 1850 and 1860 MS. He came to Wayne Co before 1820, was still residing there in 1830, when the U.S. FED Census was taken. He was on the tax list of Wayne Co in 1835, and by 1840 had moved to Jasper Co. In 1850 he was residing in Clarke Co. His first wife was Zyphilia who is believed to have been a Goodwin. She was b 1798, GA and d of liver disease in Nov 1849, in Clarke Co.

1. Jane O, b Jun 26, 1816, d May 8 1892, m Wiley McNeil. He b Dec 11 1807, d Jul 23 1867. buried at Beaver Dam in Wayne Co.

1. Adin C. McNeil, b Sep 24 1833, d Sep 30 1863, b Beaver Dam.
2. Elizabeth McNeil b 1835.
3. Wiley O. McNeil, b Jun 29 1836, d Feb 7, 1862, b Beaver Dam.
4. Mary McNeil, b 1838.
5. Erastus McN. b Dec 18, 1841, d Jan 14, 1862, b Beaver Dam.
6. William McN. b Dec 17, 1843, d May 2, 1864, b Beaver Dam.
7. Malcolm McN. b Jan 9, 1846, d Sep 26, 1862. b Beaver Dam.

8. John M. McN. b 1848, m Mary ? . b c 1853. resided Shubuta Clarke Co, MS.
 - a. Nora L. McN. b c 1874
 - b. Naomie McN. b c 1876.
 - c. Cora J. McN. b c 1879.
 9. George McN. b 1849.
 10. Henry McNeil, b 1851, m Mary E. ? . b c 1859, resided Shubuta.
 - a. George L. McN. b c 1879.
 11. Alonzo McN, b Dec 15, 1854, d Oct 9. 1860, b Beaver Dam.
 12. Cordella (Adaline ?), b Feb 14, 1858 d Sep 10, 1858. b Beaver Dam.
 13. Willis O. McN. b Oct 1859, Jasper Co m Fannie Overstreet 1894. She b Mar 1863 dau of Jesse Anderson and Sarah Jane (Hart) O. of Kemper Co. They resided near Eucutta in Wayne Co where Willis practiced medicine.
 - a. Janie Marie McN. b Mar 1896.
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2. Martha O, b c 1819, m William Jenkins, b c 1819, d c 1860. resided in Wayne Co. she moved to Ellisville, Jones Co in 1870.
 1. Stephen Jenkins, b c 1838 m Martha S. ? , b c 1834, he served in C.S.A.
 - a. Henry F. Jenkins, b c 1864.
 - b. Martha M. J, b c 1867.
 - c. Henrietta B. Jenkins, b c 1859.
 2. Mary J. b c 1841.
 3. Kindred J. b c 1849.
 4. Wiley H J. b c 1852, m Caroline M. Welborn, b c 1856, SC. She dau of Albert Gallatin and Nancy (Murphey) Ferguson Welborn.
 5. Almeda O. Jenkins, b c 1855.
 6. Martha J. J. b c 1860.
 3. Sabra Overstreet, b c 1822, m William J Husbands, May 2 1844. He b c 1822, MS. resided in Jasper Co.
 1. Sarah Isabella H. b c 1845.
 2. Elizabeth Jane H. b c 1847.
 3. Dicy Ann H. b c 1849.
 4. Kindred Braswell Overstreet, b c 1825, m Cynthia ? . b c 1833, resided in Jones Co.
 1. Joseph O, b c 1851.
 2. Zyphilia O, b c 1854.
 3. Cynthia O, b c 1857.
 4. Keziah O, b c 1859.
 5. Kindred ? O.
 6. Sabra O.
 7. Jand O. m Mr. Collins.
 5. Keziah Goodwin O. b June 1827, m William Merrell in 1847, he son of Abel and Eliza (Cooley) Merrell, b in 1821, d 1883. He buried in Pleasant Grove Cem, Clarke Co, MS.
 1. Susan Merrell, b c 1848.
 2. Mary M. b c 1850.
 3. William Wallace M. b Aug 1851, m Julia A. ? . b Jan 1853, resided near Shubuta, Clarke Co.
 - a. Laura M. b c 1878.
 - b. ? M. dau b 1880.
 - c. William V. M. b May 1887.
 - d. Beula B. M. b Jun 1889.
 - e. Clara ? M. b Nov 1891.
 - f. Wilton M. b May 1894.
 4. Lazarus M. b c 1854.
 5. Sarah M. b c 1856.
 6. W. Abel M. b c 1858.

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

7. Enoch G. M. b Jan 1860, m Sarah R. ? . b Mar 1866, resided in Perry Co MS.
 - a. William G. M b Apr 1885.
 - b. Bessie K. M. b Sep 1890.
 - c. Don W. M. b Jan 1893.
 - d. Nola A. Merrell, b Mar 1895.
 - e. Cortez M. b Feb 1897.
 - f. Pearl M. M. b Jul 1899.
8. Eliza M. b c 1863.
9. ?? M. b Oct. 1866, m Kate ? b Mar 1879 resided Jasper Co.
6. Seleda O, b c 1829, m Allen Smith, b c 1815, resided Perry Co MS.
 - a. Parthenia Smith, b c 1847.
 - b. Rachel S. b c 1853.
 - c. Martha S. b c 1859.
 - d. Thomas, S. b c 1862.
 - e. Aleada? S. b c 1865.
 - f. Andrew S. b c 1831.
7. Stephen O. b c 1831.
8. Thomas Jacob H. O. b c 1833, m Sarah Elbryna Johnson in 1854, Clark Co MS. She b Mar 1838, they moved to Jackson Co MS.
 1. Jacob A. O. b c 1855.
 2. Isabella A. O. b c 1857.
 3. Ellis G. O, b Feb 1860. m L. E. ? . b Apr 1856, resided Jackson Co.
 - a. Dixie O. b Apr 1888.
 - b. Georgie O, b May 1890.
 - c. Clemon O. b Apr 1892,
 - d. Horace O. b Jul 1895.
 4. Seleda, O, b c 1862.
 5. Martha, O. b c 1864.
 6. Eugenia O. b c 1866.
 7. John Quincey O. b Jan 1869, m Lula Holifield, Sep 1, 1897. Perry Co MS. she b Sep 1881.
 - a. Clemmie O. b Apr 1899.
 8. Savilia T.? O. b c 1871.
 9. William Sharkey O, b 1874, d Jun 30, 1906. Member of the Dixie Masonic Lodge in Jackson Co.
 10. Kindred W. O. b c 1876.
 11. Sabria Amperdia O, b Feb 1878, d May 9, 1915, member of Dixie Masonic Lodge.
 12. Ferdinand G. O. b Jun 1879.
 13. Jane A. O. step-dau b Dec 1882.
9. William W. H. O. b c 1835, d in the Civil War. m Julia H. Welborn, b c 1842 SC. she dau of Albert Gallitin and Nancy (Murphy) Ferguson Welborn, she m William Lane Walters after Wm O died.
10. John O, b c 1840 d c 1865, m Samantha Elizabeth Ratliff, b c 1841, she dau of Joseph G. and Sarah A. Ratliff. After John's death she resided in Jasper Co in 1870 and 1880.
 1. Thomas Jefferson O. b c 1861.
 2. Parthenia Othelia O. b Nov 4. 1864, d May 23, 1924, Jasper Co. m Albert Brown Harrington, b Sep 8 1860, Jasper, d Mar 18 1907, in Magee, Simpson Co MS
 1. Samuel Jones Harrington, b Apr 23, 1888. Paulding, Jasper Co d Apr 16, 1970 in Hattiesburg, MS. He m Ada Lee Thompson, b Dec 22, 1891, Moselle, Jones Co MS, she dau of Jack and Minerva Jane (Peck) Thompson.
 11. Daniel O. b c 1844.
 12. Rachel O, b c 1846.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JAMES O / SON OF JOHN AND CATHERINE O. M FRANCIS BLAKELY. I SENT THIS OUT ONCE BEFORE. BUT WILL AGAIN IF ANYONE WANTS.

Dave

Notes for Zythilia Goodwin:

Also know as Zilpa.

Zilpa Tombstone inscription reads, "In Memory of Zilpa wife of S Overstreet, she was born February 10, 1797 and died October 12, 1849." Also shown as February 10, 1797. Died of liver disease. Also shown as October 12, 1849.

More About Zyphilia Goodwin:

Burial: Unknown, Goodwater Farm

Child of Stephen Overstreet and Zyphilia Goodwin is:

129 i. Keziah Goodwin Overstreet, born 1828; died 1912; married William (Put) Merrill 1847.

272. Charles Merrill¹⁹, born Nov 1761 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died 14 Oct 1822 in Pendleton County, SC. He was the son of **544. Benjamin Merrill** and **545. Jemima Smith**. He married **273. Elizabeth ??** 23 May 1783.

273. Elizabeth ??, died Aft. 1843.

Notes for Charles Merrill:

1761: From Capt. Benjamin Merrill and the Merrill Family of North Carolina by William Earnest Merrill:

Charles, the fifth son of Capt. Benjamin and Jemima Smith Merrill was born in November 1761, served in Salisbury District Militia during the Revolution & received his pay in a land grant on March 24, 1784. He was not in Rowan when the 1790 census was taken. It is thought that he went to South Carolina.

Pendleton County, South Carolina, where Charles was thought to have eventually gone and where Abel Merrell was thought to be born in 1793 was formed from Indian Lands in 1789 in the northeast corner of South Carolina. In 1826, Pendleton County was abolished and divided into Anderson and Pickens County. Pickens was divided into Pickens and Oconee County in 1868.

1777: 7 May Jacob Wiseman and Robert Moore were asked to arbitrate a matter over the estate of Benjamin Merrill between Harmon Butner and the Merrill children, Samuel, John, Andrew, William, Benjamin, Penelope, Boyd McCreary and Anna who have interests of Charles, Elijah and Jonathan. Butner was ordered May 9, 1777 to appear in court with Charles, Elijah and Jonathan, orphans of Benjamin Merrill "to be dealt with as the law required." At the next court, Charles, age 15, was to be bound to his brother John who was to teach him the art of being a master blacksmith and to receive a set of tools when he came of age "besides what the law required." Elijah was bound to his oldest brother Samuel to learn the weaver's trade. Samuel was to give him a loom and tackle. Jonathan was bound to his brother-in-law, Boyd McCreary.

1790: Charles, Benjamin, William were in Laurens County, South Carolina in 1790 with 2 males under 16 and 2 females. In 1800 he was in Mudlick Creek, Pendleton District, South Carolina, age (26-45), with 2 males 2 females (under 10); 1 male (10-16) and 1 female(16-26).

1794: Charles Merrill's grandfather Andrew Smith's will was proved (Liber 35, Folio 114, Dept. State, Hopewell, New Jersey.

One Spanish Pestole to her forever, if it should so happen that my Daughter Jemima Should become poor and Needy in this life I do Require my Exers to give her Reasonable Relief out of my estate. I also give and devise to my Daughter Jemima's children that she bear to Benjamin Merrill to Wit: Samuel, John, Andrew, William, Charles, Elijah, and Jonathan Merrill, Anna McCleary, and Penelope Merrill to all and each of them severally fifty pounds.

1800: US Census, Pendleton District, South Carolina (speculated members of family): Charles Merrell Household consisted of 1 male 26-45 (1755-1774) (Charles b. 1761); 1 male 10-16 (1784-1790) (William b. abt 1785); 1 male 0-10 (1790-1800) (Benjamin b. 1791); 1 male 0-10 (1790-1800) (Abel b. 1793); 1 female 16-26 (1774-1784) (Elizabeth-dates must be incorrect); 2 female 0-10 (1790-1800)

1801: Charles is mentioned in his mother's (Jemima Smith Merrell Butner) will dated 7 May 1801. He is to receive shares in money of value of three slaves, Hagar, Rose, James, David.

1803: Jemima Smith Merrell Butner's will probated in 1803 mentions sons Samuel, the eldest, Andrew, Jonathan, Charles and Elijah. Daughters Nancy and Elline.

1843: According to descendants, widow Elizabeth lived with son Benjamin and family in Marshall Co, AL until her death. In the 1840s, Charles Merrill's widow, Elizabeth, filed a Revolutionary War pension claim based on Charles' alleged service. At the time she was in Marshall Co, AL and stated that Charles had died in 1822. A witness

stated that Charles was a son of Benjamin Merrill who was hanged by the British. The pension was denied.

Application for Pension from the National Archives. State of Alabama. Marshall County On the 25th day of September 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber and acting Justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforementioned Elizabeth Merrill wife and relict of Charles Merrill deceased who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed 4th day of July 1838 and the 23rd August 1842 granting pensions to Widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War---That she is the widow of Charles Merrill who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War but how long he served, she is not able to declare She only knows of one person in this county who was known to the service and marriage of her husband (viz) Peter Headrick who lives 200 miles off She also declares that she was married to the said Charles Merrill on the 23 day of May Seventeen hundred and eighty five That her husband died on or about 14 Oct. 1822 that she was not married to him prior to his Commission of Service. but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety five (viz) at the time above Stated She further declares that she is still a Widow---She hereby relinquishes any claim which was to a pension annuity except to present what her entitlements is with any Pension within the acuity in any state in the Union. Sworn to and subscribed on this day and year above written before. Jessee Tipton Justice of the Peace In agitation to the above she also declares that she is befallen health from age and is sickly of attending in court of Recorder as is required if well. Elizabeth Merrill (MARK)

We Isaac Moore and William S. Sibley residing in the county and state aforesaid hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Elizabeth Merrill who has subscribed and Sworn to the above declaration that we believe her to be (blank) years of age and that She is represented and believed in the neighborhood where she resides to be the Widow and relict of Charles Merrill decd a Revolutionary Soldier as She declares and that we concur in that opinion. Isaac Moore William A. Sibley Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Jessee Tipton A Justice of the peace from the county and State aforesaid. Washington T. May Judge of the county and state aforesaid do hereby declare my opinion officiating the making of the claim of Elizabeth Merrill

The above named applicant is the Widow of Charles Merrill died a Revolutionary soldier and who is so reputed in the neighborhood where she lives - And I do further state that Isaac Moore and William S. Sibley are credible presenters and that their Statements entitled to credit. Richard Randles clerk of the county court of Marshall county and State of Alabama do hereby certify that Judge Tipton whose name appears to the above declaration is an acting Justice of the Peace and his oath and doings entitled to full facts and credit given under my hand and Seal (having no Seal of office) This the 25th day of September 1843 Testo Richard T. Randles Clerk state do hereby certify that Richard T. Randles whose name appears to the above Certificate as clerk of the county and State aforesaid is clerk of the county court and his oath and doings entitled to full faith and credit as such. Given under my hand and Seal this the 25th day of September 1843 Washington T. May Judge

Affidavit of John Cunningham: John Cunningham of the county of Cherokee and state of Alabama was personally acquainted with Charles Merrill the deceased Husband of the applicant Elizabeth Merrill in the state of North Carolina roan County. That he was always known and reported as a Revolutionary Soldier in the county in which he lived

and died - and that Elizabeth Merrill was the lawful Wife of the aforesaid Charles Merrill that She has never married Since the decease of her husband - that she is Still living or was at the time this Decator was made out on the day and date above specified - that She is a very infirm and helpless old Lady and her Statements are entitled to the greatest confidence to pass so far as the recollection of her impaired memory can Swear ---Her

marriage took place as Stated above in the declaration I also further declare that Charles Merrill was a Son of Benjamin Merrill who was hung by the British at Hillsboro North Carolina--John Cunningham. Sworn to and Subscribed before me R. E. Sawyer Justice of the peace in for the county and State aforesaid this 22nd November 1843.

Rejected Pension NC R7126. From Records from Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, National Archives. Marshall County, Alabama. September 25, 1843. Elizabeth Merrill, wife of Charles Merrill, makes declaration: That she was married to Charles Merrill May 23, 1783, and that he died about 1822. That she knows little of his service and the only man who would know lives 200 miles away. John Cunningham, Cherokee County, Alabama, knew the above applicant and husband in North Carolina in Roan County, and that Charles Merrel was known as a Revolutionary soldier. That Elizabeth Merrell is deserving of credit, is old and unable to appear at court. Furthermore, that Charles Merrel was son of Benjamin Merrell, who was hung by the British at Hillsboro, North Carolina. That Charles and Elizabeth Merrell were married in North Carolina. REJECTED (Above pension documents provided by Dorris McKinney).

More About Charles Merrill and Elizabeth ??:
Marriage: 23 May 1783

Children of Charles Merrill and Elizabeth ?? are:

- i. James Merrill¹⁹, died Unknown.
- ii. Peter Merrill¹⁹, died Unknown.
- iii. William Merrill¹⁹, born Abt. 1785; died Unknown.
- iv. Benjamin Merrill¹⁹, born 1791; died 1854.

Notes for Benjamin Merrill:

Benjamin Merrill, son of Charles Merrill, was a blacksmith. His first wife was a Cherokee lady named Nancy Thompson by whom he had 4 children. He then married Margaret and they had children Rutha Emaline, Beverly, Morgan and Martha Jane. He acquired 640 acres of Cherokee land through his marriage to Nancy Thompson, which was called the Merrill Reservation. He was listed as being one of the population of Sims settlement and signed the petition from intruders on Chickasaw lands to President James Madison, dated 5 September 1810, Mississippi Territory, Elk River, Sims Settlement. While there was a Sims settlement of about 100 families on Elk River, the settlers who signed the petition had settled on other tributaries of the Tennessee in present-day Limestone County, Alabama, and Giles County, Tennessee and other areas. More than 50 of the original 1810 petition signers, 16 of whom had been removed from their homes in 1809, did not abandon their original intention to live in the new land and are listed in the Limestone County census. Some of them had bought land in Madison County before returning to Limestone county. Others seem to have survived all the removals and ultimately secured their place in the new county. When civil government was organized, Benjamin Merrill and Thomas Redus became justices of the peace and James Slaughter became sheriff. When the Cherokees ceded their lands in the treaty of 1835, the U.S. Government in turn gave each the option to settle on a 160 acre tract of land of their choice, or move out West to reservations. The Cherokees were given this choice before the white man was allowed to move into the newly ceded territory north of the Tennessee River. Six Indian families assumed English names and acquired the lands by right of preemption. They were: Wade, who settled the section near present Guntersville Dam; Harrison, whose land was near the Capehart place at Columbus City; Edward Gunter, who settled the Dr. L. D. Lusk farm just north of the present George Houston River Bridge; Merrell, who settled Merrell Mountain across the river from Cottonville; Orr, who settled near the Marshall-Jackson line; and Robinson whose section was near the present Guntersville Dam. It is interesting to note that one or two full-blooded Indian families remained in Marshall County as late as World War I. Official TVA maps still list the boundaries which the original six Indian families selected. (Information provided by Dorris McKinney)

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- v. Abel Merrill, born 1793 in Pendleton County, SC; died 1866 in Jasper County, MS; married (1) Thomas Abt. 1815; married (2) Eliza Cooley Abt. 1818 in Wayne County, MS.
 - vi. John Merrill¹⁹, died Unknown.
 - vii. Benjamin Merrill¹⁹, born 1759; died 1854.

274. Sr. William C. Cooley, born Abt. 1780 in Darlington County, SC; died Bef. 1850 in Jasper County, MS. He was the son of **548. John A. Cooley** and **549. Rachel**. He married **275. Nancy Bounds** 1800 in South

Carolina.

275. Nancy Bounds, born 1784 in South Carolina or Kentucky; died 1858 in Jasper County, MS.

More About William Cooley and Nancy Bounds:

Marriage: 1800, South Carolina

Children of William Cooley and Nancy Bounds are:

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- i. Eliza Cooley, born 1804 in South Carolina or Kentucky; died 1873 in Jasper County, MS; married Abel Merrill Abt. 1818 in Wayne County, MS.
 - ii. Mary Elizabeth Cooley, born 03 Jul 1804 in South Carolina or Kentucky; died Abt. 1880 in Jasper County, MS.
 - iii. Herbert Cooley, born 1806 in South Carolina; died Dec 1867.
 - iv. Mary Saphronia Cooley, born 24 Aug 1808 in Darlington County, SC; died 1869 in Burleson, Tarrant County, TX.

Notes for Mary Saphronia Cooley:
Also known as Polly.

More About Mary Saphronia Cooley:
Burial: Unknown, Lee County, TX

- v. Nelson Cooley, born 1810 in South Carolina; died 1860.
- vi. William C. Cooley, born 1811 in Darlington County, SC; died Bet. 1875 - 1880 in Jasper County, MS; married Mary Polly Davis Abt. 1830 in Wayne County, MS; born 1815 in Darlington County, SC; died Aft. 1880 in Jasper County, MS.

More About William Cooley and Mary Davis:
Marriage: Abt. 1830, Wayne County, MS

- vii. Daniel Cooley, born 1818 in Wayne County, MS; died 23 May 1903 in Calcasieu Parish, LA.

More About Daniel Cooley:
Burial: Unknown, Hopewell Cemetery, Beauregard Parish, LA

- viii. Little Berry Cooley, born 20 Jul 1821 in Wayne County, MS; died 23 May 1903 in Calcasieu Parish, LA; married Milly Ann Arrington 01 Nov 1849; born 26 Feb 1825; died 1846.

More About Little Berry Cooley:
Burial: Unknown, Hopewell Cemetery, Beauregard Parish, LA

More About Little Cooley and Milly Arrington:
Marriage: 01 Nov 1849

- ix. Martha Cooley, born 1824 in Wayne County, MS; died 01 Jan 1867.
- x. Ira Cooley, born 11 Jan 1825 in Wayne County, MS; died 17 Aug 1908 in Calcasieu Parish, LA; married Bethsheba Arrington 1845; born 17 Feb 1823 in Mississippi; died 14 Dec 1908 in Calcasieu Parish, LA.

Notes for Ira Cooley:
Confederate veteran

More About Ira Cooley:
Burial: Unknown, Hagar Cemetery, Calcasieu Parish, LA

Notes for Bethsheba Arrington:
Also known as Basheba.

More About Bethsheba Arrington:
Burial: Unknown, Hagar Cemetery, Calcasieu Parish, LA

More About Ira Cooley and Bethsheba Arrington:
Marriage: 1845

- xi. Middleton Cooley, born 1826 in Wayne County, MS; died 1873 in Texas; married Ellender Arrington

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

1850; born 11 Jul 1829 in Mississippi; died 1868 in Milam County, TX.

More About Middleton Cooley and Ellender Arrington:

Marriage: 1850

- xii. John E. Cooley, born 01 Jun 1828 in Wayne County, MS; died 28 Jun 1906 in Jasper County, MS.

More About John E. Cooley:

Burial: Unknown, Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Jasper County, MS

276. Arthur Arrington, died Unknown. He married **277. Milly Ann**.

277. Milly Ann, died 15 Nov 1850.

Children of Arthur Arrington and Milly are:

- i. William James Arrington, died Unknown.
ii. Sarah Arrington, born 23 Mar 1809; died Unknown.
138 iii. Ezekiel Arrington, born 01 Mar 1814; died 12 Aug 1864; married Adeline Cooley.
iv. Thomas Arrington, born 30 Mar 1816 in South Carolina; died Unknown; married Temperance Merrill; born 1848; died 1883.

Notes for Temperance Merrill:

Also known as Tempy.

- v. Burrel Arrington, born 17 Dec 1818; died 23 Dec 1892.
vi. Polly Arrington, born 07 Dec 1820; died Unknown.
vii. Bethsheba Arrington, born 17 Feb 1823 in Mississippi; died 14 Dec 1908 in Calcasieu Parish, LA; married Ira Cooley 1845; born 11 Jan 1825 in Wayne County, MS; died 17 Aug 1908 in Calcasieu Parish, LA.

Notes for Bethsheba Arrington:

Also known as Basheba.

More About Bethsheba Arrington:

Burial: Unknown, Hagar Cemetery, Calcasieu Parish, LA

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- viii. Milly Ann Arrington, born 26 Feb 1825; died 1846; married Little Berry Cooley 01 Nov 1849; born 20 Jul 1821 in Wayne County, MS; died 23 May 1903 in Calcasieu Parish, LA.

More About Little Berry Cooley:

Burial: Unknown, Hopewell Cemetery, Beauregard Parish, LA

More About Little Cooley and Milly Arrington:

Marriage: 01 Nov 1849

- ix. Ellender Arrington, born 11 Jul 1829 in Mississippi; died 1868 in Milam County, TX; married Middleton Cooley 1850; born 1826 in Wayne County, MS; died 1873 in Texas.

More About Middleton Cooley and Ellender Arrington:

Marriage: 1850

278. Kinchen Cooley, born 1780 in Leaksville Court, Green County, MS; died Jul 1858 in Green County, MS. He was the son of **548. John A. Cooley** and **549. Rachel**. He married **279. Lucy Shepherd** Abt. 1832.

279. Lucy Shepherd, born 1804 in Mississippi; died Abt. 1855.

More About Kinchen Cooley and Lucy Shepherd:
Marriage: Abt. 1832

Children of Kinchen Cooley and Lucy Shepherd are:

- 139 i. Adeline Cooley, died 09 May 1848; married Ezekiel Arrington.
- ii. Herbert Cooley, died Unknown.
- iii. Harriet Cooley, died Unknown.
- iv. Ruth Cooley, died Unknown.
- v. Lorene Cooley, died Unknown.
- vi. Mahalia Cooley, born 1835 in Mississippi; died Aft. 1900 in Green County, MS.

Notes for Mahalia Cooley:
Also known as Haley.

280. Thomas Morris, born 1752; died 1844. He was the son of **560. Robert Morris**.

Child of Thomas Morris is:

- 140 i. William Morris, born Abt. 1779 in Near Marion, McDowell County, NC; died Unknown; married Dora Smith 1805 in Jasper County, MS.

288. Capt. John Collins, born 09 Dec 1760 in Frederick County, Maryland; died 08 Mar 1852 in Cobb County, Ga.. He married **289. Phoebe Sailors** 30 Nov 1786 in Burke County, Ga..

289. Phoebe Sailors, died Unknown.

Notes for Capt. John Collins:
Collins, John
State of Georgia
Hall County Pension Papers

On this the ____ day of September, 1832, personally appeared, in open court before Ezechel Buffington, Joseph Dunegan and Thomas L. Tate, sitting a court of ordinary judges of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting, John Collins, a resident of Hall County, State of Georgia, aged seventy-one years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order too obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, to wit, volunteered under the command of Colonel Neal on the tenth day of May, 1776, he being fifteen years and five months old, and continued in service until about the last of October in the same year, the said Colonel Neal and Lieut. Colonel Watson being with the regiment alternately, that after marching about and having some small skirmishes he marched to what was then called Middle Settlement of the Cherokee Indians, General Andrew Williamson having the command and Colonel Sumpter, Thompson, Middleton and Thomas being along, that on the waters of the Tennessee River they had a general engagement with the Indians.

That sometime about the last of October, 1776, he substituted in the place of a man named Thomas Harrison in the regiment of drafted militia of South Carolina under the command of the above mentioned Colonel Neal and marched to the frontiers of Georgia to guard said frontier against the Creek Indians and Tories. The term of the militia tour in South Carolina, applicant does not distinctly recollect, but thinks it was two months. Having served out his time, he returned to South Carolina and immediately substituted in the place of one Moses Kemp in the Battalion of Horse militiamen under the command of Major Frances Ross and marched towards the Georgia line, passing General Williamson's army near Augusta, continued on and joined the army of General Ashe of Brier Creek (Ga.), and in about three days after his(?) the army was disgracefully defeated. Applicant obtained no knowledge of the officers commanding at the place except he knows General Ashe had the command, and that General Elbert was also there. After the defeat, Major Ross, with much of his men as could be found, returned to where General Williamson "lay" near Augusta. After being detained there sometime, they were disbanded about the 16th of March, 1779. Immediately after getting some ____ deponent substituted in the place of a man by the

name of McIntire (he believes Daniel) and marched in the regiment commanded by Colonel Charles McDowell and Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Tinnin, the former of Burke County, North Carolina, the latter of Hillsborough in the same state. This tour was for three months, after joining headmasters during this campaign deponent was in some small skirmishes, and in the battle at Stono, General Lincoln having the command of the army; General Pulaski was also there, together with Colonel Lewis, Mayborn, and many other officers. General John Butler commanded the regiment in which deponent was.

After being disbanded, deponent returned home sometime in September, 1779, and shortly after substituted in the place of a man by the name of Nichols who was drafted in Lincoln County, North Carolina, to march to Charleston, South Carolina. Deponent marched to Charleston and encamped within a mile and a half of the city until the expiration of his tour, doing no active service, nor mixing with any other troops during the time. Deponent further states that there were four regiments of the North Carolina under the command of General Lillington, Colonel Hampton, and Lieutenant Colonel Hamright, Major Henry Dixon and Major Sharp? being there, deponent being under the command of Colonel Hamright. Deponent acted during this last tour as an Orderly Sergeant. Deponent further states that about the time his tour of service at this place expired four Captains turned out to raise a regiment of volunteers to serve until the 24th day of June following, to defend Charleston against a British armed fleet then lying off Charleston. Colonel Archibald Lightti (Lytle) of Hillsborough, North Carolina and Major John Habersham took the command of these companies. Deponent enrolled himself under Captain John Lowman of Sallisburg, North Carolina. The companies were then marched into Charleston and regular discipline commenced, when Colonel Lytle took deponent from the ranks and appointed him Sergeant Major in which capacity he acted as long as the regiment stood the siege, having lasted about forty-two days, at which time General Lincoln capitulated and made a surrender of Charleston, when the American army became prisoners of war. The militia and volunteers being paroled, deponent returned to Lincoln County in North Carolina, the place to which he was paroled, and after the British over run all South Carolina, Colonel Ferguson marched into the upper part of the State when deponent was taken and carried to his camp, accused with a break of parole, tried for his life and sentenced to be hung, but fortunately effected his escape. This circumstance, and the confused state of the country, induced deponent to - _____ (missing text). Deponent inability to attach himself to a regular army in manner he wished, he fell in with some scouting refugees from the States of Georgia and South Carolina under no regularity of discipline, each one coming and going as he pleased and remained with them until after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina. During this time, he was at the Battle of Kings Mountain where Ferguson was killed and all his men killed or taken. At this battle Colonel Campbell, Cleveland, Shelby and Sevier commanded with some other field officers. Deponent was also at the Battle of Cowpens where General Morgan defeated Colonel Tarleton, deponent and his party getting there after the engagement had commenced and leaving the same night, knows but little of the officers. He recollects, however, that General Morgan had the command and that Colonel Washington was there with his Dragoons. Also recollects a Major Pickens who was there. At Guilford Courthouse the case was pretty much the same. The party with whom deponent went got there after the fighting commenced and left the army the next morning. Deponent had now been about six months with a party of men who(?) no regularity. Sometimes consisting of seventy or eighty men and sometimes not more than ten, sometimes calling one man captain and sometimes another. "Our practice was to keep as near the flank or rear ear of the enemy as we dare do, occasionally taking a horse or prisoner from them. Sometimes chasing a foraging party, and sometimes being chased in turn". After the Battle at Guilford Courthouse, deponent, finding himself and horse much emaciated and almost naked except a pair of buckskin breeches, quit the army and went to Henry County, Virginia, where he soon became acquainted with a colonel who informed him that the militia regiment which he commanded was called for and that he would march in a few days, and if deponent would substitute in the place of one of the drafted men, and get himself some clothes, he Colonel Penn would keep his horse well at his own expense, and when they started he would appoint him Adjutant to his regiment, which proposition deponent acceded to, and substituted in the place of one Jones. When arriving at the place of rendezvous, Colonel Penn gave deponent a certificate that he was appointed Adjutant to the regiment with the rank of Lieutenant and was to be obeyed accordingly under this appointment. Deponent remained about six months with the Virginia militia, still acting as Adjutant, though the officers and privates were relieved two or three times. He being in the line commanded by Colonels Penn, Caloway, Jones, Shippen, and Major Warless, Voger, and two others whose names he does not recollect, remained, The brigade was under the command of General Lawson. Deponent was in some slight skirmishes, one at old James Town where General Wayne fought the British with an unequal force. Deponent was also at the siege of York Town where Cornwallis was taken and deponent further states that during this campaign they had General officers with them as General Wayne, Steuben, Major Lafayette and General Washington. Shortly after Cornwallis surrender, the Virginia militia was disbanded and deponent received a certificate from Colonels Jones and Shippen and

returned to what is now called York District, South Carolina, the place of his infancy and childhood and has never seen Virginia since. He remained in South Carolina until the following March, 1782, when there being a call for the militia, he was called on to stand a draft, which he refused to do, preferring to volunteer and did so. Marched to the place of rendezvous at Orangeburg. The South Carolina Militia was badly organized and disciplined, many squads coming to their place of rendezvous without even a Sergeant with them; Colonel Will and about three Captains and three or four Lieutenants had the command of about three hundred men. Colonel Will ordered a part of the men to hold an election among themselves for officers to command them. They did and chose deponent Captain and one man named Black, Lieutenant. Colonel Winn gave deponent a certificate similar to the ones he received in Virginia. That he was elected Captain and was to be obeyed accordingly. Under said certificate, he kept the command of some men until about the last of October, though he knows of no good they did except to eat some beef and rice lying about Orangeburg. Through Isenhole, Bridget and Dorchester he remained with the army, merely for the name of being in the army and being called Captain Collins. Colonels Winn, Britton and Lyons commanded these militia occasionally.

John Collins, Senior

Georgia
Hall County

This day personally appeared before the undersigned William Carr, who being duly sworn, saith that he was personally acquainted with John Collins, the applicant in the foregoing declaration, in the Revolutionary War. Deponent saith that he became acquainted with said Collins in the Cherokee Nations when they went to war with that nation or tribe of Indians in the year of 1776. He was with him at the Battle with said Indians at the place called Black Hole. He frequently saw said Collins during the war at other Places.

his

William X Carr
mark

Source:

Bibliography:

Tennessee and Kings Mountain Papers, Draper
copied from Microfilm

University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Obtained from Guilford Courthouse Ranger by Barbara Vaillencourt

MUCH THE SAME INFORMATION AS ABOVE:

John Collins Rev. War Patriot

Pension Application in Hall County Ga.

John Collins, Sr., on Jan. 27, 1832 in Hall Co., Ga., made his declaration to obtain a Rev. soldier's pension under the Act of 1832, and stated that he was a resident of Hall county and was 73 years of age on the 9th of December, previously. He stated that he entered the service and served as follows: On or about the 1st of April of 1776, the Cherokee Indians broke out in the frontiers of South Carolina and committed many depredations, and the militia was called out; that he volunteered on May 10, 1776, as a private or militiaman under Capt. John McAfee for six months or during the campaign, and was attached to Col. Neal's Regiment; they marched to a fort on the Seneca River, which he thought was called Fort Independence, and was there six or eight weeks during which time they had frequent skirmishes with the Indians; "from there marched to what was then called the Middle Settlement of the Cherokee Nation where we had a severe engagement with the Indians and defeated them with a loss on our side of 27 killed and 73 wounded. General Andrew Williamson had command of the American Army at this place; Cols. Neal, Thomas, Middleton and Sumter (afterwards Gen. Sumter) were with the Army." After this engagement they marched through the Nation several weeks in skirmishing, then returned to the white settlement and were discharged, Oct. 26, 1776. Deponent stated that he then went to his father's (unnamed) who lived in what was then called Camden District, S.C., where he remained until Oct. 1778. when he left his father's contrary to his father's wishes, and went to where one Thomas Harrison lived, Harrison being a drafted Militiaman, and hired himself to him as a substitute for a two months' tour and was placed under command of Capt. Robert McAfee, Col. Neals Regiment. They marched to Philips 'Fort on Little River in Wilkes Co. Ga., and remained there "some weeks"; they then left a part of their detachment there and he went with other part to a place called

Powells Fort now called Powelton near the high shoals of the Ogeechee River in Ga., where they remained until relieved by other troops, was then discharged and he, the applicant or deponent, then immediately re-entered the service as a substitute for a man whose name was not recalled; the men had about a two months term to serve. After serving this term out, he started home and on the way met a battalion of drafted horsemen under Major Francis Ross, and he enlisted in it as a substitute for Moses Kemp, who was serving at the time as a private. This battalion was under Capt. Thomas Barron. They marched to where General Ashe "lay" on Brier Creek in Georgia, and a few days later his command was attacked by the British and was "shamefully defeated". After this defeat, the South Carolina Militia including himself rambled in small squad up the country to where General Williamson "lay" with a few men near Augusta. Remained there until March 17, 1779. when he was discharged after having served two months and ten days in 1778 and two months 17 days in 1779. He then started to go see his "acquaintances" who lived near the North Carolina line having no home to go to, "just as I got into the settlement where I intended going I met a man by the name of Daniel McIntire who hired me to take his place in the North Carolina Militia for three months". he (Collins) was placed under command of Capt. Benjamin Harden: Co. Charles McDowell and Lt. Col. Hugh Tinning in charge of the Regiment. "We then marched to the little village call Charlotte in Mecklenburg County N.C., and rendezvoused eight or ten days there, waiting for other troops. Then marched to Savannah opposite Augusta, Ga., and joined General Lincoln. They then marched over into Georgia down to Brier Creek, then crossed the river again and pursued the British who were on their march to Charleston. After getting to Bacon's Bridge on the Ashley River they learned the British had changed their route. Remained there several days waiting to learn the enemy's intentions, then marched to Ferguson's Swamp and were there several weeks. The enemy having entrenched themselves at Stono Inlet, they then marched there and attacked the British and drove them out. Then returned to the neighborhood of his friends on the N.C. line where he remained on two nights when a man named James Nichols came and hired him as a substitute for 3-months tour of duty as a private.

Deponent was placed under the command of Capt. James Neal and was immediately appointed Orderly Sergeant for his company and attached to the regiment under Col. Hampton and Lt. Col. Hamright. They marched to Charlotte, N.C. from there to Charleston, S.C., or the Smoke Camps near the city where they remained until the company's time expired. General Lennington commanded the brigade consisting of four regiments. The terms of the four regiments having expired, four Captains "turned out, one from each of the four regiments, to raise a company to be called the North Carolina Volunteers",. These four companies thus raised, were raised for the express purpose of defending Charleston against the British, who were then lying near the town in their ships. Deponent, Collins, enrolled himself in one of these companies under Capt. John G. Lowman; they were taken into Charleston and put under strict discipline under command of Col. Archibald Little (Lytle) of Hillsborough, N.C., Col. Little then appointed Collins as Sergeant-Major to the regiment; he served in that rank until they were all taken prisoners in the fall of Charleston. He was appointed about Dec. 1st, and they were taken prisoners about May 12th following.

Several days after the surrender, deponent was paroled to Lincoln Co. N.C.. After being at home about two months he was taken by a "parcel of Tories" and carried to where Col. Ferguson "lay" with a detachment of British and Tories; and was there charged with violating his parole, was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. But by providential occurrences he effected his escape. After this experience and due to the confused condition of the country, he decided to seek refuge in the Army, and not having it in his power to join in the manner he would have preferred, deponent "turned in" with some South Carolina and Georgia refugees "whose practices it was to harass the Tories and occasionally fire on the British regiments as they passed through the country, frequently passing them and our troops; I continued with these men until after the battle of Guilford Court House; during which time I was at Tarleton's defeat at Cowpens, at Ferguson's defeat at Kings Mountain and the battle of Guilford Court House. "After this last battle, being about without clothes and my horse reduced, I went to Henry Co. Va., where I soon became acquainted with a Col. Penn and finding or believing that I possessed some knowledge of military matters, proposed that if I would substitute in place of some one of the drafted militiamen belonging to his Battalion and there by enable myself to get some clothes he would undertake to put my horse in better condition and would give me the appointment of Adjutant of the regiment. I accordingly substituted in place of man named William Jones who had been drafted for two months. Deponent stated that they then rendezvoused at one Hubbard's where Col. Penn gave him his appointment as Adjutant with rank of Lieutenant. They then marched to Powhatan Courthouse, Va., where Col. Penn's term of service expired. Deponent was then recommended by Col. Penn to Col. Calloway and he continued as adjutant under the latter until Calloway's term expire; then Col. Jones succeeded Calloway and he retained Adjutant Collins in his rank. After the siege had started at Little York (Yorktown?..editor) he was recommended to Col. Skipper who retained him as adjutant of his regiment until after Cornwallis' surrender.

Deponent stated he entered the service under Col. Penn April 12, 1781 and was discharged Oct. 24, 1781 and during that time was in the battle of old Jamestown. After obtaining the discharge he procured a certificate from his field officers as to his conduct and their opinion of him, and returned to his old home community in Camden, S.C. where he was reared. He remained there until March of 1782, when a call for S.C. Militia draft was sent out; he volunteered as private for two months. He then found the S.C. Militia in his command badly organized " and most wretchedly disciplined, many _____ if them without a sergeant to command them. He was elected Captain, and then marched to Orangeburg Courthouse and then to Four-holes Bridge, later to Dorchester, then to Bacons Bridge. He continues as Captain until Oct. 1782 when his command was disbanded and he returned home. Deponent stated that he lost all his discharge and certificates of character, etc. when his home burned on Christmas Day , 1825, losing all his effects. He stated he was born in Frederick Co. Md., Dec. 9, 1760 and that the record of his age was taken from the record his father kept(unnamed). He was living when first called into service, in what was then called Camden District but now York District, S.C. He remained in S.C. about 4 years after the war, the moved to Elbert Co. Ga, living there nine years. Then removed to Franklin Co. Ga., lived there 18 years or until 1813 when he moved about 20 miles away to the place in Hall County where he was living at the time (1834). The application was approved and he was granted a pension of \$88.3 per year form March 4th , 1831, which he drew until his death. Pension File # 28,812 Ga.

Pension of Phoebe Sailors Collins widow of John Collins, Sr.

On Jan. 31, 1853, In Cobb County, Ga., Mrs. Phoebe Collins of that County, made her declaration to obtain a widow's pension, and deposed that she was the widow of the above John Collins, Sr., and was 82 years of age; that she and her said husband were married Nov. 30,1786 in Burke Co. Ga., and her maiden name was Sailors; that her husband died in Cobb County, near the village of Acworth, March 8,1852, age 91 years. Silas Prichard and Sanyek Carruth, residents of Cobb Co., near Acworth, testify for the widow, and said they knew her and her husband well and that the deceased and his wife had resided in Cobb County for the past 20 years, and were highly esteemed for their pure moral character and exemplary lives. They stated they had examined the old family Bible in the handwriting of John Collins, Sr.,and it shows his marriage as aforesaid.

As noted by the author the abstract is quite lengthily. This should be further investigated. Johni.

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female 16-26 b. 1794-1804
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page 133 Son James with wife(Elitha) and 1 female and 1 male both born 1810-1820.

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1850 Census of Cobb County:
Felix Collins age 50 b. 1800 living in H/H of Charles Singleton....Felix is presumed to be a son of John and Phoebe.
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More About John Collins and Phoebe Sailors:
Marriage: 30 Nov 1786, Burke County, Ga.

Child of John Collins and Phoebe Sailors is:

- 144 i. James C. Collins, born 1789 in North Carolina; died Aft. 1870 in Mississippi; married Tabitha (Elitha) Sexton 02 Jun 1817 in Jackson County, Georgia.

298. Thomas M. Northam, died Unknown.

Child of Thomas M. Northam is:

- 149 i. Mary Ann Northam, born 26 Oct 1823 in Kentucky; died 20 May 1902 in Clinton, LA E. Feliciana Parish; married James C. Jackson 26 Sep 1850 in E. Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

300. Samuel J. Dawson, born Abt. 1810 in Penn.; died Bet. 1840 - 1850 in Mississippi. He married **301. Mary Chisholm** 15 Oct 1825 in Warren County Mississippi.

301. Mary Chisholm, born Abt. 1804 in South Carolina or Kentucky; died Aft. 1850 in Mississippi. She was the daughter of **602. Samuel F. Chisholm**.

Notes for Samuel J. Dawson:

Federal Census for Monroe Co. Ms...1840 gives birth 1810-1820.

Bureau of Land Management : Sale of property 39.94 acres, filed in the Columbus Land Office. Document No. 2344, Accession /Serial No.MS0950....375.

Bureau of Land Management Survey:

Leflore County: Mt Salas Office Document No.: 25788

Accession/Serial No.: MS2050...077

Leflore County: Mt Salas Office Document No.: 25789

Accession/Serial No.: MS2050...078

Samuel Dawson was on the Federal Census for Monroe County pg. 62 which lists:

Samuel as head of household

Spouse (which would have been Mary)

male child b. 1835-1840

male child b. 1835-1840

male child b. 1830-1835 (probably Samuel James)

male child b. 1830-1835

female child b. 1830-1835 (probably Elizabeth)

His occupation was listed as a farmer

The census in 1850 for Attala County does not list Samuel but lists Mary as head of household. After their marriage Samuel and Mary lived in Yazoo County. This is evidenced by the Civil War papers on their son Samuel James Dawson which lists his birthplace as Yazoo County.

1840 Monroe County, Ms. Federal Census page 62

Samuel Dawson age 20-30

female " 20-30 (this would be Mary)

male " 5-10 (Samuel James)

female " 5-10 (Elizabeth)

male " 5-10

male " 0-5

male " 0-5

NOTE: This could be the brother of Samuel J. Dawson, Sr.
1840 Federal Census on the same page as Samuel and Mary.
Dawson, John age 20-30 (born between 1810-1820)

female " 20-30
male " 0-5
female " 0-5

This family on the 1841 Ms. State Census for this county.

1841 Survey of land made by Bureau of Land Management for 39.94 acres of land.

1841 Mississippi State Census Monroe County

1845 Mississippi State Census Monroe County

Note** Between the 1845 and 1850 Census Samuel Dawson Sr. died. Was it in Monroe or Attala County?

1850 Federal Census for Attala County, Ms. page 150

Dawson, Mary age 46 born S.C.

Sam J. " 16 " Ms. farmer

Elizabeth " 20 " Ms.

Where are the brothers???

NOTE: Mary's father Samuel F. was on previous Census for Attala County, Had he died by this census. When did she and her family move to Attala County?

1857 Samuel James married Sarah Elizabeth Tatum in Yazoo County.

More About Samuel J. Dawson:

Census: 1840, Monroe County Mississippi

Property: 01 Feb 1841, Monroe County Mississippi; Property: Bureau of Land Mgt. survey

More About Samuel Dawson and Mary Chisholm:

Marriage: 15 Oct 1825, Warren County Mississippi

Children of Samuel Dawson and Mary Chisholm are:

- i. Elizabeth Dawson, born Abt. 1830 in Mississippi; died Unknown; married L. G. Harrelson 19 Dec 1857 in Yazoo City, MS; died Unknown.

More About L. Harrelson and Elizabeth Dawson:

Marriage: 19 Dec 1857, Yazoo City, MS

- ii. Male Dawson, born Bet. 1830 - 1835 in Mississippi; died Unknown.
- 150 iii. CSA Samuel James Dawson, born 08 May 1833 in Yazoo City, MS; died 13 Apr 1904 in Mechanicsberg, Mississippi, Yazoo Co; married Sarah Elizabeth Tatum 30 Dec 1857 in Yazoo City, MS.
- iv. Male Dawson, born Bet. 1835 - 1840 in Mississippi; died Unknown.

304. Sr. James White, Sr., born Bet. 1780 - 1790; died Unknown. He married **305. Sarah E. White.**

305. Sarah E. White, died Unknown.

Notes for Sr. James White, Sr.:

It is difficult to determine if James White was also known as William.

1832 William White voted in the county election for County Officials.

1834 William listed on the first County Census for Cherokee County, Ga. 6 white persons, no gender separations.

1838 Land Lottery for Cherokee Co. Ga...List Martin White resident of Lunceford, Elbert Co., Ga. was allocated land parcel #34, 22nd district, third section. This was granted previous to Jan. 1, 1838.**** this could have been son James M. which is believed to be James Martin White.

1840 Census Cherokee County: enumeration dist. 818 page 166 known as Bells Dist.

James white age 60-70 farmer and 1 tradesman
Female " 50-60 (this would be Sarah E.
Female " 15-20
Male " 20-30
Male " 15-20
Female " 5-10
2 slaves.

Land Purchases in Cherokee County Ga:

Jan. 10, 1837 40 ac. from Alford Allen \$175.00
July 13, 1837 10 ad. " Ferdinand Baily \$100.00
May 18, 1837 40 ac. boutht at auction \$ 25.00
Nov. 16, 1837 40 ac. from Thomas Hilliard \$ 100.00

1840 Federal Census lists:

William White	Ed. 792	age	50-60
James White	Ed 818 (Bells Dist.)	"	60-70
Hugh White	Ed. 818 " "	"	30-40
Thomas T.	Ed. 823	"	30-40
Stephen	Ed. 892	"	20-30
Charity	Ed. 892 (female)	"	40-50

1850 neither William nor James listed.

Child of James White and Sarah White is:

152 i. James M. White, born 1809 in Ga.; died 1890 in Cherokee County, GA; married Caroline Narcissus Gatlin 26 Jan 1837 in Green County, GA.

308. Samuel Brightwell, born Abt. 1780 in Lynchburg, Campbell Co. Va.; died Abt. 1945 in Clark Co., GA. He married **309. Francis Berry** 29 Aug 1809 in Oglethorpe Co. Georgia.

309. Francis Berry, born Abt. 1793; died Nov 1872 in Walton Co., Georgia. She was the daughter of **618. William Berry** and **619. Susannah Taylor**.

Notes for Samuel Brightwell:

The earliest record of Samuel in Georgia: Witnessed a deed on March,18, 1897, Deed Book S-E 1794-1809 Oglethorpe County, Georgia by Frank Parker Hudson, Library of Congress # 99-72621 October 12, 1805 Charles Sims of Oglethorpe Co. Ga. to Samuel Brightwell of Elbert Co. 100 acres for \$400. Book E-pg. 63 Land when surveyed was in Wilkes Co. granted to Reuben McLroy by Gov. George Matthews March 7, 1794.

Book E pgl17 records purchase of land that is next to Samuel Brightwell, Dec. 10, 1805.

Page 64 Same date, Dec. 10, 1805 sale of 40 acres by same person to Samuel for \$100 which was original land grant of Zachriah Lawrence by Gov. Edward Telfair on April 9, 1792

Page 165, April 26, 1806, it appears that Samuel is still in Elbert County, sold the same 140 acres for \$400 to James Noel Oglethorpe.

Page 372 November 24, 1806 witness the purchase of another purchase of land.

Page 377 November 31, 1807 To Samuel from John B. Binford for \$325,130 acres on Cloud's Creek.

Page 376 March 24, 1808 Samuel of Oglethorpe from Mordicia Hill, for\$497, 179 acres on Little Beaver Dam Creek.

Page 201 December 18, 1818 Samuel Brightwell to Thomas Bridges, both of Oglethorpe County, for \$345, 130 acres on Cloud's Creek adj. to Amos Ponder, Deceased, Mark Harvell, Thomas Paine, William Clifts signed Samuel Brightwell. Witness John Hardman, Thomas Raines, Abner Ponder, J.P.

Oglethorpe County, Georgia U.S. Census September 1, 1810 had mail waiting at Post Office in Lexington, Georgia.

1810 Samuel Brightwell appeared on page 38 of the Oglethorpe County Tax Digest. R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation. an Index to Georgia Tax Digest 1809-1811. Vol. IV(Spartenburg, South Carolina: The Reprint Company 1986) pg 12.

Page 151 September 5, 1811 property description of sale names property adjoining his on Cloud's Creek.

1820 federal Census Samuel Brightwell Oglethorpe County, Ga.

1821 Georgia Land Lottery: Samuel Brightwell of Huffs District, Oglethorpe County was lot 18, drew for Henry County, Georgia.

1830 Federal Census for Jackson County, Ga. Samuel Brightwell

More About Samuel Brightwell and Francis Berry:
Marriage: 29 Aug 1809, Oglethorpe Co. Georgia

Children of Samuel Brightwell and Francis Berry are:

- i. Martha Brightwell, born Abt. 1811; died Unknown; married John Wood 02 Jun 1831 in Clark Co. Georgia; died Unknown.

More About John Wood and Martha Brightwell:
Marriage: 02 Jun 1831, Clark Co. Georgia

- 154 ii. Marshall Floyd Brightwell, born Abt. 1813 in Oglethorpe Co. Georgia; died Apr 1870 in Bartow Co., Georgia; married Mary Jane Hatcher 05 Aug 1844 in DeKalb Co. Georgia.
- iii. William Barnett Brightwell, born 30 Dec 1816 in Oglethorpe Co. Georgia; died 15 Dec 1899 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA; married (1) Mary Adoline Cain Abt. 1841 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA; born Abt. 1827; died Abt. 1885 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA; married (2) Delilah Reid Nov 1888 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA; died Unknown.

More About William Brightwell and Mary Cain:
Marriage: Abt. 1841, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA

- iv. Frances Susan Brightwell, born Abt. 1822; died Aft. 1880; married John Hannay 22 Apr 1841 in Clark Co. Georgia; born Abt. 1798 in Scotland; died Abt. 1848 in Clarke County, Ga.

Notes for John Hannay:
Clark County Georgia:

Susan was listed in the house next door to her mother on the following census years: 1850, 1860, 1870 . In 1880 Francis Berry Brightwell , her mother, has died two years earlier and her sister Caroline "Calin" was living with Susan Hanney, a widow.

Information from Keith Moody at genealogykeith@Yahoo.com . John and Frances Susan Brightwell Hanney were his great-grandparents.

More About John Hannay and Frances Brightwell:
Marriage: 22 Apr 1841, Clark Co. Georgia

- v. Mary E. Brightwell, born Abt. 1825; died Bef. 1880 in Douglas County, Ga; married Wilson Lumpkin Davenport 08 Jan 1846 in Clark Co. Georgia; born 21 Jun 1834 in Kentucky; died 07 Feb 1911 in Clem, Carroll County, Ga..

More About Mary E. Brightwell:
Burial: Unknown, Flint Hill Methodist Church Cem.

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

Notes for Wilson Lumpkin Davenport:

Information from Keith Moody:

Fact: Wilson , Methodist Minister was instrumental in establishing Clem Methodist Church, Carroll County, Ga.

1846 Georgia Factory District Tax: Wilson Davenport

1880 Federal Census for Douglas County, Ga. Fairplay District..

Davenport, William (should be Wilson) L. age 55 b. Ky parents b. Va.

Amanda C. " 24b. Ga. father Ky. mother Ga.

Harriet F. "22 b. Ga. " "

Andrew M. " 16b. Ga. " "

George W. " 14b. Ga. " "

Note from Keith Moody: Wilson is listed as William but definitely is Wilson Davenport. Mary Brightwell Davenport had died by 1880 census.

Wilson, James M. and Sarah J. Brightwell Wilson (daughter of Wilson and Mary E.)

James and Susan were married in 1879.

1900 Federal Census Carroll County Ga. ED 12 pg. 19

Davenport, W. L. b. June 1824 Ky.

Emma b. Mar. 1840 Ga. parents b. S.C.

Fannie b. Feb. 1866 Ga. (last child of Wilson and Mary E.)

Note: Keith Moody. Emma second marriage of W.L. they had no children.

Davenports buried in the Methodist Church Cem:

Rev. W.L. June 21, 1824-Feb. 1911

Dana V. 1912-1912

Krama D. 1912-1912

Evelyn 1907-1912

Emily Grimes ____-1917

George W. Apr. 9, 1866-May 1961

Lottie V. Oct. 25, 1875-Dec. 18, 1966

More About Wilson Lumpkin Davenport:

Occupation: Methodist Minister

Marriage Notes for Mary Brightwell and Wilson Davenport:

More About Wilson Davenport and Mary Brightwell:

Marriage: 08 Jan 1846, Clark Co. Georgia

- vi. Calendar Brightwell, born 21 Jun 1827 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA; died 04 May 1872 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA; married William J. Bell 08 Jan 1846 in Clark Co. Georgia; died Unknown.

Marriage Notes for Calendar Brightwell and William Bell:

William Bell left Calendar after William Henry was born. By family history he may have married her niece. Also noted that Calender listed her occupation as a prostitute on one census. This has not been verified.

Information sent by Virginia Gibson e-mail : Txgensearcher @ aol.com... this information received June 4, 1996.

More About William Bell and Calendar Brightwell:

Marriage: 08 Jan 1846, Clark Co. Georgia

- vii. Harriet Brightwell, born Abt. 1830; died Unknown.
- viii. Amanda Caroline Brightwell, born 21 Jun 1833; died Aug 1903 in Kennesaw, Cobb County, Ga.

More About Amanda Caroline Brightwell:

Burial: Unknown, Kennesaw Cem. Cobb County, Ga.

- ix. Ophelia Brightwell, born 22 Jan 1836; died 18 Aug 1892 in Kennesaw , Cobb County, Ga; married Irvin L. Robertson 03 Jun 1858 in Kennesaw , Cobb County, Ga; died Unknown.

More About Irvin Robertson and Ophelia Brightwell:
Marriage: 03 Jun 1858, Kennesaw , Cobb County, Ga.

310. Napoleon B. Hatcher, died Abt. Apr 1842 in DeKalb Co. Georgia. He married **311. Nancy** Bet. 1790 - 1800.

311. Nancy, born Bet. 1790 - 1800; died Unknown.

Notes for Napoleon B. Hatcher:

Note From Nel Hatcher: Nelhatch@hills.net

Hatcher, N. B., pvt, served in Jones' Company of Lindsays Georgia Mtd. Mil. in Cherokee War. (Cherokee Was was from 1836-1838.

Baldwin County, Georgia Newspaper clippings..Union Recorder Vol IV1840-1842

Feb. 15, 1842: Reuben Ramsey applies for letters of administration on the estate of Nepoleon Hatcher.

Aug. 2, 1842 : Dekalb County, notice of sale of property belonging to the estate of Nepoleon B. Hatcher

Court Records Dekalb County, Georgia:

May Term 1842 pg. 4 Rhuben Rumsey named Administrator of the estate of Nepoleon B. Hatcher

June 23, 1842 Probate Court Book A page 15:

Appraisement of Goods and Chattel of Nepoleon B. Hatcher.. Owned 350acres of land.

January Term 1843 page 16.. Reuben Rumsey made appeal to court for leave to sell the real estate of N. B. Hatcher. Deed granted to R. Rumsey administrator of said Estate.

July Term of 1846 page 47

At this Term came Reuben Rumsey and made it appear to the satisfaction of the court, that legal notice has been given the he would at this Term of court make application for letters of dismission from the estate of Nepoleon B, Hatcher, deceased and no objection being made. It was therefore ordered by the court that he be fully discharged.

Source: 1840 Federal Census Dekalb Co. Ga. Dist. 469 page 54

It appears that Nepoleon Hatcher was marked incorrectly census as follows:

Neaspamond Hatcher 40-50 female (should be male)

female 10-15

male 15-20

male 10-15

male 10-15

female 5-10

If this is Nepoleon, then his wife was 10-15 years of age. Or is the 10-15 year old female his daughter??

Was Nancy his 2nd wife??

This information contributed to Root's Web World Connect Project.

Title Unconnected Hatcher Families on the Hatcher DNA project.

by Nel Hatcher nelhatch@hills.net

More About Napoleon Hatcher and Nancy:

Marriage: Bet. 1790 - 1800

Children of Napoleon Hatcher and Nancy are:

- i. Jonathan J. Hatcher, born Bet. 1816 - 1822 in South Carolina; died 1866 in Fulton County, Ga.

- 155 ii. Mary Jane Hatcher, born Abt. 1820 in South Carolina; died 28 Mar 1921 in Bartow Co., Georgia; married Marshall Floyd Brightwell 05 Aug 1844 in DeKalb Co. Georgia.
 iii. Morgan W. Hatcher, born Abt. 1820 in South Carolina; died Unknown.
 iv. male Hatcher, born Abt. 1826; died Unknown.
 v. male Hatcher, born Abt. 1828; died Unknown.
 vi. daughter Hatcher, born Bet. 1832 - 1835; died Unknown.

336. Daniel Monterville Winchester²⁰, born 22 Apr 1800 in Pendleton District, SC²⁰; died 01 Nov 1888 in Pendleton District, SC²⁰. He was the son of **672. Willoughby William Winchester** and **673. Mary Wallace**. He married **337. Sarah Kazalirue "Phoebe" Irwin** 1827 in Pendleton District, SC.

337. Sarah Kazalirue "Phoebe" Irwin²⁰, born Feb 1810 in South Carolina; died 15 Jan 1889 in Haywood Co., NC.

Notes for Daniel Monterville Winchester:

To trace or lineage, his son, Daniel, who married Sarah Kazalirue Irwin, moved from Pickens County, SC to Haywood County, NC.

More About Daniel Winchester and Sarah Irwin:

Marriage: 1827, Pendleton District, SC

Children of Daniel Winchester and Sarah Irwin are:

- 168 i. Jonas Winchester, born 16 Jun 1828 in Oconee, SC; died 02 Mar 1915 in Georgia; married Sarah Ann Noblett 24 Nov 1846 in Haywood Co., NC.
 ii. Daniel Carey Winchester²⁰, born 04 Jun 1830 in Haywood Co., NC; died 17 Feb 1907 in Hayesville, Clay Co., NC; married Alysee Catherine Cunningham 15 Mar 1855 in Waynesville, Haywood Co., NC; died Unknown.

More About Daniel Winchester and Alysee Cunningham:

Marriage: 15 Mar 1855, Waynesville, Haywood Co., NC

- iii. Mary Ann "Polly" Winchester²⁰, born 15 Sep 1833 in Haywood Co., NC; died Aft. 1900 in Jackson Co., NC; married Thomas A. Stiles 26 Mar 1852 in Haywood Co., NC²⁰; died Unknown.

More About Thomas Stiles and Mary Winchester:

Marriage: 26 Mar 1852, Haywood Co., NC²⁰

- iv. James A. Winchester²⁰, born 11 May 1836 in Haywood Co., NC; died 07 Dec 1861 in Grahamville, SC; married Rachel Rinehard 22 Jul 1858 in Haywood Co., NC; died Unknown.

More About James A. Winchester:

Military Serv: Bet. 1861 - 1865, Co. C, 25th Infantry Reg. NC

More About James Winchester and Rachel Rinehard:

Marriage: 22 Jul 1858, Haywood Co., NC

- v. Sarah "Malinda" Winchester²⁰, born 25 Oct 1838 in Haywood Co., NC; died 1903; married Jim Hill²⁰; died Unknown.

More About Jim Hill and Sarah Winchester:

Marriage: ²⁰

- vi. Josiah S. Winchester²⁰, born 30 Mar 1840 in Haywood Co., NC; died 08 Mar 1865.

More About Josiah S. Winchester:

Military service: Bet. 1861 - 1865, Co. H, 5th Mounted Inf, TN

- vii. Nancy A. Winchester²⁰, born 02 Jul 1842 in Waynesville, Haywood Co., NC; died 10 Jan 1927 in Sedro Woolley, Skagit Co., Washington; married Charles Breece Abt. 1864²⁰; died Unknown.

More About Charles Breece and Nancy Winchester:

Marriage: Abt. 1864²⁰

- viii. William R. Winchester²⁰, born 18 Mar 1844 in Waynesville, Haywood Co., NC; died 28 Jan 1864 in Indianapolis, IN.

More About William R. Winchester:

Military Servic: Bet. 1861 - 1865, 29th Infantry Regiment, NC

- ix. Laban Winchester²⁰, born 26 Apr 1847 in Haywood Co., NC; died Abt. 1862.
x. Isaac "Benjamin" Winchester²⁰, born 22 Jun 1850 in Haywood Co., NC²⁰; died 27 Dec 1935 in Haywood Co., NC²⁰; married Eliza Ann "Lisa" Hawkins 09 Oct 1872 in Waynesville, Haywood Co., NC²⁰; born 04 Apr 1855 in Waynesville, Haywood County, NC²⁰; died 08 Jun 1935 in Waynesville, Haywood County, NC²⁰.

More About Isaac Winchester and Eliza Hawkins:

Marriage: 09 Oct 1872, Waynesville, Haywood Co., NC²⁰

352. Nathaniel Estes²¹, born Abt. 1783 in Virginia; died Unknown. He was the son of **704. Moses Estes**. He married **353. Nancy Finley** in Pendleton SC Courthouse.

353. Nancy Finley²¹, died Unknown.

Notes for Nathaniel Estes:

Nathaniel Estes was born in Virginia ca 1783, and moved with his father and other members of the family to South Carolina. Nathaniel owned several hundred acres of land on Generostee and Twenty-six Mile Creeks, and Rocky River, in South Caroling; and also owned land and lived in Franklin County, Georgia. He was married at the Pendleton, SC courthouse to Nancy Findley, and they had the following children; Samuel, Thomas, Macajah, Nancy, Elizabeth, Jane, Cain and Cooper.

We have no further information on Nathaniel's daughters, Elizabeth and Jane; and of Nancy, we know only that she married Robert Richardson at Vironas, SC. Samuel Estes, eldest son of Nathaniel, was born in 1802 in South Carolina and married Elizabeth Moore at Slabtown, SC. We know nothing more of him, except there was a Samuel Estes in Gwinnett County, Georgia in 1840 who may have been him.

There is an old Estes cemetery, containing 27 graves, located just North of Crane's Creek in the Reed Creek District of Hart County, Georgia. (This graveyard was since been covered by the waters of Hartwell Lake.) We believe that this was probably the homeplace of Nathaniel Estes when he lived in Georgia, and more than likely he is buried in this old cemetery along with others of the Estes family. These graves were re-interred at Reed Creek Baptist Church.

More About Nathaniel Estes and Nancy Finley:

Marriage: Pendleton SC Courthouse

Children of Nathaniel Estes and Nancy Finley are:

- i. Samuel Estes, born 1802 in SC; died Unknown; married Elizabeth Moore in Slabtown, SC; died Unknown.

More About Samuel Estes and Elizabeth Moore:

Marriage: Slabtown, SC

- 176 ii. Thomas Estes, born 04 Mar 1803 in South Carolina; died 21 May 1847 in Gwinett County, GA; married Elizabeth (Betsy) Richardson Bef. 1823 in Vironas, SC.
iii. Macajah Estes, born 04 Nov 1804 in Anderson District, SC; died 17 May 1883 in Gainesville, Hall County, GA; married Nancy Owen in Anderson District, SC; born 1802; died Unknown.

Notes for Macajah Estes:

Macajah moved from Anderson County, SC to the Reed Creek District of Franklin County, GA between 1843 and 1845 and was enumerated on the 1850 census there. He lived at Reed Creek for several years and then moved in the late 1859's to Gainesville, in Hall County, GA. He was a well known and respected physician in Gainesville until his death there on May 17, 1883.

More About Macajah Estes:

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

Burial: Unknown, Alta Vista Cemetery in Hall County, GA
Occupation: Physician and practices medicine for over fifty years

More About Macajah Estes and Nancy Owen:
Marriage: Anderson District, SC

- iv. Nancy Estes, born in Vironas, SC; died Unknown; married Robert Ricardson; died Unknown.
- v. Elizabeth Estes, died Unknown.
- vi. Jane Estes, died Unknown.
- 190 vii. Cain Estes, born 17 Mar 1811 in Anderson County, SC; died Bef. 1873 in Hart County, GA; married Rachael Harris in Anderson County, SC.
- viii. Cooper Bennett Estes, born 05 Oct 1813 in Anderson County, SC; died 20 Feb 1894 in Lamar County, AL; married (1) Elizabeth Burton Ayers 12 Aug 1839 in Andersonville, Anderson, SC; born 13 Oct 1822 in Franklin County, GA.; died 21 Apr 1880 in Fayette County, AL; married (2) Nancy Jane Pratt 1881; born 21 Dec 1842; died 06 Jan 1906.

Notes for Cooper Bennett Estes:
Cooper and Elizabeth lived in Franklin (later Hart) County GA for many years and moved to Fayette (later Lamar) County AL about 1858 or 1859. No Headstone.

More About Cooper Bennett Estes:
Burial: Unknown, Belk Cemetery, Fayette County, AL

More About Elizabeth Burton Ayers:
Burial: Unknown, Belk Cemetery, Fayette County, AL

More About Cooper Estes and Elizabeth Ayers:
Marriage: 12 Aug 1839, Andersonville, Anderson, SC

368. Jamie (James) Fleming, died Unknown. He was the son of **736. Fleming Family**. He married **369. Mary Mc Clure**.

369. Mary Mc Clure, died Unknown.

Notes for Jamie (James) Fleming:

According to old letters in the family, Bailey Fleming was the son of Jamie (James) Fleming and his wife Mary Mc Clure - the children of Jamie Fleming listed in this letter were: Bailey, the eldest; Nancy who married John Copeland; Fannie or Francis; Lucy; and another daughter name forgotten; and William the youngest. The letter states

Jamie remarried after his wife died and that he lived in Virginia, removed to Abbeville District, South Carolina. The 1810 Census of Abbeville District shows a James Fleming head of household with one male 10-16 years, one male 25-45 years; three females under 10 years, one female 10-16, and one female 26-45. James Fleming's estate was administered in the year 1822. His estate papers reveal he was a co-partner with a Mr. A. Power, but does not state the type of business involved; it believed to have been a blacksmith shop or a grist mill. One of the daughters of Jamie Fleming married a Mr. Sharpton, another married Mr. Jackson and moved to Tennessee.

Child of Jamie Fleming and Mary Mc Clure is:

- 184 i. Bailey Fleming, born 1795 in Virginia; died 04 Jan 1834; married Mary Douglass Houston Bef. 1818.

370. Hugh Houston, born 1755; died 04 Jan 1834. He married **371. Martha Mc Clure**.

371. Martha Mc Clure, born 1756 in North Carolina; died 1853 in Abbeville District, SC. She was the daughter of **742. Matthew Mc Clure**.

Notes for Hugh Houston:

Hugh Houston was a Revolutionary soldier, enlisting from the state of north Carolina for a term of three years, from June 1776 to July 1779. He applied for a pension while living in Abbeville District, South Carolina. He was born 1755 and died January 4, 1834.

Notes for Martha Mc Clure:

Martha McClure Houston, was the daughter of Matthew Mc Clure. Martha McClure was born 1756, North Carolina, and died 1853, Abbeville District, SC.

Child of Hugh Houston and Martha Mc Clure is:

- 185 i. Mary Douglass Houston, born 1756 in North Carolina; died 1853 in Abbeville District, SC; married Bailey Fleming Bef. 1818.

Generation No. 10

516. John Overstreet²², born Abt. 1775 in North Carolina; died 1855 in Clarke County, MS. He was the son of **1032. Henry Overstreet** and **1033. Jane Braswell**. He married **517. Catherine Goodwin**.

517. Catherine Goodwin²², died Unknown.

Child of John Overstreet and Catherine Goodwin is:

- 258 i. Stephen Overstreet, born 1796 in Georgia; died Bet. 1850 - 1860 in Clarke County, MS; married Zyphilia Goodwin.

544. Benjamin Merrill²³, born Abt. 1730 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 19 Jun 1771 in Courthouse at Hillsborough, Orange County, NC. He was the son of **1088. Jr. William Merrill** and **1089. Penelope Stout**. He married **545. Jemima Smith** 11 Dec 1750 in Hunterdon County, NJ.

545. Jemima Smith, born 1728 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died Bef. 1803 in Rowan County, NC. She was the daughter of **1090. Andrew IV Smith** and **1091. Anne Mershon**.

Notes for Benjamin Merrill:

1750: Ben and Jemima probably moved from NJ to NC in the 1750's. Third son Andrew was born in Hopewell, NJ in 1751, fourth son William in NC abt 1757. The family may have moved from NJ via Maryland according to notes in A Merrill Memorial.

1756: 24 Jan 1756. Ordered that a summons issue to Michael Myers, Dan'l Little, Benjamin Merrill & Michael Arrand to show reason for not going out against the Owens who it was thought committed several misdemeanors. Rowan Co NC Court Book 2:107.

1760: 9,10 Sept George Smith sold 1042 acres to Benjamin Merrell Rowan Co deeds 2:319 and 4:363-366. Deeds of 9 Step from George Smith, Esq. to Benjamin Merrell for 240 ac.; same, 512 ac.; same, 10 Sept 1760, 419 ac. The property was located on the north side of the Yadkin River, St. Luke's parish. According to descendants, the property was about 2 miles north of Jersey Baptist Church, about 5 miles south of current Lexington in Davidson Co, NC. Descendant C. Phelps Merrell elated: "When I visited the old Merrell plantation in August 1983, now owned by Mr. Bill Sheets. An old barn stands on top of a knoll said to be the location of Capt Merrell's home. Off to one side, Abbotts Creek meanders by and the farm land rolls off in all directions."

Capt. Benjamin Merrill and the Merrill Family of NC by W.E. Merrill says he was a gunsmith using river water power for boring operations.

1761: 25 Apr court James Smith, Benjamin Merrill, Andrew Smith and Willis Ellis served on the jury under foreman George Magoune in the case of John Howard vs George Smith. Served on other juries in 1761 and 1762, threatened with a fine for absence.

1767: NC Regulators established at Maddocks Mill near Hillsborough, 4 Apr.

1771: 14 May, Battle of Alamance in Orange Co, NC, now Alamance Co. Gov. Tryon shoots Robert Thompson dead and two hr battle ensues, Regulators were routed. Capt. Merrill not at the battle, but on way with 300 men, took most of Gen. Waddell's men prisoner.

1771: 1 June brought by Col. Fanning to the Jersey Settlement, hanged in the courthouse yard of Hillsborough, Orange Co, NC on 19 June 1771.

Capture, Trial and Execution of Captain Benjamin Merrell and Fellow Regulators
From Some Neglected History of North Carolina by W.E. Fitch, 1905, pg. 239-256.

King's Chief Justice passed the following sentence on Capt. Merrill and twelve others which was

"that you be taken from the place whence you came, that you be drawn from thence to the place of execution, where you are to be hanged by the Neck; that you be cut down while yet alive, that your Bowels be taken out and burnt before your Face, that your head be cut off, your Body divided into Four Quarters, and this be at his Majesty's Disposal; and the Lord have Mercy on your Soul."

A historical marker in Hillsborough, NC reads, "On this spot were hanged by order of a Tory Court, June 19, 1771, Merrill, Messer, Matter, Pugh and two other Regulators". Six were pardoned by Gov. Tryon. The six men pardoned were Forrester Mercer, James Stewart, James Emmerson, Hermon Cox, William Brown and James Copeland. Not one of the pardoned, but one of those who were executed, while standing on the gallows Captain Merrill professed his faith in Christ, sang a Psalm, described that fifteen years previously he had professed belief in Christ, had subsequently backslid, but now felt forgiven. He repented for his actions and appealed that the Crown not punish his wife and children for his actions saying

"in a few moments I shall leave a widow and ten children. entreat that no reflection should be cast on them on my account, and if possible, shall deem it a bounty, should you gentlemen petition the governor and council that some part of my estate be spared to the widow and fatherless."

There is evidence that Gov. Tryon honored the latter request. There is evidence that Capt. Merrill was of such high moral character that he expressed a sorrow and conflict of conscience over the fact that he had committed treason to his King that were demanded by his principles and expressed sorrow as he swung free of the gallows into eternity prior to his disembowelment. In 1776 of the 47 articles of the Constitution of the state of North Carolina, member of the newly independent American nation, 13 articles embodied the principles first put forward by the Regulators under Capt. Merrills' influence. Many historians believe that the Battle of Alamance was a turning point in American History and there was a time when it was considered as important as any one other event leading up to the American Revolution. However, it lost that designation and was ignored after the Civil War when the American history books became largely written and published in the northeast and the contributions to American freedom and the revolution were hidden.

Capt. Benjamin Merrill, of the Jersey settlements near Salisbury, was another of the unfortunate victims of Tryon's brutal tyranny. He was on his way to join the Regulators at Alamance, with a company of more than three hundred men (see Waddell's resolutions passed at Potts Creek, Salisbury, and Capt. Alexander's oath, p. 198), when he intercepted Gen. Hugh Waddell and forced him to flee to Salisbury, after taking most of his command prisoners. Captain Merrill was within one day's march of the Alamance when he heard the cannonading, and soon afterwards heard of the victory of the Governor's army. He is said to have regretted that he was not present with his men to have bled with those who fought for liberty. After hearing of the defeat of his comrades he disbanded his men and returned home. He was taken prisoner (State Rec. of N. C., Vol. 19, P. 849) by a detachment under Colonel Fanning, and brought to Tryon's army, encamped at "Jersey Settlement Camp," on Saturday, June 1, 1771; to the west of the Jersey settlement near the Yadkin River, and put in chains with the other prisoners and dragged through the country to Hillsborough, where with his life he paid the forfeit. In this trying situation he gave his friends satisfactory evidence that he was prepared to die, for he not only professed faith in Christ, his hope of heaven, and his willingness to go, but sang a psalm very devoutly, like the Covenanters in the grass market in Edinburgh, and died like a Christian and soldier. On being permitted to speak just before the execution, he said that fifteen years previously he had been converted, but had back-slidden, yet now felt that he was freely forgiven and that he would not change places with any one on the grounds. In conclusion he referred feelingly to his wife and eight children, saying, "I entreat that no reflection be cast upon them on my account"; and requested that some part of his estate be spared for the widow and fatherless. It is said that one of Tryon's soldiers was heard to declare that if all men went to the gallows with a character such as Captain Merrill's, "hanging would be an honorable death." If Captain Merrill with his three hundred men had reached the Alamance the day before the battle, the Regulators would have had a commanding officer, and the result might have been quite different from what it was.

These men may have been rash, but they were not cowards; they may have been imprudent, but they were suffering under wrong and outrage, and the withholding of justice and the proper exercise of the law. And if oppression and extortion will make a wise man mad, then ten years of oppression and extortion which these men suffered would have proved them fit for subjection had they been submissive. Capt. Benjamin Merrill's friend, Capt. Raleigh Southerland, coming with the force of Surry County to help the Regulators, when hearing from a distance the guns at the Battle of Alamance, wept because he was not there with his countrymen "who were shedding their blood in defense of their rights." He was animated by the same patriotic spirit which led Gen. Francis Nash to say with his dying breath, on the field of Germantown, "From the first dawn of the Revolution I have been on the side of liberty and my country." The difference was in Southerland's favor, that he was the first to recognize the dawn of liberty's morning. (McCorkle in North Carolina Booklet.)

Baptists, the Regulators and Capt. Benjamin Merrill From History of the Liberty Baptist Association by Elder Henry Sheets, 1907, Edwards & Boughton of Raleigh, NC, Chapter XVIII, page 158.

Captain Benjamin Merrill--His Ancestry, Home, Family Descendants, Execution, Christian character and Patriotism.

The people of North Carolina will ever feel a keen interest in the life and tragic end of Capt. Benjamin Merrill, This interest is heightened when they call to remembrance the dark, stormy days and years which preceded the Revolutionary War and his espousal of the cause of liberty. The people were sorely oppressed by the minions of British power. And when thus wronged, patriotic blood leaped with such pulsations to resent every abuse of such power. They had been wronged and insulted; they had borne and endured, until "forbearance ceased to be a Virtue." Again and again they sought redress of their grievances--peaceably if they could, by military power if they must. Those were brave men who knew nothing of military life and but little of the great principles involved, save as they lived in their hearts and heaved in their bosoms. The struggles and trials which led up to the war of the Revolution are fraught with thrilling interest. In these times that tried men's souls is found the history of Benjamin Merrill.

HIS HOME

His plantation, on which was his home,(1042 acres) was some four miles south of Lexington, NC and about two miles east from Jersey Church. The writer recently visited the spot where once stood the residence of Captain Merrill. The venerable oaks standing there could they but speak might tell us much of valuable history in the eventful years, in the long ago, now buried forever in the wreck of time. It is said that our hero was a gunsmith, and that the strong branch running at the foot of the hill near where his residence stood afforded the power necessary to operate the simple machinery used in boring out the barrels. In the evening he would arrange a barrel for boring and start his crude machinery and leave it running all night.

FAMILY DESCENDANTS

His wife's maiden name could not be ascertained. As to the number of children there are two statements: Gov. Tryon spoke of his "wife and eight children but Captain Merrill said, "widow and ten children." Of the names of his children, of what became of them or their descendants we know nothing., save one son, who was blessed with a family of five children. Their names and date of birth are given below: Benjamin Smith Merrill, born September 10., 1774; Bettie Merrill, born May 2., 1776; Azariah Merrill, born May 26, 1779; Jemima Merrill born October 6, 1782; Sallie Merrill, born July 15, 1784.

All the Merrill's in this section of the State descended from Azariah, a grandson of Captain Merrill. He was the father of Deacon Ebenezer Merrill late of Jersey church and Benjamin Merrill, late of Fork church Davie County. Elder George L. Merrill is a great-grandson of Captain Merrill. Tradition and history prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the subject of this sketch had a brother whose name was Azariah.

It is handed down in the family that Azariah would imbibe too freely of strong drink, and when in this condition would exclaim, "My father was hung in defence of the truth, and I am willing to die for it."

Just before his execution, which took place at or near Hillsboro, NC, on the 19th day of June, 1771, he made a request. Here it is:

"In a few moments I shall leave a widow and ten children. I entreat that no reflection may be cast on them on my account, and, if possible, shall deem it a bounty, should you gentlemen petition the Governor and Council that some part of my estate may be spared to the widow and fatherless."

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"Benjamin Merrill a Captain of the militia, left it in charge of the officers to solicit me to grant his plantation and estate to his wife and eight children, Wme. Tryon."

No record is left to inform us as to what was done in regard to the request. We would naturally suppose that it was thrown aside and never more thought of but Mr. A. J. Owen, a member of Jersey church., whose mind was sound and memory strong, told the author several years ago, that the grant was actually made as requested to the widow and children, and that the document given by Governor Tryon was handed down, with other old papers belonging to the Merrill family and finally lodged in the hands of Wilson Merrill, brother-in-law of Mr. Owen. In 1855 Mr. Owen got possession of the rare document and held it till 1872, when he went West, at which time it slipped from him. And though the paper was an hundred years old yet the writing was just as legible as when first given. It was written on coarse heavy paper and folded like a deed--it was in fact their deed their deed then. Mr. Owen committed to memory its contents. On the back of the folded instrument was inscribed:

"To JEMIMAH MERRILL AND HER CHILDREN." The contents were: I, Wm. Tryon, Governor and Captain-General for the Province of North Carolina; To Jemima Merrill and her Children: You are commanded to hold and possess the land and tenements, goods and chattels of the late Benjamin Merrill, hung for high treason till his Majesty's pleasure shall be known and all his tax collectors and receiver shall take due notice thereof. Done at Hillsboro---June, 1771. "Wm. Tryon"

After his execution the widow remained on the old homestead. The late Miss Susie Turner, a very worthy and aged lady, told the author that she recalled well, when a young girl of hearing her aunt Mary Workman tell of calling to visit the widow while on her way to meeting at Jersey church. Her aunt told her that the widow was blind. Whether, the blindness was caused by so natural defect or from excessive grief at the sad and untimely death of husband was not known. She was never herself after the death of her husband she never recovered from the shock. She was almost crazed at the cold, cruel fate which befell her in thus being bereft. She suffered great mental distress and spent much of her time in walking to pass of the melancholia which clung to her only to darken her days of grief and bitterness. Her mind was scarcely ever free from her affliction while awake.

No doubt exists as to his patriotism. He was true to his country. And was also a religious man. Tradition says that he was a member and deacon of the Jersey Baptist church. As to his character Caruthers, in his life of Caldwell, says:

"He was regarded as a pious man; and was much esteemed wherever he was known. He was within an easy day's march of the place of meeting (Battle of Alamance) with three hundred men under his command, when he heard of the defeat; and if he had got there in time the result would have been different. His men immediately dispersed, but he was taken prisoner, and his life was the forfeit. In this trying situation he gave his friends satisfactory evidence that he was prepared to die; for he not only professed his faith in Christ his hope of heaven and willingness to go, but sung a song very devoutly just before he swung off, and died with the resignation and composure of a Christian. One of his enemies was heard to say "If all went to the gallows with Captain Merrill's character, hanging would be an honorable death."

But a part of his speech upon the gallows has been hard to reconcile with what we believe to be true patriotism; and it has been a source of sincerest regret to thousands who love his memory. He condemned his course and explained his connection with the Regulators in a compromising way. He seemed to apologize for the course he pursued, but let's not judge him harshly. We are too apt to judge him from our

own standpoint, with all the light we have. Our country's freedom was then in a germinal state. What the outcome was to be was uncertain, The future held no shining light to beckon oppressed people on to freedom. No one had gone before to blaze the way to freedom's heights. The people had been taught to "obey the powers that be." This teaching was fully brought out while considering the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. A member of the committee arose and addressed the chairman as follows: "If you resolve on Independence how shall ye be absolved from the obligation of the oath we took to be true to King George the Third about four years ago, after the Regulation battle, when we were sworn, whole Militia companies together?" A halt was called; discussion ensued; at last their consciences were eased when some one suggested that the oath was binding only while the King protected us, our rights and liberties as they existed at the time it was taken.

At the time of which we write it looked very much like all their efforts had been in vain and our mind reverts to another day--the time when our Divine Lord was crucified. The disciples were scattered and discouraged. It looked to them like the efforts of the Master to establish his kingdom had failed. This thought is emphasized in the conversation which took place between Jesus and the two on the way to Emmaus. How, dolefully they discussed the situation! "We trusted that it had been which should have redeemed Israel." Were they disloyal? No. They loved their master but their eyes were holden. The bright day was just ushering in but they could not see it. Was not this true of Benjamin Merrill? Could he have been permitted to look into the future a few years he would never have said what he did. Let us pass by what seems to have been a mistake and throw over it the mantle of charity and do him honor as a Christian and patriotic hero.

Source: <http://www.patpnyc.com/bmerrill.htm>

CAPT BENJAMIN MERRILL

b abt 1730 Hopewell, Mercer, NJ, d 19 Jun 1771 Hillsborough, Orange, NC

This is the famous Benjamin Merrill so brutally executed for his participation in the Regulator revolt. Benjamin was a descendant of the immigrant Richard Merrill of Warwickshire. The Merrills and many others of their community in New Jersey moved south to Rowan Co NC in the mid-1700's after many property and title disputes in New Jersey. This was a Baptist community; in North Carolina, they founded the Jersey Settlement and established their church.

Benjamin's story has been told by many historians and genealogists. Rather than rewrite their findings, as I have no further insight to add, I here present some of the more interesting sources I've found. Notes for Benjamin's wife, nee Jemima Smith - said to have gone blind from the trauma of her husband's end - follow.

source: All his tree from WE Merrill (1935) history, "Capt. Benj Merrill and the Merrill Family of NC." There the children listed are: Sam'l, John, Andrew, Wm, Chas, Elijah, Jona, Anna, Penelope. Came from NJ to the Jersey settlement of then Rowan Co, now Davidson Co, NC between 1751 - his 2nd son John having been born at Hopewell, NJ 11 Dec 1750 - and 1755 - Benjamin's being cited in the following Jan 1756 record.

source: Rowan Co NC Court Book 2:107.

"24 Jan 1756. Ordered that a summons issue to Michael Myers, Dan'l Little, Benj Merrill & Michael Arrand to show reason for not going out against the Owens who it was thought committed several misdemeanors." Apparently he didn't care to be part of that posse! Daniel Little may have been of a related family: Benj's nephew (Dan'l, son of Wm) married an Eliz Lytle, dau of Tho Lytle... source: C. Phelps Merrell says he went abt 1750.

The Jersey settlement in the Yadkin Valley was on portions of land purchased out of the 100,000 grant from King Geo II to Henry McCulloch, Esq of Turnham Green, Co of Middlesex, England.

"The main north-south road was called the 'Grand Road,' winding southward through Phila, across MD and down the valley of VA. The old road followed the present-day US1, as far as today's city of Raleigh, NC at which point it split into a coast road and a SW road through GA, AL, and around the southern end of the mountains. Just north of what is now Richmond, VA, the wagon trail would have left the main road and turned SW into the Piedmont section of rich meadow and cozy nooks in the rolling hills. The 'Grand Road' would have been a routed mire dirt road with fords crossing the smaller streams and barge ferries to cross the rivers. The Rev. John Gano of the Phila

Baptist Assoc of NJ tells us that in 1756 he traveled to the Jersey Settlement. It was a long, expensive and tedious journey ... arrived there in abt 5 wks after traveling abt 800 mi." CPM says Benj was a deacon of the Jersey Baptist Church in Rowan Co, NC, organized in 1754.

"Geo Smith sold 1042 ac of land to Benj Merrell 9 Sep 1760, Rowan Co Deed Bk4, pp363-5. The property was located on the north side of the Yadkin River, St. Luke's parish. The plantation was abt 2 mi N of Jersey Baptist Church and abt 5 mi S of the present day city of Lexington, Davidson Co NC.

"When I visited the old Merrell plantation in Aug 1983, now owned by Mr. Bill Sheets... An old barn stands on top of a knoll said to be the location of Capt Merrell's home. Off to one side, Abbotts Creek meanders by and the farm land rolls off in all directions.

"It is said that Benj was an intelligent, ambitious and hardworking young man as a farmer and gunsmith. He built a waterwheel to provide power for the machinery. In the evening he would set barrel blanks for boring and leave the machine running all night, and in the morning it would be ready for finishing.

"Benj Merrell prospered and we know by the records that he became a leader in the area and Capt of the Rowan Co militia." source: 1759 Rowan Co tax lists

Benj Merrell & negro Phyllis. Wm Merrell is also taxed (on himself only). source: Rowan Co deeds; cited at 2:319 and 4:363-366.

Entered 22 Jan 1761. Deed of sale 9 Sep 1760 from George Smith, Esq, to Benj Merrell for 240 ac. Same, 512 ac. Same, 10 Sep 1760, 419 ac. Could this be Benj's wife Jemima's uncle Geo? Note that Geo Smith was a justice of the Co court 24 Jan 1756. source: Rowan Co Circuit Court records

25 Apr 1761 court case of Jno Howard vs Geo Smith found Jas Smith, Benj Merrill, Andrew Smith and Willis Ellis serving on the jury under foreman Geo Magoune. Benj served on juries 24-25 Jul 1761; was absent for jury 21 Oct 1761 and to be fined "if he doesn't show reason for absence" - along with 5 others; served again on a jury 24 Jul 1762; was on a venire list to serve in the March Superior Court 1762. I have not finished going through the court abstracts. source: WE Merrill; similar material in many other sources.

Men of Orange Co NC met at Maddock's Mill, near Hillsborough, 4 Apr 1767 and formed a body called Regulators, an assoc. for regulating public grievances and abuse of power. The reason for this gathering was the continued abuses of Gov. Tryon's officials, who required \$15 for a marriage license when the legal rate was \$1, and so on, at a time when cash was very scarce. Protests to the Gov. had been ineffective. The officials in the western areas had too little supervision. From 1767 on, friction grew between the Regulators and the Governor's officials. Tryon imprisoned some of the leaders; the Regulators deliberately annoyed the officials. Resentment against the officials is said to have prevailed in the Piedmont. Finally, the Gov. decided the Regulators should have no more meetings, and fully capitulate to official power; he sent 300 men and 6 cannons from New Bern to challenge the Regulators. Militia companies joined this group along the way, so that he is said to have had 1100 men camped with him on the banks of Alamance Creek in then Orange Co, now Alamance, on 14 May 1771. Five or six miles west of his camp, some 2000 Regulators are said to have been gathered - but not to have expected to fight. Not more than half had guns, and no one acted as commander. They sent a message to Tryon on the 15th, again asking for justice in their grievances. In answer, the next day, he sent a paper saying they should lay down arms, go home, and obey the King; and he drew his men up in battle lines half a mile from the Regulator camp. Both advanced. Tryon shot Robert Thompson, who had been sent to treat with the Governor. A two-hour battle ensued, with many Regulators fleeing. Afterwards, the Governor returned to Hillsborough, sentenced 6 of the leaders to be hung, and the sentences were carried out 19 Jun 1771. Many people claim that this was the seed of Revolutionary ardor in the state. Benjamin Merrill was a Captain in the militia, and was on his way to join the Regulators at Alamance, with a company of 300 men. He met Gen. H. Waddell on the way and forced him to flee to Salisbury. A day's march away from Alamance, he disbanded his men upon receiving news of the Governor's victory, and so was not in the fateful scene. But Col. Fanning took him prisoner and brought Benjamin to Tryon. He was put in chains with the other prisoners and dragged to Hillsborough.

Quoting NC Colonial Records, vol 8, pp642-3; 65, 656: "The Supreme Court of Oyer & Terminer, for the Tryal

of the Regulators in the Back Country, began at Hillsborough 30 May, and continued to the 20th inst (Jun 1771); during which, 12 were tried and condemned for High Treason. The Gov. was pleased to suspend the execution of 6, till His Majesty's pleasure be known; the other 6 were executed on Wed 19 Jun at Hillsborough. Among the last, the most distinguished was Benjamin Merrill, who had been a Capt of Militia in Rowan Co. When the Chief Justice passed sentence he concluded in the following manner: 'I must now close my afflicting duty, by pronouncing upon you the awful sentence of the law; which is, that you, Benjamin Merrill, be carried to the place from whence you came, that you be drawn from thence to the place of execution, where you are to be hanged by the neck; that you be cut down while still alive, that your bowels be taken out and burnt before your face, that your head be cut off, your body divided into four quarters, and this be at His Majesty's disposal; and the Lord have Mercy upon your Soul."

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Notes for Jemima Smith:

There have been various names given to the wife of Captain Merrill. My grandfather wrote in his notes that her name was Mary Smith; others contended that she was Jemima Stout of Stoutsburg, New Jersey; others gave her the name of Sarah. Now we know that she was none other than Jemima Smith of Hopewell, NJ This fact is self-evident if we consider the records. Andrew Smith of Hopewell made his will October 17, 1874, and bequeathed to his daughter Jemima "one Spanish Pestole to her forever, if it should so happen that my Daughter Jemima Should become poor and Needy in this life I do Require my Exers to give her Reasonable Relief out of my estate. I also give and devise to my Daughter Jemima children that she bear to Benjamin Merrill to Wit: Samuel, John, Andrew, William, Charles, Elijah, and Jonathan Merrill, Anna McCleary, and Penelope Merrill to all and each of them Severally fifty pounds." Now if we examine the records in Rowan County, North Carolina, we find land deeds made and signed by Benjamin and Jemima Merrill, when they sold a part of their holdings to John Ganoe in 1770.

Benjamin died on June 19, 1771 and his widow, Jemima Merrill married Harmon Butner of Rowan County on February 20 (28) 1775.

One May 7, 1777, Jacob Wiseman and Robert Moore were asked to arbitrate a matter concerning the estate of the

late Benjamin Merrill between Harmon Butner and the Merrill Children, Samuel, John Andrew, William, Benjamin and Penelope, and Boyd McCreary and Anna, who have the interests of Charles, Elijah, and Jonathan. Note that this list of Merrill children corresponds precisely with that found in Andrew Smith's Will. there are other records which bear out this point.

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Done at Hillsboro,-----June, 1771.

Wm. Tryon.' "

The correspondence between Governor Martin and the Earl of Hillsborough clearly shows that the estate was given back to the family.

"Dec. 4, 1771 -- The Earl of Hillsborough to Governor Martin: In the last letter I received from Mr. Tryon relative to the affairs of North Carolinas and which is dated from New York, he expresses a wish that the plantation and estate of Benjamin Merrill, a Captain of the Militia and who was one of the six rebels executed on the 19th of June may be granted to a wife and eight children he left behind him, and I have a command from the King to signify to you His Majesty's pleasure, that you do accordingly take proper measures that whatever property belonging to that unhappy person became forfeited to the Crown by his conviction should be regranted to his Widow and Children."

"Dec. 12, 1771 -- Gov. Martin to Earl of Marlborough: Benjamin Merrill one of the six criminals executed soon after the action with the insurgents has left and innocent and miserable family consisting of his widow and seven young children who must starve unless his Majesty will be graciously pleased to continue to them the possession of the lands of the delinquent. I am therefore my Lord engaged by the feelings of humanity to implore his Majesty's favor to this wretched and fatherless family."

"Oct. 25, 1772 --Gov. Martin to Earl of Hillsborough: I am to acquaint your Lordship, that I have displayed His Majesty's most gracious Acts of beneficence to the family of Benjamin Merrill, -- and I have the satisfaction to see them received with most dutiful and lively gratitude."

After his execution the widow remained on the old homestead, a valuable and well cultivated farm. Miss Susie Turner, a very worthy and aged lady, told Rev. Henry Sheets that she recalled hearing her aunt, Mary Workman, tell of calling in to visit the widow while on her way to meeting at Jersey Church. Her aunt told her that the widow was blind. Whether the blindness was caused by some natural effect or from excessive grief at the sad and untimely death of her husband was not known. It is said that she never recovered from the shock and that she suffered great mental distress and spent much of her time in walking to pass off the melancholic which clung to her and darkened her days with grief and bitterness. Regardless of all this we know that she returned to the old homestead and lived there with her children for several years. During this time she remained faithful to her church and one

articular occasion in November, 1771, she and the children attended Soelle's services in the river Settlement. Soelle said, "She cannot forget the fate of her husband."

In 1775, Jemima married Harmon Butner who came to live with her and the Merrill children on the Merrill plantation. On May 9, 1777, the court ordered Butner to bring Charles, Elijah and Jonathan, orphans of Benjamin Merrill, into court to be dealt with as the law required. At the next court Charles was bound to his brother John, who was to teach him the art of being a master of the blacksmith trade and when he became of age he was to receive a set of tools, besides what the law required. He was fifteen at the time he was bound to his brother. Elijah, fourteen years old, was bound to his eldest brother Samuel. He was to learn the weaver's trade. Samuel was to give him a loom and tackle and twelve pounds besides what the law required. Jonathan was bound to his brother-in-law, Boyd McCreary.

Jemima Merrill Butner lived about thirty years after the death of Capt. Merrill. She made her will on May 7, 1801, and it was proved in February, 1803. It is quoted below:

In the name of God Amen. I, Jemima Butner of the county of Rowan and the State of North Carolina being in perfect mind and memory, but weakly in body and calling to mind my mortality think proper to make and ordain this my last will and test: knowing that it is appointed unto men once to die, do think proper to confirm my intention by these presents, and in the first place I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to be decently buried, at the discretion of my executors, and as touching such worldly estate, as it has pleased God to bless me with, I dispose, devise and give in manner and form following, that is to say,

1. I give and bequeath to my eldest son Samual Meril, 14 pounds which I paid for the improvement whereon Smith Meril now lives, also twenty seven pounds which I paid in taking up a judgement that was against him, also my sorrel horse, also an equal part of all my moveable property, with the rest of my sons, my Negroes except.

2. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy my negroe woman, Hagar, which is to be valued, and John, William, and Charles Meril is to have an equal part of the value of said negroe in money; also I give one-half of my wearing clothes to my daughter Nancy.

3. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellien one negroe girl named Rose which is also to be valued and the above John, William, and Charles Meril, is to have an equal part of her value in money. I also give to by daughter Eline the other half of my wearing clothes.

4. I give and bequeath to my son Andrew Meril my negro boy named James, which is also to be valued and the above John Meril, William and Charles Meril to have an equal part of the value in money, also I give to my son Andrew an equal part of my moveable property, that I do not mention in my will.

5. I give to my son Jonathan Meril, my negroe boy named David and he is to pay to my son Charles Meril ten pounds, current money, too years after my decease, I give also to my son Jonathan Meril an equal part with the rest of my sons of my moveable property which is not here mentioned or given.

6. I give to my son Elijah Meril an equal part of my moveable property which is not mentioned as given in this will.

Lastly, I also appoint, constitute and ordain, my son Andrew Meril and Jonathan Meril whole and sole executors of this my last will ad test: and I do hereby revoke all others wills and test: at any time by me made, and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,
this 7th day of May, 1801.

Signed, sealed and declared her
in the presence of Thomas Jemima X Butner
Durham, Azariah Merrell, Test mark

It is not known whether the Nancy and Elliane mentioned in the will are Merrills or Butners for the records are not clear. Harmon Butner made no provision for them in his will.

Source: <http://www.patpnyc.com/bmerrill.htm>

"Mr. A.J. Owen, a member of the Jersey Church, said, `that the grant was actually made as requested to the widow and children, and that the document given by Gov Tryon was handed down, with other old papers belonging to the Merrill family, and finally lodged in the hands of Wilson Merrill, brother-in-law of Mr. Owen. In 1855, Mr. Owen got possession of this rare document and held it until 1872, when he went West, at which time

it slipped from him. ... Mr. Owen committed to memory its contents. 'On the back of the folded instrument was inscribed: 'To Jemima Merrill and her Children.' The contents were: 'I, Wm. Tryon, Gov and Captain-General for the province of NC: To Jemima Merrill and her children: You are commanded to hold and possess the land and tenements, goods and chattels of the late Benjamin Merrill, hung for high treason, till His Majesty's pleasure shall be known: and all his tax collectors and receivers shall take due notice thereof. Done at Hillsboro, --- June, 1771. Wm. Tryon.' The correspondence between Gov Martin and the Earl of Hillsborough clearly shows that the estate was given back to the family. 'Dec 4, 1771 - The Earl of Hillsborough to Gov Martin: In the last letter I received from Mr. Tryon relative to the affairs of NC and which is dated from NY, he expresses a wish that the plantation and estate of Benjamin Merrill, a Capt of the Militia and who was one of the six rebels executed on the 19th of June may be granted to a wife and eight children he left behind him, and I have a command from the King to signify to you His Majesty's pleasure, that you do accordingly take proper measures that whatever property belonging to that unhappy person became forfeited to the Crown by his conviction should be regranted to his Widow and Children.' 'Dec 12, 1771 - Gov Martin to Earl of Marlborough: Benjamin Merrill one of the six criminals executed soon after the action with the insurgents has left an innocent and miserable family consisting of his widow and seven young children who must starve unless his Majesty will be graciously pleased to continue to them the possession of the lands of the delinquent. I am therefore my Lord engaged by the feelings of humanity to implore his Majesty's favor to this wretched and fatherless family.' 'Oct 25, 1772 - Gov Martin to Earl of Hillsborough: I am to acquaint your Lordship, that I have displayed His Majesty's most gracious Acts of beneficence to the family of Benjamin Merrill, - and I had the satisfaction to see them received with most dutiful and lively gratitude.'

References to his children vary from 7 to 10, with 8 most common. source: Merrill Bulletin #1-3 says 3 of his sons served in the Revolution. source: father-in-law's will; names grandchildren, Benj's children. JEMIMA SMITH, b 1729 Hopewell, Mercer, NJ, d Feb 1803 Rowan, NC. source: WE Merrill.

"After (Benjamin's) execution the widow (Jemima) remained on the old homestead, a valuable and well-cultivated farm. Miss S. Turner ... told Rev. H. Sheets that she recalled hearing her aunt, Mary Workman, tell of calling in to visit the widow while on her way to meeting at Jersey Church. Her aunt told her that the widow was blind. Whether the blindness was caused by some natural effect or from excessive grief at the sad and untimely death of her husband was not known.

"It is said that she never recovered from the shock and that she suffered great mental distress and spent much of her time in walking to pass off the melancholia which clung to her and darkened her days with grief and bitterness. Regardless of all this we know that she returned to the old homestead and lived there with her children for several years. During this time she remained faithful to her church and on one particular occasion in Nov 1771, she and the children attended Soelle's services in the River Settlement. Soelle said, 'She cannot forget the fate of her husband.'

"In 1775, Jemima married Harmon Butner who came to live with her and the Merrill children on the Merrill plantation. ... Jemima Merrill Butner lived about 30 years after the death of Capt Merrill." source: Will, Rowan Co NC.

More About Jemima Smith:

Ancestral File Number: 3QSN-DW

Widow: 19 Jun 1771, Benjamin Merrell

More About Benjamin Merrill and Jemima Smith:

Marriage: 11 Dec 1750, Hunterdon County, NJ

Children of Benjamin Merrill and Jemima Smith are:

- i. Samuel Merrill, born 1748 in Rowan County, NC; died Unknown; married Susannah, born Abt. 1748; died Unknown.

Notes for Samuel Merrill:
Revolutionary War veteran

- ii. John Merrill, born 11 Dec 1750 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died Unknown; married Mary Wiseman 20 Jan 1773 in Rowan County, NC; born 1753 in Berks, PA; died Unknown.

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

More About John Merrill and Mary Wiseman:
Marriage: 20 Jan 1773, Rowan County, NC

- iii. Andrew Merrill, born 1751 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died Unknown; married Rachel Wiseman; born 1755 in Berks, PA; died Unknown.
- iv. William Merrill, born 1753 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died Unknown; married Salley Haden; born Abt. 1753; died Unknown.
- v. Nancy Merrill, born Abt. 1756 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died 28 Jun 1837 in Randolph County, NC; married (1) Benjamin Mendenhall; born 01 Jan 1765 in North Carolina; died Unknown; married (2) Joseph Clark 1779; born 1756 in Randolph County, NC; died Unknown.

More About Joseph Clark and Nancy Merrill:
Marriage: 1779

- vi. Anna Merrill, born 1758 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died Abt. 1795; married Boyd McCrary; born Abt. 1758; died Unknown.
- vii. Penelope Merrill, born 1759 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died Unknown; married Benjamin Merrill 04 Feb 1778 in Rowan County, NC; born 02 Dec 1752 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 10 May 1836.

Notes for Benjamin Merrill:
Revolutionary War soldier. Resident of Rowan, Randolph, and Buncombe counties, NC.

More About Benjamin Merrill and Penelope Merrill:
Marriage: 04 Feb 1778, Rowan County, NC

- 272 viii. Charles Merrill, born Nov 1761 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died 14 Oct 1822 in Pendleton County, SC; married Elizabeth ?? 23 May 1783.
- ix. Elijah Merrill, born 1763 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died Unknown.
- x. Jonathan Merrill, born 1765 in Jersey Settlement, Rowan County, NC; died Unknown; married Nancy Elliot 25 Sep 1787; born Abt. 1765; died Unknown.

More About Jonathan Merrill and Nancy Elliot:
Marriage: 25 Sep 1787

- xi. Eilien Merrill, born Abt. 1770 in Rowan County, NC; died Unknown.
- xii. Ellen Merrill, born 1770 in Rowan County, NC; died Unknown.

548. John A. Cooley²⁴, born Bet. 1745 - 1750 in Halifax, NC; died 21 Apr 1796 in Darlington County, SC. He was the son of **1096. John C. Cooley** and **1097. Martha**. He married **549. Rachel**.
549. Rachel²⁴, born Abt. 1758; died Bef. 1841 in Darlington County, SC.

Notes for Rachel:
Name also shown as Rachael.

Children of John Cooley and Rachel are:

- i. Mary Cooley, died Unknown.
- ii. Martha Cooley, died Unknown.
- iii. Sarah Cooley, died Unknown.

Notes for Sarah Cooley:
Also known as Sally.

- iv. Lydia Cooley, born Abt. 1770; died Aft. 1841 in Darlington County, SC.
- v. Jr. John Cooley, born Abt. 1775; died Abt. 1815 in Darlington County, SC.
- 274 vi. Sr. William C. Cooley, born Abt. 1780 in Darlington County, SC; died Bef. 1850 in Jasper County, MS; married Nancy Bounds 1800 in South Carolina.
- vii. Sr. Allen Cooley, born Abt. 1780; died Aft. 1850 in Holmes County, FL.
- 278 viii. Kinchen Cooley, born 1780 in Leaksville Court, Green County, MS; died Jul 1858 in Green County, MS; married (2) Lucy Shepherd Abt. 1832.

560. Robert Morris, born in Ireland; died Unknown. He was the son of **1120. William Morris**.

Child of Robert Morris is:

280 i. Thomas Morris, born 1752; died 1844.

602. Samuel F. Chisholm, born Bet. 1720 - 1775; died Unknown. He was the son of **1204. Thomas Chisholm**.

Notes for Samuel F. Chisholm:

1820 Federal Census Loudoun County, Va. Leesburg Township. page 135

Chisum, Samuel age 25-45 b. 1775-1795

female " 16-26

male " 16-26

female " 0-10

male " 0-10

5 persons in agriculture

Listed on the same page is Thomas Chisum age 46-100 which is presumed to be his father.

Listed on the following census in Warren County, Ms. unknown dates of census. Probably enumerated the second time for that year.

1820 Federal Census. Warren County, Ms..

Vicksburg, Township.

Chisholm, Samuel F. age 45-100 b. 1720-1775

Female " 45-100

female " 16-26

female " 10-16 (Mary)

male " 10-16 (Samuel T.)

female " 0-10

male " 0-10

male " 0-10

male " 0-10

2 persons in manufacturing.. now specification

Note: The comparison of ages on both of the 1820 census, one must assume Samuel F. was probably 45-46 years of age. His wife's age differs greatly. There was either an error in reporting or he married between the time the Virginia Census was taken and the Census in Warren County, Mississippi.

Mary, daughter of Samuel F. Chisholm married Samuel J. Dawson, Sr. Oct. 15, 1825 in Vicksburg.

1830 Federal Census Warren County, Ms. Vicksburg Township page 198..

Chisholm, S. F. age 50-60 b. 1770-1780

female " 40-50

male " 20-30

male " 15-20

female " 15-20

male " 10-15

male " 10-15

male " 5-10

1840 Federal Census Atalla Co. Ms. page 17

Chisholm, Samuel F. age 60-70 b. 1770-1780

female " 30-40

male " 20-30
male " 20-30
female " 10-15
female " 5-10
female " 5-10
male " 5-10

2 persons in agriculture.

Samuel and family were also on the 1841 and 1845 Ms. State Tax Census this County.

Bureau of Land Management Survey on Feb. 27, 1841 in Attala County filed in the Columbus Field Office.

Patent issued for 78.72 acres

Document # 20203 Assession/Serial # Ms 1230 077

Location Township 15 N 6E Aliquoits parts E 1/2 NE Choctaw meridian.

Cash payment to John Townsend.

Samuel F. was not found on the 1850 Census listing for any state. It is presumed he died after the 1845 Census was taken. This was also about the time Samuel J. Dawson, husband of Samuel's daughter Mary. Mary moved to Attala County from Monroe County after the 1850 Census.

Children of Samuel F. Chisholm are:

- 301 i. Mary Chisholm, born Abt. 1804 in South Carolina or Kentucky; died Aft. 1850 in Mississippi; married Samuel J. Dawson 15 Oct 1825 in Warren County Mississippi.
- ii. Samuel T. Chisholm, born Abt. 1811 in Mississippi; died Unknown.

618. William Berry, born Abt. 1750 in Albermarle County, Virginia; died Bef. Jan 1809 in Oglethorpe County, Ga.. He married **619. Susannah Taylor** Abt. 1770 in presumed Albermarle County, Virginia.

619. Susannah Taylor, born Abt. 1750 in presumed Albermarle County, Virginia; died Unknown. She was the daughter of **1238. Grant Taylor**.

Notes for William Berry:

Sources of Data:

Title: Oglethorpe County Courthouse, Lexington, Georgia.

Estate Inventory: William Berry dec'd as of July 17, 1809

1 Sorrell Mare \$ 50.00 1 Bay Gelding \$ 175.00 1 Sorrell Colt 2 yrs old \$60.00

1 Stud horse named John Carless \$200.00

37 Head of Hogs and 7 head of Sheep \$3.50 20 Geese @ \$10.00

Page and Book unknown.

Title: Land purchase: Deed Book C, 1798-1800 page 28

December 12, 1797, William Berry bought 166 acres on Little Beaverdamwaters, from William McCree for \$ 90.00. Description: begin stake corner on Smith place N75W 46 ch to black oak corner of Baldwin's line S15W 15 ch to black oak corner, on land said to vari.

Title: Land Purchase: Oglethorpe County Courthouse, Lexington.

Abstracts: Text. February 1, 1798 William Berry bought 25 1/8 acres for \$25.00 on Litter Beaverdam waters, formerly Wilkes County, from Mordica Hill of said county.

Description: begin black oak corner of Ishan Berry's line S85W 9 ch, to poplar tree corner, at head of branch, dow.

recorded in Deed Book C. page 39. 1798-1800

Title: Land Sale Deed Book B. 1795-1798 Page 331

March 21, 1798 William Berry sold a tract of land containing 45 1/4 acres to John Gresham for \$45.25 on Grove Creek waters.

Description: begin at pine corner S 24 ch. 50 links to post Oak corner S 80W 15 ch. 50 links to hickory corner N.

30 ch to black gum tree.

The above data submitted to Peggy Gilbert by Gail East. Obtained from WORLD CONNECT @ Rootsweb.com
Peggy Gilbert Alabama Family @ charter. net
Gail East @ world net.att.net

More About William Berry:

Probate: 17 Jan 1809, Lexington, Oglethorpe County, Ga.

More About William Berry and Susannah Taylor:

Marriage: Abt. 1770, presumed Albermarle County, Virginia

Children of William Berry and Susannah Taylor are:

- i. Taliaferro L. Berry, born Abt. 1780; died Unknown.
- ii. Henrietta Berry, born Abt. 1785; died Unknown.
- iii. Lewis T. Berry, born Abt. 1787; died Unknown.
- iv. Susannah Berry, born Abt. 1790; died Unknown.
- v. John D. Berry, born Abt. 1790; died Unknown.
- vi. Mary "Polly/Molly" Berry, born Abt. 1791; died Unknown.
- 309 vii. Francis Berry, born Abt. 1793; died Nov 1872 in Walton Co., Georgia; married Samuel Brightwell 29 Aug 1809 in Oglethorpe Co. Georgia.
- viii. Edmund G. Berry, born Abt. 1793 in Georgia; died Unknown.
- ix. Martha Patsy Berry, born 22 May 1795 in Georgia; died Unknown.
- x. William T. Berry, born Abt. 1799 in Georgia; died Unknown.

672. Willoughby William Winchester²⁵, born 1760 in South Carolina²⁵; died 20 Jul 1843 in Pickens, Pickens Co., SC²⁵. He was the son of **1344. William Winchester**. He married **673. Mary Wallace** 1794²⁵.

673. Mary Wallace²⁵, born 1774 in Abbeyville, SC; died Bef. 1830. She was the daughter of **1347. Eleanor ?**.

Notes for Willoughby William Winchester:

Brief History of the Willoughby Winchester Family:

In the book THE CALL OF THE BIG EASTATOE by Lillie Winchester Smith, the following is stated as being an inscription on a silver bowl in the possession of Moses Columbus Winchester family of Pickens, SC around 1900:

"Willoughby Winchester -- Valor--Battle of Boyne
July 11, 1690--Awarded by William III, King of England, Ire."

This is Willoughby Winchester would have been a great-grandfather of ours about ten or eleven generations ago.

The first record we find of our Winchester family is in 1790 in Fairfield County, SC, where Willoughby Winchester was given grant of land. This Willoughby moved on to Pickens County, SC. To trace or lineage, his son, Daniel, who married Sarah Kazaleriee Irwin, moved from Pickens County, SC to Haywood County, NC. We have very distant cousins in and around Pickens County, SC and Haywood County, NC.

Daniel's son, Jonas, (b. 1828 d. 1915) married Sarah Ann Noblett (b. 1831 d. 1902). They had five boys and our Willoughby was one of them. Of the other two, Marcellus and Asbury died in early manhood. Pinkney and Thomas married and had a family. Most of Pinkney's descendents live around Anderson, SC and most of Tom's descendents live in Walhalla, SC.

Our Willoughby (b. 1847 d. 1948) was born in NC, but the family moved to Burrell's Ford Section of Oconee County, SC by 1860. There is a Winchester family cemetery here. Willoughby married Mary Magdaline Ridley (b. 1845 (?) d. 1942) and later bought land in Rabun County, GA. across the river from Burrell's Ford Section of SC. All their children were born in this area. Their children were: Jonas "Jody" (b. 1872 d. 1944), Roxie (b.

1873 d. 1957), Lucinda (b. 1875 d. 1982), Daniel (b. 1880 d. 1958), Luke (b. 1882 d. 1975), Elbert (b. 1886 d. 1953), ** William "Bill" (b. 1884 d. 1905), Benjamin "Ben" (b. 1886 d. 1918), Victoria (b. 1889 d. 1951), Columbus "Lum" (b. 1889), and Rosevelt. As you can see, there are errors in some of these dates, but they were taken from the tombstones. Willoughby, Mary and most of their children who are dead, are buried at Saw Mill Hill Cemetery.

Legend has it that Willoughby moved his family to Bryson City, NC to keep his sons from making corn liquor, which was the custom of family and neighbors in Rabun County, GA. They had twin babies, Columbus and Victoria, who were only six or seven months old, but set out for Bryson City, NC in the cold of January or February, 1860. They spent the nights in churches along the way.

At first the family moved to Bruckner's Branch, near Jackson Line. Later, Willoughby purchased land at Lauada, NC. At one time Willoughby and Mary owned part of the land on which Saw Mill Hill Church and Cemetery is located. He helped with building the original church. Both Willoughby and Mary were religious people. They were not rich, but were financially well off for mountain people of their generation.

A painting of Mary called "Aunt Winchester" is hanging in the pioneer museum near Cherokee, NC.

** Per Florence Johnson, Elbert's daughter, he is born in 1876 not 1886.

Maxine Freeman Skelton

More About Willoughby Winchester and Mary Wallace:
Marriage: 1794²⁵

Children of Willoughby Winchester and Mary Wallace are:

- i. Nancy Winchester²⁵, born 1796 in Washington District, SC²⁵; died 1843 in Pickens, Pickens Co., SC²⁵; married John Hensley Gravely 1815 in Pendleton District, SC²⁵; died 24 Dec 1862²⁵.

More About John Hensley Gravely:

Military Servic: Bet. 1861 - 1865, Served Co. I, 3rd Reserves SC

More About John Gravely and Nancy Winchester:

Marriage: 1815, Pendleton District, SC²⁵

- ii. James Winchester²⁵, born 06 Oct 1798 in Pendleton District, SC²⁵; died 01 Apr 1866 in Pickens Co, SC²⁵; married Winneyford Adelaide Wilson²⁵; born 1809 in SC; died 01 Apr 1894 in Pickens County, SC.

More About James Winchester and Winneyford Wilson:

Marriage: ²⁵

- 336 iii. Daniel Monterville Winchester, born 22 Apr 1800 in Pendleton District, SC; died 01 Nov 1888 in Pendleton District, SC; married Sarah Kazalirue "Phoebe" Irwin 1827 in Pendleton District, SC.
- iv. Willoughby Winchester²⁵, born 01 Jan 1803 in Pendleton District, SC²⁵; died 01 Jul 1873 in Walker County, AL²⁵; married Mary Polly Pruett 1831²⁵; died Unknown.

More About Willoughby Winchester and Mary Pruett:

Marriage: 1831²⁵

- v. Joseph Winchester²⁵, born 1804 in Pendleton District, SC²⁵; died May 1861 in Pickens Co, SC²⁵; married Isabella Miller 01 Mar 1832 in Pickens Co, SC²⁵; died Unknown.

More About Joseph Winchester and Isabella Miller:

Marriage: 01 Mar 1832, Pickens Co, SC²⁵

- vi. William Winchester²⁵, born 1805 in Pickens County, SC²⁵; died Bef. 1860 in Pickens County, SC²⁵
- vii. Elizabeth "Betsy" Winchester²⁵, born 1812 in Pendleton District, SC²⁵; died Unknown; married William Lane Nix 1831²⁵; died Unknown.

More About William Nix and Elizabeth Winchester:
Marriage: 1831²⁵

704. Moses Estes²⁶, born 1732 in England; died Unknown.

Notes for Moses Estes:

The forefather of our Estes family was Moses Estes, who was born in 1732. He moved his family from England to America, and was living in Virginia in 1783; and in Pendleton District, SC by 1790 where he was enumerated on the first US census. Moses was in Virginia around 1783 where his son, Nathaniel, was born before moving to SC. He is said to have lived in the vicinity of where the Anderson County courthouse now stands and he also owned land on Beaver Creek and Great Rocky Creek of Savannah River, in Anderson County.

Moses Estes was married in England, but we believe his children, or most of them, were born in America. We have only three names of his children, Galant, Bethlehem and Nathaniel. We have no further information of Moses Estes, nor any of his children except Nathaniel.

Child of Moses Estes is:

- 352 i. Nathaniel Estes, born Abt. 1783 in Virginia; died Unknown; married Nancy Finley in Pendleton SC Courthouse.

736. Fleming Family, died Unknown.

Notes for Fleming Family:

In searching out our particular branch of the Fleming tree, many traditions have been collected, but presently no proof can be found as to the date of arrival in this country, nor where they may have first settled. Family traditions handed down say that there were four Fleming brothers who emigrated to this country from Scotland by the way of Ireland and these four brothers may well be the ones mentioned by Seaver as having been Presbyterians and among the dissenters from the Church of England who sought freedom of thought and worship in America, and who emigrated from Ireland about 1680 and took up land under William Penn in Kent County, Delaware, known as Mispillian Hundred (a tract of land some three miles square). Descendants of these brothers are said to have settled in Maryland and Virginia.

GENERAL FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

"Generosity is a characteristic of the Flemings, of whom it may be said that they know no such word as fail. They are men who win in the end, no matter what obstacles confront them, who hold on when others let go, who stiffen up when others weaken, who advance when others retreat, "So wrote J. Montgomery Seaver in "Fleming Family Records."

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Child of Fleming Family is:

- 368 i. Jamie (James) Fleming, died Unknown; married Mary Mc Clure.

742. Matthew Mc Clure, born 1725 in Ireland; died Unknown.

Notes for Matthew Mc Clure:

From "Mecklenburg Signers and Their Neighbors, " by Worth Ray we find: Matthew McClure came to Mecklenburg County or what is now Mecklenburg, about 1751. The chroniclers say he was born in Ireland about

1725; the he and his wife married there and came direct to the Mecklenburg section when they arrived in America. He was one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Child of Matthew Mc Clure is:

- 371 i. Martha Mc Clure, born 1756 in North Carolina; died 1853 in Abbeville District, SC; married Hugh Houston.

Generation No. 11

1032. Henry Overstreet²⁷, born 1735 in England; died Abt. 1790 in Georgia. He was the son of **2064. Henry Overstreet**. He married **1033. Jane Braswell**.

1033. Jane Braswell²⁷, died Unknown.

Child of Henry Overstreet and Jane Braswell is:

- 516 i. John Overstreet, born Abt. 1775 in North Carolina; died 1855 in Clarke County, MS; married Catherine Goodwin.

1088. Jr. William Merrill²⁸, born Abt. 1680 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 25 Jun 1739 in Hopewell, Burlington County, NJ. He was the son of **2176. Sr. William Merrill** and **2177. Grace**. He married **1089. Penelope Stout** Abt. 1729 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ.

1089. Penelope Stout²⁸, born 20 May 1700 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 11 Jul 1776 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ. She was the daughter of **2178. James Stout** and **2179. Elizabeth Truax**.

Notes for Jr. William Merrill:

William Merrell was killed by lightning at Burlington, NJ. He was a cooper by trade and a farmer at Hopewell.

Penelope was Williams second wife.

Hunterdon became Mercer County in 1838.

Hopewell was in Burlington County until 1838, when it became a part of Mercer

County, New Jersey.

"A History of the Henry and Hackley Families" by Bessie Henry Privately Published about 1935 Page 289 William Merrill Jr., eldest son of William and Grace Merrill was born about 1700, married 1729-1730 Mrs. Penelope (Stout) Jewell, widow of Thomas Jewell. This was his second marriage. He married first Anna Parke dau. of Roger Parke. Penelope was the daughter of James Stout and Elizabeth Traux and the granddaughter of Richard and Penelope (Kent) Von Printzen Stout who were among the first and most distinguished settlers of the Hopewell district. William Jr. and Penelope had three sons and one daughter, William, Benjamin, and Thomas and a daughter. William Jr. of Hopewell died in 1740, and his widow, Penelope Merrill, refused to trouble herself with the small estate of her husband because it "will be profitless trouble for me which I am not able to undergo." Soon after his death she married Isaac Herrin and lived until July 11, 1776, when she died in good old age. The text of her funeral sermon was taken from John XIV:9. Of their children, William married Mary Cornell, Benjamin born about 1731, married Jemima Smith, Thomas, born 1732 married Dorothy Morgan. Nothing is know about the fourth child, a daughter.

"Captain Benjamin Merrill and the Merrill Family of North Carolina" by William Ernest Merrill , M.S. Reprinted 1986 Selby Publishing, 3405 Zartman Road, Kokomo, IN 46902 Page 12 William Jr. (Stout, Nathan, "The Stout Family of New Jersey.") was married in 1729-30 to Mrs. Penelope Stout Jewell, widow of Thomas Jewell. This was his second marriage. Penelope was a granddaughter of Richard and Penelope Van Princess Stout, who were among the first and most distinguished settlers of the Hopewell district. William, Jr., and Penelope had three sons and one daughter. After a careful consideration of all the available records together with the family traditions and stories, we concluded that Capt. Benjamin and William Merrill of Rowan County, North Carolina, were two of the three sons of William Merrill, Jr., of Hopewell, and that Thomas was the other. William, Jr. ("New Jersey Archives," First Series, Vol. XXXIII.) of Hopewell, died in 1740, and his widow,

Penelope Merrill, refused to trouble herself with the small estate of her husband because it "will be profitless trouble for me which I am not able to undergo." (Obtained from data gathered by Miss Susan Weart of Hopewell, N.J.) Soon after his death she married Isaac Herrin and lived until July 11, 1776, when she died "in good old age." "The Text of her funeral sermon was taken from John xiv:19." ("Hopewell Town Book" N.J., Page 141.)

"Richard and Sarah Merrell 1642" by C. Phelps Merrell 1988 Page 13-15 Published Privately

Information on William Merrill, Jr., Penelope Stout-Jewell, and their children from: Billy J. Patterson, Rt. 2, Box 338, Claremore, Oklahoma 74017 August 1997 William Merrill Jr. was baptized on 5 Apr 1676 in what is today Lower Tysoe, a small village in Warwickshire, England about 10 miles southeast of Stratford-on-Avon. He was the son of William and Jane Merrill. He came to America with his father after Sept 1679 and before 1681. William first married Rachel Merrill in about 1711 in Hopewell, New Jersey and they had two children, Margaret and Rachel. His first wife died after 1715 and William remarried to Penelope Stout Jewell (widow of Thomas Jewell), in 1728 and they had four children. The Hopewell tax list in 1722 lists William as having 20 cattle and horses, 7 sheep and 130 acres. He was listed as a cooper and farmer. On 21 May 1740 the Hunterdon County, New Jersey Court order said"William Merrill was killed by lightning."

From B.J. Patterson, Rt. 2, Box 338, Claremore, Oklahoma 74017
December 1997 William Merrill, Jr. was killed by lightning at Burlington, New Jersey

More About Jr. William Merrill:
Ancestral File Number: 18GQ-H0M

Notes for Penelope Stout:

Also known as Mrs. Penelope Stout Jewell so Thomas Jewell is assumed to be her first husband. May have had a daughter Sarah Jewell from this marriage. Jean Warren indicates she was born at Middleton, Monmouth, NJ and that Hopewell was in Hunterdon County, NJ. At the time of her marriage to William Merrill she was a widow so Thomas Jewell is assumed to have died before 1729.

More About William Merrill and Penelope Stout:
Marriage: Abt. 1729, Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ

Children of William Merrill and Penelope Stout are:

- i. Ann Merrill²⁸, born 1707; died 1801; married David Stout; died Unknown.
- ii. Margaret Merrill²⁸, born Bef. 1712; died Unknown.
- iii. Rachel Merrill²⁸, born 1715; died 1745; married John Stout; died Unknown.
- iv. William Merrill²⁸, born 1729 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 1782; married Mary Cornell 1750; born in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 15 Aug 1813.

More About William Merrill and Mary Cornell:
Marriage: 1750

- 544
- v. Benjamin Merrill, born Abt. 1730 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 19 Jun 1771 in Courthouse at Hillsborough, Orange County, NC; married Jemima Smith 11 Dec 1750 in Hunterdon County, NJ.
 - vi. Thomas Merrill²⁸, born Abt. 1732 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died Unknown; married Dorothy T. Morgan; born Abt. 1732; died Unknown.
 - vii. Penelope Merrill²⁸, born Abt. 1734; died Unknown; married (1) Thomas Anderson; died Unknown; married (2) Ralph Hart; died Unknown.

1090. Andrew IV Smith, born 04 Nov 1709 in Hopewell, New Jersey; died 20 Mar 1794 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He was the son of **2180. Andrew III Smith** and **2181. Sarah Stout**. He married **1091. Anne Mershon**.

1091. Anne Mershon, born 19 May 1723 in Maidenhead, Mercer, New Jersey; died 03 Sep 1801. She was the daughter of **2182. Henry Mershon** and **2183. Ann Houghton**.

Child of Andrew Smith and Anne Mershon is:

- 545
- i. Jemima Smith, born 1728 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died Bef. 1803 in Rowan County, NC;

married (1) Harmon Butner in Rowan County, NC; married (2) Benjamin Merrill 11 Dec 1750 in Hunterdon County, NJ.

1096. John C. Cooley²⁹, born Abt. 1725 in Halifax, NC; died Unknown. He married **1097. Martha. 1097. Martha**²⁹, born Abt. 1725 in Halifax, NC; died Unknown.

Child of John Cooley and Martha is:

548 i. John A. Cooley, born Bet. 1745 - 1750 in Halifax, NC; died 21 Apr 1796 in Darlington County, SC; married Rachel.

1120. William Morris, born in England; died Unknown.

Child of William Morris is:

560 i. Robert Morris, born in Ireland; died Unknown.

1204. Thomas Chisholm, born Abt. 1794; died Unknown.

Notes for Thomas Chisholm:

1820 Federal Census Loudoun County, Va. Leesburg township page 135

Chisum, Thomas age 46 and over
female " 46 " "
male " 16-26
male " 16-18
female " 10-16
female " 10-16
female " 10-16
female " 0-10

three persons in agriculture.

This is presumed to be the father of Samuel F. Chisholm.

Same Census: page 124

Chisum, Charles age 26-45
male " 16-25

2 persons in agriculture
5 slaves

This could be brother of Samuel F. Chisholm.

Same Census page 135

Chisum, Samuel age 26-45
female " 16-26
male " 16-26
female " 0-10
male " 0-10

5 persons in agriculture.

I believe this person left Loudoun County and removed to Warren County, Mississippi shortly after the census was taken. He was again enumerated in Warren County.

It should be noted that the surname of Chisholm is also spelled, Chisum , Chism, Chisolm, Chisom on the census for various years and places.

Dawson/Chisholm Connection:

1820 Census for Loudoun County list Dawson, James age 26-45

This could possibly be the father of Samuel J. Dawson that married Mary Chisholm, daughter of Samuel F. Chisholm in Warren County, Mississippi

Child of Thomas Chisholm is:

- 602 i. Samuel F. Chisholm, born Bet. 1720 - 1775; died Unknown.

1238. Grant Taylor, born Abt. 1725; died Unknown.

Child of Grant Taylor is:

- 619 i. Susannah Taylor, born Abt. 1750 in presumed Albermarle County, Virginia; died Unknown; married William Berry Abt. 1770 in presumed Albermarle County, Virginia.

1344. William Winchester³⁰, born 1740 in England³⁰; died Bef. 1789 in Newberry District, SC³⁰. He was the son of **2688. Willoughby or Willobye Winchester**.

Children of William Winchester are:

- i. Joseph Winchester³⁰, born Abt. 1760 in Newberry District, SC³⁰; died 1789 in South Carolina³⁰
- ii. Daniel Winchester³⁰, born Abt. 1762 in Newberry District, SC; died Unknown in South Carolina.
- iii. Keziah Winchester³⁰, born 1764 in South Carolina³⁰; died Unknown; married Hugh Branham³⁰; died Unknown.

More About Hugh Branham and Keziah Winchester:
Marriage: ³⁰

- 672 iv. Willoughby William Winchester, born 1760 in South Carolina; died 20 Jul 1843 in Pickens, Pickens Co., SC; married Mary Wallace 1794.

1347. Eleanor ?, died Unknown.

Child of Eleanor ? is:

- 673 i. Mary Wallace, born 1774 in Abbeyville, SC; died Bef. 1830; married Willoughby William Winchester 1794.

Generation No. 12

2064. Henry Overstreet³¹, born Abt. 1709; died Unknown.

Notes for Henry Overstreet:

Came to the Georgia Colony around 1739 with his wife and three sons.

Child of Henry Overstreet is:

- 1032 i. Henry Overstreet, born 1735 in England; died Abt. 1790 in Georgia; married Jane Braswell.

2176. Sr. William Merrill³², born 1650 in England; died 1723 in Hopewell, Burlington County, NJ. He was the son of **4352. Richard Merrill** and **4353. Susanah "Sarah" Wells (or Wills)**. He married **2177. Grace** 1699 in Staten Island, Richmond County, New York.

2177. Grace³², born Abt. 1680 in Monmouth County, NJ; died 1730 in Hopewell, Hunterdon, NJ.

Notes for Sr. William Merrill:

1683: Survey for him for 88 acres on west end of Staten Island, received patent in 1686.

1687: Land deed transfer to John Reay on the Arthur Kill across from Perth Amboy. Mentions wife Grace for first time.

1687: Bought 120 acres in Middleton, NJ from Richard Stout Jr. and his wife Frances of Monmouth Co, NJ.

1704: Moved from Middleton to Hopewell with group of families led by Jonathan Stout. At the time this was the western frontier of settlement. It is reference to this move "he went west" that is often confused with his nephew William Merrill, son of Richard.

1705: Land owner and juror in Hopewell.

1716: Hopewell town constable.

1722: Tax list of Hopewell, NJ lists him and sons Benjamin and William Jr. William Sr. assessed for 300 acres, 24 cattle and horses and other holdings.

1723/24: William Merrell wrote his will a few days before his death. He leaves to wife Grace

"all moveable estate, including 40 cattle, two Negro men, 16 horses and all my sheep." After her death all to go to "all my children by an equal division....all the lands in my possession being about 350 acres to be equally divided between my two sons Benjamin and Joseph....if they cannot agree on dividing then it is my will that my son William Merrell and Joseph Stout shall divide the land for them equally as they can." Crop of winter corn to be equally divided between sons Benjamin and Joseph. The will was signed in a shaky hand "William Merrel." This date and his place of birth are not consistent with his being the son of Richard Merrill and Sarah Wells.

More About Sr. William Merrill:
Ancestral File Number: 438J-FL

More About Grace:
Ancestral File Number: 438J-GR

More About William Merrill and Grace:
Marriage: 1699, Staten Island, Richmond County, New York

Children of William Merrill and Grace are:

- i. Alice Merrill³², died Unknown; married Thomas Curtis; died Unknown.
- 1088 ii. Jr. William Merrill, born Abt. 1680 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 25 Jun 1739 in Hopewell, Burlington County, NJ; married (1) Rachel; married (2) Penelope Stout Abt. 1729 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ.
- iii. Benjamin Merrill³², born 1702 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died Unknown.
- iv. Joseph Merrill³², born 1704 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died Unknown.
- v. Richard Merrill³², born 1710 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 19 Dec 1797; married Eve; born Abt. 1710; died Unknown.

2178. James Stout, born 1648; died Unknown. He was the son of **4356. Richard Stout** and **4357. P. Van Princess**. He married **2179. Elizabeth Truax**.

2179. Elizabeth Truax, born 1654; died Aft. 1714 in New Jersey. She was the daughter of **4358. Abraham Du Trieux**.

Child of James Stout and Elizabeth Truax is:

- 1089 i. Penelope Stout, born 20 May 1700 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; died 11 Jul 1776 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; married Jr. William Merrill Abt. 1729 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ.

2180. Andrew III Smith, born 08 Dec 1689 in New Jersey; died Bef. 24 Apr 1767 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He was the son of **4360. Andrew II Smith**. He married **2181. Sarah Stout**.

2181. Sarah Stout, born 10 Sep 1689 in Middletown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey; died 24 Apr 1767. She

was the daughter of **4362. Jonathan Stout** and **4363. Ann Throckmorton Bollen**.

Child of Andrew Smith and Sarah Stout is:

- 1090 i. Andrew IV Smith, born 04 Nov 1709 in Hopewell, New Jersey; died 20 Mar 1794 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey; married Anne Mershon.

2182. Henry Mershon, born 1672; died Unknown. He married **2183. Ann Houghton** Abt. 1697 in Middlesex, New Jersey.

2183. Ann Houghton, born Abt. 1680; died Aft. 1738 in Mercer, New Jersey.

More About Henry Mershon and Ann Houghton:

Marriage: Abt. 1697, Middlesex, New Jersey

Child of Henry Mershon and Ann Houghton is:

- 1091 i. Anne Mershon, born 19 May 1723 in Maidenhead, Mercer, New Jersey; died 03 Sep 1801; married Andrew IV Smith.

2688. Willoughby or Willobye Winchester³³, born Abt. 15 Oct 1696 in London, England³³; died 1768 in Craven County, SC. He was the son of **5376. Daniell Winchester** and **5377. Hanah Robins**.

Children of Willoughby or Willobye Winchester are:

- 1344 i. William Winchester, born 1740 in England; died Bef. 1789 in Newberry District, SC; married Abt. 1760.
- ii. Willoughby Winchester³³, born 1738; died 29 Jun 1819 in Kershaw District, SC³³

Generation No. 13

4352. Richard Merrill³⁴, born Jul 1642 in Right Bank Avon, Temple Tysoe, Warwickshire, England; died 12 May 1727 in Northfield, Staten Island, Richmond County, NY. He was the son of **8704. William Merrill** and **8705. Alice Duppa**. He married **4353. Susanah "Sarah" Wells (or Wills)** 1667 in Stratupon, Warwickshire, England.

4353. Susanah "Sarah" Wells (or Wills), born 1649 in Temple tysoe, of Warwickshire, England; died 21 Oct 1722 in Staten Island, Richmond County, New York.

Notes for Richard Merrill:

About a hundred years passed from the time the Merrill family went from France to England and the time its descendents appeared in America.

Richard and his wife Sarah Wells Merrill of the little country town of Warwickshire, on a rocky hill on the right bank of the Avon, left their English home and sailed for America and settled in Northfield, Staten Island, New York, about the year 1675. They had five sons, William, who went out west; Richard, who became a member of the Colonial Assembly and Judge of the County Court; Thomas, Philip and John.

More About Richard Merrill:

Ancestral File Number: 438J-HX

Immigration: 1675, from England to America

More About Susanah "Sarah" Wells (or Wills):

Ancestral File Number: 438J-J4

More About Richard Merrill and Susanah Wells (or Wills):

Marriage: 1667, Stratupon, Warwickshire, England

Children of Richard Merrill and Susanah Wells (or Wills) are:

- i. Susana Merrill, died Unknown.
- 2176 ii. Sr. William Merrill, born 1650 in England; died 1723 in Hopewell, Burlington County, NJ; married Grace 1699 in Staten Island, Richmond County, New York.

Ancestors of Merlin Matthew Merrell

- iii. Elizabeth Merrill, born Abt. 1679 in Northfield, NJ; died Unknown; married William McLean; born 1679; died Unknown.
- iv. Richard Merrill, born 06 Jul 1682 in Staten Island, Richmond County, NY; died 06 Sep 1760 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, NJ; married Elsie Dorlandt in Staten Island, Richmond County, NY; born 10 May 1677 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY; died 20 Feb 1761.

More About Richard Merrill and Elsie Dorlandt:
Marriage: Staten Island, Richmond County, NY

- v. Thomas Merrill, born 1684 in Northfield, NJ; died Unknown; married Jenne Gewan; born Abt. 1684; died Unknown.
- vi. John Merrill, born 1685 in Northfield, NJ; died 25 Jul 1730; married Charity Simson; died Unknown.
- vii. Phillip Merrill, born 1686 in Northfield, NJ; died 18 Apr 1739; married Elizabeth Baker; born Abt. 1686; died Unknown.

Notes for Elizabeth Baker:
She was called Elizabeth in Phillips will.

- viii. John Merrill, born 1688 in Northfield, NJ; died Unknown; married Gertrude Simonson; born Abt. 1688; died Unknown.
- ix. Charity Merrill, born 1692 in Northfield, NJ; died Unknown.

Children of Richard Merrill and Sarah Wells are:

- 4356. Richard Stout**, died Unknown. He married **4357. P. Van Princess**.
- 4357. P. Van Princess**, died Unknown.

Notes for Richard Stout:
One of the first and most distinguished settlers of the Hopewell district..

Notes for P. Van Princess:
One of the first and most distinguished settlers of the Hopewell district.

Child of Richard Stout and P. Van Princess is:

- 2178 i. James Stout, born 1648; died Unknown; married Elizabeth Truax.

4358. Abraham Du Trieux, born Abt. 1632 in New Amsterdam, New York; died Bef. 1660 in Albany, New York. He was the son of **8716. Philippe Anton du Trieux** and **8717. Susanah du Chesne**.

Child of Abraham Du Trieux is:

- 2179 i. Elizabeth Truax, born 1654; died Aft. 1714 in New Jersey; married James Stout.

4360. Andrew II Smith, born Abt. 1640 in Yorkshire, England; died 1704 in Hopewell, Mercer, New Jersey. He was the son of **8720. Andrew Smith**.

Child of Andrew II Smith is:

- 2180 i. Andrew III Smith, born 08 Dec 1689 in New Jersey; died Bef. 24 Apr 1767 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey; married Sarah Stout.

4362. Jonathan Stout, born Abt. 1660 in Gravesend, Kings, New York; died Abt. 1723 in Hopewell, Mercer, New Jersey. He was the son of **8724. Richard Stout** and **8725. Penelope Van Princes**. He married **4363. Ann Throckmorton Bollen**.

4363. Ann Throckmorton Bollen, died Unknown. She was the daughter of **8726. James Bollen**.

Child of Jonathan Stout and Ann Bollen is:

- 2181 i. Sarah Stout, born 10 Sep 1689 in Middletown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey; died 24 Apr 1767; married Andrew III Smith.

5376. Daniell Winchester³⁵, born Abt. 1652 in Harefield, Middlesex, London, England³⁵; died Unknown. He was the son of **10752. Daniell Winchester**. He married **5377. Hanah Robins** 09 Sep 1677 in Harefield, London, Middlesex, England³⁵.

5377. Hanah Robins³⁵, born Abt. 1652 in Harefield, London, Middlesex, England³⁵; died Unknown. She was the daughter of **10754. Abraham Robins** and **10755. Mary ?**.

More About Daniell Winchester and Hanah Robins:

Marriage: 09 Sep 1677, Harefield, London, Middlesex, England³⁵

Children of Daniell Winchester and Hanah Robins are:

- i. Daniell Winchester³⁵, born Abt. 13 Nov 1687 in London, England; died Unknown.
- ii. Francis Winchester³⁵, born 03 Nov 1689; died 07 Feb 1691 in London, England³⁵
- iii. John Winchester³⁵, born 26 May 1691 in London, England³⁵; died 30 Jul 1691 in London, England³⁵
- iv. Richard Winchester³⁵, born 03 Jul 1692 in London, England; died Unknown.
- 2688 v. Willoughby or Willobye Winchester, born Abt. 15 Oct 1696 in London, England; died 1768 in Craven County, SC.
- vi. Hannah Winchester³⁵, born 14 Nov 1697 in London, England; died Unknown.
- vii. John Winchester³⁵, born 11 Dec 1699 in London, England; died Unknown; married Susan or Suzananna Roach 1724 in St. Michael Bassinshaw, London, England³⁵; died Unknown.

More About John Winchester and Susan Roach:

Marriage: 1724, St. Michael Bassinshaw, London, England³⁵

- viii. William Winchester³⁵, born Abt. 06 May 1702 in London, England³⁵; died 01 Jul 1702 in London, England³⁵
- ix. Elizabeth Winchester³⁵, born 02 Jun 1695 in London, England³⁵; died Unknown.

Generation No. 14

8704. William Merrill, born Jan 1615 in Honington, Warwickshire, England; died 18 Sep 1687 in Shipston, Warwickshire, England. He was the son of **17408. Richard Merrill** and **17409. Elizabeth West**. He married **8705. Alice Duppa** 21 Sep 1637 in Whitchurch, Warwickshire, England.

8705. Alice Duppa, born Mar 1617 in Shipston, Warwickshire, England; died 14 Oct 1692 in Shipston, Warwickshire, England. She was the daughter of **17410. Richard Duppa**.

More About William Merrill and Alice Duppa:

Marriage: 21 Sep 1637, Whitchurch, Warwickshire, England

Child of William Merrill and Alice Duppa is:

- 4352 i. Richard Merrill, born Jul 1642 in Right Bank Avon, Temple Tysoe, Warwickshire, England; died 12 May 1727 in Northfield, Staten Island, Richmond County, NY; married (1) Susanah "Sarah" Wells (or Wills) 1667 in Stratupon, Warwickshire, England; married (2) Sarah Wells Abt. 1675.

8716. Philippe Anton du Trieux, born Jul 1586 in Roubaix, Nord, France; died Abt. 1650 in New Amsterdam, New York. He married **8717. Susanah du Chesne**.

8717. Susanah du Chesne, born Abt. 1601 in Sedan, Lorraine, France; died Unknown.

Child of Philippe du Trieux and Susanah du Chesne is:

- 4358 i. Abraham Du Trieux, born Abt. 1632 in New Amsterdam, New York; died Bef. 1660 in Albany, New York.

8720. Andrew Smith, born 17 Jul 1619 in Farsley, West Riding of Yorkshire, England; died Unknown. He was the son of **17440. John Smith** and **17441. Margaret Burnley**.

Child of Andrew Smith is:

- 4360 i. Andrew II Smith, born Abt. 1640 in Yorkshire, England; died 1704 in Hopewell, Mercer, New Jersey.

8724. Richard Stout, born Abt. 1615 in Burton Joyce, England; died 23 Oct 1705 in Middleton, New Jersey. He was the son of **17448. John Stout** and **17449. Elizabeth Bee**. He married **8725. Penelope Van Princes** Abt. 1644 in The Netherlands.

8725. Penelope Van Princes, born Abt. 1622 in Amsterdam, Noord, Holland; died Abt. 1732 in Monmouth, New Jersey.

More About Richard Stout and Penelope Van Princes:

Marriage: Abt. 1644, The Netherlands

Child of Richard Stout and Penelope Van Princes is:

- 4362 i. Jonathan Stout, born Abt. 1660 in Gravesend, Kings, New York; died Abt. 1723 in Hopewell, Mercer, New Jersey; married Ann Throckmorton Bollen.

8726. James Bollen, died Unknown.

Child of James Bollen is:

- 4363 i. Ann Throckmorton Bollen, died Unknown; married Jonathan Stout.

10752. Daniell Winchester³⁵, born 24 Oct 1596 in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England³⁵; died Unknown. He was the son of **21504. George Winchester** and **21505. Annis Mann**.

Child of Daniell Winchester is:

- 5376 i. Daniell Winchester, born Abt. 1652 in Harefield, Middlesex, London, England; died Unknown; married Hanah Robins 09 Sep 1677 in Harefield, London, Middlesex, England.

10754. Abraham Robins³⁵, died Unknown. He married **10755. Mary ?**.

10755. Mary ?³⁵, died Unknown.

Child of Abraham Robins and Mary ? is:

- 5377 i. Hanah Robins, born Abt. 1652 in Harefield, London, Middlesex, England; died Unknown; married Daniell Winchester 09 Sep 1677 in Harefield, London, Middlesex, England.

Generation No. 15

17408. Richard Merrill, born 1575 in Honington, Warwickshire, England; died 30 Oct 1652 in Honington, Warwickshire, England. He was the son of **34816. William Merrill** and **34817. Elizabeth Unknown**. He married **17409. Elizabeth West** 12 Oct 1612.

17409. Elizabeth West, born Sep 1594 in Honington, Warwickshire, England; died 12 Oct 1616.

More About Richard Merrill and Elizabeth West:

Marriage: 12 Oct 1612

Child of Richard Merrill and Elizabeth West is:

- 8704 i. William Merrill, born Jan 1615 in Honington, Warwickshire, England; died 18 Sep 1687 in Shipston, Warwickshire, England; married Alice Duppa 21 Sep 1637 in Whitchurch, Warwickshire, England.

17410. Richard Duppa, born 1592; died Unknown.

Child of Richard Duppa is:

- 8705 i. Alice Duppa, born Mar 1617 in Shipston, Warwickshire, England; died 14 Oct 1692 in Shipston, Warwickshire, England; married William Merrill 21 Sep 1637 in Whitchurch, Warwickshire, England.

17440. John Smith, died Unknown. He married **17441. Margaret Burnley**.
17441. Margaret Burnley, died Unknown.

Child of John Smith and Margaret Burnley is:

8720 i. Andrew Smith, born 17 Jul 1619 in Farsley, West Riding of Yorkshire, England; died Unknown.

17448. John Stout, born Abt. 1580 in Burton Joyce, Nottingham, England; died Unknown. He married
17449. Elizabeth Bee 13 Nov 1609.

17449. Elizabeth Bee, died Unknown.

More About John Stout and Elizabeth Bee:

Marriage: 13 Nov 1609

Child of John Stout and Elizabeth Bee is:

8724 i. Richard Stout, born Abt. 1615 in Burton Joyce, England; died 23 Oct 1705 in Middleton, New Jersey;
married Penelope Van Princes Abt. 1644 in The Netherlands.

21504. George Winchester³⁵, died Unknown. He was the son of **43008. Winchester**. He married **21505. Annis Mann** 06 Feb 1594 in Hemel Hempshire, Hertfordshire, England³⁵.

21505. Annis Mann, died Unknown.

More About George Winchester and Annis Mann:

Marriage: 06 Feb 1594, Hemel Hempshire, Hertfordshire, England³⁵

Children of George Winchester and Annis Mann are:

- i. Jonathan Winchester³⁵, born 27 Apr 1595 in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England³⁵; died Unknown.
- 10752 ii. Daniell Winchester, born 24 Oct 1596 in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England; died Unknown.
- iii. Rebacka Winchester³⁵, born 22 Feb 1599 in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England³⁵; died Unknown.
- iv. Hannay Winchester³⁵, born 04 Mar 1602 in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England³⁵; died Unknown.
- v. Obadiah Winchester³⁵, born 04 Mar 1602 in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England³⁵; died Unknown.

Generation No. 16

34816. William Merrill, born 1540 in Warwickshire, England; died 30 Nov 1610 in Warwickshire, England. He was the son of **69632. Merrill Family**. He married **34817. Elizabeth Unknown**.

34817. Elizabeth Unknown, born 1545; died 30 Nov 1583 in Warwickshire, England.

Children of William Merrill and Elizabeth Unknown are:

- 17408 i. Richard Merrill, born 1575 in Honington, Warwickshire, England; died 30 Oct 1652 in Honington, Warwickshire, England; married Elizabeth West 12 Oct 1612.
- ii. George Merrill, died Unknown.
- iii. Thomas Merrill, died 21 Apr 1644 in Stretton, ON, Canada; married Elizabeth Curtis 29 Oct 1599; born Dec 1574; died 08 Jan 1631.

More About Thomas Merrill and Elizabeth Curtis:

Marriage: 29 Oct 1599

- iv. William Merrill, died 12 Mar 1630; married Aubrey Gibbs 1586; born in Honington, Warwickshire, England; died 20 May 1630.

More About William Merrill and Aubrey Gibbs:

Marriage: 1586

43008. Winchester, died Unknown.

Notes for Winchester:

Origin of Winchester Surname

The Winchester surname is of Anglo-Saxon origin. The first record of the name was found in Hampshire, England. It is believed that a Saxon Lord was displaced in Hampshire in 1066 and moved north to Scotland where he acquired lands in the country of Ahrshire and Landarkshire.

The surname Winchester has included the spellings Winchester and Wincester, and these variations in spelling frequently occurred even between father and son.

Thomas Winchester along with John and Henry of Lanarkshire rendered homage to King Edward I of England on his brief Conquest of Scotland in 1296. Later in 1495, William Winchester of Vicar of Grantully, and Andrew Winchester of Minister at Fishwick. The family flourished and was found at Ardtrailye, Aberchirder, St. Andrews, Artelle, Spymie, Glasgow, Banff and Cannongate. In Ireland the family settled in Upster. In later years the family name branched south to Malden in Surrey, and Henry Winchester was Sheriff to London in 1826. Distinguished members of the family at this time included Sir Thomas de Winchester.

Migrants to America bearing Winchester surname or a variable spelling include Andrew Winchester, with his wife and child, who settled in Virginia in 1639; John Winchester settled in Virginia in 1636; William Winchester arrived in Maryland in 1732; William Winchester, Sr, arrived in Maryland in 1790; and Samuel Winchester arrived in Baltimore in 1822. Our Willoughby Winchester, born in 1696 in London, came to America on the boat, where he settled in South Carolina and died in Craven County in 1768.

Winchester Coat-of-Arms

Coat granted October 3, 1826 to Henry Winchester, Esq.

References: Burkes General Armoury; Burke's Landed Gentry; Fairbairn's Book of Crests

Arms: Ore (gold), on cross azure pierced of the field, between four mascles gules, as many crosses crosslet fitches argent.

Crest: In front of a cress croslet fitches or a lion passant azure, the dexter fore paw supporting a mascle as in the arms.

Motto: "Hoc ardur vircere docet." This teaches us to overcome difficulties.

Description:

Cross: All crosses denote Crusader ancestry. The cross fitchee, or pointed cross has an interesting story: Picture a band of men, mounted, banners flying -- these banners, their cloaks, their shields, and the blankets on the horses all beating a cross in some form, painted or sewn, having the same color and form. These Crusaders are going through a wilderness section, and the going is rough. The sun is at the zenith point, men and horses alike stumble under the excessive heat, but "HALT" comes the command, in English, Franch, in German or Italian, according to the country from which they come. The men look up and see a cross held aloft; it is their signal for noon-time prayer, and is held by the leader. The cross is made of a branch slashed from a tree during their marches, and roughly shaped with the aid of a crude knife. It is pointed (fitchee)-- the prayer time over, the leader plants the cross in the ground, the point easing the way into the sand. This points the way for the next band approaching. The plain blue cross extending across the shield represents the Passion the Cross of Calvary.

Mascle: A diamond shaped figure with the center cut out. Guilim says, "This is a mesh of net, which in the Holy Writ is the Hieroglyphic for persuasion."

Lion: Is the king of beasts, emblematical of service.

Colors: are representative of the personal characteristics of the original bearer, and are granted only upon merit.

- Ore (gold) - denotes generosity and elevation of mind.
- Guiles (red) - denotes military courage and magnanimity.
- Argent (Silver) - denotes sincerity and peace.
- Azure (blue) - denotes loyalty and truth

The "Mantling" was a large scarf of heavy cloth or leather thrown over the helmet to protect the neck from the heat of the sun, the armour from rust, and to foil the enemy's sword. There is a "wreath" of the colors holding the mantling on to the helmet, six strands showing, the first of the metal, second of the color, and then alternating. Upon this six-stranded wreath, the crest rests.

Child of Winchester is:

- 21504 i. George Winchester, died Unknown; married Annis Mann 06 Feb 1594 in Hemel Hempshire, Hertfordshire, England.

Generation No. 17

69632. Merrill Family, died Unknown.

Notes for Merrill Family:

MERRILL FAMILY LINEAGE

Those who have made an extensive study of the English and French histories, genealogies and works of heraldry tell us that the Merrill Family of England was descended from the French Huguenot family De Merle of the Province of Auvergne in central France. This family migrated from this mountainous section of France after the bloody events of St. Bartholomew's Day in Paris in 1572. The tragedy of St. Bartholomew's Day marked the culmination of the great struggle between Catholics and Protestants which devastated France in the latter half of the sixteenth century. During the reign of Francis I and his three successors the Huguenot (French Protestant) character was formed and the nation gradually separated into two parties so fanatically hostile that the extermination of the weaker seemed the only possible means of reestablishing the unity of France. The Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day is one of those historic crimes which defeated its own purpose by reacting against perpetrators and advancing the cause of those who suffered. One eminent author (Merrill, Samuel, "A Merrill Memorial," Cambridge, Mass.) stated that the evidence presented in the old Coat of Arms, taken along with all the other facts, was conclusive that the Merrill family of England was of French Huguenot origin.

COAT OF ARMS

The Coat of Arms as used today is described as, "Arms. Argent, a bar azure between 3 peacocks' heads, proper. Crest, a peacock's head erased proper."

HOW DO YOU SPELL YOUR NAME?

There are numerous ways of spelling the family name. Oftentimes in the same document it is written in several forms, e.g., in one Court Record we find Merrill, Merel, Meril, and Merrell. In another record Marrell and Morrell are used. When the French family De Merle went to England it was necessary for them to use an English spelling, so they changed their name to Merrill. In most of the documents, writings et cetera this -- Merrill -- spelling is used.

GENERAL FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

In making this study of the Merrill family certain characteristics have been noted throughout the various generations. Perhaps the two most prominent are the religious trends and the spirit of adventure. Since the earliest times these people have been Protestants. They left France during the Huguenot Revolution. They left England perhaps on account of religious troubles as well as for adventure. Shortly after arriving in America they became associated with the Baptists. The family is still mostly Baptist. It has furnished preachers, deacons, and

worthy lay workers.

The members of this group have leaned more to farming and the trades than to the professions. The most of them have been good livers through few have been wealthy.

It is a rare occurrence for any member of this clan to be in court. they have been law abiding, co-operative, and good citizens.

We should not gloat over the good traits and deeds of our ancestors, but should take these as stepping stones to a better, more educated, and more progressive family.

Child of Merrill Family is:

- 34816 i. William Merrill, born 1540 in Warwickshire, England; died 30 Nov 1610 in Warwickshire, England; married Elizabeth Unknown.

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