



Looking Back

The Ancestry Of My Grandmother
Opal Delores (Lois) Billings Brooks

including many Ashe and Alleghany Co, NC, families:

Andrews, Atwood, Billings, Cresson,
Edwards, Irwin, Rash, Royall,
Sanders, Shepherd, Steelman, Williams

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This book traces the ancestors of my mother's mother, Opal Delores Billings.

BILLINGS

D-1-1. William Elmer Billings (3). My grandmother, **Opal Delores (Lois) Billings**, is the daughter of **William Elmer Billings** and **Carrie Williams** (D-2-1). They had one child.⁵³

1. *Opal Delores (Lois) Billings 11/16/1936

Carrie Williams was first married to **Andy Brooks** and they had two children: **Odis Vaughn Brooks** (2/23/1926) and **Annie Madge Brooks** (10/1/1929).^{53,65} She lived in the Stratford section of Alleghany Co, NC.

Elmer Billings moved to Chester Co, PA, about 1920 where he met and married **Isabelle B. Thomas** on 9/11/1924. They had one child **Doloris E. Billings** (1/5/1926).²¹²

The 1920 Harford Co, MD, census lists Elmer in Dublin, ED 102, p5A, house #88/90.²¹² The Edwards family was living in Alleghany Co as late as 1918.

<i>William Edwards</i>	<i>37, farmer, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Pearle</i>	<i>31, wife, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Addie</i>	<i>10, dau, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Vera</i>	<i>9, dau, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Elmer Billing</i>	<i>19, hired man, laborer, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1930 Chester Co, PA, census lists Elmer's family in Valley Township #80, p27B, house #496/511. They were renting their home at \$13/month.²¹²

<i>Elmer W. Billings</i>	<i>27, m@21, layout at Platy Mill, NC, PA, PA</i>
<i>Esebell B.</i>	<i>23, wife, m@17, housework, PA, PA, PA</i>
<i>Doloris E.</i>	<i>4, dau, PA, PA, PA</i>

Meanwhile, the 1930 Alleghany Co census lists Carrie living with her parents in Gap Civil Township, ED 3-4, p5A, household #95/95. They lived on the "road from Chestnut to Deep Gap Bull Head".²¹²

<i>John Williams</i>	<i>62, m@19, minister, Primitive Baptist, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Anna</i>	<i>60, wife, m@17, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Carry Brooks</i>	<i>25, dau, single, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Odis Brooks</i>	<i>4y 2m, son, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Anna Brooks</i>	<i>6 months, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>

Elmer Billings and Carrie Williams applied for a marriage license on 7/6/1936 in Grayson Co, VA, however the license was returned without being executed. The license lists Elmer, age 32, single, as a laborer who resided in Alleghany Co. Carrie, age 30, divorced, also lived in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ They later married in 1937 in Alleghany Co.

The 1940 Alleghany Co census lists them living beside his mother in Gap Civil Township, ED 8-5, on Old Forge Rd, p4B, #68. They were renting their home.²¹²

<i>Elmer Billings</i>	<i>37, school through 6th grade, b NC, laborer on public roads</i>
<i>Carrye</i>	<i>34, wife, school through 7th grade, b NC</i>
<i>Anna Madge</i>	<i>10, dau, school through 3rd grade, b NC</i>
<i>Opal Lois</i>	<i>3, dau, b NC</i>

1. **Lois** was born in Alleghany Co where her birth certificate gives her name as “Opal Dellois Billings”. The name appears to have been written in after the certificate was initially issued (Bk ?, p97).⁶⁵ She married **Billy Edwin Brooks** on 8/29/1953. They lived in Massillon, OH, for almost 20 years before returning to Alleghany Co in 1992.⁵³ [b^{53,65}]

D-1-2. Samuel M. Billings (4). **William Elmer Billings** was the son of **Samuel M. Billings** and **Laura Ellen Irwin** (D-3-1). They had the following children.^{3,8,53,221} *Ref 8, p271-2; Ref 221, p54-5.*

1. May Effie Billings	2/13/1895 – 1/20/1963
2. child Billings	1896 – 1898
3. Minnie Billings	1/ /1898 – 1906
4. Margie Billings	2/ 3/1900 – 9/24/1982
5. *William Elmer Billings	4/11/1902 – 5/12/1946
6. Bessie May Billings	3/ 4/1904 – 5/14/1998
7. Phoebe Jane Billings	10/25/1905 – 2/13/1999
8. Floyd James Billings	1/31/1907 – 12/16/1969

The 1900 Alleghany Co, NC, census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 5, p12A, household #222/222. They rented their home.²¹²

<i>Samuel Billings</i>	<i>29, b July 1870, m6y, farmer, NC, VA, NC</i>
<i>Ellen</i>	<i>25, wife, b Jan 1875, m6y, 4 children 3 living, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>May E.</i>	<i>5, dau, b Feb 1895, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Minnie</i>	<i>2, dau, b Jan 1898, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Margie</i>	<i>5 months, b Feb 1900, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Halie</i>	<i>80, mother, b Jan 1820, widow, 6 ch 6 living, NC, NC, NC, can't read/write</i>

The 1910 Alleghany Co census lists them in Gap Civil Township, ED 12, p7B, house #61/62. They owned their farm.²¹²

<i>Ellin Billing</i>	<i>33, widow, 8 children, 6 living, NC, VA, NC, farmer</i>
<i>Effa</i>	<i>13, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Margie</i>	<i>11, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>9, son, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Bessie</i>	<i>7, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Pheby</i>	<i>5, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Floyd</i>	<i>3, son, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1920 Alleghany Co census lists them in Gap Civil East side, ED 14, p11A, house #184/188. They owned their farm.²¹²

<i>Ellen Billings</i>	<i>40, widow, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Phebia</i>	<i>15, dau, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Floid</i>	<i>12, son, school, NC, NC, NC</i>

Ellen remarried in 1924, and her family is listed in the 1930 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil Township, ED 3-4, p5B, #108/109. They owned their home.²¹² The children are from Jesse's first marriage.

<i>Jessee McCoin</i>	<i>59, m@54, farmer, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Ellen</i>	<i>54, wife, m@49, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Minnie</i>	<i>17, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Fay</i>	<i>9, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Dot</i>	<i>7, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Bob Phipps</i>	<i>31, boarder, single, laborer, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1940 Alleghany Co census lists this family in Gap Civil Township, ED 8-5, owning a house worth \$3,000 on Old Forge Rd, p4B, house #67.²¹²

<i>J. A. McCoin</i>	<i>69, school through 7th grade, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Ellen</i>	<i>65, wife, school through 7th grade, b NC</i>
<i>Mrs. Jennie Jones</i>	<i>49, sister-in-law, widow, seamstress, b NC</i>
<i>Pauline Holcomb</i>	<i>12, granddau, school through 4th grade, b NC</i>

1. **Effie** married **Mack Trealey Brooks** on 1/5/1913 in Alleghany Co "at the home of the bride".⁶⁶ They lived in Alleghany Co and are buried at Mt. View Bap Ch.³ [(1920 Alleg, Cherry Ln #12, p8B, #142/143)²¹²; (1930 Alleg, Cherry Ln #1, p2A, #26)²¹²] [b³, d³]
2. A child is indicated as having died before the 1900 census.²¹² [b²¹², d²¹²]
3. **Minnie** is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{48,221} [b^{3,48}, d^{3,48}]
4. **Margie** married **Bryan McBride** in November 1917 in Alleghany Co,^{3,8,221} however, no marriage return has been found there.⁶⁶ They moved to Coatesville, Chester Co, PA,⁵³ where she died and was buried.²²¹ She had diabetes⁵³ and died of a stroke.⁸ [(1920 Harford Co, MD, 1st Prec, 4th Dist, Dist 96, p1B, #23/24)²¹²] [b^{3,221}, d^{3,221}]
5. **Elmer** was born in Alleghany Co where his delayed birth certificate was issued on 4/9/1943. One of the pieces of evidence used to issue the certificate was a Bible record which gave his full name "William Elmore Billings" (Bk ?, p23).⁶⁵
In 1920 he was living in northeastern MD in the town of Dublin. He was working as a hired hand on a farm for the Edwards family who had recently moved there.²¹² By 1924, Elmer had moved 40 miles further northeast to Coatesville, PA, where he worked at Lukens Steel Mill.⁵⁹⁵

On 9/11/1924 he married **Isabelle B. Thomas** in Elkton, MD.⁶⁶ As a married couple, they had at least four different addresses over the next seven years, all very close to the steel mill in Coatesville.⁵⁵⁹ Within a year they were having problems which were almost certainly caused by Elmer's drinking problem, and they separated with Isabelle moving back to her parents' home. Three weeks later, she moved back, but this was only the first of several separations.⁵⁵⁹ On 1/5/1926, their daughter was born.⁵⁵⁹ They separated for the last time on 10/31/1931. Isabelle stated that the following spring Elmer moved back to the South, and she didn't hear from him again until June 1942. She filed for divorce in June 1943, and it was officially granted on 3/6/1944.⁵⁵⁹

The next record of Elmer Billings is on 7/6/1936 when he and Carrie Williams applied for a marriage license in Grayson Co, VA (Bk 5, p142).⁵⁶³ The license was not executed, but they did eventually marry on 10/30/1937 in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ On 11/4/1937, *The Alleghany Times* says that "Mr. Elmore Billings and Mrs. Carrie Williams Brooks were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Stratford, on Saturday, October 30."²⁴⁴ I wonder if Carrie knew that Elmer was actually still married to his first wife.

Elmer worked for the WPA and helped in the building of the Blue Ridge Parkway.⁵³ He also might have worked in the coal mines of WV or PA.⁵³ While he abandoned his first wife and daughter, he probably didn't spend much time with his second family, either. That's not necessarily a bad thing. He could be cruel and violent, particularly if he had been drinking, and both of his wives had to deal with the consequences when he was around.⁵⁹⁹

"Elmore Billings" is listed as having voted in the 1942 Gap Civil Twp Poll Book.⁶⁰⁰ On 2/16/1942, his registration card for potential military service says he was 38 years old and a resident of Wolf Branch. He was born in Stratford on 4/11/1904. He listed Mr. **Glen** Nicholds of Sparta as the person who could get in touch with him. His employer was listed as the WPA. He was listed as 5ft 7in and 150 pounds with brown eyes, black hair, and a dark brown complexion. Under physical characteristics was written "ear part off". In fact, because part of his ear was missing, he had the nickname "Croppy".⁵⁹⁴

His death certificate says he was a carpenter.⁶⁴ He died in a car wreck on Highway 21 in Alleghany Co and is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{48,53,64,221} The car wreck was noted in *The Alleghany Times* in 1946:

Billings Killed In Auto Mishap

Elmer Billings, 41, of Cherry Lane, was killed instantly when the automobile he was operating left Highway No. 21, five miles south of Sparta, at 6:00 o'clock, Sunday evening. His automobile left the highway and while attempting to bring it back on the highway, it overturned on the right shoulder of the road, State Highway patrolmen reported. Mr. Billings suffered a broken neck and his body was badly crushed when the accident occurred. The car was also badly damaged.

*Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at New Salem church with Eld. **Walter Evans**, Eld. **S. G. Caudill** and Eld. **Mack Brooks**, officiating. Interment followed in the Irwin cemetery in the Wolf Branch section.*

The deceased was the son of Mrs. Ellen Billings and the late Sam Billings. He had made his home with his mother for sometime.

*Surviving in addition to his mother are two daughters, **Lois Billings** and **Doris Billings**, both of Pennsylvania.*²⁴⁴

[b^{48,64,65}, d^{3,48,64}] Ref 244 (11/4/1937, p5).

6. **Bessie** married **Chester Worth Smith** on 2/20/1924 in Alleghany Co in Sparta.⁶⁶ She “attended Wolf Branch and Rich Hill schools. Later she managed the Doll House Antique Shop, was an interior decorator, and served as caretaker for summer homes in the Roaring Gap area.”³ Mr. and Mrs. Worth Smith were mentioned in the *Alleghany Star-Times* on 3/28/1940.²⁴⁴ On 10/3/1940, the newspaper mentions “Mrs. Worth Smith” who won second place at the Alleghany Fair for Embroidery, best vanity set.²⁴⁴

She was buried at Antioch United Meth. Ch.¹⁴¹

[(1930 Alleg, Cherry Ln, Dist 1, p10B, #185)²¹²] [b^{3,141}, d¹⁴¹] Ref 141, dated 5/21/1998; Ref 244 (3/28/1940, p6), (10/3/1940, p5).

7. **Phoebe** married **Everette Dale (Dot) Holcomb** on 11/12/1922 in Alleghany Co.^{66,221} The 1930 census lists her as “Edith Holcomb”.²¹² On 6/12/1941, the *Alleghany Star-Times* mentioned “Mrs. Dot Halcom”.²⁴⁴ Her last residence was Glade Valley, Alleghany Co.¹⁹³ [(1930 Alleg, Gap Civ #4, p4A, #75)²¹²] [b^{3,193,221}, d¹⁹³] Ref 244 (6/12/1941, p4).

8. **Floyd** first married **Sadie Edith Crouse** on 10/19/1932 in Grayson Co, VA.^{3,563} On 5/12/1938, The Alleghany Times reported on cases being held in Alleghany Co Superior Court: “State vs. Floyd Billings. Non-support. Pleaded guilty of abandonment and non-support of a minor. Prayer for judgment continued for three years, on condition that he pay \$6.00 per month for use and benefit of **Doris Billings**.”²⁴⁴ She was their daughter born on 4/26/1933.

On 8/31/1942, Sadie filed papers stating that Floyd had not complied with the child support (now \$7.50 per month) since 3/20/1942. She said that he had entered the Army about 4/10/1942 and was currently stationed at Leesville, LA. On 4/20/1943, Floyd gave his deposition asking for a divorce, while he was in the Army in Sparta, WI. He said they had not lived together since 11/20/1937 and that the separation was her fault. Before separating, they had tried to live in Devotion, Surry Co, NC; in PA; and in Winston-Salem, NC, since he could not find work in Alleghany Co. However, she preferred to live at home and at times “was very abusive in her language” and “on one occasion she threw a table glass and struck me in the face.” He said he had paid the child support through the current month. Finally, in court on 4/29/1946, Sadie “withdraws her answer filed in this cause,” and they were divorced. (Alleghany Co Civil Cases).¹⁷¹

Floyd married his second wife **Edith Blackburn** Brooks on 12/24/1948 in Alleghany Co at the home of the Justice of the Peace.^{3,66} He died of cancer in Alleghany Co and is buried at Woodruff Prim Bap Ch.^{48,193,221}

[b^{3,48,193,221}, d^{3,48,193,221}] Ref 244 (5/12/1938, p1).

On 3/16/1902, S. M. Billings bought 20.4 acres from **H. T. Caudill** and **N. C. Caudill** for \$180. The land was in Prathers Creek Township, adjacent to **D. C. Caudill, J. A. Irwin, John Williams,** and others. (Alleghany DB P, p40-1).⁶⁷

On 9/6/1904, S. M. Billings and his wife Ellen sold 20.4 acres to Lee Petty for \$200. The land was adjacent to **D. C. Caudill, J. A. Irwin, John Williams,** and others. (Alleghany DB R, p541-2).⁶⁷

On 3/1/1913, **S. J. Irwin** and his wife **Caroline** sold 20 acres along the south side of Glade Creek to Ellen Billings for \$200. The land was adjacent to **Mc Irwin, D. Wagoner, Wm. Crouse.** (Alleghany Co DB 34, p71).⁶⁷

D-1-3. William Billings (5). Samuel M. Billings was the son of **William Billings** and **Mahala Wagoner** (D-20-1). They had the following children.^{3,64} Sources: *Ref 3, p759.*

1. Sarah Billings	9/30/1848	-	8/15/1933
2. Granville Billings	10/ /1853	-	5/ 5/1935
3. Matilda E. Billings	2/25/1855	-	5/28/1938
4. Lucinda Billings	2/ /1860	-	1901
5. Alice J. Billings	6/29/1869	-	8/ 8/1930
6. *Samuel M. Billings	7/ /1872	-	1908

The 1850 Ashe Co, NC, census, lists them on p252 in house #206/206. Their real estate was valued at \$130.²¹² They are living beside the family of Adam Wagoner.

<i>Wm. Billings</i>	<i>20, farmer, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Mahala</i>	<i>18, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>2, b NC</i>

The 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census, Gap Civil Township, p46, house #348/299. Their personal estate was valued at \$50.²¹² They are living beside the family of Adam Wagoner.

<i>Wm. Billings</i>	<i>25, farmer, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Mahala</i>	<i>25, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Sallie</i>	<i>12, b NC</i>
<i>Granville</i>	<i>7, b NC</i>
<i>Matilda</i>	<i>5, b NC</i>
<i>-----</i>	<i>4 months, female, b NC [apparently Lucinda had not been named yet]</i>

They have not been found in the 1870 census.

The 1880 Ashe Co census lists them in Chestnut Hill Township, ED 17, p8, house #71/71.²¹²

<i>Wm. Billings</i>	<i>51, laborer, disabled, can't read/write, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Mahala</i>	<i>50, wife, keeping house, can't read/write, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>13, dau, school, at home, NC, NC, NC</i>

Mahala was a widow living in Alleghany Co with her son Samuel in 1900.^{3,212}

1. **Sarah** married **Haywood D. Estep** on 1/18/1866 in Alleghany Co.^{3,66,471} While the marriage was listed in the index, the marriage return was missing from the file.⁶⁶ However, another book in the Clerk's office includes the marriage return dated 1/15/1866.⁴⁷¹ She and her husband donated the land for the church and for the old part of the cemetery at Antioch Prim Bap Ch where they are buried.^{8,48}

Her illness before she died is mentioned in *The Alleghany Times*.²⁴⁴ On 8/10/1933, it reads "Stratford: Mrs. H. D. Estep is seriously ill." The following week states "Mrs. H. D. Estep is just alive at this writing, Monday, August 14." Her death is noted in the 8/24/1933 newspaper on the front page:

Aged Stratford Woman Passes

Large Crowd Attends Funeral At Antioch Church

Mrs. Sallie Estep died at her home near Stratford last Tuesday, August 15. She was 83 years old, had been sick for about two months, but was confined to her bed only three days.

...The funeral was conducted from Antioch church Wednesday ...(and) laid to rest in the nearby cemetery.

*...She leaves a husband **H. D. Estep**, one brother **Granville Billings**, and five children....*

Her obituary appears in the 9/7/1933 newspaper and includes the following family information:

In Loving Remembrance Of Sally Estep

*Sally Estep, wife of **Haywood Estep**, was born September 30, 1848, and died August 15, 1933, making her stay on earth 84 years, 10 months, and 15 days. She was married to H. D. Estep January 18, 1866. To this union were born eight children, three of which preceded her in death. She leaves her husband H. D. Estep, one brother, **Granville Billings**, one sister, Mrs. **John Irwin**, and five children Aunt Sally as she was usually called had been in poor health for several years*

Her death certificate says she was buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch and died of complications due to old age (Alleghany Bk 2, p413).⁶⁴

[(1900 Alleg, Prat Cr #5, p11A, #201)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Prat Cr #15, p2B, #35)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p2A, #34/34)²¹²]

Ref 244: (8/10/1933, p4), (8/17/1933, p4), (8/24/1933, p1), (9/7/1933, p1).

[b^{3,48,64,113,212,244}, d^{3,48,64,244}]

2. **Granville** married **Nancy J. Bledsoe** on 7/20/1872,³ however, the marriage return was not found in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ His obituary is found in the 5/9/1935 issue of *The Alleghany Times*: "**Granville Billings**, 80, passed away on Sunday night, May 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Halsey**, near Stratford. Burial took place Tuesday at Antioch cemetery."²⁴⁴ His Alleghany Co death certificate says he was 84, a farmer, died of Brights disease, and was buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch (Bk ?, p7).⁶⁴

Ref 244: (5/9/1935, p6).

[(1880 Alleg, Prat Creek #13, p3, #24)²¹²; (1900 Alleg, Prat Creek #5, p10A, #179)²¹²]
[b^{3,113}, d^{3,64,244}]

3. **Matilda** married **John Allen Irwin** on 9/7/1879 in Alleghany Co in Gap Civil “near Union church in the road”.⁶⁶ The marriage certificate says her parents were living in VA.⁶⁶ She died in Alleghany Co and was buried at Prathers Creek Bap Ch (Bk 12, p67).⁶⁴ The estate of John A. Irwin was settled on 8/27/1935, naming their heirs. (Alleg Adm. Bk 2, p214).⁴⁷²
[(1910 Alleg, Prat Crk #15, p1B, #17)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p1A, #7/7)²¹²] [b^{3,64,113}, d^{3,64}]

4. **Lucinda** married **William M. Hines** on 1/24/1878,³ however, the marriage return was not found in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸ [b^{3,48,113}, d^{3,48}]

5. **Alice** was born in Grayson Co, VA, on 6/20/1867 to “W. and Mahala Billings” according to her birth record on p128.²⁹⁸ She married **Jehue Blevins** on 6/23/1888 in Alleghany Co at the home of the Justice of the Peace in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ The cemetery where Jehue was buried in 1898 in near Crumpler in Ashe Co, on the east side of Hwy 16, and north of Helton Creek.⁵⁴⁹ They probably lived near there. She was buried at Prathers Creek Bap Ch where her headstone reads “Alice J. Billings Blevins”.^{3,48} [b^{3,48,298}, d^{3,48}]

6. **Samuel** married **Laura Ellen Irwin** on 6/16/1893 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ They were buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{3,48} [b^{3,48}, d^{3,48}]

On 2/14/1851, **William Billings** of Ashe Co bought 25 acres from **Jesse Austin** and **Caleb Osborne** for \$20. The land was in Ashe Co, on Little River, adjoining his own land. The deed was entered in Alleghany Co on 12/26/1885. (Alleghany Co DB G/7, p112-3).⁶⁷ At the time of this deed, Alleghany Co had not yet been formed.

The estate file for **William Billings** states that he died without a will, and **H. D. Estep** was appointed administrator in Alleghany Co court.⁵⁷² The earliest document in the file is a receipt dated 6/11/1892 where **Jehue Blevins** received \$11.42 “to pay on burial goods and coffin etc for William Billings deceased”. Also in June, there was a bill from Calaway **Richardson** for “halling corps to the bury ground from Ashe Co” for \$0.50.

On 11/17/1892 all six children signed a document in court to “renounce our right to administer on his estate in favor of so that the estate may be settled as the law directs”. The next day, a similar paper was signed by Mahala.

On 12/5/1892 it was stated that the value of his estate was about \$88.00, and that the heirs were Lucinda Hines, Sarah Estep, M. E. Irwin, Granvill Billings, S. M. Billings, and Alice Blevins.

On 1/20/1893 three appointed commissioners determined the value of William's estate. A complete list of items was given:

two bedstids and clothing	\$18.00
seven quilts	\$14.00
one cupboard and shelf ware	\$4.00
two ovens and lid and one smothering iron	\$1.50
one churn and hooks and one shovel	\$0.75
one table and cloth one chest and clock	\$3.00
four chairs and tray sifter and bole	\$2.50
two notes: one on Parker Poe amt \$102.50	
with a credit of \$40.00, balance due with interest, about	\$75.00
one on John Irwin	\$25.00
one account on J. H. McMillan	\$0.50
one on D. C. Caldwell	\$0.375
one on Thomas Atwood	\$0.50
one ax	\$0.50

On 1/23/1893, **Mahala** Billings, widow, was summoned to appear in court in four days to answer a petition regarding her one year's allowance based on the value of the estate. Also summoned were **Samuel Billings**, **John Irwin**, and **J. L. McMillian**. On 1/26/1893, **H. D. Estep** filed a protest against the allowance assignment, moving "to set aside said proceedings for illegality". The next day, in court, H. D. Estep said that the proceeding was illegal from the fact that Mahala did not file with him a written application, signed by her requesting the administrators assign her year's support. The judge agreed, and support was not approved.

Also on 1/27/1893, H. D. Estep settled the two notes in the inventory list. The \$40 credit on the note on **Parker Poe** was dated 2/10/1892. The note on **John Irwin** was dated 2/26/1892. This suggests that William was still living in February, but had died before 6/11/1892.

On 3/10/1893, **Jehue Blevins** submitted a bill for the cost of "keeping him whilst sick 5 months and 5 days". That totaled \$22.50 plus another \$2.00 for moving him. Deducted from that are (presumably) items that William provided including bacon, corn, buckwheat, coffee, and \$0.30 that he had with him when he died. Jehue stated that he was owed \$13.25 from the estate. As a side note, Jehue is believed to have lived north of Crumpler in Ashe Co which would be about 20 miles from Antioch Prim Bap Ch.

On 4/17/1893, H. D. Estep paid Mahala \$33 from the funds of the estate based on a contract they had agreed to on 3/31/1893. On 5/30/1893, he paid her another \$14.50 to complete what was due to her.

On 5/30/1893, Dr. **B. E. Reeves** submitted a bill stating that he was the medical attendant for William Billings "at the time of his death and had also given him medical aid prior to his last illness and as a reward for the same I have charged the estate of said Wm. Billings \$5.00."⁵⁷²

D-1-4. Jasper Billings, Jr. (6). William Billings was most likely³ the son of Jasper Billings, Jr. and Elizabeth Spurling. They had the following children.³

1. Nancy Billings	1824 -
2. Delilah Billings	10/ /1829 - 3/ 5/1920
3. *William Billings	1830 - 1892
4. Wilburn Marion Billings	1832 - 12/ /1891
5. Mary (Polly) Billings	8/15/1834 - 2/19/1929
6. Eli H. Billings	7/ 6/1835 - 3/24/1926

Each of these children are proven to be children of Jasper Billings, Jr. according to census and land records except for **William Billings**. More research is necessary to more convincingly prove his parentage.

The 1830 Ashe Co census includes the family of Jasper Billings, p31: (200001-120001).²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>30-39</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>5-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>30-39</i>

The 1850 Ashe Co census lists them on p255, house #251/251. Their real estate was valued at \$30.²¹²

<i>Jasper Billings</i>	<i>58, farmer, b VA, can't read/write</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>58, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Polly</i>	<i>18, b NC, school</i>
<i>Eli</i>	<i>15, b NC</i>

The 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census lists them in Glade Creek PO, p71, house #578/456. Their real estate and personal estate were each valued at \$100.²¹²

<i>Jasper Billings</i>	<i>61, miller, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Elisabeth</i>	<i>65, b NC</i>

The 1870 Alleghany Co census, Glade Creek Township, Cherry Lane PO, p4, house #27/27. Their real estate was valued at \$300.²¹²

<i>Jasper Billings</i>	<i>70, farmer, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Elisabeth</i>	<i>70, keeping house, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Rachel Phillipps</i>	<i>24, domestic servant, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>William Phillipps</i>	<i>10, at home, b NC, can't read/write</i>

1. **Nancy** married **Levi Willey** around 1840. She died before 1875 in Alleghany Co.³

[(1850 Ashe, #46)²¹²; (1860 Alleg, p66, #541/424)²¹²; (1870 Alleg, Sparta, Gap Civ, #136)²¹²] [b³]

2. **Delilah** married **Joseph Hudson** about 1844.^{3,212} Her husband must have died before the 1880 census when she is living with her six daughters.²¹² She died in Alleghany Co at the age of 95 and was buried “on farm”.⁶⁴ Her death certificate lists her parents as “Joseph Billings and ___ Spurlin”, both of whom were born in NC (Bk 1, p106).⁶⁴ Perhaps the informant made a mistake with her father’s name since he had died nearly 50 years earlier.

[(1850 Ashe, p289, #740)²¹²; (1860 Alleg, Gap Civ, p86, #690/553)²¹²; (1870 Alleg, Cherry Ln, p7, #49)²¹²; (1880 Alleg, Cherry Ln #10, p2, #12/15)²¹²] [b³, d^{3,64}]

3. **William** married **Mahala Wagoner** about 1847.³ On 6/29/1904 Mahala applied for widow’s pension for his Civil War service. She was 74 and lived in Stratford. She says he enlisted in the Senior Reserves in 1863 or 1864 under Capt. **Jesse Reeves**. She says he joined the Home Guard “and aided in capturing deserters and protecting the property of the citizens of this and Wilkes County. He was wounded by falling on rock and putting hip out of place while in service.” It is unclear whether the request was approved. Two years later on 6/30/1906 she again applied for his pension. This time she says he served in Co C, 5th Battalion, and the request was approved.³⁶⁶ I have not yet found any record of his actual service, nor have I found a **Jesse Reeves** among the Senior Reserves. Additionally, census records suggest William was no older than 35 when the Civil War ended, so he likely inflated his age if he was part of the Senior Reserves.

William and Mahala were both living in 1878, 1879, and 1888 when their daughters were married.⁶⁶ However, William had died before 6/15/1893 when his youngest son applied for his marriage license. The father’s name is given as “Wm. Billings” and the word “living” is marked out and “ded” is written in. The mother “Mahalia” was still living.⁶⁶

According to his estate papers, he must have died between 2/26/1892 and 6/11/1892. He is probably buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch where the headstone reads “Will Billings, 1814-1896”.⁴⁸ Either the birth and death years are wrong, or that is not his headstone.

[b^{3,48}, d^{3,48,572}]

4. **Wilburn** married **Catherine Wolfe** on 6/5/1849. In 1850 they lived in Ashe Co near his parents. He “ran into financial difficulties” and started selling his possessions and borrowing money. This could be why he left NC and moved to NE in the early 1870s. He left his wife and a daughter behind because they refused to go.³ They ended up getting divorced.³⁸⁴

On 9/22/1857, “Wilborn Billings” was declared “firmly bound” to **Levi Willey** in the amount of \$250, to be paid with interest before 3/1/1859. If it was not paid, then he would grant the following property to Levi Willey: his 8 head of horses, 1 yoke of work steers, crop of corn, buckwheat and oats, 1 wagon, 1 cow and 3 calves, 9 head of hogs, 3 cast wheels, farming tools, and household and kitchen furniture. This is according to Ashe Co records (DB T, p231).⁶⁷

On 12/12/1864, he sold 125 acres for \$750 (Alleghany DB A, p320).⁶⁷ After the Civil War, he moved to Grundy Co, IA, and married **Elizabeth Moxley**, a two-time widow who was also from Alleghany Co.³⁸⁴ On 8/15/1878, he and his wife “Betsy” of Gage Co, NE, sold 176 acres on Bledsoe Creek in Alleghany Co for \$100 (Alleghany DB F/6, p456-7).⁶⁷

[(1850 Ashe, #190)²¹²; (1860 Alleg, p71, #580/458)²¹²; (1870 Grundy Co, IA, Felix Twp, p9, #60)²¹²; (1880 Gage Co, NE, Rockford #346, p4, #37/39)²¹²] [b^{3,212}, d³]

5. **Polly** first married **Eli Cox** on 5/2/1853. They moved to Washington, IN, after the Civil War, but Eli died in 1868 leaving her with three small children. “Polly moved in a covered wagon back to NC” and married **Kirby Higgins** on 10/11/1873. **Kirby** is thought to have died seven years later and she moved to Filly, NE, to be with her brother **Wilburn**. In 1904, she moved to Agra, KS, to be with her children. She was buried in Fairview Cem in KS.³

[(1860 Yancey NC, Egypt, p122, #807)²¹²; (1870 Grayson VA, Elk Cr, p12, #81)²¹²; (1880 Alleghany, Glade Cr #9, p9, #82/90)²¹²; (1885 Gage Co, NE, Filley, p3)³; (1900 Gage Co, NE, Filley #50, p8B, #165)²¹²; (1910 Phillips Co, KS, Plum Twp, Agra #148, p2B, #52)²¹²; (1920 Phillips Co, KS, Plainview #158, p5B, #41/43)²¹²] [b³, d³]

6. **Eli** married **Polly Ann Rector** on 4/1/1860.³ He was a 2nd Lt. for the Glade Creek District, 96th NC Militia which was commissioned on 12/26/1861.⁶¹ He later voluntarily enlisted as a Private in Co I, 61st NC Inf on 5/3/1862 in Alleghany Co at the age of 27.^{61,320,367} At the December 1862 muster roll he is listed as absent because he is “sick at home”.³⁶⁷ In February 1863 he was AWOL in Alleghany Co since 12/7/1862.³⁶⁷ In June 1863 he was at the CSA hospital in Wilmington, suffering from disability.³⁶⁷ He returned to duty on 6/25/1863. On 8/15/1863, due to his disability, he was granted a 30 day furlough from Wilmington with transportation provided.³⁶⁷ He is said to have been taken prisoner in 1864.⁶¹

They are buried in Adams Cem.³

[(1860 Alleg, p71, #577/455)²¹²; (1870 Grayson, VA, #565)¹³⁹; (1880 Alleghany, Glade Creek #9, p5, #37/41)²¹²; (1910 Watauga NC, p12B, #203/219)²¹²; (1920 Grayson, Oldtown #74, p12A, #226/235)²¹²] [b³, d³]

It’s possible that some of the following land records refer to Jasper Billings, Sr, instead of to his son Jasper Billings, Jr.

On 9/20/1823, the State of NC granted 100 acres (#1182) to Jasper Billings at a price of \$10 per 100 acres. The land was adjacent to **Solomon Stamper** and **Edward Hart**. It was proven on 11/30/1824. (Ashe Co DB V, p388)⁶⁷

On 7/16/1825, Jasper Billings bought 100 acres on Elk Creek “crossing the knob” from **Zachariah Osborn**. The witnesses were **James Maxwell** and **Charles Billings**. The deed was proven in August 1833. (Ashe Co DB V, p199)⁶⁷

On 1/11/1827, Jasper Billings entered 50 acres on the waters of Little River in Ashe Co. It was issued on 12/29/1838. The land was adjacent to his own and to **David Evans** and Moxley. (NC File #2632, Grant #2532).⁵¹⁷

On 9/1/1829, Jesper Billings sold 100 acres on Elk Creek "crossing a knob" to **Wyatt Perry** for \$100. It was witnessed by **Robert Gambill** and **Charles Billings**. (Ashe Co DB V, p290).⁶⁷

Elizabeth Spurling was born about 1792 and died in 1871.³

D-1-5. Jasper Billings, Sr. (7). Jasper Billings, Jr. was the son of **Jasper Billings, Sr.** He and his wife may be the parents of the following children.³ I have seen no proof yet that these children are siblings. Only Lucy is documented in records as a child of Jasper Billings, Sr. Later census records show all four of these sons to have been born about the year 1800.

1. *Jasper Billings, Jr.	1798	-	1/	/1880
2. Richard Billings	1800	-	3/	/1873
3. Charles Billings	1802	-		1881
4. John Billings	1803	-		
5. Lucy Billings	1805	-		1866

It has been difficult to trace this family, primarily because they seem to have been skipped in several censuses. While there was a Jasper Billings listed in Wilkes Co from 1784 through 1830, this was someone else, probably Jasper's first cousin.

I have decided that the Jasper Billings found in Moore Co in 1790 and 1800 might be my ancestor because this is along the road from Charleston, SC, to northwestern NC. Also, Deep River runs through Moore Co, and he said he was born at "Deep Rivers, NC," before moving to SC. As his Revolutionary War pension request states, he was in the Charleston area at the end of the war, and then he came to Wilkes Co for a period of time. About 1825 he left from Wilkes Co to go back home in SC to look for documentation of his service. He lived the latter part of his life in the area of Ashe Co, NC, and Grayson Co, VA.

The 1790 Moore Co, NC, census includes Jasper Billings in Guilford Dudley's Division, p163.²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>over 16</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>under 16</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>any age</i>

There is also a Gasper Billins in 1790 Wilkes Co, Sixth Comp, p155, with one male (over 16) and one female.²¹² This appears to be the Traphill area.

The 1800 Moore Co, NC, census includes Jasper Billins, p216: (31010-00010).²¹²

<i>three males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>

There is also a Jasper Billings in 1800 Wilkes Co, p28, with two males (under 10), one male (26-45), one female (under 10), and one female (16-25).²¹² This appears to be the Traphill area.

The 1810 Wilkes Co, NC, census includes Jasper Billings on p849: (30001-20010).²¹² Admittedly, this census doesn't necessarily agree with the one in 1800 Moore Co, particularly with the age of the three young males who should be ten years older in 1810.

<i>three males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>

There is also a Jasper Billings Jr listed in Wilkes Co, p851, with one male (over 45), one female (under 10), and one female (26-45).²¹² Judging by the names of his neighbors, he lived in the Traphill area near Dockery.

Only the other Jasper Billings (who died in 1835) is listed in Wilkes Co in 1820 and 1830. My Jasper Billings has not been found in 1820, 1830, or 1840.

The 1850 Ashe Co, NC, census, p285, house #687/687. They aren't listed with any real estate value.²¹² Perhaps Elizabeth is his second wife.

<i>Jasper Billings</i>	<i>86, mechanic, b SC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>50, b NC, can't read/write</i>

Another **Jasper Billings** lived in the Traphill area of Wilkes Co, NC, and is found there in tax records from 1784 through 1799. He is also listed in every census between 1787 and 1830. This "other" Jasper Billings is said to have been born on 4/3/1759 and died on 11/12/1835 according to Revolutionary War pension records.^{13,212} He married **Elizabeth Richardson** on 6/14/1795.¹³ He owned land in the Reddies River area, as well as at his homeplace in Dockery. He built a grist mill on Roaring River in 1792. Again, this is believed to be a different Jasper Billings, not my ancestor. *Ref 13, p62, 100.*

1. **Jasper, Jr.** married **Elizabeth Spurling**. He "owned land and worked mines on his property."³ The 1880 Alleghany Co Mortality Schedule lists the death of Jasper Billings at the age of 78 in Cherry Lane. He had died in January of heart dropsy. It says he had lived in Alleghany Co for 50 years. The schedule says that he had been part of household #15 in Cherry Lane, and this is the household of his daughter **Delilah**.²¹² [b³, d³]

2. **Richard** was born in NC and married **Mary Moxley** around 1828. He was in Ashe Co in 1830 with his wife and four daughters.²¹² He was still there in 1840 with seven children and also seven slaves.²¹²

In 1847, he bought 75 acres of land located near the mouth of Brush Creek in Grayson Co. Apparently silver and lead were discovered there, and a mining operation (The New River Mining Co) was undertaken. While in Grayson Co, VA, he was listed as a miller in 1850.²¹² The Confederacy used the lead from his mines in its efforts during the Civil War³. He is "said to have died from smallpox and" to have been buried in Bethel Cem.³ The census records suggest he was born about 1800.²¹²

[(1830 Ashe, NC, p32)²¹²; (1840 Ashe, p32)²¹²; (1850 Grayson, Dist 19, p142, #968)²¹²; (1860 Grayson, p104, #801/761)²¹²] [b^{3,212}, d³]

3. **Charles** married **Lydia** around 1825. He lived in Ashe Co, NC, in 1844, and in 1850, Grayson Co, VA. In 1844 he received land grant #4381 in Ashe Co for 100 acres (Ashe DB O, p261).⁶⁷ Three years later he sold this same land on Pine Swamp to **Hiram Hill** (Ashe DB O, p262).⁶⁷ He was living with his son **Daniel Billings** in 1880.³

[(1830 Ashe, p36)²¹²; (1850 Grayson, p144, #982)²¹²; (1860 Grayson, p108, #824/784)²¹²; (1880 Grayson, Elk Cr #36, p22, #200/202)²¹²] [b³, d³]

4. **John** was born in Ashe Co and married **Elizabeth Caudill** around 1838.^{3,212} She was about 13 years younger than him.²¹² They had one child in the 1840 census and were living with one lady in her 40s and another in her 60s.²¹² Could one be John's mother? If so, then John is not the son of Jasper Billings, Sr.

[(1830 Wilkes, p350)²¹²; (1840 Ashe, p8)²¹²; (1850 Ashe, #39)²¹²; (1860 Ashe, Gap Civ, p43, #321/280)²¹²] [b³]

5. **Lucy** married **David Osborne** around 1825.³ They lived in the Cranberry section of Alleghany Co.³ He, and probably she, is buried "on the Van Miller farm at Laurel Springs".⁸ [b³, d³]

On 5/2/1805, Jasper Billings was appointed to care for **Richard Higgins**, an orphan boy who would apprentice as a blacksmith until he reached the age of 21. It's possible that this record refers to the other Jasper Billings. (Wilkes WB 2, p125).⁶⁷

On 1/11/1827 it was entered that Jasper Billings received a NC State grant (#2532) of 50 acres at a price of \$5 per \$100 acres. The land was on Little River, adjacent to **David Evans**. (Ashe Co DB M, p608).^{3,67} Ref 3, p749.

On 11/23/1854, Jasper Billings made an agreement with his grandson **Jasper Osborne**, son of daughter **Lucy**. Any land that Jasper Billings received for his Revolutionary War service would go to **Jasper Osborne** in exchange for caring for him and his wife until their deaths. (Ashe DB S, p345)^{3,67} Ref 3, p842.

D-1-6. John Billings (8). Jasper Billings, Sr. is believed to be the son of John Billings.³

1. *Jasper Billings, Sr.

2/23/1766 – 11/19/1856

They probably lived near Charleston, SC, at the time of the Revolutionary War.³

1. **Jasper, Sr.**'s second wife was probably **Elizabeth**. In his application for bounty land for Revolutionary War service he said that he was born at Deep Rivers, NC, but while still an infant moved with his father **John** to SC near Charleston "at a place called Wind Hill". He said that he had entered service at Old Three Runs, SC, around 1782, possibly being stationed at Fort Sumter. He was shot in the leg at the Battle of Orangeburg and was transferred to the command of Gen. **Francis Marion** where **Sgt. McDonald** and **Sgt. Jasper** were also stationed. He stated that **Sgt. Jasper** was his cousin. That may have been true, but his cousin was actually only a private.³

After the war he "set out for western NC to visit his Uncle **Thomas Billings** in Wilkes and in crossing the Catawba River, he lost his saddle bags, including his papers and discharge." So around 1825 "he visited his family home in SC, where his mother still lived", but was unable to find Col. **Henry Hampton** who discharged him. He said he was in the 6th Reg and "described his uniform as a blue coat with 2 rows of pewter buttons in front, with figure 6 on them, trimmed with red on the chest."

After 1810 Jasper moved from Wilkes Co, NC, to Grayson Co, VA, and worked in an old furnace as a blacksmith. He died in Ashe Co being listed as a mechanic.³ [b³, d³] *Ref 13, p11.*

John Billings (8) may have been born in VA. A descendent once stated that his wife may have been **Nancy Harriett Davis**. He "first appears in the index to the Halifax Co (VA) court records in 1753 when he is indicted by the Grand Jury for concealing one tithable, and he last appears in these records in 1769." He was taken prisoner by the British or Tories and then died in prison. "On the Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, **John Billings**, Pvt 1st Regt, was in garrison at the siege of Charleston in 1780." His last payment was on Feb 1, 1780. He probably had at least three brothers: **Thomas Billings**, **William Billings**, and **Jasper Billings**.³

It is possible that **John Billings** and his family lived in Wind Hill, SC, just outside of Charleston until about 1780. When British General Cornwallis took Charleston, the family may have moved to a safer place ending up in Boiling Springs, SC, where a Billings family is known to have lived in later years.²⁹⁷

As for the possible brothers of John Billings:

- **Thomas** was from Pittsylvania Co, VA, and came to NC with his son **Jasper Billings** about 1774. This Jasper Billings is believed to be the "other" Jasper (1759-1835) who lived near Traphill. These two Jasper Billings would be first cousins.³
- **William** was called Col. William Billings of VA by his son. His son also mentioned an Uncle **Thomas Billings**, who would have been William's brother.³
- **Jasper** married **Elizabeth** and died in Pittsylvania Co, VA, in 1763.³ He would have been the uncle of the two Jasper cousins listed above.

These four brothers would have been born perhaps in the 1720s or 1730s.

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D-2-1. John Mack Williams (4). Carrie Williams (D-1-1) was the daughter of **John Mack Williams** and **Annie Lou Atwood (D-7-1)**. They had the following children.⁵³

1. child Williams	1888	-
2. Leona Williams	6/ 5/1890	- 7/23/1985
3. Wiley Hurschell Williams	8/20/1893	- 8/ 4/1931
4. child Williams	1896	-
5. Ada Williams	3/30/1899	- 10/23/1949
6. John Emanuel (Mando) Williams	5/31/1901	- 3/10/1924
7. Eura Williams	4/23/1902	- 7/12/1979
8. *Carrie Williams	9/17/1904	- 10/11/1986
9. child Williams	1906	-
10. child Williams	1908	-
11. Roscoe Eldridge Williams	8/10/1909	- 12/19/1977

John Williams lived in a few different areas in Alleghany Co, NC. However, the house he lived in when he died was on the same road as the place where he grew up. That was on Irwin Grocery Rd in the Stratford area.⁵³

The 1900 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 5, p11B, house #215. They owned their own farm.²¹²

<i>John Williams</i>	<i>33, b Apr 1867, m12y, farmer, can't write, NC, England, NC</i>
<i>Louana</i>	<i>31, wife, b Nov 1868, m12y, 5 ch 3 living, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Leona</i>	<i>9, dau, b Jun 1890, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Wily H.</i>	<i>6, son, b Jul 1893, VA, NC, NC</i>
<i>Vergie D.</i>	<i>1, dau, b Mar 1899, NC, NC, NC [must be Ada]</i>

The 1910 Alleghany Co census lists them in Gap Civil Township, ED 12, Sparta Village, p16A, house #163/168. They owned their own farm.²¹²

<i>John Williams</i>	<i>43, m23y, brick mason, NC, England, NC</i>
<i>Annie L.</i>	<i>40, wife, m23y, 11 ch 7 living, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Leona</i>	<i>18, dau, laborer on home farm, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Willey H.</i>	<i>16, son, laborer on home farm, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Adia</i>	<i>12, dau, laborer on home farm, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Amanul</i>	<i>10, son, laborer on home farm, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Uera</i>	<i>8, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Carry</i>	<i>6, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Rosco</i>	<i>7 months, son, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1920 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 17, p3A, on "Copper Miners Rd", #54/54. They owned their own farm.²¹²

<i>John M. Williams</i>	<i>52, farmer, NC, England, NC</i>
<i>Annie L.</i>	<i>50, wife, NC, KY, NC</i>

<i>Leona</i>	<i>27, dau, single, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Wiley</i>	<i>26, son, married, NC, NC, NC, laborer</i>
<i>Phebe</i>	<i>18, dau-in-law, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Eura</i>	<i>16, dau, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Carrie</i>	<i>15, dau, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Rosco</i>	<i>10, son, school, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1930 Alleghany Co census lists Carrie living with her parents in Gap Civil Township, ED 3-4, p5A, household #95/95. They lived on the “road from Chestnut to Deep Gap Bull Head”.²¹²

<i>John Williams</i>	<i>62, m@19, minister, Primitive Baptist, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Anna</i>	<i>60, wife, m@17, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Carry Brooks</i>	<i>25, dau, single, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Odis Brooks</i>	<i>4y 2m, son, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Anna Brooks</i>	<i>6 months, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1940 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 3-8, p8A, on Grocery Rd, house #147. They owned their home worth \$600.²¹² Living next door (and likely on the same property) is their daughter Leona McMeans, a widow age 48, with her three children.²¹²

<i>John Mc Williams</i>	<i>72, b NC, manager of a farm</i>
<i>Annie</i>	<i>70, wife, b NC</i>
<i>Odis Brooks</i>	<i>13, grandson, school in 4th grade, b NC</i>

1. A child had died before the 1900 census.²¹²

2. **Leona** married **Iley McMeans** on 8/15/1920 in Alleghany Co “in road near **Fanny Warden’s**” in Piney Creek.^{53,66,244} In 1930 she was a widow, living with her brother Wiley’s family.²¹² The 1930 census says she was born in Virginia. She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸ [(1930 Alleg, Cherry Ln #1, p6A, #108)²¹²; 1940 Alleg, Pra. Creek, p8B, #148)²¹²] [b^{48,212}, d⁴⁸] *Ref 244, 7/6/1933, p4.*

3. **Wiley** was married to **Phoebie Crouse** on 12/31/1919 in Alleghany Co by his father at his home in Prathers Creek.^{48,66} He served in WWI.^{53,398} The 1930 census says he was born in NC and lists his occupation as “none”, followed by the phrase “disabled during war” which is marked out.²¹² He died in Alleghany Co of complications from tuberculosis (Bk 8, p289).⁶⁴ They are buried at Woodruff Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64} He did not leave a will, but his estate was settled and valued at \$150 on 9/21/1931.⁴⁷²

There is a record in the Grayson Co marriage license register for “Wiley Williams and Anice Irwin” on 1/12/1915. The license wasn’t returned (Bk 3, p52).⁵⁶³ [(1930 Alleg, Cherry Ln #1, p6A, #108)²¹²] [b^{48,64,382,398}, d^{48,64,382}] *Ref 472, Bk 2, p80-83.*

4. A child had died before the 1900 census.²¹²

5. **Ada** first married a **Holder**.⁴⁰⁷ She married her second husband **Frank W. Akers** on 11/2/1918 in Richmond, VA. She was listed as a 22 year old widow.⁴⁰⁷ She married third **John**

Earl **King** on 12/9/1941 in Richmond.^{53,66} On 9/8/1938, *The Alleghany Times* wrote: “Stratford: Mrs. **Ada** Acers and children, **Roy**, **Carrie**, and **John**, of Richmond, VA, visited Mrs. Acers’ parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J. M. Williams**, last week.”

In 1949, Ada and her daughter **Carrie** were shot and killed by Carrie’s husband.^{53,516} She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

[(1930 Richmond, VA, Jefferson, Dist 89, p23A, #296/355)²¹²]

[b^{48,212}, d⁴⁸] Ref 244 (9/8/1938, p8).

6. **Mando** married **Verna Ruth Baldwin** on 9/3/1919 in Alleghany Co.^{66,212} He is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

[(1920 Alleg, Gap Civ 14, p3B, #41/43)²¹²] [b^{48,64}, d^{48,64}]

7. **Eura** married **Posie O. Irwin** on 4/4/1920 in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ The marriage return should be rechecked for more information. She married her second husband **Eugene Carneal** about 1928, possibly in Richmond, VA.^{212,516} In 1930 they shared a house with her brother **Roscoe** and his family, living at 2701 M Street, near 28th St.²¹² She later married **Ernest Thurston**.^{53,516} She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

[(1930 Richmond City, VA, Jefferson, p22A, #283/335)²¹²]

8. **Carrie** first married **Andrew Alexander (Andy) Brooks** on 3/26/1923 in Alleghany Co in Sparta.^{53,66,244} He was granted a divorce from her on 9/25/1934 in Alleghany Superior Court (Minute Docket Bk H, p346-7).^{171,244} According to **Andy**’s complaint, they had been separated since February 1929.¹⁷¹

On 7/6/1936 she and **Elmer Billings** applied for a marriage license in Grayson Co, VA (Bk 5, p142).⁵⁶³ The license was not executed, but they did eventually marry on 10/30/1937 in Alleghany Co by the Justice of the Peace in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ On 11/4/1937, *The Alleghany Times* says that “Mr. Elmore Billings and Mrs. Carrie Williams Brooks were married at the home of the bride’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Williams**, Stratford, on Saturday, October 30.”²⁴⁴ Two weeks later, the newspaper reported that “Miss Carrie Williams” had married “Earl Billings” at the home of the Justice of the Peace on October 30.²⁴⁴

She went to school at the Irwin Grocery School and enjoyed playing the banjo and guitar. In the 1940s she got a good job in Richmond, VA, with B&O Railroad. She lost her job when the company moved to Atlanta, GA, so she returned to Alleghany Co. In the 1980s she lived in Massillon, OH, with her daughter because of Alzheimer’s.⁵³ She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

On 12/14/1933, *The Alleghany Times* states “Misses **Verna Billings** and **Mattie Hudson** spent the weekend with Mrs. Carrie Brooks.”²⁴⁴

[b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸] Ref 244: (12/14/1933, p1), (7/19/1934, p4), (9/27/1934, p1), (5/2/1935, p7), (11/4/1937, p5), (11/18/1937, p8).

9. A child was born after 1900 and died before 1910 according to the census.²¹²

10. A child was born after 1900 and died before 1910 according to the census.²¹²

11. **Roscoe** married **Ruth Andrews** on 10/14/1928 in Alleghany Co by his father in Cranberry Township.^{53,66} His middle name is provided in the marriage index, but not on the marriage return.⁶⁶ In 1930 he, his wife, and young son are sharing an apartment or house with the family of his sister **Eura** at 2701 M Street, near 28th St. His occupation in the census is given as “helper in a bakery”.²¹² He is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸
[(1930 Richmond City, VA, Jefferson, p22A, #283/335)²¹²] [b^{48,554}, d^{48,561}]

On 1/15/1894, John M. Williams bought 3.5 acres on the waters of Elk Creek from **D. C. Caudill** and his wife for \$35. The land was along a creek and adjacent to **Cloy Cox** and **Weaver Sturgill**. (Alleghany DB L, p238-9).⁶⁷

On 4/18/1896, John Williams bought 2.5 acres on the waters of Elk Creek from **D. C. Caudill** and his wife for \$35. This triangular tract was adjacent to **Cloy Cox** and **Lee Williams**. (Alleghany DB L, p234-5).⁶⁷

On 5/1/1897, John M. Williams bought 2 acres on Elk Creek from **Cloy Cox** and his wife for \$25. The land was adjacent to **Cloy Cox** and **Weaver Sturgill** in Prathers Creek. (Alleghany DB L, p236-7).⁶⁷

On 3/25/1904, J. Mc Williams (plaintiff) vs **John B. Waugh** (defendant). On motion of the plaintiff by counsel, this cause is this day dismissed and at his cost. (Grayson Chancery Bk 5, p193). No other details are provided.³¹⁶

On 8/18/1905, John Williams and his wife Lou sold 2.5 acres on the headwaters of Elk Creek to **L. A. Petty** for \$35. (Alleghany DB S, p470-1).⁶⁷ This was the land he had bought in 1896.

On 9/9/1905, J. M. Williams and his wife L. A. sold 6 acres “along the road leading from Stratford” to **Samuel Plummer** for \$150. The land was adjacent to **E. M. Williams** and **D. C. Caudill**. (Alleghany DB T, p148).⁶⁷ This may have been along Prathers Creek Church Rd.

On 4/4/1916, J. M. Williams bought about 50 acres in Cherry Lane Township for \$175.78. He was the highest bidder and paid the sheriff **A. F. Reeves** \$27.05 for the transaction. The land was adjacent to that of **Franklin Rash** and **Joseph Spicer**. (Alleghany DB 30, p200).⁶⁷

On 4/21/1919, J. M. Williams and his wife Lou sold 40 acres to **Walter Bennett** and his wife **Maggie** for \$400. The land was adjacent to **J. F. Rash** and **John W. Sanders**. (Alleghany DB 31, p125).⁶⁷ This was a portion of the 50 acres he had bought on 4/4/1916.

On 9/22/1927, Johnie Williams bought 13.5 acres from **J. A. McCoin** and his wife **Ellen** for \$650. The fee was to be paid in installments through 9/22/1933, at which time a true deed would be written. (Alleghany DB 35, p510-1).⁶⁷

On 10/5/1931, J. M. Williams bought 13.5 acres adjacent to the land of **E. C. Andrews** from **J. A. McCoin** and his wife **Ellen** for \$675, which included the cost of the land and interest over four years. (Alleghany DB 39, p470).⁶⁷

On 5/8/1935, John M. Williams and his wife Annie Lou sold about 6 acres to Carry (i.e. **Carrie**) **Williams** for \$225. This land was adjacent to that of **Jesse McCoin** and **Mrs. Emmitt Andrews**. **John** signed with his mark. It was proven on 8/27/1935. (Alleghany DB 44, p121).⁶⁷ This land was located where Mahogany Knob Barn is now located, near the old Wolf Branch School.²⁶³

On 8/31/1937, John M. Williams bought 50 acres in the Prathers Creek area at auction for \$2,000. The land was being sold as part of the estate of **Emmett Evans**, deceased. The land was adjacent to C. T. Atwood heirs, Frank Atwood, and S. U. Atwood. This is located at 662 Irwin Grocery Rd, Laurel Springs, today. (Alleghany DB 43, p350).⁶⁷

On 9/26/1938, Carry (i.e. **Carrie**) **Williams** sold the 6 acres she had bought three years earlier back to her father John M. Williams for \$225. (Alleghany DB 45, p276).⁶⁷

On 12/20/1938, J. M. Williams and his wife Loue granted access on their property for running electricity. This included property conveyed to them in DB 30, p200; DB 39, p470; and DB 43, p350. (Alleghany DB 48, p83).⁶⁷

On 8/18/1941, J. M. Williams and his wife Lou sold 9.5 acres to Kellie (i.e. **Kelly**) **Williams** for \$433.86. Also, the fallen wood on **W. C. Woodruff**'s land is available. The land was adjacent to Kellie **Williams**, **E. M. Williams**, and **W. C. Woodruff**. (Alleghany DB 50, p46).⁶⁷

On 7/6/1944, John M. Williams and his wife Annie Lou sold 13.5 acres to **Roscoe Williams** and his wife **Ruth** for \$600. This land was adjacent to **J. A. McCoin** and Mrs. Emit **Andrews**. **Carrie Williams** was a witness. (Alleghany DB 52, p193).⁶⁷

On 4/15/1946, John M. Williams and his wife Lou Anna sold the 50 acres they had bought on 8/31/1937 to **Roscoe Williams** and his wife **Ruth** for \$2,100. They reserved the right to use the land as their home as long as they live. (Alleghany DB 55, p248).⁶⁷

For a period of time beginning in 1933, a glimpse into the life of John Williams can be gleaned from the pages of *The Alleghany Times*.²⁴⁴ Frequently, his visitations and church activities were mentioned in the newspaper.

- 6/15/1933, p3: Stratford News: Elder John Williams is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.
- 7/6/1933, p4: Stratford News: Elder John Williams who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Iley McMeans here, is very sick and does not improve.
- 7/13/1933, p3: Stratford News: Elder John Williams is slowly improving from a continued illness.

- 8/31/1933, p4: Church Notice: Elders J. M. Williams and **Isom Fender** ... will have service at the Toliver schoolhouse, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10; Monday, Sept. 11, Rock Creek; Peach Bottom, Tuesday, Sept. 12; Jordan, Wednesday, Sept. 13; Saddle Creek, Thursday, Sept. 14; Fox Creek, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16. ... Services each day at 12:00 o'clock.
- 9/28/1933, p3: Baptist Church News: Elder John Williams will preach at Elk Creek the second Saturday and Sunday in October.
- 10/19/1933, p2: Churches: Elder J. M. Williams and **Isom Fender** will not hold services at the Toliver schoolhouse the first Saturday and Sunday in November, on account of a baptismal service at Meadow Creek.
- 12/7/1933, p1: Churches: Elder J. M. Williams will preach at Elk Creek Saturday and Sunday Dec. 9 and 10.
- 6/14/1934, p4: Local Happenings: Elder J. M. Williams will deliver a sermon at Cranberry Church on the third Saturday in July and also on Sunday.
- 2/14/1935, p3: Dr. **Thomas L. Estep**, 56, died on Monday.... Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Antioch church by Elders **C. B. Kilby** and John Williams....
- 4/18/1935, p6: Deaths: Mrs. **J. C. Sparks**, 57, died at her home near Edwards Crossroads on Saturday morning, April 13.... Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Zion church by Elders J. M. Williams....
- 5/2/1935, p6: Obituary: **Laura Andrews** Rector (died) on April 24, 1935.... Interment was made at Zion church. Services were conducted by Elders ... John Williams....
- 5/16/1935, p1: Cranberry Church Building To Be Repaired Saturday: ... J. M. Williams will deliver a sermon (on May 18).
- 7/4/1935, p6: Deaths: **Fred Sturgill**, about 56 years of age (died). Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Piney Creek Methodist church by ... and Rev. John Williams.
- 8/1/1935, p3: Stratford: Elder John Williams spent the week-end with his daughter Mrs. **Leona McMeans**.
- 8/15/1935, p1: Two Men Killed In Truck Mishap West Of Sparta: ... Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Prathers Creek for **Everett Irvin**. Services were conducted by Revs. ... Johnny Williams.... Funeral services were conducted for (**Cap**) **Atwood** Monday ... by Elder Johnny Williams
- 8/22/1935, p5: Deaths: **John A. Irwin**, 78, died at his home at Prathers Creek on Thursday, August 15. Funeral services were held Saturday at Prathers Creek church and were in charge of Elders **Shelby Atwood** and Johnny Williams....
- 10/10/1935, p5: Stratford: ... Interment (of **George Vaughn**) was made in the family cemetery near the home of **George Sturgill**. Services were conducted by Elder Williams.
- 10/10/1935, p6: Elders **S. U. Atwood** and Johnny Williams will preach at Cranberry Church the third Saturday and Sunday in October.
- 10/10/1935, p6: Deaths: **Hiram Estep**, 80, prominent resident of Alleghany county, died at his home near Stratford Friday morning, October 4.... Funeral services were held Sunday morning at Antioch church by Elder Johnny Williams

- 10/17/1935, p6: Local Happenings: Among those from Sparta who attended the Primitive Baptist Roaring River Association meeting were: ... Elder Johnnie Williams....
- 1/9/1936, p1: Whitehead Farmer Found Dead Jan. 1 In Field Near Home: **J. S. Wagoner**, 65, ... was found dead in a field.... Funeral services were conducted Friday at 12 o'clock at the Whitehead Union church by Elders **C. B. Kilby** and Johnny Williams.
- 1/9/1936, p5: Marriages: Miss **Grace Hicks** and Mr. **Buren Evans**, of the Stratford community, were married on Tuesday, December 24. Elder John Williams performed the ceremony.
- 1/9/1936, p6: Deaths: **Rufus Richardson**, 72, of Furches, died from paralysis on January 4, at his home.... Funeral services were conducted by Elders **C. B. Kilby** and Johnny Williams at Cranberry church on January 6.
- 3/19/1936, p4: Deaths: **I. C. Reynolds** (82) ... died on Monday, March 9.... The funeral was conducted from Antioch church, of which the deceased was a member, on Wednesday, at 12 o'clock by Elders ... Johnny Williams....
- 4/16/1936, p1: Tragic Death Occurs Friday At Whitehead: ... Mrs. **Eli Billings**, 38, died from burns received when her clothes caught fire (from) the fireplace.... Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 13, at 10:00 o'clock at Union Church, Whitehead, by ... Rev. John Williams.
- 5/7/1936, p8: Local News: Elder John Williams will preach at Cranberry Church on May 16 and 17.
- 5/14/1936, p4: Whitehead: Funeral services (for Mrs. **Victoria Anderson**) were conducted by Elders Shade Caudill and J. M. Williams.
- 5/21/1936, p4: Deaths: Mrs. **Abi Petty**, 72, died near Independence Monday morning.... Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. by Elders John Williams and **Stevie Roberts** at the family cemetery near the home of **S. A. Irwin**, Stratford.
- 6/25/1936, p5: Deaths: **Cabell Maines**, 21, ... died of a ruptured appendix.... Funeral services were conducted by Elder Johnny Williams Tuesday afternoon.
- 10/1/1936, p5: Deaths: **Solomon Reeves**, 80, who lived near the New river bridge ... passed away Sunday night.... Funeral services were conducted by Elders ... Johnny Williams....
- 11/26/1936, p5: Deaths: **Lige Irwin**, 81, died at his home in the Furches section.... Funeral services were conducted at Antioch Primitive Baptist church by Elders **Charles Kilby** and J. M. Williams.
- 1/14/1937, p5: Whitehead: **William Cleary** visited Elder John Williams, who has been ill, Sunday.
- 2/25/1937, p8: Deaths: Elder **Shelby Atwood**, 69, died ... Saturday.... Funeral services were conducted at Antioch church Monday by Elders John Williams....
- 6/3/1937, p8: Local News: The following people attended a birthday dinner Sunday at Thurmond, celebrating the eighty-ninth birthday anniversary of **Isom Fender**, formerly of this county, ... and Elder John Williams.
- 6/10/1937, p8: Elder J. M. Williams will preach at Cranberry church on the third Saturday and Sunday in June.

- 6/24/1937, p5: Deaths: **Carl Dean (Brooks)**, three year old ... died Funeral services were held Friday by Elder John Williams and interment was in the Woodruff cemetery.
- 11/4/1937, p5: Stratford: Elder John Williams has purchased the **Emmett Evans** farm and moved his family there.
- 11/11/1937, p8: Deaths: Mrs. **Rosa Crouse** Cox, 76, ... died.... Funeral services were held ... at the Primitive Baptist church at Edwards Cross Roads by Elders Johnny Williams....
- 1/13/1938, p5: Whitehead: Elders J. M. Williams (and others) preached interesting sermons at Union church Saturday and Sunday.
- 1/13/1938, p5: Whitehead: Elder J. M. Williams spent Saturday night at **William Cleary's** home.
- 4/7/1938, p5: Deaths: **John Crouse**, 71, died suddenly on Sunday, April 3.... Funeral services were (held on) April 5 ... in Mount Carmel church, by Elder John Williams.
- 5/5/1938, p8: Preaching services will be held at Cranberry church on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22k, by Elders **Caudill** and Williams.
- 6/9/1938, p5: Marriages: Miss **Nonnie Williams** and **Varden Saddler** were married on February 12. Elder John Williams performed the ceremony.
- 10/6/1938, p5: Whitehead: Elder J. M. Williams spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **T. A. Edwards**.
- 12/8/1938, p10: Whitehead: Elders John Williams and **Shade Caudill** preached very interesting sermons at Union Church Sunday.
- 2/9/1939, p8: Deaths: **Allen Barton Steadham**, 92, of Elk Creek, died.... Funeral services were held at Elk Creek Church on Tuesday, January 31, by Elders Johnny Williams....
- 3/16/1939, p7: Deaths: **Isom Cheek**, 79, passed away.... Funeral services were conducted in Zion Primitive Baptist Church Saturday by Elders ... and Williams.
- 6/15/1939, p6: Deaths: **Haywood Estep** died on 6/8/1939 at the age of 96.... Funeral services were held at Antioch Church by Elders J. M. Williams,
- 8/3/1939, p5: Stratford: (There was) a surprise picnic lunch ... near New Hope Church.... Elders **Crouse** and John Williams delivered short sermons durin the afternoon.
- 5/30/1940, p1: A surprise birthday dinner was set Sunday, May 19th to honor Aunt **Cynthia Crouse** Cox, who was 82 ... some 200 guests.... Before dinner Rev. John Williams (and others) gave interesting talks....
- 8/15/1940, p5: Marriages: Miss **Louise Roupe** to **Donald Musgrove** on August 7.... Rev. John Williams of Furches performed the ceremony. (The use of "Rev." and "of Furches" makes me question as to whether this was someone else.)
- 9/12/1940, p5: Whitehead: Elders ... and J. M. Williams preached interesting sermons at Union Church Saturday and Sunday.
- 9/19/1940, p6: Stratford: Elders John Williams (and others) went to the association at Troutdale, VA, last week-end.
- 10/31/1940, p3: Deaths: Mrs. **T. A. Edwards**, age 78, (died).... Funeral services were held at Union Church in Whitehead, conducted by Elders ... J. M. Williams
- 10/31/1940, p5: Stratford: Elders Williams, (and others) delivered interesting sermons at Antioch Sunday.

- 11/28/1940, p3: Stratford: Elder J. M. Williams has been very sick. He was visited Saturday night by his son, **Roscoe Williams** and family.
- 11/28/1940, p4: Furches: Elder and Mrs. J. M. Williams are confined to their beds with colds. Mr. and Mrs. **Roscoe Williams** and family, of Cherry Lane, visited his parents Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams.
- 11/28/1940, p6: Obituary: **Sarah Jane Edwards** died 10/24/1940 and funeral services were held at Union church Saturday, Oct. 26 (by) J. M. Williams.
- 12/12/1940, p1: Stratford: Elder and Mrs. J. M. Williams have been sick but are improving.
- 12/19/1940, p5: Stratford: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams are again very ill.
- 3/13/1941, p1: Funeral services for **Thomas W. Gambill** were held on Sunday at Elk Creek church, conducted by ... Elder John Williams (and others).
- 3/27/1941, p1: Deaths: Mrs. **Mollie J. Reeves** (died) March 22, age 85.... Funeral services were held Monday at Elk Creek church (by) Elder John Williams (and others).
- 3/27/1941, p2: Stratford: Elder Williams (and others) delivered good sermons at Antioch on Saturday and Sunday.
- 5/8/1941, p2: Whitehead: Preaching services were conducted at Union Saturday and Sunday by Elder John Williams (and others).
- 6/5/1941, p1: Near 700 friends helped celebrate the 80th birthday of Elder Jefferson Davis Bass at his home in the Cap section of Carroll Co, VA, including Elder John Williams.
- January 1944: Mr. and Mrs. **W. G. Richardson** and Mrs. **S. Jane Sanders** visited Elder and Mrs. J. M. Williams Sunday. Mrs. Williams is still confined to her bed.

D-2-2. Colon Williams (5). John Mack Williams was the son of **Colon Williams** and **Martha Patsy Irwin (D-3-3)**. They had the following children.⁸

1. Caroline Williams	6/15/1850 – 8/23/1909
2. Sarah Williams	9/28/1854 – 11/18/1940
3. Elijah W. Williams	8/25/1859 – 3/25/1908
4. Emanuel M. Williams	2/12/1861 – 12/21/1945
5. Mary Ellen Williams	4/28/1865 – 7/ 2/1950
6. *John Mack Williams	4/10/1868 – 3/ 9/1952

They lived in the Stratford community at the intersection of what is now Irwin Grocery Rd and Prathers Creek Rd in Alleghany Co, NC.⁶⁷ Even though Caroline and Sarah are listed as their children, I don't think it's likely that Colon Williams was their father. Colon and Martha married in 1858, and that's the first record I've found of Colon in Ashe or Alleghany Co. I believe Martha met Colon after they were born.

The 1860 Alleghany Co census lists them in Gap Civil PO, p3, house #21/19. Their real estate and personal estate were each valued at \$200. They are living just three houses down from

Martha Patsy Irwin's father Elijah Irwin, house #18/16. Houses #19/17, #20/18, and #22/20 were also occupied by children of Elijah Irwin.¹¹³

<i>Colen Williams</i>	<i>45, laborer, b England</i>
<i>Martha</i>	<i>29, b NC</i>
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>10, b NC</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>6, b NC</i>
<i>Elijah</i>	<i>1, b NC</i>

The 1870 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, Scottsville PO, p10, house #68/68. Their real estate was valued at \$212, while their personal estate was valued at \$100.¹¹³

<i>Colen Williams</i>	<i>50, miner, b England, both parents foreign born</i>
<i>Patsey</i>	<i>40, keeping house, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>20, at home, b NC, father foreign born</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>17, at home, b NC, father foreign born, can't read/write</i>
<i>Elijah</i>	<i>11, at home, b NC, father foreign born</i>
<i>Emanuel</i>	<i>8, b NC, father foreign born</i>
<i>Mary E.</i>	<i>6, b NC, father foreign born</i>
<i>John Mc</i>	<i>3, b NC, father foreign born</i>

The 1880 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 13, p3, house #20/20.²¹²

<i>Colon Williams</i>	<i>60, works in copper mines, Eng, Eng, Eng</i>
<i>Patsy</i>	<i>53, wife, keeping house, NC, NC, NC, can't write</i>
<i>Elijah</i>	<i>20, son, works on farm, school, NC, Eng, NC</i>
<i>Emanal</i>	<i>18, son, works on farm, school, NC, Eng, NC</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>16, dau, works on farm, school, NC, Eng, NC</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>13, son, works on farm, school, can't write, NC, Eng, NC</i>

Interestingly, there is an 1885 census for Gilpin Co, CO, ED 1, p34, house #340 that includes a man named Colon Williams.²¹²

<i>John Karman</i>	<i>52, miner, Eng, Eng, Eng</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>45, wife, keeping house, Eng, Eng, Eng</i>
<i>Henrietta Founer(?)</i>	<i>14, stepdau, scholar, MO, Eng, Eng</i>
<i>Minnie Founer</i>	<i>10, stepdau, scholar, CO, Eng, Eng</i>
<i>James Founer</i>	<i>4, son, CO, Eng, Eng</i>
<i>Colon Williams</i>	<i>60, boarder, miner, 1 month unemployed, Eng, Eng, Eng</i>
<i>Daniel Jape</i>	<i>38, boarder, miner, Eng, Eng, Eng</i>

He is married, but his family is not listed with him. Could this be our Colon Williams? Did he hear about the recent gold and silver finds in Colorado and decide to try his luck there? Or, is this someone else with the same name?

The 1900 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 5, p9B, #171/171. They own their own farm.²¹²

<i>Patsy Williams</i>	<i>72, b Jan 1828, widow, 6 ch 6 living, farmer, NC, NC, NC, can't read/write</i>
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Mary E.	35, dau, b Apr 1865, single, 2 ch 2 living, NC, NC, NC, farm hand
Eddie	12, grandson, b Jul 1887, farm hand, NC, NC, NC, farm hand
Caroline	8, granddau, b Aug 1891, NC, NC, NC

1. **Caroline** was born in Alleghany Co and married **Thomas Price** on 10/11/1870 in Alleghany Co.^{66,212} Thomas bought and sold several tracts along Irwin Grocery Rd, with many of them 50 or 100 acres.⁶⁷ They are buried in the Sturgill Fam Cem^{8,48}, on land that they once owned. The final settlement of Caroline Price's estate was made by **E. M. Williams** on 4/15/1910. Various fees were paid out from 9/29/1909 through 5/2/1910. This suggests that Caroline died in 1909, even though her headstone says 1910.⁵¹¹
 [(1880 Alleg, Prat Cr #10, p2, #15)²¹²; (1900 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 5, p12B, #233/233)²¹²]
 [b^{48,212}, d⁴⁸] Ref 511: Bk B, p560.

2. **Sarah** married **Weaver E. Sturgill** about 1873.^{8,64,212} After her husband's death, she bought 51 acres from her sister **Caroline** on 1/3/1898 which included "the graveyard" known as Sturgill Fam Cem. She continued to live with her grown son and daughter until at least the 1930 census.²¹²
 She died as a result of accidentally falling into the fireplace while trying to light her pipe. She was sitting in a chair, holding her grandson, when she bent over toward the flame and slipped, falling into the fire.⁵³ Her Alleghany Co death certificate says she died of cerebral hemorrhage as a result of third degree burns to her head and face.⁶⁴ It says that she fell into an open fire following a stroke and that she was attended to for three days. It says she was buried in the "Sturgill Cemetery", or the Sturgill Fam Cem (Bk 12, p252).⁶⁴
 Her obituary appeared in the *Alleghany Star-Times*, stating that she died at the age of 87 at her son's home. She left two brothers and a sister, all of Stratford.²⁴⁴
 [(1880 Alleg, Pra Cr #10, p17, #141)²¹²; (1900 Alleg, Pra Cr #5, p9B, #168)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Pra Cr #15, p3A, #50)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Pra Cr #17, p1B, #21/21)²¹²; (1930 Alleg, Pra Cr #7, p2A, #33/34)²¹²] [b^{64,212}, d^{64,244}] Ref 244 (11/28/1940, p3).

3. **Elijah** first married **Cordelia Squires** on 9/10/1882 in Sparta, Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ On 7/10/1883, he purchased 20 acres from **Thomas Price** at the south end of Irwin Grocery, adjacent to his father's land (Alleghany DB 6, p328).⁶⁷
 He married his second wife **Ennis Atwood** on 8/21/1891 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.^{8,66} In 1900 she was living two houses from him with her mother and their two children.²¹² He was living with the three children from his first marriage.²¹²
 On 11/18/1910, **R. E. Williams** issued the final settlement of **Elijah's** estate. The first transaction was on 4/4/1908 with the receipt of \$125 from the sale of his mule.⁵¹¹
 He is buried in the Sturgill Fam Cem.⁴⁸ His estate records suggest that he died in 1908 even though his headstone says 1910.
 [(1900 Alleg, Pra Cr #5, p9B, #167 #169)²¹²]
 [b⁴⁸, d^{48,511}] Ref 511: Bk B, p572-3, 589.

4. **Emanuel** married **Sarah Ann Cheek** Edwards on 12/28/1886 at Mt. Zion Church in Alleghany Co.^{48,66,214} They lived on Prathers Creek Ch Rd at the bottom of a steep hill near a creek.⁵³ He owned several tracts along this Irwin Grocery Rd including an 8.7 acre tract he purchased in 1891 that is 165 feet wide and 0.4 miles long ending at the top of Walton Knob (Alleghany DB 9, p216)⁶⁷. I have not yet been able to locate this exact location.

On 3/28/1940, the *Alleghany Star-Times* mentions "Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Williams" living in Stratford.²⁴⁴ On 1/23/1941, the paper says: "E. M. Williams is recovering from an attack of 'flu'."²⁴⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64}

His obituary was printed in the *Alleghany Times* in January 1946:

"Williams Rites Held At Antioch

County man had been ill for more than two years; Rites are held.

*Funeral services for E. M. Williams, 83, of Stratford, was held December 23 at Antioch Primitive Baptist church with Elds **S. G. Caudill** and **Coy Walker** in charge. Burial followed in the church cemetery.*

'Uncle Man', as he was commonly known, died at his home at Stratford on December 21, after being confined to his bed for more than two years following a fall in which he suffered a broken hip. His condition became quite serious two days before his death.

Well-known throughout the county, as well as in his own community, Mr. Williams was a highly respected citizen. Hundred of friends and relatives had visited him during his long illness.

*Surviving are two children, a daughter, **Mae**, and a son, **Kelly Williams**. His wife preceded him in death almost a year ago."*²⁴⁴

[(1900 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 5, p11A, #196/196)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Prat Crk #15, p2B, #31)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p2A, #28/28)²¹²; (1930 Alleg, Prat Cr #7, p1B, #26/27)²¹²]

[b^{48,64}, d^{48,64}] Ref 244 (3/28/1940, p5), (1/23/1941, p3).

5. **Mary Ellen** married **James Monroe Estep** on 2/19/1908 in Alleghany Co at her residence in Prathers Creek.^{3,66,448} According to *The Alleghany Times* newspaper in 1936, "Several friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Estep surprised them Sunday when they met at their home at Furches and fed them dinner. A large table was prepared on the lawn and was covered with good 'eats'. All present seemed to enjoy the occasion". A list of those attending is included in the short article.²⁴⁴ She died in Alleghany Co and was buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch (Bk 16, p310).^{8,48,64}

[(1910 Alleg, Prat Creek #15, p3A, #49)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p2B, #42/42)²¹²; (1930 Alleg, Pra Cr #7, p1, #7)²¹²] [b^{3,48,64,212}, d^{3,48,64}]

Ref 3, p760; Ref 244 (4/23/1936, p8).

6. **John** married **Annie Lou Atwood** on 11/6/1887 in Alleghany Co at her father's residence in Pine Fork.⁶⁶ He was a Primitive Baptist elder and preached at several area churches.^{53,64,263} He was a member of the Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association at least as early as 1905 when the group met in Grayson Co.²⁹⁸ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64}

[b^{48,53,64}, d^{48,64}]

Colon Williams was born in England on 3/11/1820 according to his headstone.^{8,48} He died on 9/30/1897 and is buried in the Sturgill Fam Cem.^{8,48} According to one article, he “taught mining engineering at Oxford University in England”.⁸ However, in 2002 Dennis Brooks got in touch with the Archives Department at Oxford, and they can find no record of anyone by that name. Any student or teacher at the University between 1715 and 1886 should be mentioned in Joseph Foster’s *Alumni Oxonienses*, but Colon Williams is not.²⁶³

The earliest record of Colon Williams in the Alleghany Co area is on 9/25/1858, when he married Martha Erwin in Ashe Co.⁶⁶ His name appears to be “Coclan Williams” in the original handwritten index book, but it is very hard to read. I first found that in 1998 at the Ashe Co Deeds Office, and verified the date and spelling in 2017 from an online image of the same book.

The reason I questioned it is because Colon and Martha had two daughters who were born in 1850 and 1854. Even daughter **Caroline**’s marriage record says that she was the daughter of “Colin Williams”. Martha Patsy Irwin was living at home, age 23, in 1850 – not living with Colon Williams who perhaps wasn’t even in the country yet. Eleven months after they were married in 1858, they had a son in 1859. The 1900 census states that Martha had six children with all of them still living.²¹² I believe that Caroline and Sarah were daughters of Martha by a previous relationship, and that Colon was still in England when they were born.

Colon is listed as a laborer, age 45 in the 1860 Alleghany Co census.¹¹³ On 7/13/1864, the 5th NC Senior Reserves was organized at Flint Hill in Ashe Co.³⁶⁷ He is listed on at least one undated muster roll as a Private in Capt. Phipps’ Co as “Cullin Williams”, age 49 years, 3 months, 28 days which would make his birthday about 1815.³⁶⁷ He was described as 5’5” tall, dark complexion and hair, brown eyes, a farmer, and born in Ashe Co.³⁶⁷ Most of the companies in this unit served as prison guards at Salisbury, NC.⁶¹ However many of these soldiers, including Colon, were AWOL when a muster roll was taken on 2/28/1865.⁶¹

Later, on 6/23/1905, his widow Patsy, age 76, of Laura PO applied for widow’s pension for his Civil War service. She stated that Colon Williams enlisted in Co C of the 5th Senior Reserves in 1864 under Capt. **Elijah Phipps**. Her request was approved.³⁶⁶

On 6/21/1875, Colon Williams bought 5.25 acres on Elk Creek from **Hiram Hill** and his wife **Cynthia** for \$27. (Alleghany DB W, p422).⁶⁷ This small tract included the present-day intersection of Irwin Grocery Rd and Prathers Creek Church Rd.

On 10/30/1876, Colon Williams bought 35 acres on the headwaters of Elk Creek from **Franklin W. Atwood** for \$200. It was proven on 12/19/1885. (Alleghany DB G, p179).⁶⁷ This land was at the south end of Irwin Grocery Rd, and adjacent to the 5.25 acres he had bought a year earlier.

On 6/20/1894, Colon and Martha Williams sold 4 acres on the waters of Elk Creek to J. A. Irwin (i.e. **John Allen Irwin**, her nephew) for \$41.79. Martha signed with her mark. This land was

adjacent to the lands of **W. M. Irwin** and **C. E. Caudill**. (Alleghany DB R, p100).⁶⁷ It was located on the south side of Prathers Creek Ch Rd, at the end of Irwin Grocery Rd.

On 3/5/1895, Collon and Martha Williams sold ¼ acre on the waters of Elk Creek to S. J. Irwin (i.e. **Squire Jackson Irwin**, her nephew) for \$5. Martha signed with her mark. Also present were **E. W. Williams** (probably their son) and J. E. Irwin (**Joseph Ephraim Irwin**, **Squire's** brother). This was proven on 5/15/1896. (Alleghany DB P, p515-6).⁶⁷

Deeds dated 1/1/1898 (Alleghany DB P, p517) and 6/23/1900 (Alleghany DB P, p487) mention land adjacent to Patsy Williams.⁶⁷

On 12/30/1910, **E. M. Williams** transferred “the Colon Williams land” which had been sold at auction on 12/17/1908. The highest bidder was **John Williams**, but he transferred his \$450 bid to **S. U. Atwood**. It was 37.5 acres on the waters of Elk Creek at what is now the intersection of Irwin Grocery Rd and Prathers Creek Rd. (Alleg DB Y, p514). The final estate settlement was made by **E. M. Williams** on 12/3/1910. After expenses were paid, the \$393.87 settlement was divided into four parts to **E. W. Williams**, **E. M. Williams**, **Mary E. Estep**, and **John M. Williams**.⁵¹¹ (*Ref 511: Bk B, p581-2*).

Their names are listed several different ways in various records:

1860, census: *Colen and Martha Williams*.¹¹³

1870, census: *Colen and Patsey Williams*.¹¹³

1870, daughter Caroline's marriage certificate: *Colin Williams*.⁶⁶

1882, son Elijah's marriage certificate: *Colon and Martha Williams*.⁶⁶

1886, son Emanuel's marriage certificate: *Colen and Marth Williams*.⁶⁶

1887, son John's marriage certificate: *Cola and Patsy Williams*.⁶⁶

1891, son Elijah's marriage certificate: *Colon and Patsey Williams*.⁶⁶

1894, his own land record: *Colon and Martha Williams*.⁶⁷

1895, his own land record: *Collon and Martha Williams*.⁶⁷

1908, daughter Mary's marriage certificate: *Colon and Patsy Williams*.⁶⁶

1940, daughter Sarah's death certificate: *Cullen Sturgill and Martha Irwin*.⁶⁴

1945, son Emanuel's death certificate: *Colon Williams and Patsy Irwin*.⁶⁴

1952, son John's death certificate: *Coley Williams and Patsy Irwin*.⁶⁴

The above information chronicles the life of Colon Williams in North Carolina. What follows is an attempt to determine his arrival in America and his origins in England.

On 8/25/1857, the *Cultivator* set sail from Liverpool, arriving at the port of New York on 9/12/1857. Among the 531 passengers, #13 on the ship's passenger list is **Cullen Williams**, age 36, a miner. The country in which he was currently living at the time of departure was Cornwall. The country in which he intended to become an inhabitant was New York.

There were a total of 21 miners onboard. There were 10 inhabitants of Cornwall, all listed among the first 13 passengers and all of whom were men. Nine men were miners from Cornwall, and Cullen was the oldest among them. There were no other passengers with the last name Williams. One would expect that if Cullen had been traveling with anyone, that they would be listed with him on the passenger list and that they would have the same destination. The only person who meets that requirement is passenger #12, **Robt. Ellis**, age 20, who was also a miner from Cornwall destined for New York. He seems to be in Michigan in 1860, and there's nothing to indicate he was an acquaintance of Cullen Williams.

This immigrant's name, age, and occupation are all in agreement with what is known about our Colon Williams. Family stories recall that he arrived in New York after departing from Liverpool, and that's the case for the passengers on the *Cultivator*. Cornwall is in the extreme southwestern corner of England. The area of Gwinear Parish is at the very tip of the country where you're never more than three miles from the ocean. This is an area that has been known for its tin and copper mining for several centuries. Gwinear is 350 miles southwest of Liverpool.

Colon Williams is a surprisingly common name in England, and especially in Cornwall. That has made it difficult to sort through all of the candidates to determine which one ended up in Alleghany Co. The British records below represent a plausible English history for our Colon Williams.

On 4/15/1821, **Colan Williams** was born in Gwinear, Cornwall, to parents **Colan Williams** and **Mary**. (FHL Film #254209 per ancestry.com index).

This date does not match what is on his headstone (3/11/1820) or the date calculated from his Civil War enlistment (3/15/1815). Among the four censuses where he is found, they alternately suggest a birth year of 1815 or 1820. In any case, the date is still close. When he arrived in America, he essentially had the privilege of rewriting history if he chose to do so. He may not have remembered his exact birthdate, or he might not have been accurate when telling his family when he was born.

The 1841 England census lists the family of Colan Williams in Gwinear Parish at Gwinear Downs on page 9. They are in Penwith Hundred, Phillack Registrar's District, ED 7. This is the area described as "all that part of the Parish of Gwinear from Tappard to Carloose and from the western side of Gwinear Downs through Fraddon to Deveral". For those over age 15, their ages were recorded by rounding down to the nearest 5.

<i>Colan Williams</i>	<i>(age 50-54) copper mine</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>(45-49)</i>
<i>*Colan</i>	<i>(15-19) [I believe he is our ancestor.]</i>
<i>Emanuel</i>	<i>(15-19)</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>(20-24)</i>
<i>Caroline Michell</i>	<i>(6)</i>

A deed dated 5/29/1841 lists **Colan Williams** of Gwinear, miner, who was granted a 99 year lease at a rent of 5 shillings. I'm not sure if this is a new lease, an old lease, or if he is buying the plot at a cost of £56. The land consisted of a "cottage and garden and two meadows and croft hereto belonging, and the town plot behind the house, formerly enclosed from Gwinear Downs by **Samuel** Oatey, now in the occupation of lessee and **William** Oatey, except the cart road to William Oatey's townplace. It lists the lessee's children as **Emanuel Williams** (17), **Colan Williams** junior (19), and **Caroline** Michell junior [natural child of Caroline Michell] (6).

The 1841 census and deed shed light on Colan's siblings and parents. They also present the next clue that these are our ancestors. In Alleghany Co, Colon's first child after his marriage was son Elijah, presumably named after Martha's father Elijah Irwin. Colon's second child was Emanuel who may have been named after Colan's brother. His third child was a daughter Mary which was also the name of both his sister and mother.

On 7/11/1846, **Colan Williams** and **Johanna Oats** were married in Gwinear, Cornwall. His father was listed as **Colan Williams**, and hers was **William Oats**. (FHL Film #254210 per ancestry.com index). This is almost certainly the same Colan Williams who was a teenager in the 1841 census.

The 1851 England census lists the family of Colan Williams in Gwinear Parish at Gwinear Downs in household #63.²¹²

<i>*Colan Williams</i>	<i>30, married, miner tin and copper, born in Gwinear</i>
<i>Johanna</i>	<i>23, wife, miner's wife, born in Ludgram</i>
<i>William J.</i>	<i>2, son, born in Crowan</i>
<i>Samuel</i>	<i>2 months, son, born in Gwinear</i>

The 1851 census also includes the household of his parents in Gwinear Downs. They are in Phillack Registrar's District, Enumeration District 1B, in an area that includes "all that part of the Parish of Gwinear which comprises the several estates and villages of Drannack and Drannack Mill, Tregortha, Gwinear Downs, Trenearth, Tappard, Taskis, Deveral, and Traddon".²¹²

<i>Colan Williams</i>	<i>(60) married, miner tin and copper, born in Gwinear</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>(50) wife, infirm, born in Gwinear</i>
<i>Caroline Michell</i>	<i>(15) servant, Indens. Sevt, born in Gwinear</i>

Moving forward ten years, the 1861 England census lists the family of William Gilbard in St. Hilary Parish on Relubbas Ln in household #105.²¹² It appears that Colan's children William and Johanna are living with other relatives.

<i>Willm. Gilbard</i>	<i>(54) married, tin and copper miner, born St. Hilary</i>
<i>Nancy</i>	<i>(47) wife, born Breage</i>
<i>Johanna</i>	<i>(20) daughter, copper dresser, born St. Hilary</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>(16) son, tin and copper mine, born St. Hilary</i>
<i>Willm. J. Williams</i>	<i>(12) nephew, tin and copper mine, born Gwinear</i>

Johanna Williams (9) niece, school, born Gwinear

Also in 1861, the England census lists the family of Emanuel Williams in Gwinear Parish at Gwinear Downs in house #64.²¹² Perhaps by this time, Colan's father had died, and his mother was living with her son Emanuel.

<i>Emanuel Williams</i>	<i>(37) married, tin and copper miner, born Gwinear</i>
<i>Elisabeth</i>	<i>(34) wife, born St. Austle</i>
<i>Selena</i>	<i>(14) dau, works on copper mine, born Crowan</i>
<i>Emanuel</i>	<i>(10) son, works on tin mine, born Gwinear</i>
<i>Thomas H.</i>	<i>(8) son, born Gwinear</i>
<i>Richard E.</i>	<i>(5) son, born Gwinear</i>
<i>Mary I.</i>	<i>(3) dau, born Gwinear</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>(1) son, born Gwinear</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>(69) mother, miner's widow, born Crowan, blind</i>

In 1871, perhaps daughter Johanna is living with another family. The 1871 England census lists the family of Mary Nicholls in Penzance in house #160.²¹²

<i>Mary Nicholls</i>	<i>(70) widow, born Madron</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>(35) son, ship carpenter, born Penzance</i>
<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>(28) dau, dressmaker, born Penzance</i>
<i>Joanna Williams</i>	<i>(17) visitor, born Gwinear</i>

Using these records, it's possible to start piecing together a story about this Colan Williams. He married in Cornwall in 1846 where he lived with his wife Johanna Oats and their three children William J., Samuel, and Johanna. Wife Johanna has not been found in 1861, and perhaps two of her children, William and Johanna, are living with an aunt and uncle. It seems likely that Johanna had died between 1851 and 1861. And since son Samuel is not listed with his siblings, he might have died as well. Perhaps these tragic events led Colan to leave England and start over in America. He left his two surviving children with the family of their aunt Nancy, traveled north to the port of Liverpool, and sailed to New York in 1857. No records have yet been found to prove this story, but at least this is a sequence of events that can now be actively proven or disproven.

When she was growing up, my grandmother remembers hearing that Colan might have had a sister named Anna. While that doesn't seem to be the case, perhaps this piece of family lore is in reference to his first wife Johanna. Or, perhaps he had mentioned the daughter that he left behind with the same name.

If these Cornwall records do in fact refer to our Colan Williams, then he appears to come from a long line of men by the same name. The 1841 census was the first English census to list any names, and before then, family records were generally recorded by the local churches. They suggest the following lineage, beginning with, perhaps, my ancestor Colan Williams.

*Colan Williams (5). Born 1821.

married **Johanna Oats** (b1828) who was the daughter of **William Oats**.

Colan Williams (6). Born 1790.

married **Mary Eustice** (b1792) on 10/17/1808 in Crowan, Cornwall.

Colan Williams (7). Born 1759.

married **Mary Uren** (b1760).

Colan Williams (8). Born 1738.

married **Elizabeth Hendra** (b1740) on 8/13/1758 in Gwinear, Cornwall.

Collen Williams (9). Born 1705.

married **Elizabeth Whear** (b1705).

IRWIN

D-3-1. Squire Jackson Irwin (5). Laura Ellen Irwin (D-1-2) was the daughter of **Squire Jackson Irwin** and **Caroline Andrews (D-4-1)**. They had the following children.^{8,221,244} *Ref 8 p271-2; Ref 221, p18.*

1. Mack McCoy Irwin	11/ 9/1871 -	7/13/1940
2. *Laura Ellen Irwin	1/ 1/1875 -	6/11/1965
3. Rosa Irwin	1877 -	
4. John Preston (Press) Irwin	8/13/1880 -	8/14/1972
5. Jennie Irwin	5/ 1/1882 -	5/23/1969
6. Candace Irwin	3/10/1886 -	2/11/1977
7. Alice Irwin	3/10/1888 -	6/ 6/1961
8. Ollie M. Irwin	3/ 1/1898 -	6/10/1918
9. Celia Irwin	1900 -	1903

They “lived near Antioch Church at Peach Bottom Mountain, in Alleghany Co, NC. They farmed, raised cattle and sheep.”⁸

The 1880 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 13, p3, house #22/22.²¹²

<i>Squire Irvin</i>	<i>33, farmer, VA, NC, VA</i>
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>25, wife, keeping house, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Mc</i>	<i>8, son, school, NC, VA, NC</i>
<i>Ellen</i>	<i>5, dau, NC, VA, NC</i>
<i>Rosa</i>	<i>3, dau, NC, VA, NC</i>

The 1900 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 5, p9B, #173/173. They owned their own farm.²¹² It says Caroline had seven children, all of whom are living and apparently listed with them in the household. This leaves out Rosa who is found in 1880 and Celia who would be born later in the year. Also, it’s interesting that Mack and Ellen are listed since he married in 1899, and she married in 1893.

<i>Esquire J. Irwin</i>	<i>53, b Jun 1847, m30y, merchant dry goods, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>48, wife, b Sep 1851, m30y, 7 ch 7 living, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Mack</i>	<i>27, son, b Nov 1872, farm hand, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Laura E.</i>	<i>25, dau, b Jan 1875, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Preston</i>	<i>19, son, b Oct 1880, farm hand, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Jennie</i>	<i>17, dau, b May 1883, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Candace</i>	<i>15, dau, b Mar 1885, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>13, dau, b Mar 1887, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Ollie M.</i>	<i>2, dau, b Jan 1898, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1910 Alleghany Co census lists them in Gap Civil ED 12, Sparta Village, p7B, house #59/59. They owned their own farm.²¹²

<i>Squire Irwin</i>	<i>62, farmer, m40y, VA, NC, NC</i>
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Caroline	58, wife, m40y, 10 ch 7 living, NC, NC, NC
Ollie	13, dau, NC, VA, NC

The 1920 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil East, ED 14, p10B, #170/174. They owned their farm.²¹²

Preston Irwin	37, farming, NC, NC, NC
Lula R.	28, wife, NC, NC, NC
Coy L. M.	10, son, NC, NC, NC
Rosa M.	9, dau, NC, NC, NC
Martha B.	8, dau, NC, NC, NC
Minnie L.	6, dau, NC, NC, NC
Joe D.	2y 8m, son, NC, NC, NC
Caroline	66, mother, widow, NC, NC, NC

1. **Mack** married **Mary E. Poe** on 7/1/1899 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.^{8,66,221} They lived in Peach Bottom in Alleghany Co.⁸ He died in Alleghany Co of “ulcer of stomach” (Bk 12, p113).⁶⁴ He was survived by a brother and four sisters in 1940.²⁴⁴ They are buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{8,48,64,221,244}

[(1910 Alleg, Gap Civil #12, p7B, #60/61)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Gap Civil E, p10B, #170/174)²¹²]
[b^{48,64,221,244}, d^{48,64,221}] Ref 244 (7/18/1940, p3).

2. **Ellen** married **Samuel Billings** on 6/16/1893 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ She married her second husband **Jesse McCoin** on 9/13/1924 in Alleghany Co by the Justice of the Peace at Wolf Branch in Gap Civil.⁶⁶ On 6/12/1941, the *Alleghany Star-Times* mentioned “Mrs. Jessie McCoin”.²⁴⁴ She died of heart trouble in Alleghany Co.⁸ She is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.⁴⁸
[b^{8,48}, d^{8,221}] Ref 244 (6/12/1941, p4).

3. **Rosa** died young.^{8,221} [b^{8,221}, d^{8,221}]

4. **Press** married **Olivia Wagoner** on 5/22/1907 in Alleghany Co in the public road in Whitehead.^{8,66,221} On 5/23/1940, the *Alleghany Star-Times* mentions “Mr. and Mrs. Press Irwin”.²⁴⁴ He died of a stroke in Alleghany Co.^{8,221} They are buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{48,221}
[(1910 Alleg, Gap Civil #12, p7B, #59/60)²¹²] [b^{48,212,221}, d^{48,221}] Ref 244 (5/23/1940, p6), (6/26/1941, p2).

5. **Jennie** married **Everett Jones** on 9/12/1902 in Alleghany Co in Gap Civil.^{8,66,221} “Mrs. Jennie Jones” is mentioned in the *Alleghany Star-Times* on 4/11/1940.²⁴⁴ She died of a stroke.⁸ She is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{48,221}
[b^{48,221}, d^{48,221}] Ref 244 (4/11/1940, p8).

6. **Candace** married **Isaac Lundy Nichols** on 3/15/1908 in Alleghany Co at Wolf Branch school house in Gap Civil.^{8,66,221} She died of a stroke,⁸ and they are buried in Sparta Cem.²²¹ Ref 8, p346. [b²²¹, d^{8,221}]

7. **Alice** married **George Glenn Nichols** on 1/31/1909 in Alleghany Co at the “house of **Ellen Billings**” in Gap Civil.^{8,221} He was a well-known figure in the Sparta area and held many political offices.⁸ She died of cancer in Alleghany Co.^{8,221} They are buried in the Sparta Cem.^{8,221}

She is mentioned several times in *The Alleghany Times* newspaper as having visited someone or someplace.²⁴⁴ On 10/10/1940, the newspaper mentions her winning an event at the Alleghany Fair. “The rolling pin throwing contest drew 23 entries, and was won by Mrs. Alice Nichols.”²⁴⁴ On 7/17/1941, the *Alleghany Star-Times* reported that “Mrs. Glenn Nichols is in the North Wilkesboro hospital with two broken ankle bones. They were broken when she slipped and fell on her way to milking.”²⁴⁴

[b^{8,221}, d^{8,221}] Ref 244: (3/2/1933, p3), (3/23/1933, p3), (4/27/1933, p3), 5/18/1933, p3), (6/1/1933, p3), (1/4/1934, p2), (4/9/1936, p8), (3/21/1940, p2), (5/30/1940, p1), (10/10/1940, p1), (10/17/1940, p5), (10/24/1940, p6), (2/27/1941, p3), (3/27/1941, p2), (7/17/1941, p3).

8. **Ollie** never married and died of Tuberculosis.⁸ She is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{8,48,64} [b^{48,64,488}, d^{48,64}]

9. **Celia** is buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.⁴⁸ [b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸]

On 5/20/1880, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold 45.5 acres to **Solomon Toliver** for \$175. The land was on the north side of Peach Bottom Mountain on the headwaters of Elk Creek. (Alleghany DB 6, p527-8).⁶⁷

On 9/4/1883, **William Irwin** and his wife **Nancy** sold 102 acres on the head waters of Elk Creek to S. J. Irwin (their son) for \$500. **Nancy** signed with her mark. It was witnessed by D. F. (i.e. **David Franklin**) **Irwin** and **E. M. Williams**. (Alleghany Co DB G, p41).⁶⁷

On 3/5/1895, S. J. Irwin bought ¼ acre on the waters of Elk Creek from Collon (i.e **Colon**) **Williams** and his wife **Martha** for \$5. Also present were **E. W. Williams** and J. E. Irwin (**Joseph E. Irwin**, Squire’s brother). This was proven on 5/15/1896. (Alleghany Co DB P, p515-6).⁶⁷

On 2/6/1896, S. J. Irwin bought 2 acres on the headwaters of Elk Creek from **E. M. Williams** for \$15. The land was adjacent to **W. H. Absher**, **Leander Andrews** and **E. M. Williams**. It was witnessed by **S. M. Billings**. (Alleghany DB 17, p131).⁶⁷

On 6/23/1900, **C. E. Caudill** and his wife **Candice** sold 1 acre of land in Prather’s Creek Township to **E. M. Williams**, S. J. Irwin, **S. C. Richardson**, and **C. Richardson**. The land adjoined that of J. A. Irwin, S. J. Irwin, and **Patsy (Irwin)** Williams. (Alleghany Co DB P, p487).⁶⁷ J. A. Irwin is **John Allen Irwin**, Squire’s first cousin.

On 2/14/1902, **John Irwin** and his wife **Aby** (i.e. **Abby Andrews**) gave 110 acres, “all our land” to S. J. Irwin for “our life time maintenance”. **John** and **Abby** would have full possession of their land until they die. In return, their nephew Squire Jackson Irwin must furnish them with plenty

to eat and wear, coffee, sugar meat, corn meal and flour, and furnish a decent burial. **John** and **Abby** signed with their marks. (Alleghany Co DB O, p549).⁶⁷ At this time, **John Irwin** was 86 years old.

On 12/5/1902, S. J. Irwin bought 71.4 acres in Sparta Twp from **John W. Tedder** and his wife **Nancy (Sanders)** for \$505. The land was adjacent to **William Crouse** on the headwaters of Glade Creek. (Alleghany DB 17, p149).⁶⁷

On 1/1/1903, S. J. Irwin bought "3 little pieces of land" totaling 13.3 acres from **William Irwin, Sr.**, adjacent to land of W. H. (i.e. **William Hardin**) **Absher** and **J. E. Irwin**, for \$60. (Alleghany Co DB Q, p136).⁶⁷ It looks like he bought the land from his father, and it was adjacent to his brother and brother-in-law.

On 1/5/1903, S. J. Irwin and his wife **Caroline** sold a quarter acre to the Alleghany Co Board of Education for \$70. The land was adjacent to **J. A. Irwin** and **Emmit Caudill**. (Alleg Deeds of School Committee Bk 1, p101 and Bk 2, p90).⁶⁷

On 1/10/1903, a group sold one acre to the Alleghany Co Board of Education for \$30. The group consisted of S. J. Irwin and wife **Caroline**, **S. C. Richardson** and wife **Nellie**, **E. M. Williams** and wife **S. A.**, and **C. Richardson** and wife **Cynthia**. The land was adjacent to **J. A. Irwin** and **Patsy Williams**. (Alleg Deeds of School Committee Bk 1, p98 and Bk 2, p88).⁶⁷

On 1/17/1903, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold 44.23 acres to **J. P. Absher** for \$534.10. The land was adjacent to **J. E. Irwin**, **E. M. Williams**, and **Louis Toliver**. (Alleghany DB 17, p134).⁶⁷

On 3/23/1903, S. J. Irwin bought 29 acres in Gap Civil Twp from **George Evans** and his wife Mary for \$325. The land was adjacent to that already owned by S. J. Irwin and **William Crouse**. (Alleghany DB 17, p121)⁶⁷

On 2/26/1904, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold 42 acres to **John M. Cheek** for \$515. The land was along a branch and a road, and was adjacent to **Louis Toliver**, **W. H. Absher**, **Granville Billings**, and others. (Alleghany DB 21, p394-5).⁶⁷

On 7/14/1906, S. J. Irwin bought 5.83 acres from **G. W. Thompson** for \$200. The land was adjacent to **M. C. Irwin**, **G. W. Thompson**, and **S. J. Irwin**. (Alleghany DB 22, p568-9).⁶⁷

On 7/14/1906, S. J. Irwin sold 5.83 acres to **G. W. Thompson** for \$200. This deed was made along with the previous deed for the mutual advantage of both. The land was adjoining each of their own lands. (Alleghany DB 21, 536).⁶⁷

On 12/6/1906, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold two tracts of land totaling 15.5 acres to **J. A. Longbottom** for \$200. The land was adjacent to his own and to that of **W. A. Longbottom**. (Alleghany DB 24, p192).⁶⁷

On 11/27/1911, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold 9.87 acres to **R. M. Watson** for \$150. The land was adjacent to his own and to that of **Daniel Crouse**. (Alleghany DB 27, p260).⁶⁷

On 8/3/1912, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold 70 acres to **M. C. Irwin** for \$500. The land was adjacent to **Ellen Billings** and **W. M. Crouse**, and it reached to a “poplar on bank of Glade Creek”. (Alleghany DB 29, p375).⁶⁷

On 8/5/1912, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold 70 acres to “their son **J. P. Irwin**” for “love and affection and one dollar”. The land was adjacent to **M. C. Irwin** and **Wilson Sanders**. (Alleghany DB 29, p422).⁶⁷

On 3/1/1913, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold 20 acres to **Ellen Billings** for \$200. The land was adjacent to **Mc. Irwin, D. Wagoner, Wm. Crouse**. (Alleghany Co DB 34, p71)⁶⁷

On 4/15/1916, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold 4 acres to **Melvin Watson** for \$100. The land was along a branch and adjacent to his own and that of **Arthur Longbottom**. (Alleghany DB 29, p164).⁶⁷

On 10/19/1917, S. J. Irwin and his wife Caroline sold “the remainder of his farm which he has not sold to any one else supposed to be 40 acres” to **Caroline Irwin** for \$100. The land was adjacent to **J. P. Irwin, M. C. Irwin, Melvin Waters, and W. R. Crouse**. Caroline is to have the land for her lifetime, then it is to be sold and divided equally between **Alice Nichols, Candis Nichols, Jennie Jones, and Ollie Irwin** “their four girls”. The deeds also states that **M. C. Irwin, J. P. Irwin, and Ellen Billings** “have had their part of the land heretofore”. (Alleghany DB 29, p488).⁶⁷ It appears that Squire Irwin is “selling” the land to his wife so the deed will be in her name after he dies.

Squire Irwin died a month after his last land transaction on 11/22/1917. Two months later, his four daughters **Alice, Candace, Jennie, and Ollie** began the process of selling the land left to them by their father. On 1/28/1918 the court acknowledged that the estate consisted of about 40 acres and belonged to the four girls. On 2/4/1918 they appeared in Superior Court requesting that a guardian ad-litem be appointed for **Ollie** because she had not yet reached the age of 20 even though she would reach that age in three more weeks on 3/1/1918. Documents stated that the 40 acres was on the waters of Glade Creek and adjoined the land of **Daniel Crouse, William Crouse, Mack Irwin, Preston Irwin, Ettie Longbottom, and Melvin Watson**. The land was rough and hilly, and it could not be partitioned without lowering its value.⁴⁸⁸

Ollie was appointed a guardian ad-litem **W. E. Cox** on 2/7/1918. Five days later the court stated that the land would be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. On 3/16/1918 the court stated that the land had been sold to **R. K. Finney**, it actually being 43.4 acres. On 4/6/1918 it was agreed that the proceeds of the sale would be distributed.⁴⁸⁸

Tragically, **Ollie** died on 6/10/1918. On 9/5/1918 the court acknowledged that she was deceased and that Caroline Irwin, her mother, was entitled to administer her estate.⁴⁸⁸

The payout of the proceeds of the sale of Squire Irwin's land was made in three parts. In April 1918, each daughter received \$36.47. In March 1919, the three surviving daughters and their mother received \$92.71 each, followed by a final payment of \$95.09 each in February 1920.⁴⁸⁸

Also included in the court records is a doctor bill dated 2/24/1920 from Dr. **B. E. Reeves** addressed to S. J. Irwin, deceased. It was for tending to him and his daughter in the amount of \$15.⁴⁸⁸

On 3/8/1920 **Ollie's** estate was officially settled with her mother Caroline receiving \$104.48 after her debts were paid.⁴⁸⁸ Caroline Andrews Irwin lived another 14 years.

D-3-2. William M. Irwin (6). Squire Jackson Irwin was the son of **William M. Irwin** and **Nancy Andrews**. They had the following children.^{8,66}

1. *Squire Jackson Irwin	6/ 1/1847 - 11/22/1917
2. David Franklin Irwin	1851 -
3. Mary Irwin	1854 -
4. Martha Ann Irwin	8/ 8/1862 - 5/ 9/1946
5. Joseph Ephraim Irwin	2/ 8/1865 - 7/ 1/1948
6. Alice Irwin	2/28/1868 - 12/19/1952

The 1850 Ashe Co, NC, census lists them, p242, in house #57/57. Their real estate was valued at \$500.²¹²

<i>Wm. Erwin</i>	<i>28, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Nancy</i>	<i>23, b NC</i>
<i>Squier</i>	<i>3, b NC</i>

The 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census lists them in Gap Civil PO, p3, #20/18. Their personal estate was valued at \$200.²¹²

<i>Wm. Erwin</i>	<i>36, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Nancy</i>	<i>35, b NC</i>
<i>Esquier</i>	<i>13, b NC</i>
<i>Franklin</i>	<i>8, b NC</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>4, b NC</i>

The 1870 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, Scottsville PO, p13, house #86/86. Their real estate was valued at \$500, while their personal estate was valued at \$350.²¹²

<i>William Erwin</i>	<i>52, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Nancy</i>	<i>47, keeping house, b NC, can't write</i>

<i>Esquire</i>	22, at home, b NC
<i>Franklin</i>	19, at home, b NC
<i>Martha</i>	7, b NC
<i>Joseph</i>	4, b NC
<i>Allace</i>	2, b NC

The 1880 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, p3, house #21/21.²¹²

<i>William Irvin</i>	61, farmer, NC, NC, NC
<i>Nancy</i>	56, wife, keeping house, can't write, VA, NC, NC
<i>Joseph</i>	16, son, works on farm, school, can't write, NC, NC, VA
<i>Alice</i>	12, dau, at home, school, can't write, NC, NC, VA

The 1900 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek, ED 5, p9B, #172/712.²¹²

<i>Hardin Absher</i>	40, farmer, b Jan 1860, m20y, NC, NC, NC
<i>Martha</i>	37, wife, b Aug 1862, m20y, 1 ch 1 living, NC, NC, NC, can't write
<i>Joseph</i>	16, son, b Jun 1883, farm hand, NC, NC, NC
<i>William Irwin</i>	80, father in law, b Jun 1819, widow, NC, NC, NC

1. **Squire** filed an application for Civil War pension on 7/5/1915 at the age of 68. He stated that he was recruited to join Co C, 5th Bat. on 7/1/1864. The physician stated that his need for a pension was due to "general breakdown".³⁶⁶ Other than this, no record of his actual service has been found. Interestingly, his father and two uncles joined the 5th NC Senior Reserves in July 1864. However, Squire was only 17 at the time and is not found on any regiment rosters. He married **Caroline Andrews** on 10/10/1871 in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ He first lived just south of Sparta, but later moved to Prathers Creek near his father.^{8,113} He was "a County Commissioner from 1906 until 1909" and "was deputy sheriff at one time in the Prathers Creek Township."⁸ He ran a small grocery store in Peach Bottom which is called Irwin's Grocery today. He died of Tuberculosis.⁶⁴ They are buried in the Irwin Fam Cem on the old homeplace.^{8,48,64} On 7/5/1920, his widow Caroline, age 67, applied for and received widow's pension for his service. On 11/16/1934 she renewed her pension and moved from Class B to Class A payment. She was described as "confined to her bed and almost blind" and "totally disabled to wait on herself".³⁶⁶ [b^{8,48,64}, d^{8,48,64}]

2. **Frank** married **Sarah Ann Absher** on 10/26/1873 in Alleghany Co,^{3,66,113} however, the marriage return was not found.⁶⁶ They were living near his father in the 1880 Alleghany Co census. He bought 95 acres in Alleghany Co on Elk Creek from his father for \$100 on 10/22/1881.⁶⁷ Ref 3, p766.

3. **Mary** probably died before 1870 since she is not listed in the census of that year.¹¹³

4. **Martha** married **William Hardin Absher** on 10/23/1879 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ They purchased land near the Irwin Grocery School from her father, but later moved to Sparta.⁸ She "was an excellent cook, and was always glad to welcome traveling ministers and friends to share her home and food."⁸ She entertained guests on Christmas day in 1933 according to *The*

Alleghany Times.²⁴⁴ She died in Alleghany Co and was buried in the Irwin Fam Cem (Bk 14, p45).⁶⁴

Her obituary was given in *The Alleghany Times* in 1946, stating that she was 83 years old and had been ill for several months. The funeral was on 5/11/1946 at Antioch Prim Bap Ch, with burial at the Irwin Fam Cem. She was “the daughter of William and Nancy Irwin” and was known as “Aunt Martha”. She leaves her only son **Joseph**, a brother **Joe**, and a sister **Alice** Atwood.²⁴⁴

[(1900 Alleg, Pra Cr #5, p9B, #172)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Pra Crk #15, p2A, #29)²¹²]
[b^{8,64}, d^{8,64}] Ref 244: (1/4/1934, p2), (9/19/1935, p5), (9/22/1938, p5).

5. **Joe** married **Emma Reynolds** on 11/27/1890 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.⁶⁶ “J. E. Irwin” was selected for the jury of the Spring 1933 Superior Court from Prather’s Creek.²⁴⁴ He died in Alleghany Co of pneumonia (Bk 15, p57).⁶⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64} They are mentioned many times in *The Alleghany Times* newspaper for being visited or for visiting someone.²⁴⁴ On 8/10/1933, it reads “Joe Irwin is getting along as well as usual, sometimes better, and sometimes worse.” On 1/11/1934, “Mr. Joe Irwin who has palagra is much worse for the last month.” On 4/22/1937, the newspaper stated “Joe Irwin, who has been ill for some time, does not improve.”²⁴⁴

On 2/8/1940, the newspaper celebrated his birthday with this note:²⁴⁴

Anniversaries: Today, just 75 years ago, the year which marked the close of the Civil War, was born our neighbor of Stratford,

Mr. J. E. Irwin

Greetings, Mr. Irwin, from the Alleghany Times, and Good Wishes from all your neighbors in Alleghany County. Your son W. C., of Twin Oaks, sends us news each week, and we hope the news from you will always be good news of your health and welfare.

On 2/29/1940, *The Alleghany Times* reported that “Joe Irvin fell from a wagon last week receiving an injury to one of his knees. Mr. Irvin, who has had pellagra for the last five years, has been in much better health this winter.”²⁴⁴

[b^{48,64,244}, d^{48,64}] Ref 244: (4/13/1933, p1), (6/1/1933, p4), (6/15/1933, p1), (8/10/1933, p4), (8/31/1933, p4), (11/9/1933, p3), (1/4/1934, p2), (1/11/1934, p2), (2/1/1934, p3), (6/21/1934, p2), (1/17/1935, p4), (1/31/1935, p3), (3/7/1935), (11/28/1935, p6), (3/19/1936, p4), (6/11/1936, p5), (10/22/1936, p4), (4/22/1937, p8), (9/22/1938, p5), (6/1/1939, p5), (7/6/1939, p6), (11/23/1939, p5), (12/7/1939, p5), (12/28/1939, p10), (1/11/1940, p3), (1/18/1940, p1), (2/8/1940, p1), (2/15/1940, p1), (2/29/1940, p6), (3/14/1940, p6), (4/4/1940, p3), (4/11/1940, p8), (5/23/1940, p6), (8/8/1940, p2,4), (6/5/1941, p2), (6/26/1941, p2), (7/10/1941, p1), (8/28/1941, p4).

[(1910 Alleg, Prat Crk #15, p2A, #28)²¹²]

6. **Alice** married **Richard Thomas Atwood** on 11/4/1888 at her father’s residence in Prathers Creek.^{15,66} She died in Alleghany Co and was buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch (Bk 17, p8).^{48,64} On 8/27/1936, *The Alleghany Times* newspaper mentions that “Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Atwood, Stratford, spent Sunday night with relatives here (Sparta)”.²⁴⁴

Ref 244: (10/10/1935, p3), (8/27/1936, p4). [b⁶⁴, d⁶⁴]

Nancy Andrews was born about 1826 in NC or VA according to census information.¹¹³ She was living in Alleghany Co on 10/15/1879 when her daughter was married.⁶⁶ Land records as late as 9/4/1883 refer to “William Irwin and his wife Nancy”. However, she was listed as dead on her son’s marriage certificate on 11/27/1890.⁶⁶ Also, her husband sold land on 8/21/1890 and her name is not mentioned.⁶⁷ This suggests she had died before that date.

On 10/5/1842, Wm. Irwin sold land to **Allen Gentry** for \$50. This Bill of Sale would take effect unless William repaid the \$50 before September. (Ashe Co DB G, p519).⁶⁷

On 9/14/1854, William Irwin of Ashe Co bought 50 acres from **Eli C.** (also given as Enoch) Rives (i.e. **Reeves**) of Grayson Co, VA, for \$1. The land was described as beginning on the north side of a branch running into Elk Creek according to a survey made by **Griffin Collins**, and being the same land that **A. B. McMillan** is now claiming in Ashe Superior Court in the name of the heirs of **Jesse (?) Rives, Sr.** The deed was proven on 3/14/1855. (Ashe Co DB R, p539).⁶⁷

On 10/11/1854, William Earwin mortgaged land to **Wiley P. Maxwell** in the amount of \$53.20. This was 300 acres including the land he lives on. The mortgage was to be repaid within 18 months. (Ashe Co DB S, p151).⁶⁷

On 9/9/1857, the land of William Erwin and **Thomas Erwin** was sold by the sheriff to **Horton S. Reaves** who was the highest bidder on 8/24/1857. It appears that they owed a total of \$411.83 to various listed individuals, and their land was sold to pay off these debts. However, the land was sold for only \$28 at auction. The land was on the bank of Elk Creek, adjacent to **James Chesher, William Poe, and Jesse Reeves**. Witnesses were **J. W. Martin** and **Caleb Osborn**. (Ashe Co DB T, p232).⁶⁷

On 4/28/1873, William Irwin bought 300 acres on the waters of Elk Creek from **John W. Maxwell** of SC for \$350. (Alleghany Co DB 2, p247).⁶⁷ This rectangular tract was located south of Prathers Creek Rd, at the end of Irwin Grocery Rd. This seems to be near the center of the land bought and sold by William, with most of it later being sold to his children.

On 10/17/1881, William Irwin and his wife Nancy sold 30.5 acres on the waters of Elk Creek to **Granville Billings** for \$125. (Alleghany DB 7, p1).⁶⁷ This was in the southeast corner of William’s land, and a portion of his 300 acres.

On 10/17/1881, William Irwin purchased land from **J. N. Doughton**, the executor of **David Maxwell** who was deceased, for \$60. (Alleghany DB 7, p42).⁶⁷ This was adjacent to William’s own land, and seems to be about 56 acres. This was an “L” shaped tract adjacent to the northwest corner of his 300 acre tract.

On 10/22/1881, William Irwin and his wife Nancy sold 95 acres on Elk Creek to D. F. Irwin (i.e. **David Franklin**, their son) for \$100. Nancy signed with her mark. It was witnessed by **Joseph E. Irwin** and **S. J. Irwin**. (Alleghany Co DB G, p40).⁶⁷ This was the western part of his land.

On 9/4/1883, William Irwin and his wife Nancy sold 102 acres on the head waters of Elk Creek to **S. J. Irwin** (their son) for \$500. Nancy signed with her mark. It was witnessed by D. F. (i.e. **David Franklin**) **Irwin** and **E. M. Williams**. (Alleghany Co DB G, p41).⁶⁷

On 8/21/1890, William Irwin sold 63 acres on the head waters of Elk Creek on the north side of Peach Bottom Mountain to **Joe Irwin** for \$100. The land was adjacent to **S. J. Irwin** and **Granville Billings**. The deed was acknowledged in court on 12/29/1896. (Alleghany Co DB 7, p61).⁶⁷

On 2/5/1894, William Irwin sold 30 acres on the waters of Elk Creek to **Hardin Absher** for \$240. The land was on the south side of Walton Knob and adjacent to **Colon Williams** and **E. M. Williams**, and **S. J. Irwin**. (Alleghany DB 17, p132).⁶⁷

On 12/14/1896, William Irwin sold 38 acres on the waters of Elk Creek to **Alice Atwood** for \$38. The land was adjacent to **W. H. Absher**. (Alleghany DB 7, p98).⁶⁷

On 1/1/1903, William Irwin, Sr. sold "3 little pieces of land" totaling 13.3 acres to **S. J. Irwin** for \$60. The land was adjacent to W. H. (i.e. **William Hardin**) **Absher** and **J. E. Irwin**. (Alleghany Co DB Q, p136).⁶⁷

D-3-3. Elijah Irwin (7). William M. Irwin and Martha Patsy Irwin (D-2-2) were children of Elijah Irwin and Elizabeth Goodman (D-21-1). They had the following children.^{8,151} *Ref 8, p272.*

1. John Irwin	5/ 9/1815 -	1908
2. Thomas Squire Irwin	4/ 2/1818 -	5/ 6/1894
3. *William M. Irwin	8/ 2/1819 -	8/27/1906
4. Polly Irwin	1820 -	
5. Elizabeth Irwin	1825 -	1904
6. *Martha Patsy Irwin	6/27/1828 -	8/22/1906

They lived in the Pine Swamp area in the part of Ashe Co that later became Alleghany Co, NC.⁸

The 1830 Ashe Co census lists the family of Elijah Erwin on p30.²¹²

three males	10-14
one male	30-39
one female	0-4
two females	5-9
one female	15-19

one female 20-29

The 1840 Ashe Co census lists the family of Elijah Erwin on p8.²¹²

one male 20-29
one male 40-49
one female 10-14
one female 15-19
one female 20-29
one female 40-49

The 1850 Ashe Co census lists them on p498 in house #171/171.²¹²

Elijah Erwin 58, farmer, b NC
Elizabeth 60, b NC
Polly 30, b NC
Thos. 27, laborer, b NC
Patcy 23, b NC
Armsted Loveless 26, laberer, b NC, married within the year
Elizabeth Loveless 25, b NC, married within the year
Matthias Wyatte 10, b NC

The 1860 Alleghany Co census lists them in Gap Civil PO, p3, house #18/16. Their real estate was valued at \$800 while their personal estate was valued at \$400.²¹²

Elijah Erwin 67, farmer, b NC
Polly 47, b NC
Elizabeth 68, b NC

1. **John** married **Abby Andrews** about 1840 in Ashe Co.^{8,151,222} They were living alone in 1840 in Ashe Co.¹⁵² They were listed in the 1850 Ashe Co census, house #43/43 as follows: John Erwin (35, farmer), Aby (37), and **Elijah** (7). Their real estate was valued at \$300.¹¹³ He enlisted in Co F, 5th NC Senior Reserves on 7/22/1864 in Statesville, NC.^{61,367} His appearance was given as 5'8", dark complexion and hair, and grey eyes. He said he was a farmer born in Alleghany Co.^{61,367}

On 2/14/1902, they signed an Alleghany Co deed that would give all of their land to their nephew **Squire Jackson Irwin** in return for him taking care of them until their death (DB O, p549).⁶⁷ They were buried in Wagoner Cem (Sparta).¹⁵¹
[(1860 Alleg, p48, #395/310)²¹²; (1870 Alleg)⁶¹] [b^{61,151,212}, d¹⁵¹]

2. **Thomas** married **Sina Caudill** on 10/7/1854.^{8,120,151} In 1860, he was listed as 38 years old.²¹² He enlisted in Co B, 5th NC Senior Reserves on 7/13/1864 in Flint Hill, Ashe Co, NC, giving his age as 47 years, 3 months, and 11 days.³⁶⁷ He was described as 5'10", dark complexion and hair, brown eyes, and a farmer born in Alleghany Co.^{61,367} He deserted on 1/29/1865.^{61,367} On 3/26/1904 Sina, age 71, applied for widow's pension for his Civil War service.³⁶⁶ She stated that he joined Co C of the 5th Reg in 1863.³⁶⁶ She also gave his date of death.³⁶⁶ The request was approved.³⁶⁶ They are said to be buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.¹⁵¹

[(1860 Alleg, Gap Civ, p3, #19/17)²¹²; (1870 Alleg, Pra Cr, p10, #67)²¹²; (1910 Alleg, Pra Crk #15, p1A, #7)²¹²] [b^{8,14,61,113,151,212}, d³⁶⁶]

3. **William** married **Nancy Andrews** about 1841.^{8,151} He enlisted in Co B, 5th NC Senior Reserves on 7/13/1864 in Flint Hill in Ashe Co.^{61,367} On an undated muster roll, he gave his age as 45 years, 6 months, and 6 days, which would make his birthday about 1819.³⁶⁷ He was described as 6 feet, dark complexion and hair, brown eyes, and born in Alleghany Co. He was AWOL when a muster roll was taken on 2/28/1865.^{61,367}

On 6/23/1905, at the age of 84, he applied for his Civil War pension stating that he joined Co C, 5th Senior Reserves in 1864 under Capt. **Elijah Phipps**.³⁶⁶ The physician reported that William “has broken leg, senile(?) ulcers, and general dibility; is totally disabled to perform manual labor; not being able to wait on himself.”³⁶⁶ The request was approved.³⁶⁶

While Ref 8 says he was born on 8/2/1816, Ref 151 gives 8/8/1817 as his birthdate. The censuses and his service records suggest a birth year of 1819. He is said to be buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.¹⁵¹

In August 1848, Ashe Co Superior Court records list a case where “Wm. Erwin” is charged with having a child with **Prudence Austin**. He is ordered to pay her \$50 in three annual installments. Also, on 2/19/1849, “Wm. Erwin’s” interest in the lands whereon he now lives adjoining the lands of **Osborn Edwards** and others was ordered to be condemned and sold to satisfy his debts to the plaintiff.³⁷³ There’s no proof this is the same William, but I haven’t found anyone else by that name in Ashe Co at that time.

[b^{8,113,151,212}, d¹⁵¹]

4. **Polly** never married.^{8,151} On 6/13/1856, Polly Erwin bought a half interest undivided share of 300 acres total from **Thomas Erwin**. This was the tract that **Thomas** and **William Irwin** bought from **Enoch Reeves**, where **Thomas** now lives. She paid \$75 and was to receive the land, unless or until Thomas repaid her the purchase price plus interest. (Ashe DB T, p242).⁶⁷ She died after 1860 and is buried in the Sturgill Fam Cem.¹⁵¹ [b^{113,151}]

5. **Elizabeth** married **Armstead Lovelace** on 5/25/1850.^{8,151,289} They are listed in house #22/20 in the 1860 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil Township.¹¹³ He died in the Civil War.²⁸⁹ She is buried at Piney Creek Meth Ch.²⁸⁹

[(1860 Alleg, Gap Civ, p3, #22/20)²¹²] [b¹¹³, d²⁸⁹]

6. **Patsy** married **Colon Williams** on 9/25/1858 in Ashe Co.^{8,66,151} They are buried in the William Fam Cem.^{48,151} Depending on the source, she was born on either 6/22/1828,¹⁵¹ 6/27/1828,⁴⁸ or 6/28/1828.⁸ [b^{8,48,113,151}, d^{48,151}] Ref 8 p517.

On 9/7/1820, Elijah Irvin bought 100 acres from **William Spurlin** for \$100. The land was adjacent to Wagoner’s corner and near Pine Swamp Creek. (Ashe Co DB V, p218).⁶⁷

On 9/17/1823, Elijah Erwin sold 150 acres to **James Baker** for \$150. The land was described as on the waters of Phoenix Creek, a branch of New River. It was witnessed by **John Hardin**. (Ashe Co DB E, p256).⁶⁷ Phoenix Creek is located in Ashe Co, north of Jefferson, near Shatley Springs.

On 5/13/1841, Elijah Erwin sold a one quarter interest in a 36 acre tract to **William and Thomas Irwin** for \$20. This is the land where a forge is contemplated. The land was located on Elk Creek and was bought by Elijah Erwin and **Caleb** Osborn from **Cornelius Vanover**. (Ashe Co DB O, p477).⁶⁷

On 12/9/1843, Elijah Erwin mortgaged a portion of his land to cover his debts to the estate of **Joseph Alexander** in the amount of \$145. He borrowed the money from **A. B. McMillan**, with **Enoch Reeves** listed as security. The land was a one quarter undivided part of 36 acres on the waters of Elk Creek where **Caleb** Osborn and others were building a forge, including a one quarter interest in the forge. The debt was to be paid off by 5/31/1846, or else the land would be auctioned to the highest bidder. Until that time, Elijah was permitted to continue living on the land. The deed was witnessed by **Allen Gentry, Geo. Reeves**, and **Wm. Irwin**. (Ashe Co DB N, p80).⁶⁷

On 2/5/1849, Elijah Erwin sold to **Jesse Austin** of Grayson Co his part of 1,500 acres on the waters of New River and Little River for \$25. This is his half of the bounty land belonging to the Elk Creek Forge. The tract was adjacent to the Virginia line. (Ashe Co DB R, p158).⁶⁷ Perhaps this sale was a response to Elijah's son **William** being charged for having a child with **Prudence Austin** during the previous year as mentioned above.

On 9/29/1849 it was entered that Elijah Irwin and **Caleb** Osborn received a joint NC Grant (#4142) for 3,000 acres for the purpose of building an Iron Works in this state. The tract was adjacent to the Virginia line and reached south near Bull Head Mtn. (Ashe Co DB P, p297).⁶⁷

D-3-4. Thomas Irwin (8). Elijah Irwin was the son of **Thomas Irwin** and **Agness Jane Shepherd** (D-16-1).²⁵⁷ They had the following children.^{14,151,257}

1. *Elijah Irwin	1792 -	1878
2. Thomas Perry Irwin	1795 -	
3. Alley Irwin	3/ 6/1797 -	6/28/1879
4. Nancy Irwin	1798 -	2/24/1857
5. Andrew Irwin	1799 -	
6. William Irwin	1800 -	
7. Sally Irwin	1805 -	1831
8. Robert Irwin	1810 -	12/20/1872
9. Larkin Irwin	1812 -	1841
10. Franklin Irwin	1819 -	
11. Polly Irwin	1820 -	

12. Elizabeth Irwin
13. Squire Irwin

1821 -

While Ref 14 lists **Squire** as a child, Ref 151 does not. However, Ref 151 lists **Elizabeth**, but Ref 14 does not. In any case, all but two of the children moved to KY with their parents.¹⁴ **Elijah** and **Alley** stayed in NC.¹⁴ They lived in Wilkes Co, NC, on the North Fork of Reddies River.¹⁴ They joined Reddies River Bap Ch after 4/18/1801 by experience.¹⁵¹

Thomas Erwin is first listed in the Wilkes Co tax lists in 1793 in McNeil's District with one poll and 75 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1794, Thomas Eaving is listed in Hall's District with one poll and 75 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1795, in the same district, Thomas Irwin is listed with one poll and 75 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1796 tax list includes him in McGrady's District with one poll and 130 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1797 Thomas Ervin was in the same district with one poll and 200 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1798 Thomas Irwin was in the same district with one poll and 185 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1800 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Thomas Erwin, p37.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>16-25</i>

The 1810 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Thomas Irwin, p864.²¹²

<i>three males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>two female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>

The 1820 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Thomas Irvin, p539.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>16-17</i>
<i>three males</i>	<i>16-25 [one of them is also in the 16-17 group]</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>

In 1829 Thomas and Agness "withdrew their membership from Reddies River Bap Ch and proceeded with the disposition of their real estate. The fascination of Kentucky had engulfed them and they followed their sons and neighbors to Kentucky, settling in the Fonthill area on

Goose Creek in Russell County” where they lived the rest of their lives.¹⁴ This was located east of Bowling Green, about 300 miles west of Wilkes Co, NC.

The 1830 Bullit Co, KY, census includes the family of Thomas Irwin in Mount Washington District, p106.²¹² This area is located in the southern suburbs of Louisville, KY.

<i>one male</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>70-79</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>60-69</i>

According to tax records, Thomas Irwin and his son **Robert** arrived in Russell Co, KY, in 1838. Sons **Andrew**, **Franklin**, and **Larkin** arrived in 1840. **Squire** may have arrived as early as 1837.¹⁵¹

The 1850 Russell Co, KY, census lists them in the 1st District, p216, household \$68/68. Their real estate was valued at \$100.²¹²

<i>Thomas Irvin</i>	<i>80, farmer, b VA</i>
<i>Agness</i>	<i>75, b VA</i>
<i>John D.</i>	<i>10, b KY, school</i>

1. **Elijah** married **Elizabeth Goodman** in 1811.^{8,151,257} They are said to be buried in the Sturgill Cem.⁸ I believe this is the same as the Sturgill Fam Cem. [b^{8,151,257}, d^{8,151,257}] *Ref 8, p272.*

2. **Thomas** [b^{151,257}]

3. **Alley** married **Larkin Shepherd** according to a marriage bond dated 11/8/1817 in Wilkes Co.^{14,49,151,257} They lived in Wilkes Co and were buried in Shepherd Cem.¹⁵¹ [(1860 Wi, Red. River, #892/895)¹¹³] [b^{14,151,257}, d^{14,151,257}]

4. **Nancy** married **John Jennings** on 2/17/1819.^{151,257} She died in Rock Castle Co, KY, and was buried in Russell Co, KY.^{151,257} [(1850 Russell, KY, Dist 1, #49)²¹²] [b^{151,257}, d^{151,257}]

5. **Andrew** married **Lucy Wyatt** on 8/19/1828 in Wilkes Co.^{151,257} They were living in Russell Co, KY, in 1870.¹⁵¹ [(1840 Russell Co, KY)²¹²; (1850 Russell, KY, Dist 1, #75)²¹²] [b¹⁵¹]

6. **William** probably never married.¹⁵¹ The inventory of his estate in Wilkes Co was rendered by his brother **Elijah** in 1824.¹⁵¹ [b^{151,257}]

7. **Sally** married **John Shepherd** on 8/24/1824.^{151,257} She probably died in 1831.¹⁵¹ [b^{151,257}, d^{151,257}]

8. **Robert** first married **Sally Lutteral**.^{151,257} He is said to have married his second wife **Elizabeth Vannoy** on 6/14/1838.^{151,257} However, the 1850 census lists wife Sally, age 36.²¹² He died in Russell Co, KY.^{151,257}

[(1850 Russell, KY, Dist 1, #74)²¹²] [b^{151,257}, d^{151,257}]

9. **Larkin** married **Margaret Paul** in 1832.^{151,257} He probably died in 1841 in Russell Co, KY.¹⁵¹ [(1840 Russell Co, KY)²¹²] [b^{151,257}, d^{151,257}]

10. **Franklin** married **Elizabeth Spencer** about 1840.^{151,212,257} [(1840 Russell Co, KY)²¹²; (1850 Russell, KY, Dist 1, #53)²¹²] [b^{151,257}]

11. **Polly** married **Elijah Jennings** on 6/14/1838.^{151,257} An “Eli Ginnings” (age 40, born NC) and wife “Rachael” (age 31, born NC) are found in the 1850 Russell Co, KY, census, Dist 1, #95.²¹² Could this be them? [b^{151,257}]

12. **Elizabeth** may have married **John Spencer** in Russell Co, KY.^{151,257} They later moved to Morgan Co, IL.¹⁵¹ [b^{151,257}]

13. **Squire**

On 5/1/1797, Thomas Erwin entered 50 acres on Reddies River in Wilkes Co. The deed was issued on 12/27/1797. The land was adjacent to the upper end of his own tract. (NC Grant #1490, file #1457).

On 5/4/1797, Thomas Erwin/Irvin was instructed to take in **Benjamin Darnell**, an orphan boy aged 17 years to learn the occupation of a farmer until he reached 21. (Wilkes Will Bk 2, p464).⁷⁹

On 11/3/1808 Thos. Irwin entered Grant #2777 for 120 acres in Wilkes Co on the waters of Reddies River on the north fork adjacent to **John Dancy**. It was witnessed by **Neal McNeil** and **Elijah Irwin**. The deed was issued on 12/3/1810. (NC File #2513)

D-3-5. Francis Irwin, Sr. (9). Thomas Irwin was the son of **Francis Irwin, Sr.** and **Ann**. They had the following children.^{14,151}

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. *Thomas Irwin | 1770 - 11/25/1853 |
| 2. Francis Irwin, Jr. | 1780 - |
| 3. Mary Irwin | |

“Records reveal that Francis lived out his life on Reddies River where he acquired considerable acreage.” “The Shepherd, Irwin, McNeil, Gordon, Cash, and perhaps other Reddies River families were neighbors in Spotsylvania Co, VA, prior to the mass exodus on the eve of the Revolutionary War.”¹⁴

Among those who were charter members of Reddies River Bap Ch in 1797 were **Mary Irwin**, **Agnes Irwin**, and **Nancy Irwin**. **Mary** may have been the daughter of Francis, Sr. Agnes may have been the wife of **Thomas**. Nancy may have been a form of Ann, the wife of Francis, Sr.¹⁵¹

Francis was listed in both the 1784 and 1785 Wilkes Co, NC, tax lists with one poll and 75 acres of land under the names Francis Erwin and Francis Ervin, respectively.^{14,158}

The 1786 Wilkes Co tax list for Capt. Judd's District includes Francis Ervin with no polls and 95 acres of land, while the lists in 1787, 1788, and 1789 are identical except that he only had 75 acres.¹⁵⁸ The 1790 tax list includes Francis Erwin in Capt. McNeil's District with no polls and 75 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1787 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Francis Ervin in Capt. Judd's District, p1.²⁷²

<i>one male</i>	<i>21-60</i>
<i>two males</i>	<i>under 21 or over 60</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>any age</i>

The 1790 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Frank Erwin in the Fourth Company, p153.²¹²

<i>three males</i>	<i>over 16</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>under 16</i>
<i>three females</i>	<i>any age</i>

The 1800 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Anne Erwin, p37.²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>

Two other Erwins were listed in this census, **Andrew** Erwin and **Thomas** Erwin.²⁷⁴ Perhaps **Andrew** is another son.

1. **Thomas** married **Agness Jane Shepherd** about 1792.^{14,151} He died in Russell Co, KY.¹⁵¹
[b^{14,151}, d^{14,151}]

2. **Francis, Jr.** married **Ann Mullins** according to a marriage bond dated 7/10/1803 in Wilkes Co, NC, where “**Thomas** Erwin” was the bondsman.^{49,151} They appear to have moved to KY soon after their marriage, by 1808. Then, about 1835, they moved on to MO.²¹² This is interesting in that he was leaving KY within a few years of his brother arriving. In 1860 he was age 79, living with his son's family.²¹² He was not listed with this son in 1870, likely indicating that he had died before that census.²¹²

[(1850 Pettis Co, MO, Dist 68, #134)²¹²; (1860 Pettis MO, Bowling Green, Ggtwn, p12, #75)²¹²]
[b¹⁵¹]

3. **Mary**

Francis Irwin, Sr. was probably born about 1740 in VA. He died before the 1800 census in Wilkes Co, NC. He married his wife **Ann** about 1768. She died after 1802.¹⁵¹

In the November 1801 term of court, an inventory of the estate of Francis Erwin was produced by Ann Irwin, administrator. His estate included items such as one mare and colt, three cows and calves, steers, hogs, pigs, two feather beds, kitchen items, and farm equipment. Ann signed with her mark. (Wilkes WB 2, p57).⁷⁹

In the May 1802 term of court, an account of the sale of the estate of Francis Ervin was produced by Ann Irvin, administrator. The items that were sold, the buyer, and the selling price is listed. The total sale was about \$140. Ann Irwin bought most of the items. **Mary** Irwin bought one pot. **Elijah Denny** was the only other buyer, purchasing a yoke of steers. (Wilkes WB 2, p69).⁷⁹

Elijah Denny and **Thomas Irwin** were securities on the Administrative Board of Ann Irwin, widow of Francis Irwin, Sr. In 1802, Francis, Sr.'s property was sold, and the deed was signed by Thomas Irwin, Francis Irwin, and Ann Irwin.¹⁵¹

The family of Francis Irwin is said to have come from Spotsylvania Co, VA,^{8,151} however there is a problem with this theory. The Francis Irwin who lived in that area of northern VA was still living in neighboring Culpeper Co in 1810 where he and his wife were both over age 45, living with a girl (age 10-15).²¹²

This Francis Irwin is found in Spotsylvania Co as early as 4/23/1763 where he witnessed a deed. He bought 268 acres there on 10/3/1766 (Spots DB G, p161).⁶⁷ On 11/1/1782 "Francis Irwin and his wife Ann" sold their 268 acres (Spots DB K, p128).⁶⁷ On 9/8/1801, he was one of the appraisers of an estate in Culpeper Co.

Another clue is the will of **William Irwin**, "a native of England", living in Spotsylvania Co in St. George's Parish. Written on 2/5/1820, he states that he has "no blood relations that I know of in this country." He appointed his neighbor **Robert Swan** his executor. Also, **Robert Swan** was to receive "all that may be coming to me from (the estate of) my brother **Francis Irwin**" (deceased), formerly of Culpeper Co. (Loose Spotsylvania Manuscripts: "E" through "L").⁴¹⁵ Also worth noting is that this **William Irwin** was living alone (age over 45) in Culpeper Co in 1810 and his brother **Francis** is listed on the same page.²¹²

This suggests that the Francis Irwin who lived in Spotsylvania and Culpeper Co lived out his life there and did not move to Wilkes Co, NC. However, it certainly is a coincidence that they both were about the same age and had a wife named Ann.

Back in Wilkes Co, an inventory of the estate of **William Erwin**, deceased, was taken in July 1821. The administrators of the estate were **Samuel Wales** and **Abijah Irwin** (Wilkes WB 4, p6,16).⁷⁹

The noncupative will of Agness **Irwin** on 1/1/1824 mentions **Belany Reed**, **Jean (Irwin) Lovelace**, **Archibald Lovelace**, and sister-in-law Betsey **Irwin** (Wilkes WB 4, p77). An inventory of the estate of Agnis **Irwin** was taken in January 1826, and it mentions **Elizabeth** and **Enoch Irwin** (WB 4, p84).

From a variety of sources, it is believed that **Robert Irwin** (1760-1807) settled in nearby Rowan Co and had seven children, some of whom ended up in Wilkes Co: **Enoch** (1787), **Abijah** (1791), **Sarah Catherine**, **Elizabeth**, **Isaac**, **Polly**, and **Elisha**. While our **Francis Irwin** may be related to them, this other family should be considered when tracing his lineage.

ANDREWS

D-4-1. James Andrews, Sr. (6). **Caroline Andrews** (D-3-1) was the daughter of **James Andrews, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Crouse** (D-5-1). They had the following children.^{8,221} *Ref 221, p6.*

1. Sally Andrews	1827 - 10/12/1914
2. John Andrews	1829 - 1899
3. Candis Andrews	1/ 1/1831 - 9/20/1911
4. Polly Andrews	1/25/1834 - 1/13/1913
5. Henry Andrews	1836 - 1851
6. Matilda Andrews	5/ 4/1839 - 2/11/1905
7. Abiah (Aby) Andrews	3/ 5/1841 - 5/28/1924
8. Burris Andrews	3/ 5/1843 - 12/17/1931
9. Martin Andrews	3/26/1848 - 1/10/1927
10. James Andrews, Jr.	1847 - 1853
11. *Caroline Andrews	1852 - 12/12/1934

They lived in Ashe Co, NC (now Alleghany Co), a few miles east of Chestnut Grove Ch on Little River.^{8,222} "Uncle Jimmy and Aunt Betsy, as they were known, were devoted Primitive Baptists and attended the old Little River Prim Bap Ch as long as they were able."⁸

The 1830 Ashe Co census includes the family of James Andrews, p31.²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>20-29</i>

The 1840 Ashe Co census includes the family of Jas. Anders, p29.²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>5-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>30-39</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>5-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>20-29</i>

They are listed in the 1850 Ashe Co census, p246, house #127/127. Their real estate was valued at \$500.²¹²

<i>James Anders</i>	<i>49, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>41, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Candis</i>	<i>19, b NC, school</i>
<i>Polly</i>	<i>17, b NC, school</i>
<i>Henry</i>	<i>15, laborer, b NC, school</i>
<i>Matilda</i>	<i>12, b NC, school</i>
<i>Aby</i>	<i>10, b NC, school</i>
<i>Burros</i>	<i>8, b NC, school</i>

<i>Martin</i>	<i>5, b NC</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>3, b NC</i>

The 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census lists them in Gap Civil PO, p86, house #689/552. Their real estate was valued at \$800, while their personal estate was worth \$500.²¹²

<i>Jas. Anders</i>	<i>55, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>52, b NC</i>
<i>Burrus</i>	<i>14, b NC</i>
<i>Martin</i>	<i>12, b NC</i>
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>7, b NC</i>

The 1870 Alleghany Co census lists them in Glade Creek Township, Cherry Lane PO, p15, house #108/108. Their real estate was valued at \$800, while their personal estate was valued at \$348.²¹² Sally is Elizabeth's mother.

<i>James Anders</i>	<i>68, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Elisabeth</i>	<i>61, keeping house, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Burris</i>	<i>22, at home, b NC</i>
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>18, at home, b NC</i>
<i>Matilda Gentry</i>	<i>15, mulatto, domestic servant, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Sally Crowse</i>	<i>93, at home, b NC, can't read/write</i>

The 1880 Alleghany Co census lists them in Glade Creek Township, ED 9, p1, house #8/10.²¹²

<i>James Andrews</i>	<i>78, farmer, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>60, wife, keeping house, can't read/write, NC, NC, NC</i>

1. **Sally** married **Meredith Cheek** about 1844 in Ashe Co.^{8,221,222} They are buried in Nichols Cem south of Sparta, NC.^{8,221} [b^{8,221,222}, d^{8,221,222}]

2. **John** married **Catherine Blevins** about 1848 in Grayson Co, VA, where they would also make their home.^{8,221,222} They are buried in the Andrews Cem (Baywood).^{8,221} [b^{8,221,222}, d^{8,221,222}]

3. **Candis** married **William H. Joines** about 1854 in Ashe Co. They are buried at Zion Prim Bap Ch.^{8,221,222} She died in Alleghany Co.²²² [b^{8,221,222}, d^{8,221,222}]

4. **Polly** married **John R. Cox** on 11/27/1853 in Ashe Co.^{8,221,222} They are buried near where they lived, in the John R. Cox Cem near Vox, NC.^{8,221} [b^{8,221,222}, d^{8,221,222}]

5. **Henry** is buried in the James Andrews Cem.^{8,221} [b^{8,221,222}, d^{8,221,222}]

6. **Matilda** married **Commodore H. Collins** on 12/24/1857 in Ashe Co.^{8,221,222} They are buried at Crab Creek Prim Bap Ch.^{8,221,222} [b^{8,221,222}, d^{8,221,222}]

7. **Aby** married **Enos Rector** on 2/18/1858 in Ashe Co.^{8,221,222} They are buried at Crab Creek Prim Bap Ch.⁸ [b^{8,221,222}, d^{8,221,222}]

8. **Burris**, listed as “Burras Anders”, enlisted in Co I, 61st NC Inf on 5/3/1862 in Gap Civil, Alleghany Co.^{61,320,367} On 12/17/1862 he was admitted to a hospital in Wilson, NC, and was therefore absent from the November/December muster roll.³⁶⁷ He was present at the following muster rolls in February and April.³⁶⁷ On 6/21/1863 he was again admitted to the hospital, this time in Wilmington.³⁶⁷ On 8/23/1863 he was admitted to a hospital in Mt. Pleasant, NC.³⁶⁷ On 10/12/1863 he was granted a 30 day furlough from the hospital, after which he was with his unit through at least 5/7/1864 when he was issued clothing.³⁶⁷ At some point he was wounded at Kinston, NC.³⁶⁷ On 6/16/1864 he was taken as a POW near Petersburg, VA.³⁶⁷ Three days later he was taken to Fort Monroe at Point Lookout, MD.³⁶⁷ On 7/25/1864 he was transferred to the POW camp in Elmira, NY.³⁶⁷ At Elmira, prisoners were forced to endure the very cold winter with little food or blankets.²²² Finally, at the conclusion of the war, he was released from Elmira on 6/2/1865 after taking an oath of allegiance.³⁶⁷ He married **Lucy Jane Dougherty** on 1/8/1875 in Alleghany Co.^{8,221,222} He died in Mtn. Park, Surry Co, NC.²²² However, his death is recorded in Alleghany Co stating that he died of cancer (Bk 2, p413).⁶⁴ They are buried in the James Andrews Cem.^{8,61,64,221} [(1910 Alleg, Gap Civil #12, p7A, #55)²¹²] [b^{61,64,221,222}, d^{61,64,221,222}]

9. **Martin** married **Catherine Higgins** at Edwards Cross Roads, Alleghany Co on 10/29/1867.^{8,221,222} He delivered the mail by horseback.⁸ He died in Alleghany Co of “cancer of the stomach” (Bk 1, p241).⁶⁴ They are buried in the John Higgins Cem.^{8,64,222} [b^{64,221,222}, d^{64,221,222}]

10. **James, Jr** is buried in the James Andrews Cem.⁸ [b^{8,222}, d^{8,222}]

11. **Caroline** married **Squire Jackson Irwin** on 10/10/1871 in Alleghany Co.^{8,66,221,222} According to *The Alleghany Times* on 5/18/1933, “Mrs. Caroline Irwin fell last Sunday morning and received painful injury.”²⁴⁴ They are buried in the Irwin Fam Cem.^{8,48,64,221,222} Her obituary appears in the 12/20/1934 issue of *The Alleghany Times*:

Caroline Irwin

*Mrs. Caroline Irwin, 84, widow of the late S. J. Irwin died at the home of her son **Mack Irwin**, Sparta, N.C., on Tuesday, December 11. She had been in declining health for some time but was apparently improved and seemed to be well on the way to recovery when she suffered a fatal heart attack.*

*The deceased had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church for a number of years. Surviving are four daughters and two sons as follows: Mrs. **J. A. McCoin**, **Jennie Jones**, Mrs. **I. L. Nichols**, Mrs. **G. Glenn Nichols**, **Mack Irwin**, and **Press Irwin**, all of Sparta. Thirty-one grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren also survive.*

*Funeral services were held at the home by Elder **John Williams** and interment was in the family cemetery.*

Ref 244: (5/18/1933, p3), (3/22/1934, p4), (12/20/1934, p5). [b^{64,221,222}, d^{48,64,221,222,244}]

On 8/30/1855, James Andress bought 100 acres on Little River, beginning on the east side of Little River from **Henry Woodruff** for \$400. The deed was proven on 4/6/1857. (Ashe Co DB T, p92).⁶⁷

On 9/1/1855, James Andres bought 51 acres on Little River from **Henry Woodruff** for \$102. The deed was proven on 4/6/1857. (Ashe Co DB T, p93).⁶⁷

“James Anders” left a will in Alleghany Co dated 6/9/1890. He requested that his 51 acre farm on Little River be sold to the highest bidder with the proceeds evenly divided among his daughters. All of his personal property was to be sold with the proceeds evenly divided among his nine children. The executor was **Commodore Collins**, his son-in-law. No other names were given in the will. The will was probated on 10/30/1893. (Alleghany WB A, p147-8).⁷⁹

D-4-2. John Andrews, Sr. (7). James Andrews, Sr. was the son of **John Andrews, Sr.** and **Mary Cheek**.²²² They had the following children.²²²

1. *James Andrews, Sr.	7/10/1802	-	10/ 2/1893
2. John Andrews, Jr.	1805	-	
3. Henry Andrews	1807	-	
4. Sally Andrews	1810	-	1887
5. Martha (Patsy) Andrews	1813	-	1897
6. Abigail (Abby) Andrews	1815	-	1905
7. Margaret (Peggy) Andrews	1818	-	1908
8. Mary Ann Andrews	1820	-	1901
9. Berry Andrews	1822	-	5/18/1895

They lived in Orange Co, NC, before moving to what was then Ashe Co, but became northern Alleghany Co, NC, in 1859.^{8,222}

The 1840 Ashe Co census includes the family of John Anders, p29.²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>15-19</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>60-69</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>50-59</i>

The 1850 Grayson Co, VA, census lists them on p140, house #951/951.²¹²

<i>Berry Andrews</i>	<i>27, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>80, no occupation, b NC</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>70, b NC</i>

The 1860 Grayson Co census lists Mary in Independence PO, p103, #789/749. She is living beside her son Berry.²¹²

Mary Andrews 78, b NC

1. **James, Sr**, or Jimmy, was born in Orange Co and died in Alleghany Co, NC. He married **Elizabeth Crouse** and they are buried in the James Andrews Cem near where they lived in Alleghany Co.^{8,221}

He walked to church on Sunday mornings as long as he was able, carrying the large, old family Bible which has since been lost. His grandson remembered him being about six feet tall with a slender build, walking with a long stride. His hair was sandy red like his youngest brother **Berry**. "All the family had blue eyes and a fair complexion."²²² [b^{8,222}, d^{8,222}]

2. **John, Jr.** may have gone west to TN or OH.²²² [b²²²]

3. **Henry** may have gone west to TN or OH.²²² [b²²²]

4. **Sally** married **Atlas Wagoner** in 1829 in Ashe Co.²²² She died in Alleghany Co.²²² [b²²², d²²²]

5. **Patsy** married **Charles Crouse** in 1835 in Ashe Co.^{221,222} She died in Alleghany Co.²²² [(1850 Ashe, p246, #122)²¹²] [b^{212,222}, d²²²]

6. **Abby** married **John Irwin** about 1840 in Ashe Co.^{8,151,222} They were buried in the Wagoner Cem (Sparta).²²² [b²²², d²²²]

7. **Peggy** married **Jacob Wagoner** in 1834 in Ashe Co.²²² She was buried in the Wagoner Cem (Sparta).²²² [b²²², d²²²]

8. **Mary Ann** married **Adam Wagoner** about 1845 in Ashe Co.²²² She died in Grayson Co, VA, and is buried in the Adam Wagoner Cem.²²² [b²²², d²²²]

9. **Berry** married **Catherine Poole** in 1852 in Grayson Co.²²² He died in Grayson Co, and was buried on the Richard Adams farm, four miles southeast of Independence, VA.²²² [(1860 Grayson, Independence, p103, #789/748)²¹²] [b²²², d²²²]

Mary Cheek was born about 1780 and died in 1863 in Grayson Co, VA.^{212,222} She was buried with her husband in the Adam Wagoner Cem.²²²

D-4-3. William Andrews, Sr. (8). John Andrews was the son of **William Andrews, Sr.** and **Mary Lloyd**. They had the following children.^{73,222}

1. Mark Andrews

1768 -

2. *John Andrews	1770	-	1854
3. Laborn Andrews	1773	-	1841
4. Elizabeth Andrews	1776	-	1816
5. Henry Andrews	1778	-	1849
6. Patsy Andrews	1780	-	
7. Starling Andrews	1782	-	
8. Jenny Andrews	1784	-	
9. William Andrews, Jr.	1786	-	1873
10. Sally Andrews	1788	-	
11. Archibald Andrews	17 <u>95</u>	-	1891

William Andrews, Sr. was one of the earliest settlers in Orange Co, NC. He owned a significant amount of land from south of the "Great Road" (the old Raleigh to Greensboro Stage Coach route) to the upper limits of Morgan Creek near Orange Grove, east from the homeplace and cemetery, and probably to the "Kirkland land on the east and north for a considerable distance". This land is south of Hillsborough.⁷³

The cemetery where William, his wife, and children Starling, Patsy, Mark, and Jenny were buried was located near their home on Orange Grove Rd, and is referred to as the William Andrews Graveyard.⁵⁹⁷ In 1973 it was destroyed by a new land owner, but a survey of the six marked graves must made before then.⁵⁹⁷ A metal plaque was placed near Hillsborough to mark the location of the now-destroyed cemetery.²²²

The 1800 Orange Co census includes the family of William Andrews, p498.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>three males</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>four males</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>

The 1810 Orange Co census includes the family of Wm. Andrews in Hillsborough Dist, p822.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>

The 1820 Orange Co census includes the family of Wm. Andrews on p352.²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>

1. **Mark** married **Elizabeth Bailey** on 9/26/1796 in Orange Co.²²² He held two slaves in 1820.²¹² He was an Elder in the Baptist Church.²²² He is buried in the William Andrews Graveyard.⁷³ He may be the Mark Andrews who in 1822, sold a slave for \$250 to Mr. **McDaniel**.⁷³ He may have purchased land in Wilkes Co, NC, in 1823, before selling it in 1829.²²² If so, perhaps he decided to return to Orange Co.
[(1810 Orange)²¹²; (1820 Orange, p300)²¹²] [b²²²]
2. **John** married **Mary Cheek** on 11/20/1801 in Orange Co.^{73,222} He died in Grayson Co, VA.²²² They were buried in the Adam Wagoner Cem.²²² [b²²², d²²²]
3. **Laborn** married **Rebecca King** in 1798 in Orange Co.²²² He is listed as having one slave in 1800 and three slaves in 1820.²¹²
[(1800 Orange, Hillsborough)²¹²; (1810 Orange)²¹²; (1820 Orange, p298)²¹²; (1840 Orange, S Div)²¹²] [b²²², d⁷³]
4. **Elizabeth** married **David Edwards, Jr.** on 8/28/1792 in Orange Co.^{8,222} They moved to Alleghany Co, NC, before 6/22/1793 when their first child was born in Grayson Co, VA.⁸ She is buried below Zion Prim Bap Ch on Highway 18.^{8,222} Ref 8, p178. [b^{8,222}, d^{8,222}]
5. **Henry** married **Candice Caruthers** about 1806 in Orange Co.²²² He died in Orange Co.²²²
[(1810 Orange, Hillsborough)²¹²; (1820 Orange, p314)²¹²; (1840 Orange, S Div)²¹²] [b²²², d²²²]
6. **Patsy** married **Robert Cheek** on 11/27/1798 in Orange Co.²²² She is buried in the William Andrews Graveyard.⁷³ [b²²²]
7. **Starling** is buried in the William Andrews Graveyard in Orange Co.^{73,597} However, he may be the Starlin Andrews who was married to **Catherine Cheek**,⁸ living in Ashe Co, NC, in the 1830s.²²² Or, he may have moved south into GA.²²²
(?1810 Orange)²¹²] [b²²²]
8. **Jenny** married **Richard Cheek** on 3/7/1805 in Orange Co.²²² She is buried in the William Andrews Graveyard.⁷³ [b²²²]
9. **William, Jr.** married **Aby Cheek** on 8/29/1810 in Orange Co.^{66,222} Soon after, they moved west into Ashe Co, NC, living on Little River, five miles east of Sparta.²²²
[(1860 Alleg, Glade Creek, #583/460)²¹²] [b²²², d²²²]
10. **Sally** married a **Cate** about 1810 in Orange Co.^{73,222} Three of her children are mentioned in her father's will.²²² [b²²²]
11. **Archibald** married **Polly Reeves** in 1816 in Orange Co.^{73,222} They are buried near their home in the Archibald Andrews Graveyard.⁷³ Two years before he died, at near 100 years old, he rode a mule to go vote.²²²

[(1820 Orange, p314)²¹²; (1830 Orange, p288)²¹²; (1840 Orange, S Div)²¹²; (1850 Orange, Dist 1, p171, #267)²¹²; (1860 Orange, S Dist, Rk Spg, p59, #454/416)²¹²; (1880 Orange, Bingham 199, p31, #284/286)²¹²] [b^{212,222}]

Mary Lloyd may be the daughter of Maj. Gen. **Thomas Lloyd** who owned a lot of land south of William Andrews.^{73,222} She was born about 1743 in Orange Co.^{73,222} She died in 1818 and was buried in the William Andrews Graveyard.^{222,597} **Frank Lloyd Wright**, the famous architect, is a descendant of this Lloyd family. Dr. **Troy Monroe Andrews** (1893-1983), a great-grandson of **Archibald Andrews**, was a good friend of **Frank Lloyd Wright** and had him design an elaborate house known as Bolin-Brook Farm which is located near Chapel Hill, NC.²²²

William Andrews left a will in Orange Co dated 2/15/1820. Son **Starling** received all his land west of the Haw Branch. Son **Archibald** received all the land east of the Haw Branch. Son **Laborn** received 5 shillings. The children of daughter **Elizabeth** Edwards received 5 shillings. Son **Mark** and son **John** each received 5 shillings. Grandchildren **Milly Cate**, **William Cate**, and **Polly Cate** each received 5 shillings. Daughter **Polly** Cheek, son **Henry**, daughter **Jenny** Cheek, and son **William** each received 5 shillings. Son **Archibald** also received all his personal property. Sons **Laborn** and **Mark** were executors.²²²

D-4-4. Henry Andrews, Sr. (9). William Andrews, Sr. was the son of **Henry Andrews, Sr.** and **Mary**. They had the following children.⁷³

1. Thomas Andrews
2. Henry Andrews, Jr.
3. *William Andrews, Sr. 1747 - 2/ /1824
4. Anne Andrews
5. Rebecca Andrews
6. Catherine Andrews

They probably lived in Halifax Co, NC.

1. Thomas

2. Henry, Jr.

3. William, Sr. was born in Halifax Co, NC.⁷³ He married **Mary Lloyd** about 1766.^{73,222} Legend says that he was a big man and liked to fight or wrestle.⁷³ He “was not bested by many if any. Seems as if some men from VA had heard of William and his ability to fight so they visited to take him on but William put them down and sent them home.”⁷³ From another source, “he was appointed High Sheriff of Orange Co, NC, in 1777 and served until 1788. He was a patriot and did secret service work for General Washington’s army. William was said to be a tall,

handsome man and was considered to be one of the strongest men in Orange Co.”²²² He was a large, extremely strong man who enjoyed hunting and wrestling as a sport. It was said that he was unbeatable by his wrestling opponents.⁵⁹⁷

There was a William Andrews who was a constable in Orange Co. On 6/30/1809, he presented a slave to **Mary Lloyd** who was the highest bidder at an auction.

His will was recorded in Hillsborough.⁷³ He and his wife were buried in the William Andrews Graveyard.⁷³ His birth and death dates are from his headstone according to a survey of the cemetery before it was destroyed in 1973.⁵⁹⁷

4. **Anne**

5. **Rebecca**

6. **Catherine**

Henry Andrews, Sr. left a will in Halifax Co, NC, dated 4/9/1762. It lists his wife **Mary** and his six children who appear to be under age. There is also a Halifax Co will left by **William Andrews**, dated 10/10/1761. Both of these wills were witnessed by **Jessie Andrews**, so they are probably related. It is believed that the earliest of these Andrews in America was **Thomas Andrews** who came from England about 1692. This is mostly based on stories passed down from one generation to the next.⁷³

From a different source, **Henry Andrews, Sr.** married **Mary** in 1735, and they had 6 children born between 1736 and 1750 including a son **William** born in 1745. Henry was born in 1712, the oldest of nine children of **William Andrews** and his wife **Catherine**. This elder **William Andrews** was born in 1690, married **Catherine** in 1711 in Halifax, NC, and died in 1762 in Orange Co, NC. According to tradition, these Andrews sailed from Ulster, Ireland about 1650 and landed in what is now Hopewell, VA, on the James River.²²²

CROUSE

D-5-1. Jacob Crouse, Sr. (7). Elizabeth Jane Crouse (D-4-1) and Margaret Crouse (C-17-1) were daughters of Jacob Crouse, Sr. and Sally Edwards (D-18-1).^{8,221} They had the following children.^{221,292} Ref 221, p3.

1. Candace Crouse	1798	-	
2. John Crouse	1800	-	1874
3. David Crouse	1802	-	1876
4. Jacob Crouse, Jr.	1804	-	10/18/1889
5. *Elizabeth Jane Crouse	4/29/1809	-	5/14/1887
6. Charles Crouse	1811	-	1892
7. Sarah Crouse			
8. *Margaret Crouse	1813	-	1907
9. William S. Crouse	1817	-	7/28/1878
10. Frances Crouse	1819	-	

They lived in Ashe Co, NC, which was formed from Wilkes Co in 1799.⁸ The 1799 Wilkes Co tax list for Brewer's District includes Jacob Crowse with one poll and 200 acres of land.¹⁵⁸

The 1800 Ashe Co, NC census includes the family of Jacob Crouse, p75.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>three females</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>

The 1810 Ashe Co census includes the family of J. Crouse, p84.²¹²

<i>three males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>

The 1820 Ashe Co census includes the family of Jacob Crows twice. The first is on p28.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>16-17</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>16-25 [must be the same as the male age 16-17]</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>

The 1840 Ashe Co census includes the family of Sally Crouse, p29.²¹²

one male	15-19
one female	15-19
one female	60-69

1. **Candace** married **John M. Woodruff**.²²¹ She was listed in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 Alleghany Co, NC, censuses.²²¹ She was living alone except in 1870 when a young man **Bartlett Woodruff** was living with her.²²¹ [b²²¹]

2. **John** married **Jane**.^{212,221} He died in Alleghany Co.²²¹ [(1860 Alleg, Gap Civil, p44, #329/287)²¹²] [b²²¹, d²²¹]

3. **David** married **Mary Holloway** on 6/2/1818 in Wilkes Co.^{31,164,221} They are listed twice in the 1850 census, both giving his birthplace as Ashe Co.²⁷⁹ "Tradition says that **David Crouse** was found dead at the foot of Stone Mountain in Wilkes Co."²²¹ Ref 164, p88. [(1830 Ashe, p4&28)²¹²; (1850 Wi, #453 and #1259)²⁷⁹; (1860 Wi, #360)²⁸⁰; (1870 Wi, Rock Creek, #49)²⁴²] [b^{221,279}, d²²¹]

4. **Jacob, Jr.** married **Margaret Willey**.²²¹ He died in Alleghany Co.²²¹ [(1830 Ashe, p6&28)²¹²] [b²²¹, d²²¹]

5. **Elizabeth**, or Betsy, married **James Andrews, Sr.**^{8,221} She was born in Ashe Co and died in Alleghany Co.^{8,221} They are buried in the James Andrews Cem, near their home.^{8,221} [b^{8,221,222}, d^{8,221,222}]

6. **Charles** married **Martha (Patsy) Andrews** in 1835 in Ashe Co.^{221,222} He died in Alleghany Co and was buried in Roaring Gap, NC.²²¹ [b²²¹, d²²¹]

7. **Sarah**

8. **Margaret** married **Lorenzo D. Andrews** on 12/22/1832 in Ashe Co.²²¹ She was buried at Mt. View Bap Ch.²²¹ [b²²¹, d²²¹]

9. **William** married **Jane Fender** on 6/30/1837 in Ashe Co.²²¹ They died in Alleghany Co, and were both buried in Edwards Cem.²²¹ [(1850 Ashe, #194)²¹²] [b²²¹, d²²¹]

10. **Frances** [b²²¹]

On 10/7/1799, **Jacob Crouse** bought 200 acres on the east side of Pine Branch from Wendal Crouse (i.e. his father **Johann Wendel Kraus**) for £40. They were both from Wilkes Co, NC, but since Ashe Co was only formed in 1799, they probably lived in the part of Wilkes that became

Ashe. **Henry Waggoner** was also present. The deed was proven in May 1801. (Ashe Co DB A, p82).^{67,221}

On 4/10/1803, Jacob Crows bought 50 acres on Little River near "Crowses line" from **Eli Cleveland** for \$30. They were both from Ashe Co. The deed was proven in May 1804. (Ashe Co DB B, p169).⁶⁷

D-5-2. Johann Wendel Kraus (8). Jacob Crouse, Sr was the son of **Johann Wendel Kraus** and his wife **Anna Marie**.²²¹ They had the following children.^{221,226,292} *Ref 221, p2-3; Ref 226, p74-5.*

1. Andrew Crouse	1760 -	1/25/1835
2. John Crouse	6/ 7/1762 -	1826
3. Henry Crouse	1768 -	
4. Adam Crouse	1772 -	
5. *Jacob Crouse, Sr.	1774 -	
6. Maria Margarethe Crouse	10/10/1775 -	1855
7. George Crouse	1780 -	

They lived in MD where **Andrew** and **John** are said to have been born.²²¹ Between 1762 and 1775 they had immigrated south to Surry Co, NC, where **Maria Margarethe** was born.²²¹ Stokes Co was formed in 1789. Land records indicate they lived (or at least owned land) on Muddy Creek which is now located on the east side of Clemmons in Forsyth Co.

The 1790 Stokes Co census includes the family of Windle Krouse, p559.^{212,292}

<i>three males</i>	<i>over 16</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>under 16</i>
<i>four females</i>	<i>any age</i>

1. **Andrew** married **Margaret Alford**.^{221,226} He died in Stokes Co, NC.²²¹ [(1790 Stokes)²⁹²] [b²²¹, d²²¹]

2. **John** married **Louise Null** about 1785.^{221,226} They moved to Lexington, NC, where he worked as a blacksmith and wagoner according to Moravian records.^{226,292} He was baptized on 9/5/1810 at Shiloh Lutheran Ch.²⁹² He died in Davidson Co, NC.²²¹ [(1790 Stokes)²⁹²] [b²²¹, d²²¹]

3. **Henry** married **Edney Stubblefield** on 12/4/1790 in Surry Co, NC.²²¹ [(1790 Stokes)²⁹²; (1800 Ashe)²⁹²] [b²²¹]

4. **Adam** married **Elizabeth Wagoner**.^{221,226} In August 1830, Adam Krous and his wife Elizabeth were received into the membership of Little River Prim Bap Ch.²²¹ [(1820 Ashe, p6)²¹²] [b²²¹]

5. **Jacob** married **Sally Edwards**.²²¹ In August 1832, Jacob Krows was received into the membership of Little River Prim Bap Ch.²²¹ Since he is not found in the 1840 Ashe Co, NC, census, it is assumed that he had died before then.²²¹ [b²²¹]

6. **Maria** married **Charles Holder** in 1792.^{221,226} In 1850 she was age 78, presumably living with her daughter's family.²¹² She died in IN.²²¹ [(1850 Monroe IN, Indian Ck, #790)²¹²] [b^{221,226}, d²²¹]

7. **George** married **Ann Alford**.^{221,226} [b²²¹]

Anna Marie was born about 1743 and died before 1829 in Stokes Co, NC.²²¹ She was too ill to attend her husband's funeral in 1803, and she lived with the family of her daughter **Maria Margarethe Crouse Holder**.²²¹ She was still living in 1823, but must have died within the next few years, being buried on the Holder farm in Stokes Co, NC.²²¹ The Holders moved to Monroe Co, IN, about 1829, and Anna Marie was not with them so it is presumed that she had died before then.²²¹

The following notes are found in the Moravian Archives books by Adele Fries, and are presented in Ref 221.²²¹

On 6/6/1776, "Wendel Krause came with his wagon to the store, and loaded it with forty bushels of corn for Cross Creek, and Heckewaler sent the new money accumulated here to pay the debt there." (Vol 3, p1065)

On 6/15/1776, "Wendel Krause returned with his wagon from Cross Creek, but brought no load, for just as he headed there, Gen. Lee arrived with his Regiment, on their way to Charlestown, and everything went to pieces. The best part of his trip was that he used the £180 congress money there; but nearly as much more has accumulated in the store here during the time." (Vol 3, p1066)

On 8/11/1777, "Wenzel Krause, who bought a horse from a horsethief for £20, had to return it to its former owner, a Quaker. After long consideration the Quaker decided to take the new Oath to the United States, as otherwise he would have lost his horse." (Vol 3, p1198)

On 6/24/1781, "Br. Rank's wagon was not strong enough, so the militia pressed a wagon from Wendel Krause, and they also pressed a horse from **Cornelius Sale** who had a horse from Salem." (Vol 4, p1754)

On 8/22/1781, "at the request of Wendel Krauze and **Isaac Knoll** brought militia to search the woods and if possible to rid them of robbers, which was done." (Vol 4, p1699)

On 9/10/1791, "Last Tuesday **Jacob Rominger** married the sister of Wendel Krause." (Vol 5, p2379)

On 9/20/1803, "Br. Pfohl was called to the widow of Wendel Krause who died a few days ago. On the very day on which her husband was buried she was taken very sick with the fever and was now very weak. Br. Pfohl talked with her yesterday when he visited with her daughter (wife of **Charles Holder**), with whom she is staying at present." (Vol 6, p2753-4)

In addition to the above Moravian records, he is also found in land records. On 11/13/1789, Windle Crouse bought 100 acres on the west side of the north headed branch of the New River for £25. (Wilkes DB B1, p131).²⁹²

On 12/27/1797, Windal Crouse received NC land grant #1493 for 200 acres at Morgan's corner crossing the fork of Little River. (Wilkes DB D, p381).²⁹²

On 1/1/1798, Windal Crouse received NC land grant #1560. (Wilkes DB D, p380).²⁹²

The 1803 inventory of the sale of the estate of Wendel Krause in Stokes Co is on file in the state archives. Among the nearly 100 items listed (and their values) are: Five axes (15s), Fire Dogs (£1, 3s), One Brass Kettle (£1, 10s), One Waggon handgears Feeding trough & tar box (£33, 16s), 1 Looking Glass (5s), 1 Clock (4s), 1 Cow (£4), 2 Deer Skins (16s), and 1 calf (£1, 4s). The total value of his estate was £79, 16s, 1p. **Andrew** Krouse and **John Crouse** were the administrators.²²¹ Ref 221, p315-6.

Included in the papers of Wendel Kraus collected after his death is a list of financial transactions. The following names appear to be people he had either paid or, more likely, still owed: **James Maxwell** (5 ½ dollars), **Jessee Alexander** (£5), **Sterling Edwards** (£1, 6s), **George Krouse** (£1, 3s, 6p), **Richard Williams** (£2, 5s), **Adam Krouse** (£46, 7s, 6p), **Jessee Reeves** (5 dollars), **John Burton** (£1, 19s, 6p), **John Fender** (£12, 1s, 9p), **George Chappel** (£3, 3s, 10p), **Henry Brewer** (£1, 6p), **Henry Krouse** (£1, 5s), **Jacob Krouse** (£40, 7s, 7p), **Willis Alexander** (124 ½ dollars), **William Alford** (one bond, 280 dollars). "Teste: **Jonas** (illegible), **Jacob Miller**".²²¹ Ref 221, p316.

The following is a list of money owed to Wendel Kraus at the time of his death. All are dated 7/1/1801.²²¹ Ref 221, p316.

Henry Crouse: \$10, \$66 for horse, \$10 for cow, \$40 for Shubbles Field Acct = \$126

John Crouse: \$95 for horse

Adam Crouse: \$137 for 200 acres of land

George Crouse: \$100 for 100 acres of land

Jacob Crouse: \$137 for 200 acres of land

On 8/24/1805, the heirs of Wendle Krouse sold two adjacent 100 acre tracts in Stokes Co for \$350 to **Henry Long**. One tract was located on Lashes Creek, while the second was on Muddy

Creek. The deed was made by **John** Krause, **Andrew** Krause, **Henry** Krause, **Adam** Krause, Geo Krouse, **Jacob** Krause, and **Anna** Mary (X) Krause, all of Stokes Co and Ashe Co. (Stokes Co DB 5, p93).²²¹

D-5-3. Melchior Kraus (9). **Johann Wendel Kraus** was the son of **Melchior Kraus** and his wife **Eva Margreth**.²²¹ They had the following children.²²¹ *Ref 221, p1-2.*

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|-------------------------|------------|---|-----------|
| 1. *Johann Wendel Kraus | 10/23/1740 | - | 9/ /1803 |
| 2. Johannes Kraus | 5/19/1744 | - | 8/18/1830 |
| 3. Sabrina Kraus | | - | 1816 |

They lived in New Holland, Lancaster Co, PA, where **Johann Wendel** and **Johannes'** christenings were recorded in the Trinity Lutheran Church.²²¹ After Melchior's death, **Eva Margreth** remarried and brought the family to the Bethabara area of NC after 1752.²²¹

1. **Johann Wendel** was christened on 11/6/1740.²²¹ His wife was **Anna Marie**. He died in Stokes Co, NC, and was buried at Shiloh Lutheran Ch.²²¹ [b²²¹, d^{221,226}]
2. **Johannes** was christened on 6/3/1744.²²¹ His first wife was **Anna Marie Volk**. He later married **Dorothy Petree**.²²¹ He was a blacksmith.²²⁶ [b²²¹, d²²¹]
3. **Sabrina** first married a Mr. **Fensler**.²²¹ She married her second husband **Jacob Rominger, Sr.** in August 1792 in Bethabara, NC.²²¹ She died in Stokes Co, NC, and was buried at Shiloh Lutheran Ch.²²¹ [d²²¹]

Melchior Kraus was born about 1709 in Germany. He immigrated to Philadelphia, PA, on 9/3/1739, and married his wife **Eva Margreth** about 1740 in PA. He died in PA, and his widow remarried to **George Kaa** on 9/24/1751 at Trinity Lutheran Ch in Lancaster Co, PA. Apparently they came to NC because George's death is recorded in the Moravian Archives. He was buried at Bethabara on 2/20/1784 in a graveyard for non-Moravians. George and Eva Margareth had a son **Peter Kaa** who was born 4/25/1752 in New Holland, PA.²²¹

The following paragraphs are taken from The Crouse Family of North Carolina by Betty M. Maynard and Bonnie E. Tedder, 1994, (*Ref. 221, p310-311*). "From the book Pennsylvania German Pioneers by Ralph Beaver Strassburg, we learn that Melchior was from the Palatinates in Germany. In the 16th century the Palatinates were two small countries in the old German Empire. The Upper Palatinate is now a part of Bavaria, and the Lower Palatinate is part of the Rhineland Palatinate. We can't even make an educated guess as which area Melchior was from, but he had to board his ship *Friendship* at one of the 26 ports on the Rhine River."²²¹

“The journey down the Rhine River to Rotterdam, Holland was not easy. Ships were required to stop at each port to be examined, usually at the convenience of the custom-house officials, and it took five or six weeks to make the journey. Therefore passengers had to spend extra money for food and other necessities they had planned to pay their passage with upon arriving in the new world. Ships were delayed again in Holland, sometimes for six weeks or more. Finally they were allowed to leave Holland and sailed for one of the several ports in England. The *Friendship* anchored at Deal, England. In England there was another delay of one or two weeks, while ships were waiting to pass through customs or for favorable winds.²²¹

“One man wrote that when the ships weighed anchor at England, ‘the real misery began’. Under the best of conditions it took seven weeks to make the voyage to Philadelphia, and often took ten or twelve weeks.²²¹

“The ocean voyage was marked by great suffering and hardships. The ships were usually packed, and without proper food and water, passengers were soon ill with all sorts of diseases such as scurvy, typhoid, smallpox and dysentery. With illness, plus storms that sometimes lasted for days, it is nothing short of a miracle that as many passengers survived as did.²²¹

“Finally when the City of Brotherly Love was in sight, and folks thought their misery was over, there was another delay. Health Officials from Philadelphia boarded the ship, and if someone was found with an infectious disease, the ship was ordered to move one mile from the city.²²¹

“When allowed to land, the passengers were taken to the City Hall where they were required to take the oath of allegiance to the King of England. The passengers were then taken back to the ship, and those who had money to pay for their passage were released and others were sold as indentured servants for a certain amount of time, usually seven years. The cost of a single passage was from six to ten louis d’ors or \$27.30 to about \$45.00.²²¹

“On the ship that Melchior came over on there were 58 male passengers, no women or children. When Melchior took the oath of allegiance, he signed with an M. If he could have written, he would have signed his entire name. It was 3 September 1739, and Melchior gave his age as 30 years, thus his birth year was about 1709.²²¹

“Melchior would have had to pay his expenses to the colony because he was married and his son **Johann Wendel Krauss** was born 23 October 1740, only 13 months after his father arrived in the new world.²²¹

“Soon after his arrival, Melchior associated himself with a Lutheran Church in what is now Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In present day Bavaria, folks are busy rebuilding the old historic homes and villages for sightseers who visit their country, and it is not unusual to see a home with its private chapel built in the house. Did Melchior come from such a home? We’ll probably never know, but isn’t it wonderful that we’ve found him and can speculate about his early life.”²²¹

ATWOOD

D-7-1. Jesse J. Atwood (5). Annie Lou Atwood (D-2-1) was the daughter of **Jesse J. Atwood** and **Sallie Sanders (D-8-1)**. They had the following children.¹⁵ *Ref 15, p273.*

1. Hallie Atwood	1865 -
2. James Meredill Atwood	1867 -
3. *Annie Lou Atwood	11/23/1869 - 10/18/1954
4. Richard Thomas Atwood	11/ 4/1871 - 11/15/1941
5. Mack Atwood	5/ 5/1873 - 9/15/1898
6. Orley Atwood	3/ /1878 -
7. Adina Jane Atwood	4/30/1879 - 10/ 6/1961
8. Nathan Henley Atwood	11/ /1882 -
9. Myrtle Alice Atwood	9/28/1884 - 4/ 2/1976
10. Elizabeth E. (Lizzie) Atwood	10/ 6/1886 - 2/ 6/1931
11. Avery Atwood	

The 1870 Alleghany Co, NC, census lists them in Sparta Township, Gap Civil PO, p14, house #98/98. Their real estate was valued at \$100, while their personal estate was valued at \$120.²¹²

<i>Jesse Atwood</i>	<i>29, farmer, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Sally</i>	<i>25, keeping house, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Hiley</i>	<i>5, b NC</i>
<i>James F.</i>	<i>3, b NC</i>
<i>Aney</i>	<i>10 months, born Nov, b NC</i>

I have not found them in the 1880 census.

The 1900 Alleghany Co census lists them in Cranberry Township, ED 2, p6A, house #104/104. They owned their farm.²¹²

<i>Jesse J. Atwood</i>	<i>57, farmer, b May 1843, m35y, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>55, wife, b Jun 1844, m35y, 12 ch 9 living, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Orley</i>	<i>21, dau, b Mar 1879, single, 1 ch 1 living, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Nathan H.</i>	<i>17, son, b Nov 1882, single, farm labor, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Myrtie A.</i>	<i>16, dau, b Apr 1884, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Nathan A.</i>	<i>2, grandson, b Apr 1898, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1910 Alleghany Co census lists them in Cherry Lane Township, p5B, #94/95.²¹²

<i>Jessie Atwood</i>	<i>66, m45y, farmer, NC, VA, NC</i>
<i>Sallie</i>	<i>65, wife, m 45y, 12 ch 9 living, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth E.</i>	<i>21, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>

The 1920 Alleghany Co census lists them in Cherry Lane Township, ED 12, p5B, #94/95.²¹²

<i>Hiley Anderson</i>	<i>53, widow, house keeper, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Adie H.</i>	<i>14, dau, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Alfie V.</i>	<i>12, son, NC, NC, NC</i>

Jessie J.	76, father, widow, NC, NC, NC
Elizabeth	32, sister, single, NC, NC, NC

1. **Hallie**, or Hiley, married **Vance Anderson** on 2/26/1882 in Alleghany Co.^{15,66} [b^{15,66,113}]

2. **James** died young.¹⁵

3. **Annie Lou** married **John Mack Williams** on 11/6/1887 in Alleghany Co at her father's residence in Pine Fork.⁶⁶ She died of cancer of the liver in Alleghany Co.⁶⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸ [b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸]

4. **Richard** married **Alice Irwin** on 11/4/1888 at her father's residence in Prathers Creek.^{15,66} Since his marriage certificate says he was age 20, it seems that he should have been listed in the 1870 census, so perhaps he was born soon after that census. On 8/27/1936, *The Alleghany Times* newspaper mentions that "Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Atwood, Stratford, spent Sunday night with relatives here (Sparta)".²⁴⁴ On 2/15/1940, the newspaper reports that "R. T. Atwood is very sick, threatened with pneumonia."²⁴⁴

They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{48,64} His Alleghany Co death certificate says he died of pneumonia at the age of 74 (Bk 12, p258).⁶⁴

[b^{15,48,64,66,212}, d^{48,64}] Ref 244: (10/10/1935, p3), (8/27/1936, p4), (5/4/1939, p6), (2/15/1940, p1), (3/7/1940, p2), (3/21/1940, p2), (4/11/1940, p8), (5/9/1940, p7), (5/23/1940, p2), (5/30/1940, p4), (11/14/1940, p4), (3/27/1941, p2), (4/17/1941, p4), (5/8/1941, p2).

5. **Mack** is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸ [b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸]

6. **Orley** married **Cicero Wyatt** on 9/6/1900 in Alleghany Co.^{15,66} The marriage license gives her age as 22.⁶⁶ [b^{66,152}]

7. **Adina** married **Daniel Floyd Wagoner** on 2/19/1900 in Alleghany Co.^{3,66,353} They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸

[(1910 Alleg, Ch Ln, p4B, #71/72)²¹²; (1920 Alleg, Ch Ln #12, p6A, #103/104)²¹²] [b^{48,66}, d⁴⁸]

8. **Nathan** married **Sarah Jane Wagoner** on 6/8/1901 in Alleghany Co in Whitehead.^{3,66,454} On 10/4/1909, there was an Alleghany court case brought by **William Watson** and **John F. Watson** against N. H. Atwood and **J. J. Atwood**. Judgment was made against the Atwoods for the sum of \$15.16 plus court costs. As of 10/14/1913, they had not yet paid, and they were ordered to do so by 11/3/1913. The nature of the case is not known.⁴⁸⁸

[(1910 Alleg, Ch Ln, p5B, #95/96)²¹²] [b^{152,212}]

9. **Myrtle** married **Rowan Jones Pruitt** on 6/28/1903 in Alleghany Co at her brother **Nathan's** home in Cranberry.^{15,66,271,288,386} They are buried at Willow Valley Cem in Mooresville, NC.²⁸⁸ [b²⁸⁸, d²⁸⁸] Ref 271, p51.

10. **Lizzie** never married.^{15,64} In 1930 she was boarding with a family in Gap Civil.²¹² She died in Alleghany Co of heart trouble and is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch (Bk 8, p286).^{48,64} [(1930 Alleg, Gap Civ #4, p3A, #47)²¹²] [b^{48,64,212}, d^{48,64}]

11. **Avery** died young.¹⁵

On 5/8/1873, Jesse Atwood bought 12 acres on Elk Creek from **F. J. McMillan** for \$8. (DB F, p159).

On 6/28/1879, Jesse Atwood bought land on the waters of Elk Creek from **Richard Sanders** and his wife Anna (i.e. **Ann Royal**) and **H. S. Edwards** and his wife **Sallie** for \$269. **Richard** and Anna signed with their marks. (DB F, p147).

On 2/7/1902, **J. J. Atwood** and his wife Sallie sold 16 acres in Whitehead Township to **J. S. Wagoner** for \$125. Sallie signed with her mark. (DB O, p547).

On 11/25/1907, J. J. Atwood bought 174 ³/₈ acres from **Joshua M. Crouse** and his wife **Julia A.** for \$1,049.25. The land was adjacent to **Franklin Rash, E. M. Sanders, and John Brooks.** (DB V, p448). A 1916 deed mentions land adjacent to **Franklin Rash** in Cherry Lane Township.

D-7-2. Thomas Atwood, Sr. (6). **Jesse J. Atwood** was the son of **Thomas Atwood, Sr.** and **Polly Steelman** (D-9-1). They had the following children.¹⁵ Ref 15, p262-73.

1. Jane Atwood	7/25/1826 - 5/27/1904
2. John F. Atwood	7/28/1828 - 2/28/1884
3. Nathan G. Atwood	2/14/1830 -
4. Franklin W. Atwood	1/ /1831 -
5. George Washington Atwood	4/ /1834 - 12/29/1919
6. Catherine Atwood	6/ 2/1837 - 6/24/1927
7. Elizabeth Atwood	1839 -
8. James D. Atwood	5/ /1841 - 1919
9. *Jesse J. Atwood	5/26/1843 - 12/18/1920
10. Emeline Atwood	2/11/1845 - 1/24/1923
11. Thomas Atwood, Jr.	1848 -
12. Mary (Polly) Atwood	1851 -

They lived in Surry Co, NC, on Swisher's Creek in 1825. They were listed in the 1826 tax list in Surry Co, Jesse Atwood's district. In 1827 they moved to Elkins Creek in Ashe Co, NC (now Alleghany Co). Thomas and Polly moved to Casey Co, KY, in 1858, but returned to Alleghany Co in 1861.¹⁵

The family of Thomas Atwood is listed in the 1830 Ashe Co census, p37.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>20-29</i>

The family of Thos. Atwood is listed in the 1840 Ashe Co census, p20.²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>two males</i>	<i>5-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>30-39</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>30-39</i>
<i>one male slave</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male slave</i>	<i>24-35</i>
<i>one female slave</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female slave</i>	<i>10-23</i>
<i>one female slave</i>	<i>24-35</i>

The 1850 Ashe Co census lists them on p498, house #173/173.²¹²

<i>Thos. Atwood</i>	<i>45, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Polly</i>	<i>45, b NC</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>22, laborer, b NC, school</i>
<i>Nathan</i>	<i>20, laborer, b NC, school</i>
<i>Franklin</i>	<i>18, laborer, b NC, school</i>
<i>Geo.</i>	<i>16, laborer, b NC, school</i>
<i>Catharine</i>	<i>13, b NC, school</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>11, b NC, school</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>9, b NC, school</i>
<i>Jesse</i>	<i>7, b NC, school</i>
<i>Emaline</i>	<i>5, b NC</i>
<i>Thos.</i>	<i>2, b NC</i>

The 1860 Casey Co, KY, census lists them in Dist. 2, Liberty PO, p119, house #795/798. They had no real estate, but his personal estate was worth \$300.²¹²

<i>Thomas Atwood</i>	<i>56, waggan maker, b VA</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>20, school</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>Catharine</i>	<i>22, school</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>19, school</i>
<i>Jesse</i>	<i>17, school</i>
<i>Emiline</i>	<i>14, school</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>12, school</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>9</i>

The 1870 Alleghany Co, NC, census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, Scottsville PO, p13, house #84/84. Their real estate was valued at \$800, while their personal estate was valued at \$100.²¹² Shelby is the son of Elizabeth.¹⁵ Perhaps Luvenia is Elizabeth's daughter Ennis.

<i>Thomas Atwood</i>	<i>68, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Catharine</i>	<i>31, keeping house, b NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>29, at home, b NC</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>19, at home, b NC</i>
<i>Shelby</i>	<i>3, b NC</i>
<i>Luvenia</i>	<i>1, b NC</i>

The 1880 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 13, p2, house #10/10.²¹²

<i>Thomas Atwood</i>	<i>77, widow, works on wagons, VA, VA, VA</i>
<i>Catharine</i>	<i>43, dau, single, work in house, NC, VA, NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>41, dau, single, at home, NC, VA, NC</i>
<i>Shelby</i>	<i>12, gson, work on farm, school, can't read/write, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Ennis</i>	<i>11, gdau, at school, can't write, NC, NC, NC</i>

1. **Jane** first married **John Jackson (Jack) Royal** on 8/12/1849 at her father's house. They moved to Casey Co, KY, in 1860. Jack was killed in the Civil War and she married second **Alfred McCannie Jacobs** on 9/24/1867. She died in IL where she lived near her daughters. She is buried at Nokomis City Cem.¹⁵ [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]

2. **John** married **Louisa Anders** in 1853. They are listed in the 1860 Alleghany Co census, Gap Civil Township, house #41/37.¹¹³ He may have fought in the Civil War.⁶¹ They moved to Casey Co, KY, in 1867.^{15,212} The 1870 census lists him as a wagon maker.²¹² He died of Tuberculosis and is buried in Peavy Cem.¹⁵

[(1860 Alleg, Gap Civ, p6, #41/37)²¹²; (1870 Casey KY, Liberty Prec, p17, #111/111)²¹²; (1880 Casey KY, Dist 4, Dist 18, p25, #213/215)²¹²] [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]

3. **Nathan** married **Cartheny Hill** on 3/28/1850, but they later divorced.^{15,120} They lived in Casey Co, KY, from 1858 to 1861. On 7/16/1879 he married **Mary Osborne** in Taylorsville, TN. He was a shoemaker and wagon maker and probably died after 1900 in TN.¹⁵ [b¹⁵]

4. **Franklin** married **Alley Pugh**.⁵⁸⁷ In 1861 he sold 132 acres in Prathers Creek, about two miles north of Hwy 221 (Alleg DB 1, p282).⁶⁷ He sold 35 acres on Elk Creek to **Colon Williams** for \$200 on 10/30/1876 (DB G, p179).⁶⁷ He is buried in York Ridge Cem.¹⁵
[(1860 Alleg, Gap Civ, p2, #9/7)²¹²; (1870 Alleg, Prat. Ck, p6, #40)²¹²] [b¹⁵]

5. **George** first married **Mahala Ann Caudill** on 5/4/1854.^{15,212,436} From a different source of marriage bond transcriptions, he married "Matilda Cordle" on 11/4/1854.³⁶⁸ They moved to Casey Co, KY, about 1859.^{15,212} He was a Republican and a Union sympathizer¹⁵. He second married **Margaret Long** on 5/12/1890 who later divorced him. He is buried in Peavy Cem.^{15,512}

[(1860 Casey KY, Dist 4, Fredum PO, p91, #602/603)²¹²; (1870 Casey KY, Casey Creek, Liberty, p18, #128/124)²¹²; (1880 Casey KY, Dist 4, Dist 18, p25, #218/220)²¹²] [b^{15,512}, d⁵¹²]

6. **Catherine** was single and had one child who was still living in 1900.²¹² She died in Tyler, ID.¹⁵ [(1900 Alleg, Pra Cr #5, p9B, #167)²¹²] [b^{8,15,212}, d^{8,15}]

7. **Elizabeth** died of cancer and is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.¹⁵ [b¹⁵]

8. **James** first married **Emily J. Atwood** about 1867,^{15,212} however, the marriage is not listed in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ The 1870 census shows that Emily was born in KY, so they were probably married in Casey Co.²¹² On 1/7/1896 he married second **Julia A. Sandusky**, a widow.¹⁵ He enlisted in Co F, 22nd NC Inf on 4/1/1864 in Alleghany Co.^{61,367} However, he was soon sent to Wayside Hospital in Richmond on 5/25/1864.³⁶⁷ He was moved to the CSA hospital at Farmville, located in central VA, on 6/3/1864.³⁶⁷ Nearly three months later on 8/26/1864, he was sent from back to his regiment for examination.³⁶⁷ His ailment was obviously still a problem because he was back at Farmville four days later where he was diagnosed with “ulceration left leg with extensive swelling of 3 years duration; scrofulous d???fusus; furlough 30 days.”³⁶⁷ As of 1865 he was living in Casey Co, KY, where he died. “He was a Democrat, farmer, Baptist preacher.”¹⁵ [(1870 Casey KY, Casey Creek, Liberty, p18, #129/125)²¹²; (1880 Casey KY, Dist 4, Dist 18, p25, #211/213)²¹²] [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]

9. **Jesse** married **Sallie Sanders** about 1864 according to an undated marriage return filed in Alleghany Co.^{15,471} From Civil War muster rolls, he was a resident of Alleghany Co when he voluntarily enlisted as a Private in Co I, 61st NC Inf on 1/14/1864 at Black Water or Zuni, VA, for a period of three years.^{16,320,367} He was absent in March/April 1864 because he was serving as a scout.^{320,367} He went AWOL on 7/6/1864 and was listed as a deserter in November/December 1864.^{320,367} One source explains his absence by stating that he was “wounded and secreted in (an) ox cart and taken to KY”.¹⁵

His pension application states that he was wounded in the right hand at Loudon, TN, during the war.^{320,366} Loudon is in eastern TN, southwest of Knoxville. The physician stated that the wound to his hand had created “considerable deformity” and that he suffered from “cronic spinal neuralgia and general dibility” making him ¾ unable to perform manual labor.³⁶⁶ His pension was approved.

On 1/1/1894, J. J. Atwood was among a group of 13 men who helped pay the doctor bill of **Calloway Richardson** who had his leg amputated. He contributed \$0.50 out of the \$14.50 donated. Mr. Richardson “happened with the serious accident of getting his leg torn off by a threshing machine at Dr. Smith’s place. He attempted to walk across the hopper and his foot slipped and his leg was torn completely to the knee.”⁴⁸⁸

He was a Justice of the Peace for Cherry Lane Township for several years including 1915.⁴⁸⁸ His Alleghany Co death certificate says he was a farmer who died due to “kidney trouble” (Bk ?, p186).⁶⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{48,61,64} [b^{15,64}, d⁶⁴]

10. **Emeline** married **Alexander Evans** on 10/2/1864 in Alleghany Co.^{15,66} They lived in Piney Creek and are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.¹⁵ Her Alleghany Co death certificate says she died of pneumonia and was buried at Mt. Zion Ch, Alleghany (Bk 2, p315).⁶⁴ [b^{15,64}, d^{15,64}]

11. **Thomas, Jr.** left KY in the late 1860s and moved 160 miles northwest into Monroe Co, IN.²¹² He married **Eliza E. Burton** of KY in December 1869.^{212,435} She died in the late 1890s.²¹² From 1880 to 1920 he was listed as a stone mason in the censuses.²¹² In 1930, in his 80s, he was still working as a laborer in a furniture factory.²¹²
[(1870 Monroe IN, Bean Blossom, Bloomington, p11, #70/66)²¹²; (1880 Monroe, Richland, p11, #95/97)²¹²; (1900 Monroe, Bean Blossom, Dist 92, Stinesville, p15B, #320/323)²¹²; (1910 Putnam IN, Greencastle, 3rd Ward, Dist 104, p12A, #138/146)²¹²; (1920 Madison, IN, Pipe Creek, Elwood, Ward 1, Dist 132, p8B, #184/191)²¹²; (1930 Monroe, IN, Bloomington, Dist 10, p16A, #310/384)²¹²] [b²¹²]

12. **Mary** married **Mitchell Boyer** on 4/30/1873 in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ She died in the 1920s in Hyattsville, MD.¹⁵ [b^{15,66}]

On 1/23/1825, Thomas Atwood bought 100 acres on Iron Works Road, lying on Switcher's Creek from **Henry Waddle** for \$100. It was witnessed by his father **John Atwood** and brother **William F. Atwood**. (Surry Co DB D, p250).¹⁵

On 3/23/1827, Thomas Atwood and his wife Polly of Surry Co sold the 100 acres on Swishers Creek he had bought on 1/23/1825 to Kintchin or **Kincheon Waddle** for \$225. Again it was located on the Iron Works Road. It was witnessed by **George Waddle** and **Thomas Pendry**. It was proven in the May 1836 term of court. (Surry Co DB V, p300).^{15,66}

D-7-3. John T. Atwood (7). Thomas Atwood, Sr. was the son of **John T. Atwood**. John had the following children.^{15,587} *Ref 15, p257-62.*

1. James Atwood	1794 -	1873
2. Elizabeth (Betsy) Atwood	1795 -	
3. Jesse Atwood	1797 -	
4. Polly Atwood		
5. Sarah Atwood	1800 -	
6. *Thomas Atwood, Sr.	4/12/1802 -	1/11/1899
7. William F. Atwood	1803 -	2/ /1858

On 5/13/1787, John Atwood is listed in the tax list for Halifax Co, VA (Part B, p1). He alone was taxed, with no blacks, and only one horse.⁴⁰⁸ No other Atwood listing was found there between 1782 and 1793.

John Atwood is next found in the 1807 tax list for Surry Co, NC.¹⁵ He continued to be listed on Surry Co tax lists through 1822.¹⁵ He is found in Surry Co records as late as 1825.¹⁵

The 1810 Surry Co census lists the family of John Atwood, p653: (21110-11110).²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>

The 1820 Surry Co census lists the family of John Atwood in Capt. Williams Dist, p714: (001101-01101).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>16-17</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>

1. **James** married **Margaret (Peggy) McCullom** on 11/12/1810 in Surry Co.^{15,66,120,443} They lived in Surry Co in 1820 and a few years later in Ashe Co, NC.¹⁵ They are said to be listed in the 1840 Grayson Co, VA, census.¹³⁹ They soon moved to Marshall Co, KY, but moved to Casey Co, KY, in 1846.¹⁵ He was “called ‘Old Grandpa’ Atwood, the first of the Casey Co Atwood families”.¹⁵ The censuses state that he was born in VA.²¹² He was buried in Peavy Cem.¹⁵ [(1820 Surry, William’s Dist, p714)²¹²; (1830 not found)²¹²; (1840 not found)²¹²; (1850 Casey KY, 2nd Dist, #287)²¹²; (1860 Casey KY, 4th Dist, #482/483)²¹²; (1870 Casey KY, Casey Creek, Liberty, p18, #135/131)²¹²] [b¹⁵, d¹⁵] Ref 139, p345.

2. **Betsy** married **George Waddell** on 1/24/1816 in Surry Co.^{15,66} She apparently died before 1850.^{15,212}

[(1840 Surry, Hough’s, p111)²¹²; (1850 Surry, South Div, #749/752)²¹²] [b¹⁵]

3. **Jesse** married **Sally Waddle** on 3/14/1816 in Surry Co.^{15,66,120,439} He has not been found in any 1820, 1830, or 1840 census.²¹² However, his son **Jesse F. Atwood** (b1819) is found in the 1850 Surry Co census.²¹² [b¹⁵]

4. **Polly** was born before 1800 and married **James Clanton** on 8/14/1829 in Surry Co.¹⁵ They moved to Scott Co, IL, about 1835.²¹² She was 54 and born in VA according to the 1850 census.²¹²

[(1840 Scott Co, IL, Winchester)²¹²; (1850 Scott Co, #360/370)²¹²]

5. **Sarah** married **Richardson Wiles** on 3/7/1822.¹⁵ There is a Richard(son) Wiles who was born in NC listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860 Switzerland Co, IN, census.²¹² However, his wife in 1850 and 1860 was “Elizabeth”, born about 1804.²¹² [b¹⁵]

6. **Thomas, Sr.** married **Polly Steelman** in 1825 near Deep Creek.¹⁵ He is described as “tall, broad shoulders, medium brown hair, blue eyes, reddish beard” and was a “farmer, cooper, and wagon maker”. They are buried near Zion Prim Bap Ch “in a field under a tree marked with a large rock--about five miles west of Sparta, Hampton neighborhood”.¹⁵ On the day he died he said to his daughter **Emeline**, “I feel unusually strong, better get my burying clothes.” He died later that day at **Emeline**’s residence in Piney Creek.¹⁵ [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]

7. **William** married **Mary Steelman** c1827.^{15,444} They lived in Surry Co before moving to the part of Stokes Co that soon became Forsyth Co, NC.²¹² In 1840 he had two young slaves.²¹² The 1850 census says he was born in VA.²¹² When he died, his 800 acre estate and slaves were valued at \$5,480.¹⁵

Their son **Charles Atwood** (1836-1879) died in Winston-Salem as a result of burns suffered when his barn caught on fire.⁴⁴⁴

[(1830 Surry)²¹²; (1840 Stokes, Salem Dist, p136)²¹²; (1850 Forsyth, #803/816)²¹²] [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]

On 4/20/1786, John Atwood was a witness to a deed between **John Lewis, Sr** and **Charles Taylor**. The other witnesses were **Allen Caldwell, John Caldwell**, and **Dolley Caldwell**. (Halifax DB 13, p414).⁴²⁰ So far, this is the earliest record of John Atwood of Halifax Co, VA.

By the census records it appears that John Atwood and his wife were born between 1765 and 1775. “We firmly believe John Atwood enumerated 13 May 1787, Halifax Co, VA, to be our ancestor.”¹⁵ Some researchers have listed John’s wife as a **McGehee**, but her first name is not given.^{386,443} I do not know where this originated, but it may prove useful in the future.

In 1806 John T. Atwood signed petitions for a new road. In 1822 he and his son **James** witnessed the will of **Daniel Silverton**. In 1825, John and his son **William F. Atwood** witnessed the deed for **Thomas Atwood**’s purchase of 100 acres of land lying on Switcher’s Creek. No later record of John Atwood has been found.¹⁵

“Family legend said that John was a cooper. Tradesmen were usually renters or possessed only a few acres, so we concede John Atwood was a renter. With demand for hogsheads (large barrels) for shipping tobacco, he would certainly have found a profitable trade.”¹⁵

There is a will dated 8/29/1799 in Rowan Co, NC, for a different John Atwood. He is apparently young since he mentions the estates of his grandmother Ligon and of his grandfather **James Atwood**, both of Virginia. (Rowan WB C, p258-9).⁷⁹

There is an **Edward Attwood** listed as owning 400 acres in Princess Anne Co, VA, in 1704. Also, on 8/29/1793 **Ann Atwood**, daughter of **James Atwood**, married **Joseph Rutledge** in Prince Edward Co, VA.⁴⁰⁵ Prince Edward Co is northeast of Halifax Co. The Prince Edward Co tax list for June 1755 includes **James Atwood** (no tithables), **John Atwood** (3 tithables, 3 slaves), and **Richard Attwood** (no tithables, 1 slave).⁴⁰⁶

Also worth noting is that **James Atwood** of St. Patricks Parish, Prince Edward Co, wrote his will on 7/2/1771. He mentioned wife **Mary** and sons **Benjamin** and **James**. He also mentioned his cooper's, carpenter's, and shoemaker's tools. The will was probated on 10/21/1771. (PE WB 1, p125,148,154,363).¹⁶⁷ Of course it is possible that these people may not be related.

SANDERS

D-8-1. Richard Sanders (6). Sallie Sanders (D-7-1) was the daughter of Richard Sanders and Ann Royal (D-10-1). They had the following children.^{8,15,113} Ref 8, p470.

1. *Sallie Sanders	6/ 9/1844 - 8/ 1/1918
2. Elizabeth Sanders	1846 -
3. Wilson Sanders	9/13/1848 - 1/12/1922
4. Nancy Sanders	12/10/1850 - 3/13/1933
5. Meredith Sanders	10/18/1852 -
6. Matilda Sanders	1854 -
7. William Alexander Sanders	1856 - 2/ 1/1934
8. John Richard Sanders	11/ 1/1858 - 4/29/1920
9. Louisa Sanders	1861 -
10. Richard Franklin Sanders	1863 -
11. Anna Caroline Sanders	1865 - 1/ 4/1949
12. Susan Emaline Sanders	1867 -

The 1850 Ashe Co, NC, census lists them on p288, house #724/724. Their real estate was valued at \$75.²¹² It appears that Ann's mother and brother's family are living with them.

<i>Rich'd Saunders</i>	<i>27, farmer, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Ann</i>	<i>23, b NC</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>6, b NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>4, b NC</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>2, b NC</i>
<i>Sally Royal</i>	<i>45, b NC</i>
<i>Jackson Royal</i>	<i>21, farmer, b NC, married within year</i>
<i>Jane Royal</i>	<i>23, b NC, married within year</i>
<i>Emaly Royal</i>	<i>1 month, b NC</i>

The 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census lists them in Gap Civil PO, p42, house #312/271. Their real estate was valued at \$800 while their personal estate was valued at \$350.²¹²

<i>Rich'd Sanders</i>	<i>35, farmer, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Ann</i>	<i>33, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>16, b NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>14, b NC</i>
<i>Willson</i>	<i>12, b NC</i>
<i>Nancy</i>	<i>10, b NC</i>
<i>Maridy</i>	<i>8, b NC</i>
<i>Matilda</i>	<i>6, b NC</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>4, b NC</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>2, b NC</i>
<i>Sallie Royal</i>	<i>59, b NC, can't read/write</i>

Listed in the next house is Alfred Sanders (60), wife Nancy (60), and John Wiles (30).²¹² Perhaps Alfred is Richard's uncle.

The 1870 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, Scottsville PO, p14, house #94/94. Their real estate was valued at \$600, while their personal estate was valued at \$274.²¹²

<i>Richard Sanders</i>	<i>48, farmer, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Nancy</i>	<i>46, keeping house, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Meridith</i>	<i>16, male, at home, b NC, school</i>
<i>Matilda J.</i>	<i>14, at home, b NC, school</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>12, at home, b NC, school</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>10, at home, b NC, school</i>
<i>Louisa</i>	<i>8, b NC</i>
<i>Richard F.</i>	<i>6, b NC</i>
<i>Anna C.</i>	<i>4, b NC</i>
<i>Susan E.</i>	<i>3, b NC</i>

The 1880 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 13, p2, house #13/13.²¹²

<i>Richard Sanders</i>	<i>65, farmer, can't read/write, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Anna</i>	<i>60, wife, keeping house, can't read/write, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Matilda</i>	<i>22, dau, work in house, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>15, dau, at home, school, can't write, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Franklin</i>	<i>17, son, work on farm, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Emeline</i>	<i>13, dau, at home, school, can't write, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Sally Royal</i>	<i>80, mother in law, can't read/write, NC, VA, VA</i>
<i>Nancy Sanders</i>	<i>81, sister, widow, can't read/write, NC, VA, VA</i>

Who is Nancy Sanders? It appears that she is the sister of Sally Royal since both of their parents were born in VA. Their maiden name is unknown. It also seems likely that Nancy is the widow of **Alfred Sanders** who is perhaps Richard's uncle.

The 1900 Alleghany Co census lists them in Prathers Creek Township, ED 5, p10B, house #187/187.²¹²

<i>Richard Sanders</i>	<i>74, farmer, b Aug 1825, m50y, NC, NC, NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Amanda</i>	<i>70, wife, b Mar 1830, m50y, 12 ch 9 living, NC, NC, NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Ida Caudill</i>	<i>10, gdau, b Apr 1890, school, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Rosabelle Caudill</i>	<i>8, gdau, b Jun 1891, school, NC, NC, NC</i>

1. **Sallie** married **Jesse J. Atwood**.¹⁵ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸
[b^{15,48,113,152}, d⁴⁸]

2. **Elizabeth** first married **Jesse Adams**¹⁵ and second **James Tucker** on 7/26/1852 in Wilkes Co, NC.^{1,15} [b^{15,113}]

3. **Wilson** married his cousin **Nancy Royal** on 11/29/1868.⁶⁶ They lived "near where the DeWitt Road comes into the Cable Car Road just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Alleghany Co." He died in Alleghany Co of pneumonia (Bk 1, p150).⁶⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{1,48} [(1920 Alleg, Gap Civil East, p10B, #172/176)²¹²] [b^{15,48,64,113}, d^{15,48,64}]

4. **Nancy** married **John Tedder** on 1/1/1868 in Alleghany Co,^{8,15,66} however, no marriage return has been found.⁶⁶ However, another book at the Clerk's office includes the undated minister's return.⁴⁷¹ They lived in the Gap Civil section of Alleghany Co according to the 1880 census.⁸ The death of "Nancy Tedder, age 81" is mentioned in *The Alleghany Times*.²⁴⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{8,48,328}
[b^{48,113}, d^{8,15,48}] Ref 8, p470; Ref 244, 3/16/1933, pl; Ref 471, p34.

5. **Meredith** married **Sarah Moxley** on 4/7/1872 in Alleghany Co,^{15,66} however, no marriage return has been found in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ [b^{15,113}]

6. **Matilda** married **Levi Crouse** on 12/25/1881 in Alleghany Co,^{15,66} however, no marriage return has been found in Alleghany Co.⁶⁶ [b^{15,113}]

7. **William** first married **Jane Osborne** on 11/27/1875 in Sparta, Alleghany Co.^{15,66,244} His second wife was **Jane**.²⁴⁴ He died in Alleghany Co and was buried at Cranberry Ch (Bk 2, p417).⁶⁴ His obituary appeared in *The Alleghany Times*:

William Sanders

*February 1, 1934, at his home near Furches, the soul of William Sanders passed to the great Beyond at the age of 77 years. He was married in his youth to Miss **Jane Osborne**. To this union were born two children.... After the death of his wife, he married Mrs. Jane Brackens who survives him. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. **Caroline Crouse**, and Mrs. **Frank Lovelace**.... He will be sadly missed at his home church at Prather's Creek and by all who knew him. He was laid to rest by the side of the wife of his youth at Cranberry church.*

Ref 244: (2/15/1934, p2). [b^{64,113}, d^{64,244}]

8. **John** married **Sarah Jane Estep** on 11/27/1875 in Alleghany Co.^{15,66} John was age 17 and his wife was age 16.⁶⁶ It appears that he and his brother **William** had a double wedding.⁶⁶ He was a Primitive Baptist preacher and owned a department store.^{8,15} He died in Alleghany Co of heart trouble (Bk 1, p113).⁶⁴ They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.^{8,48,64}
[(1920 Alleg, Prat Cr, Dist 17, p2A, #32/32)²¹²] [b^{15,48,64,113}, d^{48,64}]

9. **Louisa** married **Franklin Lovelace** on 10/20/1878 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.^{15,66}
[b^{66,113}]

10. **Franklin** married **Athalina Crouse** on 9/4/1881 in Alleghany Co at her residence in Cherry Lane.^{15,66} [b^{15,66,113}]

11. **Caroline** married **Charlie E. Crouse** on 10/4/1884 in Alleghany Co in Prathers Creek.^{15,66} She died in Alleghany Co and was buried at Woodruff Prim Bap Ch (Bk 16, p299).⁶⁴ [b^{15,113}, d⁶⁴]

12. **Susan** married **Jack Caudill** on 3/19/1886 in Alleghany Co, however, no marriage return has been found.^{66,447} She died soon after her marriage, before 1896 when Jack was married to his

second wife.^{15,447} It appears that their two daughters were living with their grandparents in 1900.²¹² [b^{15,113}]

In Alleghany Co, NC, on 6/28/1879, Richard Sanders and his wife Anna and **H. S. Edwards** and his wife **Sallie** sold land on the waters of Elk Creek to **Jesse Atwood** for \$269. Richard and Anna signed with their marks. (DB F, p147).

D-8-2. Rosanna Sanders (7). Richard Sanders is believed to be the son of **Rosanna Sanders**. She had the following children.^{1,15}

1. Sarah Sanders	5/ 9/1818 - 3/12/1903
2. *Richard Sanders	8/12/1825 - <u>6</u> /19/1908

The 1850 Ashe Co census lists them on p250, house #179/179. Their real estate was valued at \$25.²¹² **Thomas** might be the orphan of **John Royal**, deceased.¹⁵

<i>Thos. Royal</i>	<i>55, miller, b NC</i>
<i>Rosanna</i>	<i>55, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>13, b NC, school</i>

The 1860 Alleghany Co census lists them in Elk Creek PO, p50, house #222/193. Their personal estate was valued at \$45.²¹²

<i>Thos. Royal</i>	<i>64, shoemaker, b VA</i>
<i>Rosan</i>	<i>62, b NC, can't read/write</i>

The 1870 Alleghany Co census lists them in Sparta Township, Gap Civil PO, p3, house #19/19. Their real estate was valued at \$200.²¹²

<i>Thomas Royal</i>	<i>75, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Rosanna</i>	<i>75, keeping house, b NC, can't read/write</i>

The 1880 Wilkes Co census lists them in Traphill Township, ED 205, p9, household #85/85.²¹²

<i>William Royal</i>	<i>68, farmer, can't write, NC, VA, VA</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>61, wife, keeping house, can't read/write, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>23, dau, at home, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Sarah J. Crouse</i>	<i>18, gdau, at home, NC, NC, NC</i>
<i>Roseann Royal</i>	<i>85, sister-in-law, widow, at home, NC, unknown, NC</i>

Rosanna was the mother of Sarah, and she was the widow of William's brother Thomas.

1. **Sarah** married **William Royal** in 1839.^{1,15,172,223} They are buried at Liberty Knob Bap Ch.^{1,48} Her obituary says that she was a consistent member of Woodruff Bap Ch for many years, but

she moved 15 to 18 years ago to Liberty Knob Bap Ch where she stayed until her death. Her husband William Royal preceded her in death by many years. "Aunt Sallie" lived to see 11 of her 12 children join the Christian army.¹⁷²

[(1860 Wi, Traphill, #363)¹¹³; (1870 Wi, Traphill, #185)²⁴²; (1880 Wi, Traphill, p25, #85/85)²⁸¹]
[b^{48,172}, d^{1,48,172}]

2. **Richard** married **Ann Royal** about 1842. They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.¹⁵ Ref. 1 says he lived (8/12/1825-1/19/1908) while his headstone reads (8/12/1820-1/19/1909).
[b^{1,48}, d^{1,48}]

Rosanna (also Rosan or Rosie) **Sanders** was born in 1795.^{1,48} Her two children were born before she married **Thomas Royal** in the 1840s. She died in 1880 (after the June census) and is buried at Liberty Knob Bap Ch.^{1,48}

The Sanders and Royal families are tightly interwoven in Ashe, Alleghany, and Wilkes Co. It has been, and will continue to be quite a challenge to untangle them and define parentage and siblings. I have begun to question whether Rosanna Sanders was the mother of **Sarah** and **Richard**. What proof is there? The only link I have found is the 1880 Wilkes Co census where she is living with the family of **William Royal** and his wife **Sarah Sanders**. Since it lists Rosanna as his sister-in-law (i.e. the wife of **William's** brother **Thomas**), even that does not prove she is **Sarah's** mother. The only other clue is that Rosanna is buried beside **William Royall** and his wife **Sarah Sanders** at Liberty Knob Bap Ch. I also wonder if she had married a Sanders, or if that was her maiden name.

There are several others who may be related to this family.

Alfred Sanders⁴²⁶ (1800-1860s) and his wife **Nancy Royal** are in the 1830 Surry, 1840 Ashe, 1850 Ashe, 1860 Alleghany censuses. Nancy is a widow in the 1880 Wilkes census. They may not have had any children. Nancy is likely a daughter of **Joseph Royal**.

Mary Pauline Sanders⁴²⁶ (1800-1860s) married **Samuel Ferrington** on 1/3/1824 in Wilkes Co. Three short months later she married her second husband **Jonathan Rigsby** on 4/24/1824 in Wilkes Co, with **Richard Sanders** and **Lewis Rigsby** bondsmen. They are in the 1830 Surry, 1840 Smyth Co, VA, 1850 Sullivan Co, TN, and 1860 Sullivan Co censuses.

Robert Sanders⁴²⁶ (1802-1865) married **Hannah (Royal?)**. They had sons **Henry**, **Thomas** (twin), **Royal P.** (twin), **Alfred**, **William**, **John**, and **Hillary**. They are in the 1850 Ashe and 1860 Alleghany censuses. **Hannah** could possibly be another daughter of **Joseph Royal**.

Milly Sanders⁴²⁶ (1818-1870s) may not have married, but she had sons named **Alfred** and **William**. She is in the 1850 Ashe, 1860 Alleghany, and 1870 Alleghany censuses. In 1850 she is living with two children and a woman named **Elizabeth** (age 65) who could be her mother.

Richard Sanders⁴²⁶ (1806-1860s) may be a cousin and should not be confused with my Richard. He married **Delilah Grisilda Eller** on 10/30/1829 in Wilkes Co. He is in the 1850 and 1860 Ashe Co censuses.

Charles Sanders⁴²⁶ (1795-1850s) was married to **Rebecca**. They are in the 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1870 Wilkes Co censuses. In 1860 he was in the Watauga Co census.

There is also a **Hiram Sanders**⁴²⁶ and **Moses Sanders**⁴²⁶, both born in the 1790s, who appear in the 1830 and 1840 Wilkes Co censuses. After a brief departure, Moses again appears in Wilkes Co in 1870.²¹²

All or some of these individuals may be children of **Richard Sanders, Sr.** (1770s-1830s) and his wife **Elizabeth**.²⁴⁶ This family is found in the 1830 Wilkes Co census, and Elizabeth may be listed with her daughter **Milly** in 1850 as mentioned above.²¹² Much more research is needed.

STEELMAN

D-9-1. Charles Steelman, Sr. (7). Mary (Polly) Steelman (D-7-2) was the daughter of Charles Steelman, Sr. and Jane Cresson (D-11-1). They had the following children.¹⁵ Ref 15, p279-82.

1. Ruth Steelman	4/23/1779 -	
2. Catherine Steelman	1783 -	1833
3. George Steelman	2/ 2/1786 -	1847
4. Joshua Steelman	1789 -	12/ 3/1858
5. James Steelman	2/13/1792 -	12/21/1876
6. Charles Steelman, Jr.	1795 -	
7. Mary Jane (Jennie) Steelman	1796 -	1862
8. Rachael Steelman	1797 -	1839
9. *Mary (Polly) Steelman	1804 -	12/24/1862
10. Camy Steelman		

They lived in Surry Co “on Dutchmen’s Creek until he inherited 200 acres on South Deep Creek” in 1791. Descendants described their home as “a large two-story log house, white washed walls scrubbed daily, scrubbed floors sprinkled with sand inscribed with designs, and outdoor ovens for baking. (Typical Swedish customs.)”¹⁵ After his first wife died, he remarried to **Elizabeth Douglas** in the 1820s.

The 1790 Surry Co, NC, census lists the family of Charles Steelman, p515.²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>over 16</i>
<i>two males</i>	<i>under 16</i>
<i>four females</i>	<i>any age</i>
<i>two slaves</i>	<i>any age</i>

The 1800 Surry Co census includes the family of Charles Steelman, p610: (21210-11010-4).²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>two males</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>
<i>four slaves</i>	<i>any age</i>

The 1810 Surry Co census includes the family of Charles Steelman Sr, p692: (21101-11101-2).²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>

<i>one female</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>two slaves</i>	<i>any age</i>

The 1820 Surry Co census includes the family of Charles Steelman, Sr. in Capt Atwood's Dist, p700: (000101-01101-2).

<i>one male</i>	<i>16-25 [not 16-17]</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one male slave</i>	<i>0-13</i>
<i>one female slave</i>	<i>15-26</i>

The 1830 Surry Co census includes the family of Charles Steelman on p126: (000000001-0000101-21-0101).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>60-69</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>40-49</i>
<i>two male slaves</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male slave</i>	<i>10-23</i>
<i>one female slave</i>	<i>10-23</i>
<i>one female slave</i>	<i>36-54</i>

Listed on the same page are two other families: Charles Steelman sd (age 40-49) and Charles Steelman Jr (age 30-39).

The household of Charles Steelman is listed in the 1839 Wilkes Co, NC, agricultural census. In that year, he had/produced no horses, 4 cattle, 7 swine, 6 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of corn, half a ton of hemp/flax, 10 pounds of tobacco, \$5 dairy products, and \$10 homemade goods.¹⁷⁹

The 1840 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Charles Steelman in Capt. Spicer's District, Traphill area, p37: (0000000001-00000001-0-1).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>70-79</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>50-59</i>
<i>one female slave</i>	<i>over 55</i>

The 1850 Surry Co census lists this family in the South Division, #753/756. Their real estate was valued at \$450.²¹²

<i>Elizabeth Steelman</i>	<i>64, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Abraham Duglass</i>	<i>18, farmer, b NC, school</i>

They must be Charles' widow and stepson.

1. **Ruth** married **Isaac Rutledge**, and they moved to Lincoln Co, TN. She died before 1836.¹⁵ [b¹⁵]
2. **Catherine** married **John Rutledge**, and they moved to Lincoln Co, TN.¹⁵ [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]
3. **George** first married **Rebecca Foot** on 3/19/1805 and second **Anna Dixon** on 7/19/1824. Upon his death, his estate consisted of a 100 acre farm on South Deep Creek adjacent to his father.¹⁵
[(1830 Surry)²¹²; (1840 Surry, p110)²¹²] [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]
4. **Joshua** married **Mary Holman** on 11/4/1811 in Rowan Co, NC. They moved to AL in 1821. They later lived in Shelby Co, TN, and finally in Pettis Co, MO, where he died.¹⁵ [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]
5. **James** served in the War of 1812, and his gun is in the possession of a descendant. He first married **Mary Reavis** on 7/2/1817 and moved to Shelby Co, TN, in the 1820s. On 10/7/1828 he married **Catherine Reneger**. They moved to Greene Co, IL, about 1857 where he died. He is buried there in Old Pine Tree Cem.¹⁵ [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]
6. **Charles, Jr.** was still at home in Surry Co as of the 1820 census. He seems to be in the 1840 Surry census with 10 people in the household and another 11 slaves.²¹² The only other record of him is in Jones Co, MS, dated 9/23/1860. It gives his age as 55, and wife **Harriet Allen** of SC.¹⁵
[(1840 Surry, Hough's, p111)²¹²] [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]
7. **Jennie** married **William Reavis** in 1813. They lived on "South Deep Creek near Oak Ridge Ch".¹⁵ [b¹⁹⁸, d¹⁵]
8. **Rachael** married **Steven Wiles, Jr.** on 3/30/1809. They moved to Lincoln Co, TN, about 1833 where she died.¹⁵ [b¹⁵]
9. **Polly** married **Thomas Atwood** in 1825. She was small, had dark eyes, dark curly hair, and dimpled hands. She was skilled in weaving "bedspreads, paper cuttings, candlewicking, dressmaking, and culinary arts". She died at home of a heart attack.¹⁵ [b¹⁵, d¹⁵]
10. **Camy** appears to be included in the 1820 census between age 10 and 16. In her father's will, her name is marked out; "no one knows her story."¹⁵ However, I have a copy of the will and do not see her name written at all.⁷⁹

On 6/3/1843, Charles Steelman signed a will where he gave his four sons and six daughters \$1 each. While he referred to "four sons" and named them, he referred to "six daughters", but only named five of them. **Camy** is not mentioned at all in the will. The estate went to his second wife **Elizabeth Douglas** and to **Abraham Douglas**, son of **John Douglas**. The executor

was **George Waddle (Waddell)**, and the witnesses were **Jesse F. Atwood** and **James Waddle (Waddell)**. The will was proven in August 1845. (Surry WB 4, p242-3).⁷⁹

D-9-2. Mathias Steelman, Sr. (8). **Charles Steelman, Sr.** was the son of **Mathias Steelman, Sr.** and **Ruth**. They had the following children.¹⁵ Ref 15, p274-9; Ref 261, p629.

1. Mathias Steelman, Jr.	-	1782
2. Celia Steelman	1747 - 9/ 9/1827	
3. Elizabeth Steelman	1749 -	1852
4. William Steelman	1/ /1750 -	1837
5. John Steelman, Sr.	1754 -	
6. Ruth Steelman		
7. Rachael Steelman		
8. *Charles Steelman, Sr.	1760 -	1845
9. George Steelman	1760 -	1800
10. James Steelman	1766 -	

They lived in Kent Co, DE, at least until August 1770 when Mathias and his wife Ruth transferred land to **William Lynch**.²⁶¹ In the early 1770s Mathias received land grants from Lord Granville of NC at 10 shillings per 100 acres. They migrated down the Great Wagon Road to Surry Co, NC, along the Yadkin River.¹⁵

In 1772, Mathias Steelman was listed in the Rowan Co, NC, list of tithables.¹⁵ His son **William** was listed separately.^{15,261} In 1774, Mathias was listed in the Surry Co tax list with two tithables, presumably himself and son **John**.^{15,261} In 1775, he was listed in the Surry Co tax list with four tithables, himself and three sons.²⁶¹

The 1790 Surry Co census lists the family of Matthias Steelman, p515.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>over 16</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>any age</i>

1. **Mathias, Jr.** died young.¹⁵ His father settled a small personal estate for him on 8/24/1782.²⁶¹ [d²⁶¹]

2. **Celia** married **Thomas Cain** in DE.^{15,261} About 1814 she moved to Howard Co, MO, with her sons.¹⁵ She is buried there in the Cain-Robinson Cem.¹⁵

3. **Elizabeth** married **John Speer** on 10/12/1784.¹⁵

4. **William** received land grants adjoining his father's property in Surry Co and also in Rowan Co (now Davie Co).²⁶¹ His second wife was **Catherine Cain**.^{15,261} He served in the Revolutionary

War and in 1834 he was issued his pension (#W-8888) of \$53.33 per month.¹⁵ He stated that he was born in “Kent Co on the Delaware” in his pension request.²⁶¹ [b²⁶¹]

5. **John** served in the Revolutionary War in Hall’s Company, 2nd NC Reg, but he deserted less than a year later.^{15,261} On 9/22/1782, he and **Amos London** were charged with high treason, and John was sentenced to hang.²⁶¹ However, the sentence was never carried out.²⁶¹ He even “received pay vouchers with interest for his months of military service dated 5/1/1786”.²⁶¹ On 1/21/1802 he assigned his 11 year old son **John** as an apprentice to **Abraham Cunningham**. On the same day he assigned his 16 year old son **Matthew** as an apprentice to **James Steelman**. (Surry Co, Record of Estates, p155-6).³⁷⁶ It is said that he left his sons and moved to an unknown location.^{15,261} [(1790 Surry, p515)²¹²]

6. **Ruth** married **Benjamin Speer**.^{15,261}

7. **Rachael** married **Joshua Cresson** about 1781.^{15,261}

8. **Charles, Sr.** first married **Jane Cresson** Cunningham, a widow, in 1782 and second **Elizabeth Douglas**.^{15,261} His granddaughter remembered that his accent was difficult to understand.¹⁵

9. **George** is said to be a twin to **Charles**.¹⁵ However, the 1800 census lists Charles (age 26-45) and George (age over 45).²¹² He married **Elizabeth** and was a farmer and owned land along Dutchman’s Creek in Surry Co.^{15,261} He wrote a will in 1789 which was probated in 1800.¹⁵ The settlement of his estate was completed on 11/23/1805 when £124, 15 sh, 6p were distributed to his widow and to the guardians of his orphan children. (Surry Co Record of Estates, p208).³⁷⁶ [(1800 Surry)²¹²]

10. **James** married **Mary Howell** about 1803.^{15,261} His father’s “sale bill showed clothing and materials purchased for (his) wedding, including gloves and gift for bride, an old custom. He owned 344 acres.”¹⁵

Mathias Steelman, Sr. was born before 1728, probably in the DE area. He is first found in 1747 making an application for a 100 acre land grant on Hour Glass March, Murderkill Hundred, Kent Co, DE (now PA).¹⁵ On 2/15/1778 he was appointed Overseer of Roads for Surry Co, NC.¹⁵ From 1778 to 1780, Mathias received land grants in Surry Co totaling 1000 acres.²⁶¹ In DE, the family had been tobacco farmers, and they continued this occupation in NC.²⁶¹ A bill has been found where Mathias owed **Charles Hunt** for hauling several hogsheads of tobacco to Wilmington.²⁶¹

On 2/10/1789, he signed his will which was proven in the 1793 November court.^{15,261} In it, he left his wife **Ruth** his 230 acres on Turner’s Creek near Buttens Branch. Upon her death, the land would go to their son **James**. If James should die and have no children, the land and property would be sold at auction with the money being equally divided among his children:

William, Sealah Cain, **John**, **Ruth** Speer, **Rachel** Creson, **Charles**, **George**, and **Elizabeth** Speer. Sons **William** and **James** were appointed executors.¹⁵

The following information is from Ref 15 unless noted otherwise. **Mathias Steelman** is a descendant of **Olaff (William) Stille** who was born in the early 1600s. On 5/3/1641 the *Charitas* sailed to DE from Stockholm, Sweden, to start a Swedish colony along the Atlantic. Also aboard were Olaff's wife, his daughter **Ella Stille** (age 7), his son **Anders Stille** (age 18 months), and his brother **Axel Stille**. They were from Penningsby Manor. **Hans Manson**, a farm laborer from Skara, Sweden, was also aboard.¹⁵

Olaff Stille was a millwright who settled near present Chester, DE.¹⁷ He was appointed a magistrate, and he and **Axel** moved to a peninsula of the Smith River (now called the Delaware River) which he called Stille's Point. "The friendly Indians called (Olaff) 'man with the black beard'". His name was later anglicized to William Stille. He died in 1684.¹⁵

In the years to come, **Ella Stille** married **Peter Jockim**, and, in 1648, **Hans Manson** was declared a free man. In 1654 Peter Jockim was sent to make peace in a dispute with the Dutch, but he never returned. Since Hans Manson was Peter's neighbor, he volunteered to go find out what had happened. He returned to report that **Peter** had fallen "gravely ill and died". "Hans Manson, now 43 years, married Ella (Stille, Peter's widow), age 20, to render support for her and her two infant children."¹⁵

Hans Manson is listed as Hanse Monsen in a DE record dated 5/14/1669 for owing "---" bushels of wheat to the government along the Delaware River.¹⁸ His land, which he thought was 100 acres, was surveyed in 1669. It was reported as 1,100 acres, and he was told to build a mill at Schuykill to make use of it. Soon after he "moved to an area of the Passayant River called Mayanseing (now south Philadelphia). He was appointed Captain of Militia of all able-bodied men living in Cobb Creek area in 1672" and was then after known as Capt. Hans.¹⁵

In February 1674, Hans moved to West Jersey in an area known as Cinnamenson. On 6/25/1684 he was one of three Swedish colonists who gave **William Penn** a complete history of New Sweden. He said he was born in 1612 in Skora, Sweden. Hans died in 1691 in West Jersey.¹⁵ His widow **Ella Stille Manson** decided to adopt an anglicized family name. She and her sons combined the name Stille with Manson to form Stillman or Stilman. Now it is commonly seen as Steelman. In 1697 **Ella** was living on the south side of the Delaware River with her sons **Charles Stillman** and **Eric Stillman**. Being born in 1634, she died at Eric's home on 1/22/1718 and was buried at Raccoon Ch in Swedesboro, NJ.¹⁵

Mathias Steelman's relationship to **Olaff Stille** is unknown, but here are some of the children of **Hans Manson** and **Ella Stille** (ie. **Olaff's** grandchildren).¹⁵

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| 1. John Stillman married Mary Stalcup | 1655 - | 1749 |
| 2. James Stillman married Susannah Tay | 1665 - | 1734 |
| 3. Peter Stillman, Sr. m Gartara Keene | 1674 - | 1763 |

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| 4. Charles Stillman married Mary | 1679 - |
| 5. daughter Stillman married Elias Tay | |
| 6. Eric Stillman married Bridget | 1681 - 5/10/1703 |

The above **Peter Stillman, Sr.** had children **Peter, Jr., George, Mathias, Charles, Gartara,** and **Maria**. **Peter, Sr.** would have been in his 40s when my **Mathias Steelman** was born. In other words, **Peter Stillman, Sr.** could be the link between **Hans Manson** and my **Mathias Steelman**.¹⁵

Another researcher has found information that suggests ***Peter Stillman, Sr** is the grandfather of my **Mathias Steelman**.¹⁹⁷ This source says that **Peter Steelman** (son of **Hans Manson**) and his wife **Gertrude** had these children:

1. **Mathias Steelman**
2. ***George Steelman, Sr.** who married **Phebe Adams**
3. **Gatara Steelman**
4. **Mary Steelman**
5. **Maria Steelman**
6. **Peter Steelman, Jr.**

According to the same source, **George Steelman, Sr** and **Phebe Adams** had two children **George Steelman, Jr** and my ***Mathias Steelman** who married **Ruth**. No dates were given.¹⁹⁷

ROYAL

D-10-1. Thomas Royal (7). Ann Royal (D-8-1) was the daughter of **Thomas Royal** and **Sarah** who is believed to be his first wife. They had the following children.^{1,15} *Ref 15, p246-250.*

1. Wilson Royal	1825 - 1871
2. *Ann Royal	2/12/1827 - 8/15/1905
3. John Jackson (Jack) Royal	7/_7/1829 - 4/ 6/1865

The 1820 Ashe Co, NC, census lists Thomas Rial, p16: (000100-00100).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>16-25 [must be age 18-25]</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>16-25</i>

The 1830 Wilkes Co, NC, census lists the family of Thomas Royal, p370: (200001-100001).²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>30-39</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>30-39</i>

This family was skipped in the 1840 census.¹⁵ However, Thomas was probably still in Wilkes since the court records of 1841-1842 contain a civil suit: **Jacob Hopper vs. Thomas Royal**. **Thomas** was fined \$12, but appealed the ruling.¹⁵

The 1850 Ashe Co census lists them on p499 in house #179/179. Their real estate was valued at \$25.²¹²

<i>Thos. Royal</i>	<i>55, miller, b NC</i>
<i>Rosanna</i>	<i>55, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>13, b NC, school</i>

Rosanna Sanders is believed to be Thomas' third wife. The younger **Thomas** might be the orphan of his brother **John Royal**, deceased.¹⁵

By 1850 Thomas Royal had taken a new wife Rosanna Sanders. His first wife **Sarah** had moved in with their daughter **Ann** and her family. Ann's husband **Richard Sanders** was **Rosanna's** son. Sarah lived there "until her death at age 92 years (probably 1892)". She is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch where her headstone reads "Sarah Royal, birth and death unknown, age about 92 years".^{15,48}

The 1860 Alleghany Co census lists them in Elk Creek PO, p50, house #222/193. Their personal estate was valued at \$45.²¹²

<i>Thos. Royal</i>	<i>64, shoemaker, b VA</i>
<i>Rosan</i>	<i>62, b NC, can't read/write</i>

The 1870 Alleghany Co census lists them in Sparta Township, Gap Civil PO, p3, house #19/19. Their real estate was valued at \$200.²¹²

Thomas Royal	75, farmer, b NC
Rosanna	75, keeping house, b NC, can't read/write

The 11/8/1934 issue of *The Alleghany Times* includes this article:²⁴⁴

Royalls Hold Reunion Sunday

The ancient Thomas Royall homeplace, near Roaring Gap was the scene Sunday of a family reunion and home-coming event which drew a great throng of the family connection and friends.

A sermon by the Rev. Mr. Miles was the initial feature of the morning program which held the congregation in rapt attention.

*Afterward Dr. **Miles A. Royall**, of Elkin, chief speaker of the occasion gave a stirring address in which was reviewed the genealogy of this stirring family which came over to American soil from England in the early ages to seek relief from persecution, and enjoy the liberty for which America has long been famous.*

*Dr. Royall gave extracts of family information gleaned some time ago in an interview with Dr. **Royal C. Copeland**, a connection of the clan, while he was on a visit to Raleigh. He reviewed the splendid characteristics of this branch of the family, whose pioneer ancestors chose to settle in the remoteness of the mountains and whose descendants have continued to cling to the more secluded hills.*

A basket dinner, served from a long table, in the grove, was enjoyed.

The reunion will be continued as an annual event, and will be held a year hence at Center church in Yadkin county.

1. **Wilson** married **Martha Anders** in Ashe Co.¹⁵ He voluntarily enlisted in the Confederate Army on 1/14/1864 in Co I, 61st Reg.^{15,367} He was captured on 6/16/1864 near Petersburg, VA.³⁶⁷ He was later transferred to the POW camp at Elmira, NY, on 7/23/1864.³⁶⁷ On the December 1864 muster roll he is listed as having "deserted to enemy".³⁶⁷ He was released from the camp after taking an oath of allegiance.¹⁵
[(1860 Alleg, Gap Civ, p4, #28/26)²¹²] [b^{1,15}, d¹⁵]

2. **Ann** married **Richard Sanders** about 1842.^{1,15,48} They are buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.⁴⁸
[b^{1,15,48}, d^{1,15,48}]

3. **Jack** married **Jane Atwood** on 8/12/1849 at her father's residence on Elkin's Creek.¹⁵ He enlisted for Mexican War service on 2/25/1848 in Co K, 6th TN Reg and was released at the end of the war that August. They moved to Casey Co, KY in 1860. According to his military service, he was 5' 11½" tall, dark complexion, auburn hair, with gray eyes.¹⁵ He enlisted in the Union Army at Liberty, KY, on 7/23/1862 for three years, eventually being assigned as a private in Co. G, 6th KY Volunteers. He was soon promoted to second, then first sergeant. In 1865 his regiment was asked to take the offensive against Confederate General Johnston in AL. On 4/6/1865, the Confederates attacked the left flank of his company,

killing two officers and 32 privates, including Jack. He died at Sispey Creek, AL. 119 years after his death, a stone was placed in his honor at Arlington National Cemetery.¹⁵ [b^{1,15}, d¹⁵]

D-10-2. Joseph Royal (8). Thomas Royal was the son of **Joseph Royal** and **Elizabeth Thomas**. They had the following children.^{13,15} *Ref 13, p405; Ref 15, p245-6.*

1. *Thomas Royal	8/30/1795 - 1/ 8/1877
2. Elizabeth Royal	
3. Nancy Royal	1798 -
4. John Royal	
5. William Royal	3/ 6/1812 - 3/ 5/1896
6. Jane Royal	
7. Martha Royal	
8. Mary (Polly) Royal	1816 -

The 1799 Mecklenburg Co, VA, Tax List A includes Joseph Royall on p27, taxed on May 13 with one white tithe, no blacks, and no horses or colts.⁴⁵⁹

They lived in Mecklenburg Co, VA, until 1807 when they moved to Surry Co, NC.¹⁵ Joseph Royal appeared on the Surry Co, NC, tax list from 1807 to 1818, with them living in the Deep Creek area.¹⁵

The 1810 Surry Co census includes the family of Joseph Royal, p688: (11010-22010).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>0-9 [John]</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>10-15 [Thomas]</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>26-45 [Joseph]</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>0-9 [?, ?]</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>10-15 [Elizabeth, Nancy]</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45 [Elizabeth]</i>

The 1820 Wilkes Co census lists the family of Joseph Royal, p519: (300001-21010).²¹²

<i>three males</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>0-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>26-45</i>

The 1830 Ashe Co census lists the family of Elizabeth Rial, p37: (00011-00101101).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>15-19</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>30-39</i>

1. **Thomas** first married **Martha Norman** on 5/14/1818 in Surry Co.^{15,66} He married **Elizabeth Hicks** in 1819 in Wilkes Co. He had wife **Sarah** in 1830. By 1850 his wife was **Rosanna Sanders**, and he was listed as a miller. He was a shoemaker in 1860 and a farmer in 1870.¹⁵ His death was recorded in his Bible which was handed down to his nephew.¹⁵ "Legend says (he) was buried in an old Indian cemetery now in possession of Reynolds Tobacco Co. at Devotion, NC."¹⁵ [b^{1,13,15,113}, d^{1,13,15}]

2. **Elizabeth** married **William Weatherman** on 4/16/1819.¹⁵

3. **Nancy** is listed only due to circumstantial evidence. An elderly descendant listed Nancy as a daughter of Joseph when listing all of his children.⁴²⁶ "Nancy" was the wife of **Alfred Sanders** and was listed with him in the 1850 and 1860 censuses.²¹² In 1850 they are living beside **Thomas Royal** and his wife **Rosanna Sanders**.²¹² In 1860 they are living beside **Richard Sanders** and his wife **Ann Royal**.²¹² In 1880 this same "Nancy" is an 81 year old widow, living with the family of **Richard Sanders**.²¹² Her relation is listed as "sister", but she would be his sister-in-law if her late husband Alfred and Richard were brothers.²¹² [(1850 Ashe, p499, #178)²¹²; (1860 Alleghany, Gap Civ, p42, #312/271)²¹²] [b²¹²]

4. **John** was born between 1800 and 1810.¹⁵ He married **Mary Wagoner** and died before 1850 near Sparta when either a tree fell on him^{1,13} or he fell off a roof.¹⁵

5. **William** married **Sarah Sanders** in 1839.^{1,15,172,223} He enlisted in the CSA on 10/4/1861 in Co D, 33rd NC Inf and was discharged in August 1862.^{1,48,61} They are buried at Liberty Knob Bap Ch.^{1,48} His obituary says that he joined Pine Creek Bap Ch in 1847, but later joined Woodruff Prim Bap Ch, before finally joining Liberty Knob Bap Ch soon after its constitution.^{172,223} [(1860 Wi, Traphill, #363)^{113,280}; (1870 Wi, Traphill, #185)²⁴²; (1880 Wi, Traphill, p25, #85/85)²⁸¹] [b^{1,13,15,61,172,223}, d^{1,13,61,172,223}]

6. **Jane** never married and is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.¹⁵

7. **Martha** never married and is buried at Antioch Prim Bap Ch.¹⁵

8. **Polly** married **Wesley McCann** and "is buried on the Inskeep property at Roaring Gap."¹ [b¹³]

"Legend says that Joseph's wife (**Elizabeth Thomas**) was part Indian, but the Thomas lineage of Mecklenburg Co, VA has not been verified."¹⁵ She died in the 1840s of cancer.⁸

In 1818, Joseph moved to Wilkes Co, NC, where he purchased land near Dam Creek (Wilkes Co DB Z, p185).¹⁵

D-10-3. John Royall, Sr. (9). Joseph Royal was the son of **John Royal, Sr.** and **Mary**. They had the following children.¹⁵ *Ref 15, p244-5.*

1. John Royal, Jr.	1763	
2. *Joseph Royal	1765	-
3. Sarah Royal	1767	-
4. ?Mary Royal	-	
5. Henry Royal	-	1828
6. William Royal	-	1823

They lived in the part of Lunenburg Co, VA, that became Mecklenburg Co in 1765.

The family of “John Royal, Sen.” was listed in the 1782 Mecklenburg Co, VA, tax list in Anderson’s District with: one free male over 21, no slaves, 10 cattle, and 3 horses, mules, or colts. He owed a tax of £0, 10sh, 6p.⁴⁰⁴

The family of “John Royal” was listed in the 1784 Mecklenburg Co tax list in Clausel’s District with: 2 free males over 21 (himself and **John Royal Jr**), no slaves, 9 cattle, and 1 horse, mule, or colt.⁴⁰⁴ He bought land in Mecklenburg Co as late as 4/8/1785.⁶⁷

The 1790 Mecklenburg Co Tax List A includes John Royall “and **Joseph** his son” on p30, taxed on May 5 with two white tithes, no blacks, and one horse or colt.⁴⁵⁹

The 1799 Mecklenburg Co Tax List A includes John Royall on p27, taxed on April 27 with one white tithe, no blacks, and one horse or colt.⁴⁵⁹ Additionally, the 1799 Mecklenburg Land Tax List B includes John Royall, Sr, on p17 taxed for 100 acres.⁴⁵⁹

In 1807 the family of John Royal was listed in the tax list of Surry Co, NC. From then on, their name was spelled “Royal” instead of “Royall”.¹⁵ There are no Royalls listed in Mecklenburg Co, VA, by 1820.¹

1. **John, Jr.** left Mecklenburg Co, VA, with his family between 1784 and 1787.¹ He is last listed in the 1784 Mecklenburg Co, VA, tax list.⁴⁰⁴ [b⁴⁰⁴]

2. **Joseph** married **Elizabeth Thomas** on 9/14/1794 in Mecklenburg Co.^{15,403} The marriage bond was dated 8/11/1794.^{15,403} He moved from Wilkes Co to Ashe Co, NC, after 1820 where he died before 1830.¹⁵ [b¹]

3. **Sarah** married **William Allgood** on 3/5/1790 in Mecklenburg Co.^{1,403,437} The marriage bond is dated 3/3/1790.^{15,403} The censuses suggest that he was born about 1761 and she was born

between 1765 and 1770.²¹² They both probably died before the 1850 census.²¹² They are buried in the Allgood Cem in southern Yadkin Co, NC.¹⁵ (1810 Surry, NC, p656)²¹²; (1820 Surry, Poindexter's, p686)²¹²; (1830 Surry)²¹²; (1840 Surry, p110)²¹²]

4. **Mary** may not belong to this family. The only indication that she does is the marriage bond of **Mary Royal** to **Samuel Allgood** on 10/4/1786 in Mecklenburg Co, VA. The surety was **Edward Clarke**.⁴⁰³ She may have died before 12/29/1804 when **Samuel** married **Jinsey Claunch** in Mecklenburg Co.⁴¹⁰

5. **Henry** married **Letty Hutt** according to a marriage bond dated 7/18/1805 in Mecklenburg Co.^{15,403} He is found in the 1799 Mecklenburg Co tax lists when he was taxed on April 20.⁴⁵⁹ His will in Surry Co dated 7/31/1828 mentions (probably second) wife **Sally** and four children.^{15,290} [d¹]

6. **William** married **Sally Robertson** according to a marriage bond dated 6/10/1799 in Mecklenburg Co.^{15,403} He is found in the 1799 Mecklenburg Co tax lists when he was taxed on April 20.⁴⁵⁹ His will in Surry Co was dated 6/16/1823 or 1825.^{15,290} In it he mentions his wife Salley, two sons, and five daughters.²⁹⁰ [d^{1,290}]

Sometime between 1755 and 1757, John Royall was the defendant in a case brought by **Henry Robertson**. The petitioner was to recover his debt. (Lunenburg Order Bk 4, p190).⁴¹²

On 7/3/1765, John Royall, planter, bought 265 acres on both sides of Tusling Quarter Branch for £30 from **Richard Witten**, gentleman. (Mecklenburg Co, VA, DB 1, p77).¹⁵

On 4/9/1769, John Royall sold 100 acres on Tusling Quarter Branch to **Benjamin Sampson** for £15. The tract is part of the land on which John Royall is now living. The transaction was acknowledged by John Royall and Mary, his wife. This is the first mention of his wife's name. (Mecklenburg Co, DB 2, p22).¹⁵

On 3/14/1774, John Rial sold 40 acres to **John Robertson, Jr** of Mecklenburg Co for £25 payable on 12/25/1776. Until then, John Rial has the use of his horses, cattle, and hogs.¹⁵ (Mecklenburg DB 4, p262).⁶⁷

On 3/15/1774, a separate deed details the same transaction. John Royle and his wife Mary of Mecklenburg Co sell 40 acres to **John Robertson, Jr** for £25. The land was adjacent to Royle's own line, **Laughlin Tanner**, **Thomas Chamberlain**, and **Peter Hutchison**. John (+) and Mary (MR) signed with their marks. (Mecklenburg DB 4, p264).⁶⁷

On 9/7/1777, John Royall and his wife Mary sold 100 acres to **Zacharia Butter** for £60.¹⁵

On 4/8/1785, John Royal, Sr of Mecklenburg Co, bought 64 acres from **John Robertson, Sr** and his wife **Anne** for £25. The land was on Butchers Creek and adjoined Allgood's line. (Meck DB 6, p475).⁶⁷

The will of "John Royal" is recorded in Surry Co, NC, dated 1/12/1810. He leaves his son **John** one shilling sterling. He leaves his wife Mary 100 acres in Rowan Co, NC, and all household and kitchen furniture, and all stock of cattle and hogs. After her death, it is to be divided among children **Sarah** Algood, **Joseph** Royall, **Henry** Royall, and **William** Royall. Son **Joseph Royal** and son-in-law **William** Algood were the executors.²⁹⁰

D-10-4. Henry Royall (10). John Royall, Sr. was the son of **Henry Royall** and his first wife **Elizabeth Liege**. They had the following children.¹⁵ *Ref 15, p243-5.*

1. Joseph Royall	-	1754
2. William Royall		
3. Francis Royall	1/10/1721*-	
4. *John Royall, Sr.	1729 -	1810

They lived in VA where "Henry owned 750 acres in Elizabeth City Co, 246 acres in Warwick Co, and by deed of his brother was granted 250 acres in Bristol Parish called 'Fleets'."¹⁵

On 3/26/1784, long after the death of both Henry and his son **Joseph**, land in Mecklenburg Co was sold by **William Call** to **John Marshall** and **Henry Moody, Jr.** The land consisted of 1,742 acres mostly on the lower side of Butchers Creek and sold for the large sum of £3,484. It was on the north side of Finney Wood Rd which led to the Mecklenburg Courthouse and was adjacent to Robertson, several Allgoods, and **John Royall** (i.e. b1729). This was part of a larger tract that **William Call** had bought from **Lewis Burwell**. Part of this land was "subject to the right of dower of **Sarah** Royall, widow of **Joseph Royall**, deceased, that is the part **Lewis Burwell** purchased from **Joseph Royall**. (Meck DB 6, p376).⁶⁷

1. **Joseph** received 100 acres, cattle, and slaves from his father's will.¹⁵ He married **Sarah**.¹⁵ In 1748, "Joseph Royall" purchased 365 acres lying on both sides of Butchers Creek. (Lunenburg Co, VA, Patent Book 26, p650).¹⁵ He was listed with one tithe in that county in 1748. However, by 1751, his brother **John** was old enough to also be counted, and Joseph was charged with two tithes in Lunenburg Co.¹⁵ He died by July 1754 when his widow Sarah petitioned for the settlement of his estate (Court Order Bk, p121).¹⁵ His estate was appraised and recorded on 1/7/1755 (Lunen WB 1, p138).¹⁶⁷ Sarah is listed in the 1782 and 1784 Mecklenburg tax lists, and in both she has a slave named Phebe.⁴⁰⁴ [d¹]

2. **William** received the home plantation, cattle, and slaves from his father's will.¹⁵

3. **Francis** was born in Bristol Parish, Henrico Co, VA, according to that parish's register.¹⁵ He was baptized there on 7/4/1721.¹⁵ He must have died before his father's will was signed in 1746.¹⁵ [b¹⁵]

4. **John, Sr.** was born in Bristol Parish, Henrico Co, VA, according to that parish's register.¹⁵ He was baptized there on 11/30/1729.¹⁵ He was 16 years old when his father died and only received slaves in the will. At that time, since he was a minor, he became a member of his older brother **Joseph**'s household. When **Joseph** died, John continued to live with **Joseph**'s widow until at least 1760. He later married **Mary**. "Before the Revolutionary War, John was a reader in the Episcopal Church of England".¹⁵ After the war, he became a member of Grubb Hill Bap Ch and was appointed as a delegate to a convention.¹⁵ His will was administered on 1/12/1810 in Surry Co, NC, with his son **Joseph Royal** listed as executor.^{15,290} [b^{1,15}, d^{1,15}]

On 6/9/1729, the will of **John Worsham** was presented. The witnesses were **Joseph Royall**, **James Thompson**, and Henry Royall. It was recorded on 10/6/1729. (Henrico Wills and Deeds 1725-1737, p248).⁴¹³

In December 1731, the will of **George Archer, Sr**, of Bristol Parish, was recorded. It names several family members. The witnesses were Henry Royall, **John Bevill**, and **Peter Ragsdale**. (Henrico Wills and Deeds 1725-1737, p320).⁴¹³

In February 1738, Henry Royall and **William Archer** were appointed as appraisers of the estate of **James Vaughan** which was being administered by **William Kennon**, gent. (Henrico Court Orders, 1737-1746, p68).⁴¹³

In June 1741, Henry Royall and his wife Mary, administrators of the estate of **George Archer**, deceased, were summoned to appear at the next court on the motion of **William Archer**, security for the administration of the estate. (Henrico Court Orders, 1737-1746, p149).⁴¹³

Henry Royall left a will in Henrico Co, VA, dated 12/19/1746. He left his son **Joseph** the plantation where he (Joseph) now lives and one shilling. To son **William**, the plantation where I (Henry) now live and other items. To son **John**, livestock, household items, and slaves after the death of my wife. To wife **Mary**, half the plantation where I now live, household items, and slaves. The executors were his wife Mary and sons William and John. The witnesses were **William Archer**, **Roger Atkinson**, and **John Gough**. It was presented in court by **Richard Royall** and **John Archer**, gents, in October 1747. (Henrico Court Orders, 1737-1746, p306).⁴¹³

The inventory of his estate was valued at £101, 19 shillings, 5 pence by **Chr. Martin**, **Drury Ragsdale**, and **Godfrey Ragsdale**. It was recorded in January 1748*. (Henrico Court Orders, 1737-1746, p334).⁴¹³

D-10-5. Joseph Royall, Jr. (11). **Henry Royall** is believed to be the son of Capt. **Joseph Royall, Jr.** and his wife **Mary Harris**. They had the following children.^{1,15,176} *Ref 15, p242.*

1. Joseph Royall, III	1681	-	1748
2. Sarah Royall			
3. *Henry Royall		-	1747
4. William Royall	1688	-	1737

Joseph Royall, Jr. was a Justice of the Peace for Henrico Co in July 1702.²² According to the Henrico Co Rent Roll of April 1705, Joseph Royall owned 783 acres in the county.⁹⁷ The Rent Roll of 1704 for Charles City Co, VA, says Joseph Royall owned 262 acres there.⁹⁷ However, it is possible that either or both of these is referring to his son, **Joseph, III**.

Katherine Banks Royall Isham left two silver spoons “to each child of her son Joseph Royall” (i.e. the children listed above). She was their grandmother, and she left a will in Henrico Co in 1686. The will mentions grandchildren **Joseph Royall** and **Sarah Royall**.¹⁰⁰

1. **Joseph, III** married **Elizabeth Kennon** on 10/30/1698, and they lived in Chesterfield Co, VA.¹⁵ He received his grandmother’s servant and a silver tankard according to her will in 1686.¹⁰⁰ The will of “Joseph Royall of Dale Parish” was dated 2/6/1748* and was recorded in April 1748. He left a valuable estate including land at Bermuda Hundred to his children and grandchildren. (Henrico Court Orders, 1737-1746, p376).⁴¹³ (Henrico DB 1744-1748).⁶⁷ His estate was inventoried in August 1748. (Henrico Wills and Deeds 1748-1750, p26).⁴¹³ [b^{1,15,176}, d^{1,15,176}]

2. **Sarah** is believed to have never married.¹⁵ She received a heifer according to her grandmother’s will in 1686.¹⁰⁰

3. **Henry** was probably born after his grandmother’s 1686 will. He first married **Elizabeth Liege** and second **Mary Bevell Kennon**, who may have been the widow of **George Archer**.^{15,176} He was appointed Elizabeth City Co, VA, sheriff in 1704, “was vestryman of the parish, and member of jury to try the pirate, **John Hough**.”¹⁵ He was listed as “Capt. Henry Royall” in the 1704 Rent Rolls for Elizabeth City Co, VA.⁹⁷ He signed his will in 1746, and it was proven in court the next year.¹⁵ [d^{1,15}]

4. **William** was probably born after his grandmother’s 1686 will. He married **Sarah Baxter**^{127,176} as suggested by the will of her brother **Edward Baxter**. (Henrico Court Orders, 1737-1746, p387).⁴¹³ From another source, **Anne Royall** was the administrator of the estate of William Royall in December 1737 in Henrico Co. **Richard Royall**, gent, was granted security. The inventory of the estate was presented by **Edward Wilkinson** in January 1739. (Henrico Court Orders, 1737-1746, p13, 94).⁴¹³ [b^{1,15,176}, d^{1,15}]

On 12/1/1688, the inventory of the estate of **William Dodd** was recorded. It was presented by Joseph Royall at whose house **Dodd** had died. (Henrico Wills and Deeds 1688-1697, Bk 3, p24).⁴¹³

On 4/1/1690, Joseph Royall, **Richard Kennon**, Capt. **Francis Eppes**, and **George Archer** received 2,827 acres in Henrico Co, in Bristol Parish on the north side of the Appomattox River for the transportation of 57 negroes.¹⁵

On 2/1/1692*, the will of **Nicholas Bullington** was recorded. The witnesses were **John Worsham**, Joseph Royall, and **John Harwood**. It was inventoried on 5/16/1692, and recorded 6/1/1692 by Capt. **Joseph Royall**, executor. (Henrico Wills and Deeds 1688-1697, Bk 3, p287, 305).⁴¹³

On 3/7/1692*, the will of **Martin Elam** was recorded. The witnesses were **John Worsham**, Joseph Royall, and **Richard Ligon**. It was probated on 11/20/1695. The appraisal was done by Joseph Royall, **Hugh Ligon**, **Will Clerk**, and **Abra. Womack**. It was recorded on 4/1/1697. (Henrico Wills and Deeds 1688-1697, Bk 3, p606).⁴¹³

On 10/15/1698, Capt. Joseph Royall received 235 acres in Henrico Co on Procter's Branch for the transportation of five people. (Patent Book 9).¹⁵

On 10/15/1698, Joseph Royall "escheated" (legally confiscated) 50 acres in Henrico Co from **John Chaplin**. Wm. (**William**) **Randolph** was the "exchequer" (overseer of the exchange). (Patent Book 9).¹⁵

On 5/7/1722, the will of **Joseph Royall** was presented to the Henrico Co court by **Joseph**, **William**, and **Henry Royall**, his executors. It was proven by **John Worsham**, **John Worsham Jr**, and **Joseph Wilkinson**. Maj. **William Kennon** and Capt. **William Worsham** were securities. (Henrico Minute Book 1719-1724, p174).⁴¹³ It appears that he lived at least a few years longer.

On 6/3/1723, on the petition of **Rice Jones**, guardian of **Gilbert Bowman**, son of **Edward Bowman**, deceased, the court appointed Col. **Francis Epes** and Capt. Joseph Royall to assign **Gilbert** his share of his father's estate. (Henrico Minute Book 1719-1724, p263).⁴¹³

On 10/7/1723, four men were chosen to settle the account of **Thomas Chamberlain**, deceased: **William Randolph**, **Francis Epes**, Joseph Royall, and **Richard Randolph**. (Henrico Minute Book 1719-1724, p299).⁴¹³

On 12/3/1725, the will of **John Bowman** was presented. The witnesses were Joseph Royall, **Joseph Royall Jr**, and **James Henry Shorthose**. It was recorded on 3/7/1726*. (Henrico Wills and Deeds 1725-1737, p5).⁴¹³

Capt. Joseph Royall's wife was **Mary Harris**, widow of **George Archer** and sister of **William Harris**.¹²⁷ While I am not completely convinced her last name was Harris (not that I have any suggestions otherwise), I am more confident that she was the widow of **George Archer** because of the following records:

The Henrico Co Orphan's Court Book mentions this family several times. "Orphan Court Records prove he is their guardian" with six different pages of reference to him.¹²⁷

On 8/20/1678, Joseph Royall presented the court with an account of the stock belonging to the orphans of **George Archer**, deceased. **Elizabeth Archer** had a cow named Good Luck and two 2 year old heifers. **Margery Archer** had a cow named Browning, two 2 year old heifers, one mare, and one horse foal. **John Archer** had two cows named Lady and Coll, one 2 year old heifer, and one calf. Additionally, **Elizabeth** and **John** jointly had one mare 9 or 10 years old, one mare 2 years old, and a horse foal. Furthermore, Joseph Royall was granted permission to kill one of **John Archer's** old cows and replace it with a 2 year old heifer which is to be inspected by "Coll. **Francis Epes**".²⁹⁶

In 1683, the court decides that Joseph Royall, guardian of the orphans of **George Archer**, deceased, has not yet given "bond for the estate" and that the clerk will take "bond and security of the said guardian according to law."²⁹⁶

On 8/20/1687, Joseph Royall is summoned to court "to give account of the estate to the said orphans."²⁹⁶

In 1687 or 1688, Joseph Royall appeared before the court and declared "that he cannot now do it, their stock consisting of outlying horses. It is ordered that as fast as any of the said horses or mares do come to his knowledge that he do render account thereof to the court."²⁹⁶

In 1688, Joseph Royall is again summoned to court "to give account of what horses or mares he hath taken up belong to the said orphans."²⁹⁶

On 10/11/1688, Joseph Royall appeared before the court and gave an "account that he hath taken up two mares belonging the said orphans, one of which he hath (given) to **Tho(mas) Branch** who married Eliz. **Archer** (one of the said orphans) which delry the said **Branch** in court acknowledged. And the other he hath exchanged with **Sam(uel) Knibb** for another which now hath a foal."²⁹⁶

Soon thereafter (date unknown), **Thomas Branch** appeared in court and acknowledged his receipt of his said wife's part of the deceased estate and thereby released and acquitted Joseph Royall. Also, Joseph presented an account of the stock belonging to **John Archer** as one mare and one yearling horse colt.²⁹⁶

Joseph Royall, Jr is named in the two Archer daughters' wills as their step father. Their wills also state that **William Royall** is their brother.

In the will of **John Archer** of Henrico Parish dated 3/14/1717, he leaves the "guardianship of my children to my brother Joseph Royall" and "to my brother Joseph Royall my new black suit" and to be the executor. This would refer to **Joseph Royall, III** (b1681). **John** names his eight children and his brother **George Archer**. (Miscellaneous Henrico Court Records 1650-1807, Part II, p393).⁴¹³

D-10-6. Joseph Royall, Sr. (12). Capt. **Joseph Royall, Jr.** was the son of **Joseph Royall, Sr.** and **Katherine Banks** (D-15-1). They had the following children.¹⁵ *Ref 15, p239-242.*

1. *Joseph Royall, Jr.	1646 -	1732
2. Kathrine Royall	1654 -	
3. Sarah Royall		

They lived in Henrico Co, VA, at Turkey Island. “This was an excellent location on the James River where ships from England plied the wide river bringing cargoes of fine china, silver, furniture, stylish clothing, and supplies. These products the captains exchanged for tobacco, furs, and wood products.”¹⁵

Katherine (their mother) left her will in 1686. The will mentions her children **Joseph Royall**, **Sarah Wilkinson**, and **Katherine Perrin**, as well as her grandson **Richard Perrin**.¹⁰⁰

1. **Joseph, Jr.** married **Mary Harris**, the widow of **George Archer**. He was the vestryman at Curles Church as well as a sheriff and justice in Henrico Co. He was also a captain in the VA Colonial troops.¹ His half-brother **Henry Isham, Jr.**, wrote a will on 11/13/1678. It was proven three months later on 2/1/1678* in Henrico Co. In it, he left **Joseph Royall, Jr.**, £40 worth of goods.¹⁰⁰ (Henrico Will and Deed Bk, 1677-1692, p71).⁴¹³

Also, Joseph received his mother’s “best silver tankard” and “all of her land” according to her will in 1686.¹⁰⁰ [b^{1,15,122}, d^{1,122}]

2. **Kathrine** married **Richard Perrin**.^{15,122} This is also implied in her mother’s will.¹⁰⁰ She died in Henrico Co, VA.¹²² [b¹²²]

3. **Sarah** married **John Wilkinson**.¹⁵

Joseph Royall, Sr. was born in 1600. He left England on the *Charitie* and arrived in VA in July 1622. This was only 13 years after the first colony of settlers arrived in the New World. “By Easter of 1621 there were only 843 English people” in VA, and in March 1622 the Indians killed 347 colonists.¹⁵ Saying that life was hard in the first years of colonization would be an understatement. Stagnant marshlands where the colonists gathered led to diseases such as typhoid, dysentery, and salt poisoning. Joseph, Sr. survived an outbreak of “burning fever” which killed 500 colonists in 1622. The following year he was living in Charles City Co.¹⁵

On 8/15/1637, Joseph Royall received 300 acres of land in Henrico Co on the southeast side of Turkey Island Creek for bringing colonists to the New World.¹⁵ According to the record, he was due “50 acres for his own personal adventure, 50 acres for the transportation of his first wife **Thomasin**, 50 acres for the transportation of **Ann**, his now wife, 50 for the transportation of his

brother **Henry**, and 100 for the transportation of two persons, **Rob(er)t Warrell** and **Jon(athan) Wells**.”¹⁰⁴ (Virginia Land Patent Book I, p452).¹⁵

On 5/4/1638, he received 200 acres near Diggs Hundred in Charles City Co for transporting four people. (Virginia Land Patent Book I, Part II, p631).¹⁵

On 8/20/1642, he received 600 acres above Shirley Hundred on the river to Dockman’s Creek for transporting twelve people including his third and current wife **Katherine Banks** who he had met and married in England on a return visit. (Virginia Land Patent Book I, Part II).¹⁵

His plantation eventually grew to 1,100 acres, and he built a residence called “Dogham”, named after the French river D’Augham. **Joseph Royall, Sr.** died before 3/10/1655. In a land transaction to **David Lewellin**, land near Shirley Hundred is mentioned as being next to the land of Joseph Royall, deceased. (Virginia Land patent Book 5, p581).¹⁵

Joseph’s younger brother **Henry** settled in Charles City Co and also transported immigrants. “He reared a large family and served in county offices.”¹⁵

The Royall name dates back to the time of William, the Conqueror in eleventh century England. They lived on Royall Hill in Northumberland Co, England, where rye was grown.¹⁵ The Shirley Hundred residence, adjacent to Dogham, was built a hundred years after Dogham, and is now open to tourists.¹⁵

Joseph Royall, Sr might be the son of **Peter Royall**⁸, **Joseph Royall**^{15,99,177}, or **William Royall**⁹⁸. Additional information indicates that he may have been one of seven children of yet another **Joseph Royall** (1550 - 1615) and his wife **Angeline**.^{99,176} Perhaps the elder **Joseph** was the son of **John Royall** (1521 – 1576), son of **Roger Royall** (1493 – 1562) and his wife **Nancy**.^{98,176} **Roger Royall** may have been the son of **John Royall** (1467 – 1519) and his wife **Lucitte**.^{98,176} More definitive information is needed before I continue this line.

CRESSON

D-11-1. Abraham Cresson (8). Jane Cresson (D-9-1) was the daughter of **Abraham Cresson** and his first wife. They had the following children.¹⁵

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|-------------------|---|------|
| 1. *Jane Cresson | - | 1823 |
| 2. Joshua Cresson | - | 1822 |

Abraham is first found in NC in 1755 where he is listed in the Rowan Co tithables list. They lived on the south side of the Yadkin River in what was first Anson Co, later Rowan Co, and eventually Surry Co. "If you wish to visit the Cresson homestead, mill, and trading post sites, travel east on (NC421). Before crossing the bridge over the Yadkin, look to your right and you will see the land. The wagon tracks are still visible on the road leading to Salisbury."¹⁵

The Rowan Co P&Q Book 1, p136, mentions a ferry near Abraham Creson's district on 1/9/1765.⁶⁰¹ The next day, on p137, Abraham Creson was among those appointed to lay out a road from White's Ford on the Yadkin River to Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River.⁶⁰¹

1. **Jane** was born between 1755 and 1760. She first married **Samuel Cunningham** and second **Charles Steelman, Sr.** in February 1782.¹⁵ Her father was appointed guardian of her children by her first marriage.¹⁵ *Ref 15, p279.*

2. **Joshua** was born between 1755 and 1760. He first married **Rachael Steelman** in 1781. On 6/24/1814 he married **Rebekah Patterson**. The family of a Joshua Creson is listed in the 1790 Surry Co census as one male over age 16, three males under 16, five females, no other free persons, and two slaves. This must be the same family.¹⁵

On 1/31/1800 "Joshua Creson" bought a negro boy Peter from **Thomas Whitlock** for \$160. (Surry Co, Record of Estates, p130).³⁷⁶

On 1/11/1749*, Abraham Crosson, planter, received a Granville land grant of 468 acres on the south branch of the Yadkin River to the mouth of Deep Creek (then Anson Co, NC).¹⁵

In April 1757, Abraham Cresson, planter, of St. Luke's Parish in Rowan Co, received a Granville land grant of 688 acres at a price of 20 sterling shillings per 100 acres. The land was situated on the North Yadkin on both sides of Deep Creek. (Rowan Co DB 4, p405-6).¹⁵

On 1/27/1762, Abraham Creson was the highest bidder at the Salisbury court house with a bid of £14 for 200 acres. (Rowan Co DB 4, p231-2).¹⁵

On 8/8/1774, Abraham Creson bought "an improvement of land and grist mill, livestock, personalty" from **John Burks** for £20,. (Surry Co, NC, Will Book I, p26).²⁰⁴ *Ref 204, p5.*

On 9/24/1783, Abraham Creson of Surry Co gave power of attorney to Richard Allen, giving him the authority to conduct any necessary business on his behalf in Wilkes Co. (Wilkes Will Bk 1, p111).⁷⁹

On 1/31/1791, Abraham Creson wrote his will leaving his Menchen house and plantation of 60 acres plus the 10 acres of the river tract as well as one third of the grain and livestock to his wife **Mary (Williams)**. Upon her death, it would go to his son **Joshua** Creson. **Joshua** received all his land on the Yadkin River on the north side of Deep Creek and an additional 250 acres on the north end of that land. His daughter **Jane** received 250 acres on the Yadkin River below shallow ford on both sides of the road leading to Salisbury. Son **Joshua** was to receive a mulatto named Jesse, while daughter **Jane** received a negro named Daniel. **Joshua** Creson and **Charles Steelman** were appointed executors. (Surry Co WB 3, p4).¹⁵

D-11-2. Joshua Cresson, Jr. (9). Abraham Cresson was the son of **Joshua Cresson, Jr.** and **Catherine Brouwder (D-12-1)**. They had the following children.¹⁵

1. Joshua Cresson, III	1711 -	1790
2. John Cresson	1714 -	
3. *Abraham Cresson	1717 -	
4. Aletie Cresson	1720 -	

They lived in NJ until about 1720. The 1724 tithable list for King William Parish in VA included Joshua Coroson.¹⁵ It has been difficult to trace the Cresson family because of various spellings such as Creason, Corsson, Coroson, Greason, Crushon, Cushon, Crisman, and Krewson.¹⁵

Son **John** is later found in Augusta Co, VA, as is **Abraham** on 2/26/1746. However, children **Joshua** and **Aletie** married in Somerset Co, NJ.

1. **Joshua, III** was baptized on 8/5/1711.¹⁵ He lived in Somerset Co, NJ, and was a farmer, juror, administrator, and captain in the Revolutionary Army.¹⁵

2. **John** was baptized on 6/11/1714 in Mercer Co, NJ. He married **Rachael**, and they lived in Augusta Co, VA, then KY, and finally MI where Rachael died.¹⁵

3. **Abraham** moved to Augusta Co, VA, before 1746, and was living on the Yadkin River in NC by 1755. He married second **Mary Williams** in Surry Co, NC. He was a big land trader and probably had at least 1,000 acres at any one time. He established a trading post on Shallow Ford at the only spot on the Yadkin River passable year round. He was very successful and had goods from England and the North which came down the Great Wagon Road.¹⁵ He almost continuously served on juries, was constable from 1754 to 1757, and overseer of roads for Rowan Co, NC. However, during this time **Gov. Tryon** demanded severe taxes from western farmers. A group of Regulators was formed to fight against the taxes and to drive

collectors away. Abraham was among the Regulators at the Alamance River on 5/16/1771 when 1,100 troops demanded 2,000 Regulators to sign oaths of allegiance. When they refused, troops fired on the mob killing 9 and wounding 200. Abraham was one of only six who were forced to stand trial. He was accused of assisting in blowing up **Gen. Waddle's** munitions wagons crossing Shallow Ford. He refused to sign and on June 5, he was brought to Bathabara as a prisoner and put in chains. At times "he wept like a child", but was released in March 1772. "You may still see the stocks in which Abraham was imprisoned at Moravian restoration, Bethabara."¹⁵

On 10/19/1780, after the Battle of Shallow Ford, a council of field officers set up camp on his land.⁸⁸ In November 1788 both the Upper House of the Legislature and the House of Commons proposed a memorial in his honor. None has been found.¹⁵

4. **Aletie** was baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church on 4/20/1720. She married in Sommerset Co, NJ.¹⁵

D-11-3. Joshua Cresson, Sr. (10). Joshua Cresson, Jr. was the son of **Joshua Cresson, Sr.** and **Aletie Gerrietszen** (D-13-1). They had the following children.¹⁵

1. *Joshua Cresson, Jr.
2. Elizabeth Cresson

They lived on Staten Island, NY, until 1702. The children then moved with their mother and step-father to Hunterdon Co, NJ.¹⁵

1. **Joshua, Jr.** was born before 1690 and moved across the Delaware River into Buck's Co, PA, before 1710. He married **Catherine Brouwder** on 9/24/1710.¹⁵

2. **Elizabeth** was born before 1690 and married her step-brother **Peter LaRue**. They moved to Buck's Co, PA, before 1710.¹⁵

D-11-4. Pierre Cresson, Jr. (11). Joshua Cresson, Sr. was the son of **Pierre Cresson, Jr.** and **Rachael Claus** (D-14-1). They had the following children.¹⁵

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Susannah Cresson | |
| 2. Jacques Cresson | 1640 - 8/ 1/1684 |
| 3. Christina Cresson | |
| 4. Rachael Cresson | 1656 - |
| 5. *Joshua Cresson, Sr. | |
| 6. Elias Cresson | 1662 - |

They first lived at Seden, Picardy, France. In about 1640, they escaped to Leyden, Netherlands. They arrived in New Amstel (now New Castle), DE, in 1657. They soon moved to New Netherlands, and were in Harlem by December 1662.¹⁵

The reason for the “escape” from Europe was because they were French Huguenots who were Protestant. They were “harassed by French Catholic rulers, descendants of the Waldeans, Christians who took refuge in the mountains of central Europe during the Roman Empire.”¹⁵

1. **Susannah** was born at Van Ryswick, Holland. She married the prominent **Nicholas De la Plaine** on 9/1/1658 at New Amsterdam.¹⁵
2. **Jacques** was baptized at Seden, France. He married **Marie Reynard** on 9/1/1663 in Harlem, NY. “He suffered a tragic death.”¹⁵
3. **Christina** was born in Sluis, Holland. She first married **Jean Letellier** and second **Jack Hass**.¹⁵
4. **Rachael** was born in Delft, Holland. She married **David Des Marest, Jr.** on 4/4/1675 in NY.¹⁵ Her second husband was **John Durie**.⁸²
5. **Joshua, Sr.** was born in Harlem, NY. He married **Aletie Gerrietzsen** on Staten Island, NY.¹⁵
6. **Elias** was born in Harlem, NY. He was appointed High Sheriff of Richmond Co, NY.¹⁵

On 12/30/1680, Pierre Cresson, Jr and his son **Joshua** each acquired an 88 acre grant on Staten Island, lying on the northeast side of the island near Long Neck.¹⁵

D-11-5. Pierre Cresson, Sr. (12). **Pierre Cresson, Jr. was the son of **Pierre Cresson, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Vuelsome**.¹⁵**

1. *Pierre Cresson, Jr.

1610 – 8/ 3/1680

They lived in Picardy, France.¹⁵

1. **Pierre, Jr.** married **Rachael Claus** on 6/5/1639 in Picardy, France. While living in the Netherlands, he was a gardener for **William of Orange**. He was also a gardener for Gov. **Peter Stuyvesant** in New Netherlands. He was appointed Corporal of Militia in 1663 to protect the settlement from Indians. On 8/16/1660 he was appointed a Commissary, or justice, in Harlem, NY.¹⁵

BROUWDER

D-12-1. William Brouwder (10). **Catherine Brouwder** (D-11-2) was the daughter of **William Brouwder** and **Lysbeth Simpson**.¹⁵

1. *Catherine Brouwder

They were members of the Harlem Dutch Reformed Church which was probably in NJ.¹⁵

1. **Catherine** married **Joshua Cresson, Jr.** on 9/24/1710.¹⁵

Their surname signified a past trade, a brewer.¹⁵

GERRIETSZEN

D-13-1. Gerrit Gerrietszen (11). Aletie Gerrietszen (D-11-3) was the daughter of Gerrit Gerrietszen and Annetie Harmens.¹⁵

1. *Aletie Gerrietszen

1672 -

They lived in Harlem, NY.¹⁵

1. **Aletie** (also seen as Aletye, Aeltze, Oletie, and Olive) first married **Joshua Cresson, Sr.** about 1660 on Staten Island, NY. She married second **Abraham LaRue** about 1692.¹⁵

Gerrit Gerrietszen was a tailor in Getheys, Holland. He arrived in NY on the *Gilded Beaver* in 1658.¹⁵

CLAUS

D-14-1. Pierre Claus (12). Rachael Claus (D-11-4) was the daughter of Pierre Claus and Jeanne Famelar.¹⁵

1. *Rachael Claus

They lived in Picardy, France.¹⁵

1. **Rachael** married **Pierre Cresson, Jr.** on 6/5/1639.¹⁵

BANKS

D-15-1. Christopher Banks (13). **Katherine Banks** (D-10-6) was the daughter of **Christopher Banks**.¹⁵ *Ref 15, p241.*

1. *Katherine Banks

1627 -

1686

They were from Canterbury, England.¹⁵

1. **Katherine** may have been born about 1600¹²³ or in 1627⁹⁸. She first married **Joseph Royall, Sr.** in England and second **Henry Isham, Sr.**, of Bermuda Hundred plantation in VA. She “has been described as a beautiful red-haired lady who owned a gilded carriage, the wedding gift of her parents, which is said to have been linked with gold colored silk, drapes, and cushions of the same fabric.... According to custom, Joseph Royall’s estate became the property of the new husband.” He added another wing onto the residence which “was enhanced with tall pines and an English flower garden (and) was enclosed within a white picket fence.” The structure still exists and is used as a horse farm (1995).¹⁵ By her second marriage, she is the gg-grandmother of **Thomas Jefferson**, the ggg-grandmother of **John Marshall**, and the gggg-grandmother of **Robert E. Lee**.¹⁵

In his will dated 11/13/1678, her son **Henry Isham, Jr.**, left her one third of his property which was in both VA and England.¹⁰⁰

She left a detailed will dated 8/10/1686, proved December 1686 in Henrico Co.¹⁰⁰ The majority of her estate was left to her children and grandchildren by both marriages. Her belongings included her wedding ring, several items made of silver, a feather bed, cows, servants, and slaves.¹⁰⁰ [b^{98,123}, d⁹⁸]

Christopher Banks may have been born about 1603.⁹⁸

SHEPHERD

D-16-1. Robert Shepherd (9). Agness Jane Shepherd (D-3-4) was the daughter of **Robert Shepherd and Sarah Rash (D-17-1)**.^{14,151,199,257} They had the following children.^{199,257}

1. Elizabeth Shepherd	7/23/1766	-
2. James Shepherd	3/ 8/1768	-
3. Nancy Ann Shepherd	3/ 8/1770	- 7/12/1833
4. Mary (Polly) Shepherd	1/17/1773	- 6/ 7/1869
5. *Agness Jane Shepherd	2/ 8/1775	- 3/18/1856
6. Rhoda Shepherd	3/23/1777	- 1830
7. John Shepherd	8/26/1779	- 1803
8. Sally Shepherd	2/27/1782	- 11/ /1858
9. Frances (Fanny) Shepherd	2/13/1785	-
10. Rebeka Shepherd	9/26/1787	- 9/22/1836

They lived in St. George Parish, Spotsylvania Co, VA, where the first five children were born.¹⁹⁹ About 1776, they came to Wilkes Co, NC, with the Irwin family, settling on Reddies River.^{14,199} "Robert owned land on Reddies River near Deep Ford Hill as early as 4/24/1778."¹³ Ref 13, p334.

The 1782 tax list for Wilkes Co in Capt. Rowland Judd's District includes Robt. Shepperd with 200 acres of land, no negroes, 3 mules and horses, and 8 cattle.¹⁵⁸

The 1784 Wilkes Co tax list includes Robert Shepperd with one poll and 300 acres of land.⁵⁸ The same list in 1786 in Capt. Judd's District includes Robert Shepard with one poll and 250 acres.¹⁵⁸ His 1787 listing is identical to that of 1786 except that he was taxed for 400 acres.¹⁵⁸ The 1789 list for the same district lists Robert Shepard with one poll and 412 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1787 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Robert Shepard in Capt. Judd's District, p2.²⁷²

<i>one male</i>	<i>21-60</i>
<i>two males</i>	<i>under 21 or over 60</i>
<i>seven females</i>	<i>any age</i>

The 1790 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Robt. Sheppard in the Fourth Company, p153.²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>over 16</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>under 16</i>
<i>seven females</i>	<i>any age</i>

The 1792 Wilkes Co tax list for McNeil's District includes Robert Sheppard with one poll and 312 acres.¹⁵⁸ The listing for Robert Shepard is identical in 1793.¹⁵⁸ In 1794, Robert Sheppard was in Hall's District with one poll and 200 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1795, in the same district, Robert Shepherd was listed with one poll and 250 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1796 list for McGrady's District includes him with two polls and 250 acres.¹⁵⁸ The 1797 tax list for McGrady's District lists Robert Sheppard with one poll and 482 acres.¹⁵⁸ In 1798 Robert Sheppard was in the same district with no polls and 382 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1800 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Robert Sheppherd, p62: (00201-01201).²¹²

<i>two males</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>two females</i>	<i>16-25</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>

The 1810 Wilkes Co census lists the family of Robert Sheppard, p854: (00001-00001-2).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>over 45</i>
<i>two slaves</i>	<i>any age</i>

1. **Elizabeth** married **William McNeil**.^{13,257} She died after 1810 in Claiborne Co, TN.^{199,257} [b^{199,257}] *Ref 13, p335.*

2. **James** married **Phebe Mastin**.²⁵⁷ He died before 1822.^{199,257} [b^{199,257}]

3. **Nancy Ann** first married **James McNeil** and second **William McQuerry**.²⁵⁷ She died in Buck Creek, Pulaski Co, KY.^{199,257} [b^{199,257}, d^{199,257}]

4. **Polly** married **James McNeil** in Wilkes Co.^{13,257} She died in Wilkes Co, NC.^{199,257} [b^{199,257}, d^{199,257}] *Ref 13, p334.*

5. **Agness** married **Thomas Irwin** about 1792 in Wilkes Co.^{14,151,257} She died in the Fontheill area on Goose Creek in Russell Co, KY.^{151,199,257} [b^{151,199,257}, d^{14,151,199,257}]

6. **Rhoda** married **John Judd** on 10/13/1802.²⁵⁷ She died in Centerville, Wayne Co, IN.^{199,257} [b^{199,257}, d^{199,257}]

7. **John** married **Mary (Polly) Kilby** on 10/13/1802 in Wilkes Co, NC.^{199,257} [b^{199,257}, d^{199,257}]

8. **Sally** married **William Judd, Sr.** in 1802 in NC. She died in Madison Co, IN,¹⁹⁹ or in Sullivan Co, MO.²⁵⁷ She is buried in Howard Cem, Putnam Co, MO.²⁵⁷ [b^{199,257}, d^{199,257}]

9. **Fanny** married **Larkin Pumphery**.²⁵⁷ [b^{199,257}]

10. **Rebeka** married **Amos Harmon** on 6/2/1806 in Wilkes Co.²⁵⁷ She died in Somonauk, Dekalb Co, IL.^{199,257} [b^{199,257}, d^{199,257}]

On 11/1/1803, Robert Sheppard was directed to take in two orphan boys named **William Adkins** and **John Adkins** to learn the occupation of farmer and to learn to read and write until they turn 21. Also John Adkins is to be taught to “cypher as far as the rule of three”. Robert signed with his mark “R”. (Wilkes WB 2, p103).⁷⁹

In August 1817, an inventory of the estate of Robert Sheppard was produced in court by **James McNeil**, administrator. It included a tract of land containing 122 acres, two slaves, a long list of livestock, farming equipment, and a variety of household items.

It also lists “amounts due by note”, but I’m not sure if this is money owed to him or by him. The names are **Wm. McQuerry** (\$100), **James McNeil** (\$25), **Thomas Erwin** (\$110), **John Judd** (\$100), **Wm. Judd** (\$100), **Larkin Pumphrey** (\$10), **Amos Harmon** (\$40), **Lewis Cash** (\$22.50), **John Adams** (\$15), and **James Persons** (\$8).

It also lists “amounts due by book”. Some of the names are **Thomas Erwin** (\$10), **Wm. Judd** (15 gallons brandy, 4 pounds iron, 1 bushel wheat), **Rowland Judd** (\$1), and **Nancy Irwin** (\$4). (Wilkes WB 3, p154-5).⁷⁹

In the November 1817 term of court, a committee determined that one year’s provisions would be provided for the widow and family of Robert Sheppard. The provisions included a variety of food, cloth, and six gallons of spirits. (Wilkes WB 3, p164).⁷⁹

D-16-2. George Shepherd, Sr. (10). **Robert Shepherd** was the son of **George Shepherd, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Mary Angellica Day** (D-19-1).^{234,257} They had the following children.^{234,257}

1. John Shepherd	8/10/1734 – 6/11/1810
2. Anne Shepherd	1737 –
3. *Robert Shepherd	6/17/1739 – 6/ 5/1817
4. George Shepherd, Jr.	1743 –
5. James Shepherd	1743 –
6. Elizabeth Shepherd	1745 –

They lived in St. George’s Parish, Spotsylvania Co, VA.²³⁴

1. **John** Shepperd was listed in the 1782 Wilkes Co Tax List in Capt. Rowland Judd's District with 505 acres of land, no negroes, 7 mules and horses, and 20 cattle.¹⁵⁸ He died in the Reddies River section of Wilkes Co, NC.²³⁴

His will is recorded in the the Wills, Inventories, and Sales of Estates book for Wilkes Co. No page number is given, but the recording is dated 4/21/1810.³⁷²

The will of John Sheppard Senr was written on 4/21/1810. He names wife **Sarah** and eleven other legatees who are probably his children. He signed with his mark. The will was proven at the July 1810 session of court. (Wilkes WB 2, p300).⁷⁹ [b^{234,235}, d²³⁴]

2. **Anne** [b²³⁴]

3. **Robert** married **Sarah Rash** on 10/1/1765 in St. George's Parish.^{199,257} He died in the Reddies River section of Wilkes Co, NC.^{234,257} The inventory of his estate, and perhaps his will, are on record in Wilkes Co (WB 3, p154-5).⁷⁹ [b^{199,234,257}, d^{199,234,257}]

4. **George, Jr.** [b²³⁴]

5. **James** Shepperd married **Sarah J.** about 1758 in Spotsylvania Co, VA.²⁵⁷ He was listed in the 1782 Wilkes Co Tax List in Capt. Rowland Judd's District with 110 acres of land, 2 negroes, 4 mules and horses, and 11 cattle.¹⁵⁸ [b²³⁴]

6. **Elizabeth** [b²³⁴]

D-16-3. Edward Shepherd (11). George Shepherd, Sr. was probably the son of **Edward Shepherd**.²³⁴

1. *George Shepherd, Sr.

10/ 7/1700 - *1/10/1751

They lived in Spotsylvania Co, VA.²³⁴

1. **George, Sr.** was born and died in St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania Co.^{234,257} He married **Elizabeth Mary Angellica Day** in 1739 in St. George's Parish.^{234,257} [b^{234,257}, d^{234,257}]

Edward Shepherd was born about 1675 in England.²³⁴ He died in 1739 in St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania Co, VA.²³⁴

RASH

D-17-1. Joseph Rash, Sr. (10). Sarah Rash (D-16-1) was the daughter of **Joseph Rash, Sr.** and his wife **Mary**.^{199,257} They had the following children.

- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|------|
| 1. *Sarah Rash | 4/23/1745 - | 1829 |
| 2. Joseph Rash, Jr. | 1746 - | 1812 |

They probably lived in Spotsylvania or Albemarle Co, VA.²⁹⁹

1. **Sarah** married **Robert Shepherd** on 10/1/1765 in St. George Parish before moving to Wilkes Co, NC.^{199,257} [b²⁵⁷, d²⁵⁷]

2. **Joseph, Jr.** married **Mildred Isbell**.²⁹⁹ He died in Wilkes Co, NC.²⁹⁹ His will and the inventory of his estate may be on record in Wilkes Co (WB 3, p22,58-60).⁷⁹ [b²⁹⁹, d²⁹⁹]

EDWARDS

D-18-1. David Edwards, Sr. (8). Sally Edwards (D-5-1) was the daughter of **David Edwards, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Morris**.⁸ They had the following children.⁸ *Ref 8, p178.*

1. Archibald Edwards	1767	-	
2. Nathaniel Edwards	1768	-	
3. John Edwards	1769	-	
4. Sterling Edwards	2/ 6/1772	-	1819
5. David Edwards, Jr.	1774	-	1828
6. William Edwards	1776	- 11/	/1869
7. Elizabeth Edwards			
8. Polly Edwards			
9. *Sally Edwards	1780	-	
10. Susan Edwards			

They lived in Orange Co, NC.⁸ **Sterling, David Jr, William, Elizabeth,** and **Sally** all went to Wilkes Co in the 1790s.⁸

1. **Archibald** [b⁸]

2. **Nathaniel** [b⁸]

3. **John** may be the "Jno. Edwards" listed in the 1820 Ashe Co census with his family and two slaves.²¹²

[(1820 Ashe, p26)²¹²] [b⁸]

4. **Sterling** married **Salina Cobb** in March 1793.⁸ Upon moving to Wilkes Co (later Ashe Co), he had been working for her father who had come from NJ to establish an iron works near Little River.⁸ He first occupied land on Little River in Ashe Co, NC, but later bought land on the north fork of New River.⁸ [b⁸, d⁸]

5. **David, Jr.** first married **Elizabeth Andrews** on 8/28/1792 in Orange Co.^{8,222} They moved to Ashe Co, NC, before 6/22/1793 when their first child was born in Grayson Co, VA.⁸ His second wife was **Jane Osborne** Reeves.⁸ He was buried six miles west of Sparta.⁸ *Ref 8, p178.* [b⁸, d⁸]

6. **William** married **Nancy Carter** in the late 1790s.⁸ They were both listed in the 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census where his age was given as 86.⁸ He died in Alleghany Co, and was buried three miles west of Sparta on top of a mountain.⁸ [b⁸, d⁸]

7. **Elizabeth** married **Henry Brewer**.⁸

8. **Polly** married **Sill Brewer**.⁸

9. **Sally** married **Jacob Crouse, Sr.**^{8,221} She was listed in the 1850 Ashe Co census with the family of her daughter **Margaret Crouse** Andrews.²²¹ She was listed in the 1870 Alleghany Co census (Sally Crowse, age 93), living with the family of her daughter **Elizabeth Crouse** Andrews.¹¹³ [b^{113,221}]

10. **Susan** married **Charles Toliver.**⁸

Elizabeth Morris was born in 1747.⁸ After her husband David Edwards died in 1782, she remarried to **Richard Williams** who had served with David in the Army.⁸ In 1788, they moved to Ashe Co, NC, before moving to Lawrence Co, IN, in 1817. Elizabeth died near Bedford, IN, on 10/13/1827.⁸ She and Richard are buried in the Breckinridge Cem.⁸

D-18-2. John Edwards, Sr. (9). **David Edwards, Sr.** was the son of **John Edwards, Sr.** and his wife **Mary.**⁸ They had the following children.⁸ *Ref 8, p178,188-9,192-3,196.*

1. John Edwards, Jr.	1739 –	1817
2. *David Edwards, Sr.	1745 –	1782
3. Sylvane (Sill) Edwards	1753 –	1782
4. William Edwards, Sr.	1757 –	1784
5. Henry Edwards, Sr.	1759 –	1850
6. Susannah Edwards		
7. Mary Edwards		

They may have also had sons **Nathaniel Edwards** and **Richard Edwards.**⁸ They may have lived in Brunswick Co, VA, before moving to Orange Co, NC.⁸ Legend says that during the Revolutionary War, John sent three sons to fight with the Loyalists and three to fight with the Rebels, so that the family would survive regardless of the outcome.

1. **John, Jr.** was married four times.⁸ He married his last wife **Lucy E. Curtis** on 11/30/1802 in Northumberland Co, VA.⁸ He served with a NC unit in the Revolutionary War.⁸ [b⁸, d⁸]

2. **David, Sr.** married **Elizabeth Morris** in 1772.⁸ In failing health he performed Civil Service during the Revolutionary War, and may have been a captain in the Continental Army.⁸ He died in Orange Co.²²¹ [b^{8,221}, d^{8,221}]

3. **Sill** [b⁸, d⁸]

4. **William, Sr.** [b⁸, d⁸]

5. **Henry, Sr.** [b⁸, d⁸]

6. **Susannah** married an **Odeum** according to her father's will.⁸

7. **Mary** married a **Campbell** according to her father's will.⁸

John Edwards, Sr. may have been born in VA, Wales, England, or Scotland in 1720.^{8,221} He died in Orange Co, NC, between 1796 and 1801.⁸ Information has been found that John performed Civil Service during the Revolutionary War.⁸ His wife **Mary** (possibly Mary Campbell) died in Orange Co, NC, in 1801.²²¹

John Edwards left a will in Orange Co dated 4/2/1796. He leaves everything to his wife Mary. Upon her death, son **John** is to receive 10 shillings. Daughters **Susannah** Odeum and **Mary** Campbell are to receive 10 shillings each. Son **David** is to receive a negro boy named Tom. Son **Sill** is to receive a negro boy named Lewis. Son **Henry** is to receive 5 negros (Jack, Charles, Edey, Dina, and Sall), a negro boy Tom, all household goods, and all his working tools. Son **Henry** and **Sackfield Brewer** were appointed executors.⁸

DAY

D-19-1. Thomas Day (11). Elizabeth Mary Angellica Day (D-16-2) was the daughter of Thomas Day and his wife Elizabeth.^{234,257}

1. *Elizabeth Mary Angellica Day

They probably lived in Spotsylvania Co, VA.²³⁴

1. **Elizabeth** married **George Shepherd, Sr.** in St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania Co, VA.²³⁴

Thomas Day was married twice: to **Dorothy Hudson** and to **Elizabeth** who was murdered.²³⁴

WAGONER

D-20-1. Adam Wagoner, Jr. (6). Mahala Wagoner (D-1-3) was the daughter of **Adam Wagoner, Jr.** and his wife **Sarah**.²¹² They had the following children.²¹²

1. Jacob Wagoner	1829 -
2. *Mahala Wagoner	5/3/1832 - 10/ 5/1908
3. Matilda Wagoner	1834 -
4. Betsy Wagoner	1837 -
5. Polly Wagoner	1840 -
6. Lucinda Wagoner	1846 -
7. Margaret Wagoner	1848 -

The 1830 Ashe Co, NC, census includes the family of Adam Waggoner, p31: (1001-00001).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>15-19</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>20-29</i>

The 1840 Ashe Co census includes the family of Adam Waggoner, Jr, p13: (00101-31101).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one male</i>	<i>20-29</i>
<i>three females</i>	<i>0-4</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>5-9</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>10-14</i>
<i>one female</i>	<i>20-29</i>

The 1850 Ashe Co census includes this family on p252 in house #204/204. Their real estate was valued at \$50.²¹²

<i>Adam Waggoner</i>	<i>41, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>43, b NC</i>
<i>Matilda</i>	<i>16, b NC</i>
<i>Betsy</i>	<i>13, b NC</i>
<i>Polly</i>	<i>10, b NC</i>
<i>Lucinda</i>	<i>3, b NC</i>
<i>Margaret</i>	<i>1, b NC</i>

The 1860 Alleghany Co, NC, census lists them twice, both in Gap Civil PO. First, on p47, house #384/300. He had no real estate, but his personal estate was worth \$250.²¹²

<i>Adam Waggoner</i>	<i>45, farmer, b NC, can't read/write</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>45, b NC</i>
<i>Polly</i>	<i>20, b NC</i>
<i>Lucy</i>	<i>14, b NC, school</i>
<i>Peggy</i>	<i>11, b NC, school</i>

and on p48, #396/311. He had no real estate, but his personal estate was worth \$300.²¹²

<i>Adam Waggoner</i>	<i>50, farmer, b NC</i>
<i>Sallie</i>	<i>50, b NC</i>
<i>Polly</i>	<i>21, b NC</i>
<i>Lucy</i>	<i>12, b NC, school</i>
<i>Peggy</i>	<i>11, b NC, school</i>

1. **Jacob** is likely a child of this family since he is living beside **Adam** in 1850.²¹² The 1850 census lists him with wife **Cintha**.²¹²
[(1850 Ashe, #205, age 20)²¹²] [b²¹²]

2. **Mahala** married **William Billings** about 1848. They were living two doors away from her father in 1850. She is buried at Prathers Creek Bap Ch.⁴⁸ [b⁴⁸, d⁴⁸]

3. **Matilda** married **Washington K. Holbrook** of Wilkes Co, NC, in 1853.³⁸⁴ In 1858 she remarried to **Samuel Willey**.³⁸⁴ [b²¹²]

4. **Betsy** [b²¹²]

5. **Polly** married **Hampton Pruitt**.³⁸⁴ [b²¹²]

6. **Lucinda** [b²¹²]

7. **Margaret** [b²¹²]

D-20-2. Adam Wagoner, Sr. (7). **Adam Wagoner, Jr.** appears to be the son of **Adam Wagoner, Sr.** and his wife.³⁸⁴ The censuses suggest that they had at least eight children.²¹²

1. son Wagoner
2. son Wagoner
3. daughter Wagoner
4. daughter Wagoner
5. daughter Wagoner
6. daughter Wagoner
7. daughter Wagoner
8. *Adam Wagoner, Jr.

1809 -

The 1790 Surry Co, NC, census lists the household of Adam Wagoner, p518 who is living alone.²¹²

one male *over 16*

The 1800 Surry Co census includes the family of Adam Waggoner, p602: (20010-30010).²¹²

two males *0-9*

<i>one male</i>	26-45
<i>three females</i>	0-9
<i>one female</i>	26-45

The 1810 Ashe Co, NC, census lists the family of A. Waggoner, p89: (11110-22110).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	0-9
<i>one male</i>	10-15
<i>one male</i>	16-25
<i>one male</i>	26-45
<i>two females</i>	0-9
<i>two females</i>	10-15
<i>one female</i>	16-25
<i>one female</i>	26-45

The 1820 Ashe Co census lists the family of Adam Wagoner, p30: (211201-20011).²¹²

<i>two males</i>	0-9
<i>one male</i>	10-15
<i>one male</i>	16-17
<i>two males</i>	16-25
<i>one male</i>	over 45
<i>two females</i>	0-9
<i>one female</i>	26-45
<i>one female</i>	over 45

The 1830 Ashe Co census includes the family of Adam Waggoner, p30: (000000001-000000001).²¹²

<i>one male</i>	60-69
<i>one female</i>	60-69

1. A son was born between 1790 and 1800.²¹²
2. A son was born between 1790 and 1800.²¹²
3. A daughter was born between 1790 and 1800.²¹²
4. A daughter was born between 1790 and 1800.²¹²
5. A daughter was born between 1790 and 1800.²¹²
6. A daughter was born between 1800 and 1810.²¹²
7. A daughter was born between 1800 and 1810.²¹²
8. **Adam, Jr.** married **Sarah** in the late 1820s, most likely in Ashe Co.

NC Grant #374, entry 900, book 118, p422, was entered on 5/2/1803 to Adam Waggoner on Vile Creek in Ashe Co, for 100 acres on the north side of Buck Knob. (He sold half of this to **John** Waggoner in 1838, probably his son.)³⁸⁴

NC Grant #529, entry 1083, was entered on 4/11/1804 to Adam Waggoner on Little River in Ashe Co for 50 acres. It was witnessed by Henry Waggoner Sr and Henry Waggoner Jr.³⁸⁴

D-20-3. Heinrich (Henry) Wagoner, Sr. (8). Adam Wagoner, Sr. was the son of **Heinrich (Henry) Wagoner, Sr.** and his wife. They 1790 census suggests they had ten children.

1. *Adam Wagoner, Sr.	1768	-	
2. Henry Wagoner, Jr.	1775	-	1828

It is belived that Heinrich Wagoner, Sr. first lived on Deep Creek in what is now Yadkin Co, but was then Surry Co. About 1801, as an elderly man, he followed his sons up into the mountains of Ashe Co where he spent his final years.

The 1790 Surry Co, NC, census includes the family of Henry Waggoner, p517.²¹²

three males	over 16
two males	under 16
seven females	any age

An important piece of information on the life of Heinrich Wagoner is from a diary kept by Moravian Brother **Abraham Steiner** who reported on his travels through Deep Creek in Surry Co and then into the mountains of Ashe Co.

*5/4/1804. By request I went several miles further and visited a certain Heinrich Wagner, who formerly lived on Deep Creek. He and his wife, elderly people, received me affectionately. In a meeting with a few persons I spoke of the Gospel and Epistle for this, Ascension Day. I spent the night there, and on the 11th, after breakfast, as I was leaving they almost wept aloud, thanked me for the visit, and begged that I would come often. I returned to Mr. **Happus**, and after a touching farewell with his family, and many requests that I would visit them often, I set out again. Mr. **Happus** sent his son to show me the path over the mountains into the road leading to Ashe Courthouse. Mountainous as the country is, it is well settled. Many of the families formerly lived near Bethania, and other on Deep Creek. Many of them are of German stock but in their houses English is generally spoken, especially by the younger people.*

*10/22/1805. Toward noon the neighbors gathered from four miles around, some coming even as much as eight or nine miles. The people here are not accustomed to singing, but among those who had come from a distance there was one young man who was willing to lead in common metre. I showed him several hymns in our hymn book which could be sung to that tune, but he was afraid to try words with which he was not familiar, and suggested that he would line out and the singing of hymns that he knew by heart. To this I assented, and he led two good hymns, one before and one after the sermon. **Daniel Happs**, Heinrich Wagner Sr, and **William Alford** announced another preaching Friday in the house of Heinrich Wagner Jr.*

*10/25/1805. I rode with the elder Wagner four miles to his son Heinrich's house. The day was so raw and cold that one could scarcely get warm, it had snowed the preceding day. The house was fairly well filled, and a Mr. **Chapel(I)**, who lives six miles from that place, led the singing.*

1. **Adam, Sr.** was born between 1765 and 1770 according to censuses from 1790 to 1830.²¹² He probably died between 1830 and 1840.²¹²

2. **Henry, Jr.** was born between 1774 and 1784 according to censuses from 1800 to 1820.²¹² [(1800 Ashe)²¹²; (1810 Ashe, p89)²¹²]

Heinrich probably died by 1806 as suggested in a deed.³⁸⁴

On 5/10/1802, Henry Waggoner received 100 acres on the head of Corn Camp Creek of Little River. It was witnessed by **Adam** Waggoner and **Jacob Brinegar**. (NC Grant #20, entry 682, Bk 118, p417).³⁸⁴

In May 1802, Henry Waggoner received 50 acres on the head of Corn Camp Creek of Little River. It was witnessed by **Adam** Waggoner and **Jacob Brinegar**. (NC Grant #500, entry 681, Bk 118, p417).³⁸⁴

On 11/5/1803, Henry Waggoner received land on Dog Creek, a branch of New River. (NC Grant #405, entry 1074, Bk 118, p11).³⁸⁴

On 11/5/1803, Henry Waggoner received 150 acres on Glade Creek. (NC Grant #404, entry 837, Bk 113, p6).³⁸⁴

In 1806, a deed from Henry Waggoner to **Adam** Waggoner was duly proven in open court by the oath of Jas. **Maxwell** for 250 acres. The fact that the sale of the land was proven by oath in court suggests that perhaps Henry Sr was either senile or deceased and could not verify the transaction for himself.³⁸⁴

While it is believed that Henry Wagoner Sr. had died by 1806, this grant may prove useful in distinguishing between other members of this family. On 11/16/1829, Henry Waggoner received 125 acres on the north side of Peach Bottom Mountain, near **Adam** Waggoner's line on Locust Ridge. It was witnessed by Henry Waggoner Jr and **James Maxwell**. (NC Grant #1743, entry 5933, Bk 139, p401).³⁸⁴

There are at least three Wagoners listed in the 1800 Surry Co census. They are not necessarily related, and more research is needed.

Adam Waggoner (20010-30010), believed to be our ancestor

John Wagoner (20010-00100)

William Waggoner (00001-00001)

GOODMAN

D-21-1. Peter Goodman (8). Elizabeth Goodman (D-3-3) was the daughter of **Peter Goodman** and his wife Barbara.⁵⁵³ (Ref 553, p156).

1. Mary Goodman	6/12/1788 - 4/26/1880
2. *Elizabeth Goodman	- 8/ /1870
3. Peter Goodman, Jr.	3/17/1793 -
4. John N. Goodman	11/ 3/1795 -
5. Barbara Goodman	- 4/ 2/1881
6. Jacob Goodman	10/19/1799 - 7/ 3/1880

The names of these six children are listed in a family Bible handed down through the family of son Jacob.⁵⁵³

The family of Peter Goodman is listed in the 1787 Wilkes Co census in Capt. Nall's District, p1.²⁷²

one male 21-60
two females any age

The 1790 Wilkes Co census lists the family of Peter Goodman in the Sixteenth Company, p168.²¹²

one male over 16
three females any age

Peter Goodman was listed with one poll and 100 acres in Bunyard's District in the 1790 Wilkes Co, NC, tax list.¹⁵⁸ In 1796, he is in Pendleton's District with no polls and 80 acres.¹⁵⁸

The 1800 Ashe Co, NC, census lists the family of Peter Goodman, p79: (30001-21010).²¹²

three males 0-9
one male over 45
two females 0-9
one female 10-15
one female 26-45

The 1810 Ashe Co, NC, census lists the family of P. Goodman, p86: (02101-00001).²¹²

two males 10-15
one male 16-25
one male over 45
one female over 45

1. **Mary** first married **John Hoppers**. Her second husband was Zachariah Osborne.⁵⁵³
[b⁵⁵³, d⁵⁵³]

2. **Elizabeth** married **Elijah Irwin**.^{8,553} [d⁸]

3. **Peter, Jr.** moved to Georgia, near Atlanta.⁵⁵³
[b⁵⁵³]

4. **John** married **Sally Johnson**.⁵⁵³
[b⁵⁵³]

5. **Barbara** first married **Benjamin Johnson**. Her married her second husband **Caleb Osborne** about 1837.⁵⁵³
[d⁵⁵³]

6. **Jacob** [b⁵⁵³, d⁵⁵³]

Peter Goodman was likely born before 1750. His wife **Barbara** is thought to have been born about 1755.

On 1/20/1787, Peter Goodman bought 100 acres from **George Morris** in Old Fields Township, bordering on the south fork of New River.⁵⁵³

The will of Peter Goodman was signed on 2/4/1811. He named his wife Barbara and mentioned his youngest son **Jacob** not yet being of age. He signed it as Peter Gutman. The witnesses were **Jno. Kepler** and **Jacob Faw**. It was proven in court in August 1811. (Ashe WB A, p55).⁵⁵³

On 11/16/1836, son Jno. Goodman bought his siblings' shares of the estate for \$300. They were listed as **Peter Goodman**, **Jacob Goodman**, **Benjamin Johnson**, **Elijah Irvin**, **Jno. Hopper**, **Polly Hopper**, **Barbary Ervin Johnson**, and **Elizabeth Irvin**. The land consisted of two tracts originally purchased as a single grant of 250 acres in Ashe Co on the waters of Beaver Creek. It was adjacent to the land of **William Sturdie**.⁵⁵³