

History of the Midkiff Family

Historic records show that there was a Jacob Midkiff and a Thomas Midkiff that journeyed from the old world to the new world in the mid-1700's. Records show that Jacob Midkiff arrived from England. That does not mean he was born in England. A lot of people who immigrated from England to America were not natives to England. They could have migrated from any of the other European countries such as France, Germany, Holland and who knows maybe even from Russia. One story that has circulated tells of three Midkiff brothers that came to colonial America. However, early records have only noted a Jacob Midkiff and a Thomas Midkiff. According to some family historians our common ancestors could be either Jacob or Thomas Midkiff.

On February 19, 1787, Jacob Midkiff was granted 400 acres in the Birch Creek area of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. On that same day, February 19, 1787, Thomas Midkiff was granted 400 acres in Halifax County. It was not made clear on the public record how these two men were related.

According to records, Jacob Midkiff had a son named John Midkiff. John Midkiff had a son named Thomas Midkiff. Thomas was born on June 11, 1803. There were at least two different John Midkiff's recorded between 1770 and 1800 in Pittsylvania County. It is difficult to distinguish between them. We do not have a complete listing of children of the two John Midkiff's. A story notes that we are descendants of one of these John Midkiff's. If you desire to research for more information concerning Midkiffs a note to remember is that Midkiff was spelled as Metcalf on an 1850 census. (It was brought to my attention that John Franklin Midkiff, Sr. of Amelia County had proof that our surname was derived from the Russian surname Mitkoff.)

With the help of Ms. Anne Thomas of Amelia County, VA I have been able to trace back to an Isaiah Midkiff. Anne is the granddaughter of Lettie Louvena Midkiff and William Rufus McCraw. Her great grandparents were George Washington Midkiff II and Rose Anna Hemmings. Her great grandfather, George Washington Midkiff II and William Jefferson Midkiff (my great grandfather) were brothers. I have also received information from a Kathryn Midkiff Anderson from Mount Airy, North Carolina. Her father was John Henry Midkiff. Her grandfather was Burton Monroe Midkiff. Burton Monroe Midkiff was a brother of William Jefferson Midkiff.

The information I received from Anne Thomas notes that in the early 1800's, a widower and Revolutionary War Veteran, David Mottley married Jency Wright. Jency was the daughter of Margaret Wright. We don't know the name of Jency's father at this time. David and Jency Mottley brought at least two children into the world. One of them was a daughter named Elizabeth. Elizabeth Mottley's family line can be traced to Amelia County and then to York County.

Sometime in the year 1826 in Pittsylvania County, Elizabeth Mottley married Isaiah Midkiff. I don't have information concerning Isaiah Midkiff's parents. He could be the son of the John Midkiff listed in a previous paragraph. It is noted that Elizabeth's grandmother, Mrs. Farthing gave the consent for her to marry Isaiah. I am not sure of the maternal or paternal relationship of Mrs. Farthing. The records are not clear on that. Some records show that Isaiah's name was spelled as Josiah but in their marriage record it shows Isaiah.

In the 1930s, Isaiah and Elizabeth resided in Surry, North Carolina. Isaiah and Elizabeth had a son, George Washington Midkiff I, and a daughter named Mary Midkiff. Another daughter

was indicated in the records but the records are unclear. However, the name Henry Spainhour is connected with this daughter somehow.

After George I grew up he went to work in the line mines of Forsythe County, North Carolina, while residing there he met and married Elizabeth Livingood. She was the daughter of George Washington Livingood. His sister Mary married Isaiah Henley. During a 1850 census it was recorded that George and Mary's father Isaiah Midkiff was living in Mary and Isaiah Henley's household at that time.

George W. Midkiff I and Elizabeth's children are:

Burton Monroe married Dora Ella Hardy (Kathryn Midkiff Anderson's grandparents)

William Jefferson married Samarie Annazetta McPeak

Charlie Sidney married Melissa Henley

George Washington II married Rose Anne Hennings (Anne Thomas's great-grandparents)

Ananca married Millard Hennings

Catherine married Ara Weddle

Rhoda married a Robertson

John Henry

Early

Hallie

John S.

William Jefferson Midkiff was born on December 1, 1870, in Carroll County, Virginia. He married Samarie Annazetta McPeak on June 30, 1897. He passed away on Feb. 27, 1939. Samarie was born on May 3, 1874 in Carroll County. She passed away on Mar. 2, 1975. Both William Jefferson and Samaria are buried at the Mountain Plains Methodist Cemetery in Hillsville, VA.

William Jefferson was called Jeff. From the stories I have heard he was a hard working family man. He liked guns and it didn't take too much for him to get riled. His wife, Samaria, was a hard working woman. Even though she was petite, she was feisty. One story we have heard over the years is that Samaria was adopted or fostered by the McPeak family. Some folks say that she was left on the doorstep of the McPeak's house. It was thought she was half Cherokee Indian. Her facial features and bone structure would support that story. Other family members insist that Samaria was a McPeak. Samaria's parents are listed as Reuben McPeak and Minerva "Servie" Hylton McPeak.

William Jefferson and Samaria's children are:

William Oscar Midkiff married Elva Mae Alderman

Emmett married Alti Horton

Joe married Mellie (?) Hall

Ed (cerebral palsy)

Freddie (died at a young age)

O ___ married Noah Marshall

Ernie married John Nail

Lizzie married Everett Horton (Lizzie is 97 years old as of this printing. She lives in Mt. Airy, NC.)

Mindia married Eldridge Horton

(Provided by Esther Johnson and typed by Wilma Hiatt)

Descendants of Thomas Midkiff

- 1 Thomas Midkiff b: 1720 in Halifax Cty, VA
- 2 John Midkiff, Sr b: March 11, 1738/39 in Halifax, now Pittsylvania Cty, VA
- +Mary Agnes Parsons b: ABT 1740 in Pittsylvania Cty, VA
- 3 John Midkiff Jr b: March 11, 1762 in Pittsylvania Cty, VA d: July 18, 1839 in Patrick Cty, VA
- +Mary Parsons b: September 10, 1761 in Pittsylvania Cty, VA m: September 10, 1782 in Pittsylvania Cty, VA d: Unknown in Patrick Cty, VA
- 4 David Midkiff b: November 29, 1783 in Pittsylvania Cty, VA d: ABT 1840 in Surry Cty, NC
- +Elizabeth Nichols b: in Pittsylvania Cty, VA m: December 21, 1806 in Pittsylvania Cty, VA
- 5 Mary Midkiff
- 5 Rebecca Midkiff
- 5 James Midkiff b: ABT 1811
- 5 John Midkiff b: April 3, 1814 in Pittsylvania County VA d: Unknown in Surry County NC
- +Sarah (Sally)Griffith b: 1821 in Surry County NC m: January 10, 1846 in Surry County NC
- 6 William Midkiff b: 1846
- 6 Mary Midkiff b: 1850
- 6 John Midkiff Jr b: 1852
- 6 Nancy Midkiff b: 1854
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- 5 Ephraim Midkiff b: ABT 1815
- 5 Joseph Midkiff b: ABT 1819 in Pittsylvania County VA d: ABT 1870 in Surry County NC (Mt Airy Township)
- +Nancy Griffith b: 1822 in Surry County NC m: December 22, 1844 in Surry County NC d: ABT 1879 in Surry County NC (Mt Airy Township)
- 6 Samuel G Midkiff b: ABT 1846 in Surry County NC d: March 16, 1893 in Wythe County Va
- +Rebecca Jane Portis b: 1849 in Surry County, NC m: February 6, 1864 in Surry County NC d: in Wythe County Va
- 7 Charles Fisher Midkiff b: May 31, 1868 in Wythe County VA d: February 24, 1964 in Pauls Valley OK
- +Ellen P McHenry b: July 24, 1879 in Indiana m: December 15, 1897 in Pauls Valley, I.T., OK d: August 14, 1968 in Pauls Valley OK
- 8 Lavinia F Midkiff b: September 6, 1898
- +Herman R Odom m: September 7, 1924
- 9 Allan Wesley Odom
- 9 Ellen Marie Odom
- +William Jacob Nichols
- 10 William J Nichols Jr
- 10 Bradley Allan Nichols
- 8 Charles W. Midkiff b: 1905
- 8 Ruby Carson b: August 8, 1911
- 8 Bert Marks b: Unknown
- 7 Mary Ann Midkiff b: 1869 in Wythe County VA d: October 4, 1925 in Virginia
- +George S Calloway Massey b: August 31, 1868 in Patrick County, VA m: August 24, 1887 d: June 4, 1907
- 7 Walter Preston Midkiff b: March 3, 1873 in Wythe County VA, near Fort Chiswell VA d: February 25, 1939 in Wythe County, VA, Slate Springs Branch
- +Julia Gleaves Johnson b: July 12, 1877 in Wythe County VA, Slate Springs Branch m: April 27, 1898 in Wytheville, VA (Pastor J S McNeil) d: May 21, 1915 in Wythe County VA, Slate Springs Branch
- 8 George Dewey Midkiff b: December 4, 1898 in Slate Springs Branch VA d: June 24, 1974 in Roanoke Va
- +Dora Lillian Gallimore b: July 18, 1906 in Austinville VA m: October 28, 1923 in Wythe County VA d: May 31, 1998 in Wytheville VA
- 9 Douglas Midkiff b: October 7, 1924 in Austinville, Wythe County, VA
- +Mary Lou Carden b: October 22, 1918 in Cookson Creek, Polk County, TN m: May 6, 1952 in Knoxville TN
- 10 Sharon Belinda Midkiff b: February 6, 1953 in Oakland CA
- +David Issam Damalouji b: June 25, 1955 in Pittsburgh PA m: June 24, 1978 in Kingsport TN
- 11 Rachel Damalouji b: February 9, 1982
- 11 Jonathan Damalouji b: October 21, 1985
- 10 Kimberly Ann Midkiff b: November 27, 1958 in Kingsport TN
- 9 Mary Catherine Midkiff b: June 17, 1926
- 9 Wilma Pauline Midkiff b: September 5, 1928
- 9 James Walter Midkiff b: April 7, 1935 in Austinville VA
- +Patty Wolford b: October 16, 1946 in Wytheville VA m: December 9, 1967 in Chilhowie VA
- 10 Lyndsay b: May 28, 1980
- 8 Gertrude G Midkiff b: October 30, 1900 in Slate Springs Branch VA d: January 15, 1991 in Norfolk Va
- +Earnest W Coleman b: May 8, 1901 in Lynchburg VA m: January 20, 1920 in Wythe County VA d: July 1985 in Norfolk VA
- 9 Marguerite Coleman b: January 2, 1923
- +James Pirozzi
- 9 Wayneca Coleman b: March 11, 1924
- +James W Robinson
- 9 Dorothy Coleman b: October 4, 1928
- 8 Charles W Midkiff b: July 5, 1902 in Slate Springs Branch VA d: September 25, 1991 in Jefferson City TN
- +Ora Hoops b: November 17, 1907 in Pounding Mill VA m: February 17, 1924 in Wythe County VA d: November 1, 1982 in Pulaski VA
- 9 Charles W Midkiff Jr b: July 1929
- 9 Joan Midkiff b: February 17, 1931
- +Harriman?
- 9 Julia Midkiff b: February 17, 1931

..... +Vernon Hinton
..... *2nd Wife of Charles W Midkiff:
..... +Margaret Collins b: August 29, 1914 in New Market TN m: 1946 in Jefferson City TN d: June 11, 1991 in Jefferson City TN
..... 9 Charlene Midkiff b: 1953
..... 8 Powell Midkiff b: June 18, 1906 in Slate Springs Branch VA d: May 20, 1992 in Wytheville VA
..... +Leona Spraker b: April 22, 1915 in Slate Springs Branch VA m: October 1932 in Wytheville VA d: February 28, 1986 in Slate Springs Branch VA
..... 9 Julian Powell Midkiff b: December 14, 1932
..... +Colleen Delby
..... 10 Julian Powell Midkiff Jr
..... 10 Eldredge "Pud" Midkiff b: 1963 d: 1984
..... 9 Juan (Alfred Juan) Midkiff b: April 9, 1934
..... +Betty Delby
..... 10 Susan Midkiff
..... +Tim Aker
..... 11 Josh Aker
..... 11 Tyler Aker
..... 10 Ethel Midkiff
..... +David Jackson
..... 11 Brandon Jackson
..... *2nd Wife of Juan (Alfred Juan) Midkiff:
..... +Lettie ??
..... 9 Tommy Midkiff b: March 18, 1938
..... +Rita Aker b: February 13, 1942 m: 1960 d: 2002
..... 10 Lisa Midkiff
..... +Pat Stone
..... 11 Chris Stone
..... 10 Mike Midkiff
..... +Pam Freeman m: September 1994
..... 11 Christa Midkiff
..... 11 Emily Midkiff
..... 9 Dennis Midkiff b: February 1940
..... +Andrea Cassell m: 1975 in Wytheville, VA
..... 10 Andrew Midkiff b: 1980
..... 10 Walter Midkiff b: 1985
..... 9 Harry Midkiff b: November 27, 1944 in Wythe County, VA
..... +Connie Crews b: January 23, 1942 in Bluefield, WVA m: March 8, 1968 in Austinville, VA
..... 10 David Midkiff b: December 16, 1968 in Radford, VA
..... +Bridget Penley m: March 25, 1995 in Bland County, VA
..... 11 Laura Elizabeth Midkiff b: December 15, 1999
..... 9 Infant Midkiff b: February 9, 1944 in Slate Springs Branch, Wythe County VA d: February 9, 1944 in Slate Springs Branch, Wythe County VA
..... 8 Hallie Virginia Midkiff b: September 17, 1909 in Slate Spring Branch VA d: April 10, 2008 in Roanoke, VA
..... +Sterling F King b: October 19, 1909 in Ivanhoe VA m: December 28, 1929 in Wytheville VA d: August 22, 1974 in Roanoke, VA
..... 9 Rebecca A King b: August 1, 1930
..... 9 S Fredrick King b: May 7, 1933
..... 9 George R King b: October 1, 1934
..... 9 Julia M King b: March 10, 1940
..... 9 Virginia D King b: January 19, 1943
..... 9 Erma F King b: April 2, 1945
..... 9 William Larry King b: October 1946 d: December 24, 1946
..... 9 Betty J King b: October 26, 1951
..... *2nd Wife of Walter Preston Midkiff:
..... +Willie M Johnson b: October 15, 1888 in Wythe County VA, Slate Springs Branch m: May 10, 1916 in Wythe County VA d: January 5, 1953 in Wythe County VA, Wytheville
..... 8 Ruth Midkiff b: October 13, 1917 in Slate Springs Branch VA d: November 21, 2008 in Roanoke, VA
..... +French S Grubb, Jr b: May 18, 1923 in Wythe County VA m: October 28, 1939 in Wythe County VA
..... 9 Judith Gale Grubb b: October 1, 1941
..... +Richard Drew Pitts m: August 7, 1965 in Roanoke, VA?
..... 10 Julian Drew Pitts b: January 20, 1971
..... 10 Amy Rebecca Pitts b: October 28, 1977 in Roanoke, VA?
..... +Douglas Ray Blair b: in Kingsport, TN m: July 29, 2000 in Roanoke VA?
..... 9 Michael Suddeth Grubb b: February 16, 1950
..... *2nd Wife of Samuel G Midkiff:
..... +Sarah E Hurley b: 1847 in Franklin County VA m: October 28, 1878 in Wytheville VA d: Unknown in Unknown
..... 6 Mary Midkiff b: ABT 1848
..... 6 Elizabeth Midkiff b: ABT 1849
..... 6 James Midkiff b: ABT 1850
..... 6 William Midkiff b: ABT 1854
..... 6 Sarah Midkiff b: ABT 1859

..... 6 Lucinda Midkiff b: ABT 1862
..... 6 Joseph Benjamin Midkiff b: March 17, 1867 in Surry Cty NC d: July 6, 1940 in Cumberland Cty VA
..... +Sarah Ellen Simmons b: May 22, 1870 in Surry Cty NC m: Unknown in Unknown d: April 14, 1935 in Cumberland Cty VA
..... 7 Mary Elizabeth Midkiff b: April 15, 1890
..... 7 Mary Frances Midkiff b: March 15, 1892
..... 7 Minnie Ann Midkiff b: April 16, 1894 in Surry Cty NC d: August 8, 1971 in Cumberland Cty VA
..... +Charles Augustus Martin Bryant b: March 30, 1893 in Surry Cty NC m: Unknown in Surry Cty NC d: May 16, 1989 in
..... Cumberland Cty VA
..... 8 Bertie Ethel Bryant b: March 10, 1916
..... 8 Irvine Highes Bryant b: February 12, 1918
..... 8 Jessie Benjamin Bryant b: June 12, 1921
..... 8 Claud Washington Bryant b: August 14, 1923
..... +Doris Montine Maxey b: October 16, 1928 in Buckingham Cty VA m: Unknown d: January 15, 1987 in Nottoway Cty VA
..... 9 Barty Wyatt Bryant b: February 14, 1952
..... 9 Gary Van Bryant b: September 28, 1953
..... 7 Ellis Ray Midkiff b: March 8, 1896
..... 7 Lulu Mae Midkiff b: September 4, 1898
..... 7 William Elbert Midkiff b: February 12, 1901
..... 7 Joseph Percy Midkiff b: June 25, 1904
..... 7 Lonnie Washington Midkiff b: November 14, 1909
..... 7 Julius Midkiff b: October 29, 1912
..... 7 Roxie Ellen Midkiff b: January 7, 1916
..... 5 Elizabeth Midkiff b: ABT 1823 d: ABT 1853 in Carroll Cty VA
..... +Josiah Henley m: January 1840 in Surry Cty NC
..... 5 David Midkiff b: ABT 1828
..... 5 George Midkiff b: ABT 1830
..... +Rosan Elizabeth Livengood