

THE GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE  
LAWRENCE FAMILIES

BY

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INTRODUCTION

It is with pleasure and regret that I close the LAWRENCE History, as far as I have researched. I wish to thank the many relatives for information furnished me. A note of sadness creeps into genealogy when one realizes that our ancestors knew and loved each other so dearly, as we do our immediate family, and only a few years separate a family. I only hope that you will get the thrill, when reading the past, that my wife Hazel and I experienced when finding a bit of information.

The love for my ancestors was instilled into me as a child by the many references made by my father and mother. I was too young to remember all they told me. I am thankful I recorded the memories of my mother in later years, which have been of great assistance in compiling this LAWRENCE History.

My wife Hazel and I have made several trips to various counties and state offices in Virginia, North Carolina and Washington, D. C. to search court records, county histories and to contact relatives along the route the Lawrences settled, as follows: Isle of Wight County, Va. and Nancemond, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick, Stokes and Surry Counties, N. C. The U. S. Census records in Virginia and North Carolina, and also at the National Archives in Washington, D. C. have been reviewed back through 1880, from 1820. Errors no doubt have crept in. In some instances dates did not agree, but I have tried to cite information as authentic as possible.

The ages shown in the U. S. Census records are not always accurate, as some one in the home who gave the information to the census taker could have made an error in some cases. Marriage dates sometimes differ; also, the ages of the bride and groom.



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The records of the Library of Congress CS 71.L42 1858 Lawrence Genealogy show the name Lawrence "variously spelt". "Laurentius" is the form in which it was found as first given to men. First instance of an individual to whom the name Lawrence belonged was a monk, a ROMAN, who came over from Italy to Britain in company with Austin and others. When Austin died, Lawrence was appointed to succeed him as Archbishop of the See of Canterbury. He was buried in the Monastery of St. Austins, A. D. 916.

The legend on a Lawrence family coat of arms, copy enclosed, states that this "old English name is derived from the ROMAN name, 'LAURENTIUS'."

Robert Lawrence of Lancashire, England, is the first individual to be considered the ancestor of the Lawrences of England. He was born around A. D. 1150. He accompanied Richard Coeuer de Lion on crusades in the Holy Land and distinguished himself in the Siege of Acre. Consequently, he was knighted Sir Robert of Ashton Hall, and obtained for his arms "ARGENT, A CROSS RAGULY GULES, A. D. 1191". A descendant, John Lawrence of County Suffolk, England, was born in 1609 in England and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts in 1630. There were other early Lawrence settlers in New England in addition to John Lawrence; some listed below:

Henry I, King of France, married Anne of Russia, and was the ancestor of several Lawrences; citing one in particular, THOMAS LAWRENCE (reference "Your Family Tree" -Jordan and Kimball). Thomas Lawrence of St. Albans, England, was baptized February 2, 1588/9 at St. Albans, Hertfordshire; died there March 20, 1624/5; married October 23, 1609 to Joan Antrobus, daughter of Walter and Joan Antrobus of St. Albans. They had seven children. She married the second time in 1627 to John Tuthill or Tuttell; born 1592, died December 3, 1656. They came to Upswich, Massachusetts on the ship "Planter" in 1635. The son, Capt. William Lawrence, was baptized at St. Albans, July 22, 1622, and settled at Flushing, Long Island. Capt. James Lawrence (1781-1813) was a descendant of Capt. William Lawrence, whose last words were "DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP," as he died aboard the Chesapeake. Sons Thomas and John were of Long Island. John was Mayor of New York City in 1672. The descendants held important positions in New York State and the U. S. Federal Government. ✓

The original Lawrences who settled in New England in the early 1630's are not the ones who originally settled in Virginia. This I feel sure was due to similarity in dates, which you will note in later chapters. The ancestors of both in England could have been the same in many instances.



The name in the records in the new world has been spelled in various ways--Lawrence, Laurence, Larrance, Larance, etc. This is considered a misspelling of the English origin, "LAWRENCE", by various recorders.

The Archives of Raleigh, North Carolina contain notes by Winslow of Perquimans County, North Carolina, that the Lawrence family came from Nancemond County, Virginia, about 1680/85, where one John Lawrence was living very early according to records of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Adkinson 8, 12 md, 1653 (records of Boston).

It appears that the Lawrences migrated from the counties in Virginia around or near Norfolk, that is, Nancemond, the Isle of Wight and others, to Brunswick County, which was formed from Isle of Wight in 1732. The following counties were originally part of Brunswick:

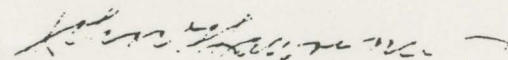
Lunenburg	formed	1746	Franklin	formed	1791
Bedford	"	1754	Halifax	"	1752
Charlotte	"	1765	Pittsylvania	"	1767
Mecklenburg	"	1765	Henry	"	1777
Campbell	"	1782	Patrick	"	1791

The first U. S. Census was taken in 1790. The U. S. Census for the years 1850, 1870 and 1880 showed names, sex and age of individuals in the family, if census was taken. These ages will not agree in all instances with the individual family records. The U. S. Census for the years 1820, 1830 and 1840 showed ONLY the name of the male head of the family; the number of males and females between certain ages. Due to the same head of the house's name appearing on different lists of census of the same year and no family name, in most instances the head of the house cannot be identified, or associated with any family by his name. The lack of identity applies to other records, such as births, deaths, marriages, wills, deeds, purchase of property, etc.

The ancestors of all of us were willing to suffer hardships for religious freedom.

If in the future it is determined that we are descendants of Thomas and Joan Antrobus Lawrence who landed at Upswich, Massachusetts on the ship "Planter" in 1635, then our ancestor was Henry I, King of France; therefore we are descendants of ROYALTY.

Affectionately,



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CHAPTER I

In the Archives of Richmond, Virginia the records of the Cavaliers and Pioneers Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants 1623-1666, by "Wugent" certify dates in which some of the Lawrences had previously arrived in certain areas direct from England, or otherwise:

CHAPTER I SECTION 1

John Robins granted 1200 acres of land in 1638 for transportation of 22 persons who were brought to Virginia, including John Lawrence in James City County, Virginia. Metlian Morgan was granted 600 acres of land 20 May 1638 for transportation of 12 persons, including Melchesides Lawrence. Thomas Harris was granted 650 acres August 23, 1656 in Lancaster County, Virginia for transportation of 13 persons, including Alexandria Lawrence.

"The 17th Century Isle of Wight Co., Virginia - VA 975-554-B" by John Bennett Boddie shows that land grants were issued to Robert Lawrence in 1652. Patents were usually obtained three or four years after the arrival of the purchaser; therefore, Robert must have arrived prior to 1640. There were others who were granted patents in 1638 as noted above. Mr. Boddie states in Chapter V, page 90 that William Bernard, age 21, who came in the "FURTHERANCE" (a ship) in 1622, patented 1200 acres in Isle of Wight, August 10, 1642, "at the head of Lawnes Creek along the land of Robert Eleye, Justinian Cooper and Robert Lawrence." Robert Lawrence, Jr., of the Isle of Wight and Nancemond Counties, received a grant on 25 September 1663.

The above were some of the settlers who were given permission to purchase land for transporting persons to Virginia. These persons worked for the land owners until their debt for transportation was paid; then they were free to go on their own.



## CHAPTER I SECTION 2

It appears that the early Lawrence settlers to Virginia were wealthy and could buy land and owned slaves.

It is noted that by the 1700's the population of the Lawrence families in Virginia had increased considerably; consequently, by 1785, the date of birth of my great grandfather James, Sr. (his father also born in Virginia) the family was steadily thriving.

## CHAPTER I SECTION 3

Robert Lawrence, Jr., along with others, founded a settlement nearby in North Carolina in 1660 or 1661.

## CHAPTER I SECTION 4

On the 9th of January 1706-07, Robert Lawrence (son and heir) of Robert Lawrence, deceased, sells to Robert Crawford of Lawnes Creek Parish, Surry, 150 acres of land "granted to my father, 28 September 1643."

The family may be descended from Sir John Lawrence, Baronet. Sir John had a second son named Robert. A Robert Lawrence, who was a Puritan and followed the Puritan migration from Isle of Wight to Nancemond County, first patented land on Lawnes Creek in 1642. The father of Sir John was Thomas Lawrence of Chelsea, Middlesex, England, a goldsmith, who married Martha, daughter of Anthony Cage of London. Thomas Lawrence received a grant of Arms in 1593. Thomas died October 28, 1593, age 54, and was buried in Chelsea. His children were Sir Thomas and Sir John; also, there were daughters.

## CHAPTER I SECTION 5

Robert Lawrence, Sr., was a Justice for the County of Nancemond in 1659-60. Robert and Elizabeth's child was Robert, Jr., born 1639. Robert and wife Jane had Robert and daughters.

## CHAPTER I SECTION 6

Henry Lawrence owned 200 acres in Nancemond County in 1704. His daughter Isabella married Thomas Page 15 January 1702. All the other Lawrences were at this wedding, so it seems Henry must have been the son of "Old Mr. Robert Lawrence."



## CHAPTER I SECTION 6

Henry was the name of Sir John's third and last son. The names of Sir John's sons, John, Robert and Henry, seem to have been given to Robert's oldest sons. Michael and Thomas signed the wedding book as brothers of Isabella. Then Michael and Thomas were sons of Henry.

## CHAPTER II

So far we have not found the exact date the first Lawrences came to Virginia. The earliest dates found of record are Robert Lawrence, Jr. born in Virginia; also Robert Lawrence, Sr. received a grant of land in 1642. No doubt the Lawrences were among the earlier settlers who followed the established colony at Jamestown in 1607 or soon thereafter.

## CHAPTER II SECTION 1

These settlers seemed to settle around Isle of Wight and Nancemond Counties in Virginia or nearby at first, then later as the population expanded, they began to move into eastern North Carolina and mostly into each of the counties along the southern border of Virginia, until they reached Henry County, Virginia, where most of the families settled.

## CHAPTER II SECTION 2

A great number of Lawrence families were located in Henry County, Virginia as early as 1800, per marriage records.

## CHAPTER II SECTION 3

The first U. S. Census was 1790 which showed a James Lawrence and family and slaves, living in Surry County, Salisbury District, N. C. Stokes County was formed from Surry County during 1790.

## CHAPTER III

The history of the Lawrences, as I am presenting it, began with my great grandfather, JAMES LAWRENCE, SR. Prior ancestors have not been definitely identified in Virginia nor North Carolina from authentic records, but others will be mentioned which no doubt are closely related.

## CHAPTER III SECTION 1

JAMES LAWRENCE, SR. born about 1785 in Virginia, died May 1880 at Francisco, Stokes County, North Carolina at the age of 98, according to the Raleigh, N. C. 1880 Census Mortality Record, Reference Schedule 5 Polk-Yancy Cos. F.2 137 F. Stokes County page No. 1. This mortality record shows he was married. He, father and mother were born in Virginia. Cause of death "Diarrhrea". Resident of Stokes County 18 years. Attending physician, R. Pringle.

## CHAPTER III SECTION 2

Inclosed is Exhibit #1 of JAMES LAWRENCE, SR. and family beginning with U. S. Census 1820 through 1880. James was not identified in any record prior to 1820 census. The family was identified on each U. S. Census until 1850 by number of males and females between certain ages. The dates born as shown on the schedule are estimated, based on the U. S. Census, but they are very accurate compared with the dates of James and his son Henry as of 1850 census and thereafter.

## CHAPTER III SUBSECTION 1

The Pittsylvania County, Virginia U. S. Census of 1820 showed four males in addition to James, as head of the family and two females including his wife. The Henry County, Virginia Census of 1830 showed the same males but four females. Therefore the family had moved to Henry County prior to the taking of the 1830 Census. The Henry County Census for 1840 showed James and one male and three females. The absence of the three males and one female could not be identified elsewhere; possibly married or otherwise. The 1850 U. S. Census showed the same two males, but all previous females were missing. No doubt James' wife shown on prior census had died between taking of the 1840 and 1850 Censuses. The Henry County 1850 Census showed James' age as 65 and a carpenter; Henry, son of James, Sr. age 33; and a Lottie (Charlotte) age 40. It is assumed that she was James' next wife as they were on the 1860 Henry County and 1870 Stokes County, North Carolina Census together. Charlotte was on the Stokes County 1880 Census age 60 and record shows that James was married at time of death. Henry, age 33, appeared on separate census after 1850, after he had married.



## CHAPTER III SUBSECTION 2

The U. S. Census for 1870 showed James' age 83 and Charlotte's age 40 in Stokes County, N. C., Quaker Gap Township, Martins Lime Kiln Post Office. They had moved to Stokes County about 1862, as James' mortality record showed he had lived in Stokes County 18 years prior to his death.

## CHAPTER III SECTION 3

My parents, John Wesley and Sarah Elizabeth, told me many times that James' second wife was Nancy Woodall. No information was found on her in any records searched. They also told me that James was in the War of 1812. He died without knowing he was due a pension and after his death she drew a total sum of the pension and continued to draw monthly until her death.

The records searched in the Washington, D. C. Archives did not show James' 1812 war service from Virginia, nor Nancy drawing a pension. Further research in the Washington Archives might reveal something. If James was listed in a North Carolina Army Unit, it could be true. Charlotte, his last wife, could have drawn a pension and listed his services from N. C. even though he was living in Va. at time of service. This I did not check. If any information is located in the future, it can be inserted on this sheet.



## CHAPTER IV

## HISTORY OF HENRY LAWRENCE, HEIRS AND FAMILIES

Henry Lawrence, a farmer, son of JAMES, SR. born 1817 in Virginia, died September 28, 1896, in Stokes County, North Carolina. He was buried in the "Lawrence" family cemetery on his tobacco farm about two miles south of U. S. Post Office, formerly Francisco, N. C. Henry is the only heir of James, Sr. who could be identified by name. The cemetery was fenced and a large head stone was installed in year 1968 by Henry Clay Lawrence, Dobson, Route 1, Surry County, Virginia.

## CHAPTER IV, SECTION 1

Henry married Nancy Cobler of Virginia about 1851. The August 15, 1850 U. S. Census showed her and her parents John and Sally Bouldin Cobler, along with her brothers and sisters. John's age 49, Sally 42 and Nancy 21. Nancy's parents married January 11, 1827.

## CHAPTER IV, SECTION 2

Henry and family moved from Henry County, Va. to Stokes County, N. C. and settled on Dan River near the Old Hugh's Quarter. The U. S. Census of 1870 showed they were located in Peter's Creek Township, Stokes County, N. C. The 1870 U. S. Census, Stokes County, N.C. shows the following listing of Henry and family:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age Last Birth Date</u>	<u>Appro. Birth</u>	<u>Actual Birth Per Family</u>	<u>Date Died</u>
Henry (father)	52	1817		28 Sept., 1896
Nancy(mother)	43	1829		15 Apr., 1900
Julia A.	18	1852		
Samuel J.	16		Apr. 19, 1854	Jan. 19, 1911
Mary Jane	13		Apr. 29, 1859	July 20, 1920
James N .	10		Apr. 29, 1860	July 8, 1925
Henry C.	8		Nov. 18, 1861	Nov. 14, 1923
Lucindia			1864	
John W.	6		July 10, 1869	Feb. 5, 1948
Nancy	4		1861	
Martha.	2		1872	

U. S. Census for 1880 shows a WILLIAM, 18 years.



## CHAPTER IV, SECTION 3

The ages listed on census do not in all cases agree with the actual dates furnished by the families and on other records. This is typical of old records in many of the older families.

## CHAPTER IV, SECTION 4

At the time of Henry's death, September 28, 1896, he owned the farm where he was buried. The records of the dowry of Nancy Cobler, his wife, at Danbury, Stokes County, N. C. show the farm consisted of 153 acres.

## CHAPTER IV, SUBSECTION 1

"The Record of Wills Book 9, page 402, Danbury, Stokes County, N. C." showed the will of Henry Lawrence dated 21 June 1892 and June 1, 1893, one-third to wife Nancy in her life time; after death her dowry part was willed to Margaret by Henry, then the remaining to be sold to highest bidder and all proceeds to be divided equally among the heirs:

Margaret (Martha) wife of John Bondurant  
 Jane " " John Dodson  
 Samuel J.  
 John  
 Henry C.  
 J. N.  
 Nancy, now wife of John East  
 The children of Julia Francis, deceased wife of  
 M. Francis, to wit: Nannie Palmer, wife of Robert  
 Palmer, a minor without guardian and resident of  
 W. Va. Bettie Francis, a minor without guardian and  
 resident of Stokes County. Thos. Francis, a minor  
 without guardian and resident of Stokes County.

## CHAPTER IV, SUBSECTION 2

The Henry Lawrence estate of 153 acres, less 44 acres of wife Nancy's dowry, was sold to the highest bidder on 11 March, 1897 by S. A. Moir, Executor, to son Henry Clay Lawrence, for \$750.00 and witnessed by A. H. Joyce 11 March 1897.



## CHAPTER IV SECTION 5

The following are sons and daughters and history of the heirs of Henry and Nancy Cobler Lawrence:

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 1

Julia Ann Lawrence, daughter, born about 1852, died unknown. Married Melchisedeck Francis December 30, 1873; she 22 and he 25. They had children, unknown. She died prior to Henry's will which was dated June 21, 1892. Julia lived in Quaker Gap Township, Stokes County, N. C.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 2

Samuel Jesse Lawrence, son, born April 19, 1854, died January 1911. Married Nancy Moss January 14, 1875; he 21, she 16, Quaker Gap Township, Stokes County, N. C. They lived and were buried on their farm about two miles south of the former Francisco, Stokes County, N. C. Post Office.

Their children were:

Anna V., Alice and Mary Lilla.

Anna V. Lawrence, born about 1876, died unknown. Married Drewry Holt October 14, 1894; she 18, he 22. Had two children.

Alice Lawrence, born about 1877, died unknown. Married James Bondurant July 14, 1895; she 18, he 20. Lived on their farm adjoining her father's.

Their children:

Sons, Joseph and Kermit; daughters, Lellia and Edith.

Mary Lilla Lawrence, born about 1881, died in the 1970's. Married William P. Simmons December 26, 1901; she 20, he 22.

Had children.



## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 3

Mary Jane Lawrence Dodson, daughter, born April 19, 1859, died July 7, 1920. Married John Wesley Dodson May 22, 1892; she 30, he 40, Peters Creek Township, Stokes County, N. C. He was born October 8, 1859, died April 6, 1929. They lived near Danbury and in Walnut Cove, N. C., Stokes County.

## Their children:

Daughter, Kate Dodson Bennett, born June 25, 1895.  
Son, Dillard, born October 13, 1898.  
Daughter, Pearl Dodson Harger, born June 11, 1902,  
died November 17, 1953  
Son, Henry, died an infant.

Kate lives at East Bend, N. C. and Dillard died about 1973.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 4

James Nicholas Lawrence, son, born April 6, 1850 or 1860, died July 8, 1925. Married Isabella Martin November 14, 1878; she born August 30, 1859, died November 2, 1927. Marriage records at Danbury, N. C. show him 22, her 19, Peters Creek Township, Stokes County. They moved near Mt. Airy, Surry County, N. C. in the 1900's; buried near there.

## Their children:

Daughters: Mattie, Jennie, Nannie, Anna,  
Lula, Minnie and Maggie;  
Sons: Sanders and Robert.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 5

Henry Clay Lawrence, son of Henry and Nancy Cobler, born November 18, 1861 in Stokes County, N. C., died November 14, 1923, buried Dobson, Surry County, N. C. Married Susan Emma Moss of Patrick County, Va., born November 18, 1864, died September 21, 1904. Had ten children by Susan Emma Moss:

William Jesse, Henry Clay, Samuel, Thomas Jasper, Robert E., Charles Edgar, Susan, Claude Crocket, Alpha and John.

His second marriage was to Louise Blansett. Buried in Surry County, N. C.

Two children: Arthur Jackson and Elsie Louisa

William Jesse Lawrence, born October 26, 1886, died February 24, 1971. Married Katherine Virginia Shepard December 27, 1905; he 19, she 18. She was born April 4, 1888, Quaker Gap Township, Stokes County, N. C. They had 12 children.

Jesse lived a considerable time in Surry County, N. C. before moving near Greensboro, N. C. Most of his children live around Greensboro and High Point. Jesse was a retired farmer.

Henry Clay Lawrence, born April 5, 1888. Married (first) to Eva E. Blansett September 25, 1907; she born April 8, 1890, died July 6, 1919, Quaker Gap Township, Stokes County, N. C. Two children: Dorsey E. and Flossie.

Henry's second marriage was to Etta Mae Smith, July 3, 1920; she born April 18, 1896, Surry County, N. C. They had eight children.

Henry Clay was born in Stokes County, N. C., Quaker Gap Township. He moved to Surry County, where he owned and operated a tobacco farm for many years near Dobson. He was a supervisor in the operation of a tobacco warehouse in Winston-Salem, N. C., during season, for years. He retired at home on the farm. A dairy is being operated on his farm by his family.



Samuel Lawrence, born 1893, died 1955. Married Bertie George of Francisco, Stokes County, N. C. He owned and operated a tobacco farm near Francisco for many years. No children.

Thomas Jasper Lawrence, born May 5, 1894, died October 21, 1919. Served in the U. S. Army during World War I. Unmarried. Died after the war.

Robert E. Lawrence, born January 26, 1892, died October 27, 1941. Married Ima Ayers, born May 1, 1896, died April 20, 1967. Served in the U. S. Army. Later served as Chief of Police of Mt. Airy, Surry County, N. C. for many years, until his death. One Son: Robert E., Jr.

Charles Edgar Lawrence, born September 30, 1892, died March 20, 1929. Married Minnie Ring, born January 13, 1893, died September 16, 1958. They lived in Mt. Airy, N. C., Surry County. Four (4) children.

Susan Lawrence, born December 24, 1896. Married Eugene Hill April 2, 1921. He born August 14, 1883. Both live in Mt. Airy, N. C. Four (4) children.

Claude Crocket Lawrence, born May 15, 1899. Married Nellie M. Fitzgerald August 12, 1923. She born April 16, 1903. He retired and living near Sanford, Florida. Four children, all living near him. He was in the contracting building of homes in Alexandria, Va. before retiring to Florida.

Alpha Lawrence, born April 29, 1901. Married Carl Gentry. He died. She lives in Mt. Airy, N. C. Three (3) children.

John Lawrence, born January 1, 1903. Youngest child of Henry Clay and Susan Emma Moss. Married Mallie Carrico December 24, 1924. Retired and living in Mt. Airy. One son: Roy L.

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Roy Lawrence - married Jerene Reeves Lawrence - 3 children

Danny Ray Lawrence - married Margaret Yvonne White - 2 children - Michael Ray Lawrence & Jeffrey Allen Lawrence

Barbara Lawrence Martin - 3 children - 5 grand children.

Cindy Martin Summers - Stephanie Eberidge - Sonny Raegan

John L. Lawrence - married Terry - 1 child living Wilmington, N.C.



## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 6

Henry Clay Lawrence, son of Henry and Nancy Cobler Lawrence. Second marriage, was to Louisa Blansett. Two (2) children:

Arthur Jackson, born December 1908. Married Mildred Hall 1930. He was in the restaurant business for a number of years prior to purchasing a farm in Virginia on New River, where he and family operate a cattle farm. Five (5) children.

Elsie Louisa Lawrence, born January 22, 1913. Married Jim Cook November 23, 1928. Four (4) children. They live at Westfield, Surry County, N. C.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 7

Lucinda R. Lawrence, daughter, born 1864. Married George W. Hudson January 16, 1882; she 20 and he 23. Danbury, Stokes County, N. C. records. They had children.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 8

John Wesley Lawrence, son, born July 10, 1869, at Francisco, Stokes County, N. C., died February 5, 1948, same address. Married Sarah Elizabeth Francis December 23, 1888, same address, Quaker Cap Township, N. C. She was born July 19, 1871, died January 23, 1949, daughter of William Riley and Mary F. Aaron Francis. They married October 6, 1870; he born December 12, 1834, died July 14, 1907, she born June 15, 1852, died May 18, 1927.

After the marriage of John and Sarah, they moved into a cabin located on the approximately 100 acres of wooded land deeded to them by William Riley Francis. There they were pioneers in carving a living, raising a family, building a permanent home and raising mostly tobacco and corn. They had to cut down trees and clear the land before any planting could be done, because only two or three acres of land was ready for planting. They soon built a permanent home, where they reared a family of eleven (11) children, and they both died in this home.

John Wesley was one of the most progressive farmers in the area. As time went on he purchased equipment to make farming less difficult, such as a wheat binder, machinery for harvesting hay, etc. They both helped their neighbors when they needed more help to get things done. He was a real baseball and basketball fan. Actually I (John Graham) played on the same team many a time when he was umpire.



There were eleven (11) children born to John Wesley and Sarah:

Dovie Lee, William Henry, Grover Cleveland, Alpha, Eugene Vester, George Wesley, John Graham, Bessie Queva, Raymond, Woodrow Wilson, Welbern Richard.

Dovie Lee Lawrence Francis, daughter, born November 25, 1889 at Francisco, N. C., Stokes County, died February 19, 1972. Married Robert Edgar Lee Francis Marcy 10, 1907; he born February 22, 1882, died February 2, 1935.

Their farm adjoined that of John Wesley Lawrence. They were tobacco farmers. Lee Francis, in addition to being a farmer, also delivered mail in the rural area for the U. S. Post Office for many years. He was also a progressive farmer. The crops varied, such as tobacco, hay, oats, and a large apple orchard. Their children:

Luther Edgar, son, born March 17, 1908, died December 11, 1970. Married Lucy Hanks July 9, 1957; Lucy born June 13, 1907. Luther was buried at Francisco Presbyterian Church, Francisco, Stokes County, N. C. He served in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. He had a cattle farm and raised black angus.

Walter Graham, son, born March 19, 1915, died May 7, 1955. Married Mozelle Schuyler November 25, 1939; she born June 30, 1917. He served in the U. S. Marines during 1935. He was an independent tobacco buyer, during the season. Children:

Larry Graham, son, born February 1, 1943. Married Sandra Collins June 1963; she born April 16, 1945.

Jerry Eugene, son, born October 8, 1949. Graduated from Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C. Now teaches in private schools.

Gracie Maye Francis Cole, daughter, born December 18, 1917. Married Dr. John Walton Cole, Sr., November 27, 1937; he born March 2, 1909. She received her nursing training in Winston-Salem and practiced for a number of years as a registered nurse in Arkansas. She and Dr. John Cole now live in Malvern, Arkansas, where he is active in his medical practice.



Their children:

Charlie Francis, daughter, born September 13, 1938.  
Married Samuel Levon Chaffin.

Robin Lee, daughter, born October 9, 1940. Married  
James William Glass.

John Walton, Jr., son, born October 6, 1942. Married  
Jane Delorise Howard.

Jim Frank, son, born June 5, 1945. Served in the  
U. S. Marines in the Vietnam War.

Ella Louise Francis Palmer, born July 23, 1928. Married  
C. Glenn Palmer, February 14, 1951; he born December 15,  
1927. He served in the U. S. Army in the Korean War.  
She teaches in the public schools in Stokes County, N. C.  
Children:

Charles Glenn, son, born December 20, 1956.  
Leann Francis, born November 27, 1959.

All children of Dovie Lee and Robert Edgar Lee Francis  
were born at Francisco, Stokes County, N. C.

These children died very young, prior to their teens:  
Dewey, George, Roland and Robert Edward Lee.

William Henry, son, born April 12, 1891, died February 10, 1970.  
Married Birtie Smith February 14, 1915 of Francisco, Stokes  
County, N. C.; she born May 2, 1892. He owned a farm from time  
of marriage in the lower part of Stokes County, near the  
Rockingham County line, about five miles from Madison, N. C.  
He was buried at a church cemetery near his home. Three (3)  
children:

A daughter died as infant.

Landis Spencer, son, born on the family farm in Stokes  
County, N. C. Married Mary Esther Jones July 16, 1947;  
he 31 and she 30. He served in the U. S. Army during  
World War II. Now living on the original farm where he  
was born. No children.



Carlis Wain, son, born November 24, 1920. Married Lake Marie Tuttle, November 6, 1945; he 24, she 23. He served with the Navy on the Battleship "North Carolina" in the Pacific during World War II. Retired from the Navy, living in Norfolk, Va. Two (2) children:

Harold W., born February 22, 1947

Susan M., born July 2, 1951

Grover Cleveland, son, born April 9, 1893, died March 12, 1922. Married Iris Flippin, Francisco, N. C., December 27, 1914; he 21, she 16. He was buried at his parents' cemetery on the farm at Francisco, N. C. One (1) child:

Thama A., son, born October 12, 1917. Married Ann Barbee of Brooklyn, N. Y. in 1945. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. Now living in Brooklyn.

Alpha, daughter, born June 19, 1895, died July 15, 1897.

Eugene Vester, son, born June 4, 1897. Married Ollie Lawson October 22, 1917, Francisco, Stokes County, N. C.; he 20, she 16. Farmer and carpenter. Seven (7) children by first marriage:

Mozelle, Cathline, Eugene, Jr., Evelyn, Cecil, Bailey and Nerene.

Second marriage to Willie Foster. Now living in Arlington, Va. No children.

George Wesley, son, born June 7, 1900, died June 23, 1958. Married Myrtle Albert, January 19, 1935, he 35 and she 30. One (1) child:

Gary Wesley, son, born May 2, 1945.

John Graham, son, born June 24, 1904. Married Hazel May Dodgion September 5, 1931 at Wytheville, Va. She born May 4, 1905, daughter of William H. and Nannie Dodgion, Wytheville, Va.

He attended high school at King, N. C., Stokes County; also business schools and universities; National Business College, Roanoke, Va.; Northwestern University, Chicago; Benjamin Franklin University, Washington D. C.; and International Accountant Society, Chicago.

Retired from the Civil Service Commission, Dept. of the Army July 31, 1964, after almost 31 years of service in the Federal Government. As of this date, living at 3908 Fairfax Parkway, Alexandria, Va. 22312, Fairfax County, Va. Two (2) children:



Wallace Cornell, son, born August 1, 1932, Wytheville, Va. Grew up in Arlington County, Va., where he attended Washington-Lee High School. He attended and received B. A. and M. A. degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. He served in the U. S. Army.

Married Sue Horne of Blackwood, Va. April 16, 1951; she born August 27, 1932. Two (2) children:

Allen Roy, son, born October 15, 1958  
David Cornell, son, born October 16, 1962

Wallace, at the present time, is employed by the International Business Machine, Durham, N. C.

Joan Dolores, daughter, born July 19, 1937, Washington, D. C. She grew up in Arlington County, Va., where she graduated from Washington-Lee High School. She attended Art Institute in San Francisco, Calif., and Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond, Va.

Married Leonard M. Wallace, Carthage, Miss., March 15, 1956; he born May 7, 1935. Children three (3):

Catherine Ellen, daughter, born September 28, 1959.  
John Niles, son, born August 20, 1964.  
Matthew Lawrence, son, born June 11, 1973.

Joan and family reside in Jackson, Miss., where Leonard Wallace is employed as an electrician.

Bessie Queva Lawrence Goodwin, daughter, born September 5, 1906, died March 27, 1965. Married in 1935 to Roy Speight Goodwin; he born 1892, died 1966. Both buried in church cemetery at Ashby Heights, near McCain, N. C. No children.

Raymond, son, born July 16, 1910, died February 24, 1960. Buried at the family cemetery, Francisco, Stokes County, N. C. Unmarried.

Served in the U. S. Army during World War II.



Woodrow Wilson, son, born February 23, 1913, died May 7, 1955. Buried at Big Creek Church cemetery, Francisco, N. C. Married Eda Collins at Francisco, N. C. No children.

He was a tobacco farmer.

Welbern Richard, son, born May 15, 1916, died September 4, 1969. Buried in the family cemetery at Francisco, N. C.

At the time of his death he was a tobacco farmer; also employed by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.

First marriage was to Emily Marie Ayers, January 15, 1938. She was born January 4, 1916, died April 11, 1944. Two (2) children:

Norman Richard, son, born February 1, 1939  
William Green, son, born November 26, 1941

Second marriage was to Claudie Marie Gates, April 5, 1947. She was born June 26, 1920. Three (3) children:

Donald Gray, son, born January 3, 1950. Married Joyce Ann Kidd, July 10, 1971; she born April 12, 1953.

Sarah Mae, daughter, born March 7, 1951. Married Ray Southern, June 18, 1971. He was born February 17, 1951.

Terry Welbern Gates, son, born December 28, 1960.

#### CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 9

Nancy Lawrence, daughter, born about 1861. Married John F. East September 16, 1882; she 21 and he 21. No other records found.

#### CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 10

William, son, born about 1862. Died when he was about 18 years old, according to my father, John Wesley. The U. S. Census of 1880 showed he was 18.

#### CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 11

Sarah Martha Lawrence Bondurant, daughter, born 1872. Married John H. Bondurant December 21, 1893; she 20 and he 21. He was born January 26, 1873, died April 22, 1946. She was buried on his farm near the old Lawrence cemetery, where her father and mother, Henry and Nancy Cobler Lawrence, were buried.



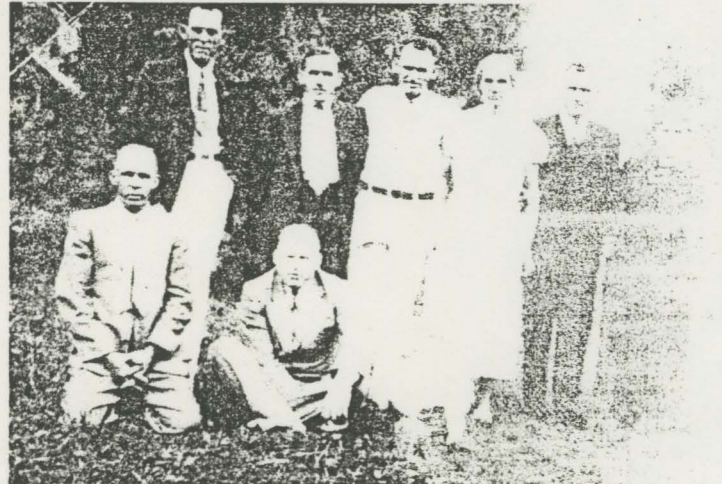
# The Family History Record

OF HENRY CLAY LAWRENCE, II



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Graves of Henry Clay Lawrence, II and William Emma Moss Lawrence. Henry Clay Lawrence is standing by his parents grave.



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One " " 1812	1812	Gone	Gone			
One " " 1815	1815	Gone	Gone			
Henry " 1817	1817	1817	1817	(1)		
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Dr. Charlie Lawrence of Winston-Salem, N. C. had a book tree of the Lawrence generation showing they came across the Atlantic Ocean with the early settlers to some place on the St. Lawrence River in Mass. and drifted south into Virginia. Henry Lawrence, my Grandfather as far as I can go back to Henry County Va. 18<sup>17</sup>. Then to Stokes County N.C. Married to Nancy Cobbler of Stokes County Settled on a place near Dan River Stokes County N.C. at that time owned slaves and farmed grown tobacco corn, wheat, and other crops that was grown at that time. I can remember seeing my aunts weave cloth for the family clothing.

Lawrence Tree

1957

Henry Lawrence -- Born <sup>1817</sup> 1817 in Henry County, Virginia

His wife -- Nancy Cobbler Lawrence

To their union was born 9 children-- William Lawrence, Samuel Lawrence, Nicholas Lawrence, John Wesley Lawrence, Henry Clay Lawrence Sr.

Girls - Julie, Nannie, Jane, Margret, all born in Stokes County, N.C.

Henry Clay Lawrence Sr. was married to Emma Moss of Patrick County, Va.

She died Sept. 1904.

To their union was born 10 children -- W. J. Lawrence, Henry Clay Lawrence, Jr. <sup>RE Lawrence</sup>, Samuel J. Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence, Charlie E. Lawrence, Claud C. Lawrence, John Lawrence, Susie Lawrence Hill, Alpha Lawrence Gentry, one unnamed, died at birth in Sept. 1904. Arthur and Elsie by second marriage.

Henry Clay Lawrence, Jr. married to Eva D. Blansett Sept 7, 1907

Two children--Dorsey E. and Flossie Lawrence

1920 married to Mae Smith of Surry County, N.C.

Eight children-- Graham S. Lawrence, Henry Davis Lawrence, Lois L. Brown, Helen L. Oullaw, Grey Lawrence, Juanita L. Thompson, Dorothy L. Adams, Betty Lou Lawrence



This sketch was prepared July, 1964 By W.R.L.

d: dead  
ma: married

CHARLOTTE ANN SMITH  
Born: Henry Co. Va.  
February, 21, 1830

Married 1846

WILLIAM A.

JAMES HARRISON LAWRENCE

Born: Henry Co. Va.  
October, 2, 1810

Died 1888 Buried at "Doss Quarters"  
White Plains, N.C.

James H. Lawrence married Elizabeth B. Pearson 1/9/1832

Witnessed by Arthur F. and Jesse Lawrence

He married Ann Smith November 1846

Witnessed by Henry Lawrence recorded in the Clerk of Court Office  
Henry County, Virginia.

ZELLA

mJesse HENRY

FurdlemSerepta

Campbell

TILDA

m, Jim

Owens

ANDREW J.

(Bud)

m, Winnie

Draughn

MATILDIA (TISH) CHRISTIAN

Born, October, 13, 1848

Died, February, 1936

married September 5, 1872  
Stokes Co. N.C.

This family from Stokes to Sur-  
County North Carolina in the  
fall of 1885. To a place known  
as (DOSS QUARTERS) near White  
Plains, N.C.

WILLIAM ANDERSON LAWRENCE

Born, June 2, 1849

Died September, 1913

Children: Robert, James, Charles  
Willis, Hartie, Luther

Their Children

ROBERT FRANKLIN, d

born, May 21, 1874

died, May 1961

married

Roda Simpson, d

Mary Fox

John Wiley

Herbert

Charles

Robert Jr.

George

Roberta

JAMES REID, d

born, April 6, 1876

died March 1963

married

Ella Hutchins,

she died Sept. 1941

ma. Lillian Badgett, --no children

Their Children

Percy

CHARLES SOLOMON (Doctor owned a Hospital in Winston )  
(Salem, N.C. also COL. in World War I)

Born August 1, 1878

Died June 1930

married

Alice Smith George, d

Their Children

Charles Jr.



9 December 1993

Dear Jo,

Enclosing the information on the Lawrence families. If this is too long, please feel free to delete last paragraph and use abbreviations when necessary. This was written in such a hurry that I hope it makes sense.

I will be mailing you a three ring binder to put at the Surry Community College in the genealogy collection. I will check to see if I have some more families in your area that would also be of interest to you.

Enclosing addresses of three libraries. Please send them your books. He especially need records of North Carolina ancestry here in Michigan. The library in Lansing is new, and they have very little on the shelves in the North Carolina section.

Jo, it was so nice to meet you. Please stay in touch with me.

Sincerely,

Marlene Haskin



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PEDIGREE CHART

DATE  
Marlene Lawrence Haskin  
 NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART  
3688 Mark Road  
 STREET ADDRESS  
Pontiac, Michigan 48054  
 CITY STATE

February 1988

ON CHART NO. 1

13 PETER BLANCHET, SR.  
 Born ca. 1740: Virginia  
 Died  
 LUCY ?  
 17 Rich. Beas.  
 Martha ?  
 Stokes Co.  
 Benjamin Beasley  
 Born Feb. 1760 Caroline Co.  
 (Rev. War) Virginia  
 30 Sept. 1791 Rachel Prather (in Stokes Co.)  
 Born 1769 Maryland  
 Isham Barnard (Senior)  
 Born 23 Dec. 1787 D-16 June 1871  
 Married: Feb. 26, 1805 Surry Co. N.C.  
 Sally Burch  
 Born 19 June 1785 Va.  
 Died 6 April 1863 {James Thompson  
 Nathaniel Thompson {Father  
 Ca. 1781 North Carolina in  
 (Bapt. Minister) Patrick Co  
 Virginia  
 Hannah Buchanan  
 Born ca. 1785 Virginia  
 ? Simmons  
 ?  
 Josiah Leake {Peter Leake  
 Hannah Wade  
 Born circa 1783 Va.  
 Susannah Applin  
 Born circa 1788 Va.  
 John & Mary Adair  
 Joshua Adams (Baptist Minister)  
 Born 25 Feb. 1791 Mar. 18 Dec. 180  
 Died 4 Sept. 1865 Stuart, Va.  
 Elizabeth Corn (Saml. & Eliz. Co  
 Born 20 Aug. 1788 N.C.  
 Died 15 Apr. 1857  
 Isham Barnard, Senior  
 Born 23 Dec. 1787  
 Died 16 June 1871, Kibler, Va.  
 Sally Burch (Wm. & Mary Burch)  
 Born 19 June 1785, Va.  
 Died 6 April 1863, Kibler, Va.

Blanchet  
 8 William M. Blancett  
 BORN circa 1794  
 WHERE Virginia (Patrick Co.)  
 WHEN MARRIED 7 Apr. 1816 Stokes Co. (Rev. War)  
 DIED 11 June 1881 N.C.  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 Susannah Beasley (1st Wife)  
 BORN 24 Feb. 1794  
 WHERE ? Stokes Co., N.C.  
 DIED ?  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 10 James Barnard  
 BORN 11 June 1814  
 WHERE Kibler, Patrick, Va.  
 WHEN MARRIED 18 Feb. 1836  
 DIED 20 Sept. 1881  
 WHERE  
 Elizabeth Thompson  
 BORN 3 March 1817  
 WHERE  
 DIED 25 April 1876  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 12 Samuel Greene Simmons  
 BORN 1803/4  
 WHERE North Carolina  
 WHEN MARRIED  
 DIED  
 WHERE  
 Louisa F. Leake  
 BORN 1809  
 WHERE Virginia  
 DIED  
 WHERE  
 14 Samuel Greene Adams  
 BORN 10 Oct. 1822  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 WHEN MARRIED 7 Sept. 1841  
 DIED 25 Sept. 1898  
 WHERE N.C., Surry Co.  
 15 Lucy Ann Barnard  
 BORN 6 Jan. 1824  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 DIED 3 May 1889  
 Adams Cem. Westfield N.C.

4 JAMES MADISON BLANCETT  
 BORN 19 March 1834  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 WHEN MARRIED 18 July 1855  
 DIED 30 Oct. 1918  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 Turman's Cem.  
 Meadows of Dan, Va.  
 5 Sarah Ann Barnard  
 BORN 18 Nov. 1836  
 WHERE Kibler, Patrick Co.  
 DIED 10 March 1886  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 Buried: Turmans Cem.  
 Meadows of Dan Va.

6 David Jackson Simmons  
 BORN 5 Nov. 1841  
 WHERE Stokes Co., N.C.  
 WHEN MARRIED 25 Mar. 1862  
 DIED 6 May 1913  
 WHERE Simmons Cem.

7 Sarah Elizabeth Adams  
 BORN 24 Nov. 1843  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 DIED 12 March 1933  
 WHERE Surry Co., N.C.  
 Simmons Cemetery

2 James William Blansett  
 BORN 3 Dec. 1856  
 WHERE Patrick Co., Va.  
 WHEN MARRIED  
 DIED 1 Feb. 1904  
 WHERE Surry Co., N.C.  
 Buried: Turman's Cem.  
 Meadows of Dan, Va.  
 Patrick County  
 Member: Bell Spurr Church  
 Primitive Baptist  
 Patrick Co., Va.  
 3 Louisa Ann Simmons  
 BORN 28 Dec. 1867  
 WHERE Stokes Co., N.C.  
 DIED 29 May 1952  
 WHERE Surry Co., N.C.  
 Simmons Cem.  
 Member Toms Creek  
 Prim. Baptist Church  
 (Surry Co., N. C.)

{2nd Marriage to:  
 Henry C. Lawrence, Sr. (II)

1 Eva Drucilla Blansett  
 BORN 8 April 1890  
 WHERE Stokes Co., N.C.  
 WHEN MARRIED 25 Sept. 1907  
 DIED 6 July 1919  
 WHERE Dobson, N. C.  
 Henry Clay Lawrence Jr. (III)  
 NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

She is buried in Flat Top  
 Primitive Baptist Church  
 Cemetery, Surry Co., N.C.  
 (Dobson)

GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR  
 BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION  
 WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES  
 BY NUMBER.



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Home place of Henry Clay Lawrence.

The Brothers and Sisters of Henry Clay Lawrence, II. Front Row - L to R - Sam, Bob - Back Row - Henry, John, Claude, Susie, Arthur, Alpha. Missing are Elsie and Jessie.



Graves of Henry Clay Lawrence, II and his Emma Moss Lawrence. Henry Clay Lawrence is standing by his parents grave.



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Emma Moss Lawrence.  
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Recorded in the Marriage Book in the Clerk's  
of Courts office in Henry County Virginia at  
Martinsburg Va.

James Lawrence married Martha Johnston  
Sept 14, 1801 and was witnessed by  
(Henry Lawrence)

It is believed that they had four  
sons as follows.  
Henry, Arthur F, Jesse, and James H.

The record shows the marriage as follows

Henry Lawrence married Gilley Allen  
February 5, 1820 witness by Jesse Lawrence

Arthur F. Lawrence married Polly Pearson  
December 29, 1830 witness by Henry Lawrence

1<sup>st</sup> time James H. Lawrence married Elizabeth Pearson  
January 9, 1832 witness by Jesse and Arthur F. Law  
no record of children

2<sup>nd</sup> time James H. Lawrence married Ann Smith  
November 1846 witness by Henry Lawrence

There is no record of Jesse  
Lawrence being married.



Jo  
Please put this copy of  
"Lawrence Family Research"  
in the Lawrence file at the  
Surry Community College  
in genealogy department.  
I am so anxious to find  
other Lawrence researchers.

3688 Mark Rd.  
Waterford, Mi.  
48328

Thanks,  
Marlene Hasbin



MARLENE LAWRENCE HASKIN  
3688 Mark Road  
Waterford, Michigan 48328-2340  
December 9, 1993

LAWRENCE FAMILY RESEARCH

William Lawrence, born circa 1760 probably in either Halifax or Pittsylvania County, Virginia. William Lawrence was married on 5 May 1785 to Rachel Fuller, daughter of Arthur Fuller, and Sarah (maiden name not known), of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

William had son, James H. Lawrence, born circa 1786 after the month of February in Pittsylvania County. Other genealogy records show him to be born several years earlier, however, with his parents marriage date and his War of 1812 Pension File records, the year 1786 seems to be accurate.

William's second son Jesse was born circa 1788, and third son Arthur Fuller Lawrence born circa 1800. William had daughters Nancy and Feroby (sometimes spelled Pherbe and Pherbey).

William Lawrence and family moved from Pittsylvania County to Henry County, Virginia. First land records in Henry County, Virginia:

HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Deed Book 5, pages 34,35, 7 November 1792

SAMUEL JOHNSON and WILLIAM LAWRENCE of Henry County to HENRY LAWRENCE of the same for the amount of one hundred pounds sells a tract it being the same tract conveyed from SAMUEL JOHNSON to said HENRY LAWRENCE and WILLIAM LAWRENCE and received 27 April 1789. . .it is requested by SAMUEL JOHNSON that deed is to be taken off records and the above to be recorded in it place. The land is 126 acres on both sides of Turkey Cock Creek adjoins the land of JOHN CUNINGHAM.

Wit: JAMES JOHNSON  
SAMUEL (x) HUGHES  
ALIJAH (x) HUGHES

SAMUEL JOHNSON  
WILLIAM (X) LAWRENCE

Procession: date above

DEED BOOK 5, pgs. 55-57, 9 November 1792

DAVID WATSON to  
WIT: HENRY (x) LAWRENCE

DEED BOOK 5, pgs. 100, 101, 4 December 1793,

JOHN GRAVELY and PEGGY GRAVELY his wife of the county of Henry to WILLIAM LAURANCE of the same convey for the sum of Sixty pounds 206 acres on Leatherwood Creek beginning at Twitty's corner, crosses Meethouse branch.

WIT: JAMES JOHNSTON  
JACOB COOLEY  
HENRY (x) LAURANCE  
ANDREW FORD

JOHN (x) GRAVELY  
PEGGY (x) GRAVELY

(NOTE: Above are on same page with same date.)



. . . I, WILLIAM LAURANCE the present owner of the above land agree that JOHN BURCH, Sr. is to have all the land from the fence that now stands as a dividing line between JOHN BURCH and JOHN GRAVELY in the way of a swap by JOHN BURCH, Senior and JOHN BURCH, Junior.

dated: 4 December 1793

Wit: JAMES JOHNSTON

JACOB COOLEY

DEED BOOK 5, pgs. 302,3, 23 July 1796,

WILLIAM BAYLES

WIT:

HENRY (x) LAWRENCE

DEED BOOK 6, pgs. 152-53, 25 February 1796,

WILLIAM BAILES, JR.

WIT;

WILLIAM AND HENRY LARRANCE

DEED BOOK 6, pg. 277, 30 March 1801,

JOSEPH MARTIN OF Henry County to WILLIAM LARRANCE of the same for a certain sum sells 26 acres on the east side of the north fork of Leatherwood Creek.

DEED BOOK 6, pg. 362-63, 16 April 1802

Inquest at the house of HENRY JONES on the waters of Leatherwood Creek where he intends to build a water grist mill, owns the land on both sides of the creek. RUBEN NANCE, THOMAS (x) CHAPMAN, ALEXANDER (x) MCCULLOCK, WILLIAM (x) LARRANCE, HENRY LARRANCE, BENJAMIN JONES, GEORGE WALLER, JR. JAMES MASTERS, THOMAS JETT, CHARLES ROYSTER and JOHN (x) CREASEY, HENRY (x) HEFFLEFINGER have examined the lands and affirm that no damage would be caused by overflowing. HENRY (x) HEFFLEFINGER gives his affirmation not oath.

WILL BOOK 3, page 303, 20 January 1831, Henry County, Virginia.

Inventory of HENRY LAWRENCE Estate,

Court held 11 April 1831, Inventory and Appraisal of estate of HENRY LAWRENCE, deceased recorded. (born circa 1755-1760?)

My note: This Henry Lawrance is the first in the records of Pittsylvania and Henry Counties, Virginia. He might be the Henry who married Patty, dau. of Arthur Fuller of Pittsylvania Co., Va.. In my opinion Henry Lawrance and William Lawrance were brothers, who married Fuller sisters, Patty and Rachel, both daughters of Arthur Fuller. This Henry Lawrance must be the father of the younger Henry Lawrence born circa 1798, age taken from 1850 and 1860 Census, Henry County, Va. William Lawrence did not name a son "Henry." The younger Henry Lawrence married Gilley Allen on 5 February 1820, Henry Co., Va. His will was dated 13 July 1861, and probated 12 May 1862, Henry Co., Va. He named his sons, Samuel, Darling, Meredith C., Henry, William, and John Lawrence. His daughters were, Sally Martin, Raney Law, Eleanor, Missouri, and Elizabeth. At this time I have no proof that William and Henry Lawrence were brothers. The time frame of marriage, land records, and their wills indicate they were of the same generation, with Henry Laurance probably a little older.



WILL BOOK 3, page 138, Henry County, Virginia

Will of WILLIAM LAWRENCE:

I WILLIAM LAWRENCE of Henry County a citizen of Virginia do make and ordain and declare this instrument to be my last will and testament working all others. Item: to my beloved wife RACHEL LAWRENCE, is my will and desire that she shall remain in possession of my land during her natural life. Also my stock of horses, hogs, sheep, and cattle, household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils that she shall retain them on the plantation for her benefit during her lifetime and at her death the above name stock of horses, hogs, sheep, and cattle, household, and kitchen furniture, and plantation tools to be equally divided among all my children.

Item: to my two sons Jesse Lawrence and Arthur Lawrence I give and bequeath to them and their heirs half of my tract of land forever. The other half I give and bequeath to my other three children namely James Lawrence, Nancy Lawrence, and Feroby Ferguson to be equally divided among them.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my two sons Jesse Lawrence and Arthur Lawrence executors to this my last will and testament.

WILLIAM (his X mark) LAWRENCE

TESTE

HENRY BARKSDALE

JOSEPH EDWARDS

At a court held for Henry County at the Court house on the 8th day of May 1826. The foregoing last will and testament of William Lawrence, deceased was exhibited in Court by Jesse Lawrence and Arthur Lawrence, the execrs. therein named proved by the subscribing witnesses hereunto and ordered to be recorded whereupon the said execors. made oath and entered into with security in the penalty of \$1000. conditioned as the law directs.

WILL BOOK 4, pg. 156, 26 February 1833, and 11 March 1833  
Settlement of accounts of WILLIAM LAWRENCE, deceased.

My Note: Henry and William Lawrence could not write their names, and records indicate they signed their signature with their "x mark".

HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 15 March 1833, INDENTURE between Nancy Lawrence, James Lawrence, and Susan his wife, Arthur Lawrence and Polly his wife, William Perkinson and Phereby his wife, all of the county of Henry, and the state of Virginia. The other part Jesse Lawrence. This is the sale of their share of land, 142 acres, on the north fork of Leatherwood Creek to Jesse Lawrence for \$284.00.

My note: The above sale of land indicates that their mother, Rachel (Fuller) Lawrence, was deceased. William's will left everything to his wife and nothing was to be divided until after her death. Daughter Nancy was still unmarried.

Who were the parents of Henry and William Lawrence?

What are the names of the children of the elder Henry Lawrence, and proof of who he married?

WILLIAM LAWRENCE and RACHEL FULLER had three sons:

JAMES H. LAWRENCE, SR.  
b: ca. 1786, Pittsylvania Co.  
m: 31 Aug. 1809, " " " "  
Susannah Woodall, d/o James  
(1st marriage)  
d: May 1880, Stokes Co., N.C.

Children of James H. Sr:

JAMES H. LAWRENCE, JR.  
b: 2 Oct. 1810, Henry Co., Va.  
m: 1st Elizabeth Pearson  
9 Jan. 1832, Henry Co., Va.  
m: 2nd Charlotte Anne Smith  
dau. of Nancy Smith  
Nov. 1846, Henry Co., Va.  
d: ?

JOHN LAWRENCE ?

HENRY LAWRENCE (I)  
b: 1817, Henry Co., Virginia.  
m: ca. 1851, marriage record not  
in Henry Co. Courthouse. Suspected  
loss in Courthouse fire. Need  
Lawrence family Bible record!  
He married Nancy B. Cobler, the  
daughter of John Cobler and Sarah  
Bouldin of Henry Co., Virginia.  
Henry and Nancy Lawrence moved to  
Stokes Co., N.C. where they raised  
a large family. Both died and were  
buried in Stokes Co., North Carolina.

CHARLES LAWRENCE ?  
b: ca 1820, Pittsylvania Co., Virginia.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE ?

The four daughters, according to the 1820  
and 1830 U.S. Census, were all born between  
1810 and 1825. None of them have been  
identified.

My ancestral line is through Henry Lawrence (I) and Nancy B. Cobler.

I would like to contact other Lawrence family researchers.

JESSE LAWRENCE  
b:  
m: No recored of  
marriage found.  
d: ?

ARTHUR F. LAWRENCE  
b:  
m: Polly Pearson  
29 Dec. 1830  
Pittsylvania Co.,  
Virginia.

d: ?  
Children of Arthur:  
(1850 Census, Henry  
Co., Virginia)

Elizabeth Lawrence  
b: ca. 1833

Letitia Lawrence  
b: ca. 1838

Fenley Lawrence  
b: ca. 1840

William Lawrence  
b: ca. 1842

Note: Arthur's wife  
may have died by the  
1850 Census. He was  
residing with Jesse,  
his brother. The  
middle initial "F"  
in his name probably  
is for "Fuller,"  
which was his  
mothers maiden name.



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DOBSON, N. C.

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Henry Clay Lawrence III	Born: April 5, 1888
Eva D. Lawrence	▪ April 8, 1890
Dorsey E. Lawrence	▪ Feb. 15, 1909
Flossie M. Lawrence	▪ Nov. 7, 1911
Mae Smith Lawrence <i>Second wife</i>	▪ April 18, 1896
Graham Smith Lawrence <i>Son</i>	▪ July 9, 1921
Susie Lois Lawrence <i>D</i>	▪ Dec. 12, 1922
Mary Helen Lawrence <i>D Dead</i>	▪ April 5, 1924
Henry Davis Lawrence <i>Son</i>	▪ July 22, 1925
Ernest Gray Lawrence <i>Son</i>	▪ Aug. 26, 1928
Myrtle Juanita Lawrence <i>D</i>	▪ Dec. 17, 1932
Berethy Ann Lawrence <i>D</i>	▪ May 25, 1935
Betty Lou Lawrence <i>D</i>	▪ March 20, 1939

Eva D. Lawrence died July 6, 1919 *First wife*

Susan Emma Moss: died Sept. 21, 1904 Born: Nov. 18, 1864 *Grand mother*

Henry Clay Lawrence, Sr, <sup>you #</sup> died Nov. 14, 1923, Born: May 22 1861

Henry Clay Lawrence, III, & Eva D. Blansett of Stokes County, N. C. were married Sept. 25, 1907 at the old home on Big Creek. By the Rev. E. M. Barnard of Stuart, Va.

Witnesses By: D. J. Sizemore, & H. G. Blansett

*Wife P Moss of Stuart Va*  
*born ~~Nov 16~~ Nov 16 - 1829 Died May 16 1864*  
*Easter Merrim Moss. Born May 1, 1837 Died April 1, 1930*



December 5, 1966

Recorded in the marriage book in the Clerks Office of  
Henry County Virginia, Martinsville, Virginia.

James Lawrence married Martha Johnston, September  
14, 1801, and was witnessed by Henry Lawrence.  
It was believed they had four sons, Henry, Arthur F.,  
Jesse and James H.

Henry Lawrence married Billy Allen, February 5, 1820,  
witnessed by Jesse Lawrence

Arthur F. Lawrence married Billy Pearson, December  
29, 1830, witnessed by Henry Lawrence.

James H. Lawrence married Elizabeth Pearson, January  
9, 1832.

James H. Lawrence married Ann Smith, second wife,  
November, 1846 witnessed by Henry Lawrence. He is  
supposed to be our Great Great Grandfather.

*HCL*

James Harrison Lawrence born in Henry County Virginia,  
October 2, 1810.

He married Elizabeth B. Pearson, January 9, 1832,  
witnessed by Arthur F. and Jesse Lawrence.  
Married second time to Ann Smith, November, 1846,  
witnessed by Henry Lawrence recorded in the Clerks  
of Court Office, Henry County, Virginia.

This man is supposed to be my Great Grandfather,  
Henry Clay Lawrence, III, of Route 1, Dobson,  
North Carolina, Surry County.

James (Jimmie) Harrison Lawrence born 1771, died 1870  
at age 108. This name was furnished by Sarah Francis  
Lawrence of Francisco, North Carolina, Stokes County.  
(This is the first in the generation recorded.)

*that I have  
HCL*



NOVEMBER 14, 1966

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Recorded below was furnished from memory in 1940 by my mother Sarah Elizabeth Francis Lawrence, wife of my father John Wesley Lawrence:

Father

Birth

John Wesley Lawrence

July 10, 1869 -- Feb. 5, 1948

Grandfather

Henry Clay Lawrence # 10+

1817

1896

Greatgrandfather

James (Jimmie) Harrison Lawrence

1771 (1)

1879 (age 108)

William Andrew (brother to Jimmie)

No dates

Grandmother

Greatgrandmother

Nancy Woodall (Jimmie's wife)

No dates

Grandmother

Mary Cobler (Henry Clay's wife) 110

1890

April 15, 1900 Approx. 77 yr. old

Greatgrandfather

John Cobler

no dates

Greatgrandmother

Sarah Bowling

No dates

age 90 yrs.

Greatgreatgrandfather

John Cobler

No dates

Greatgreatgrandmother

John Bowling

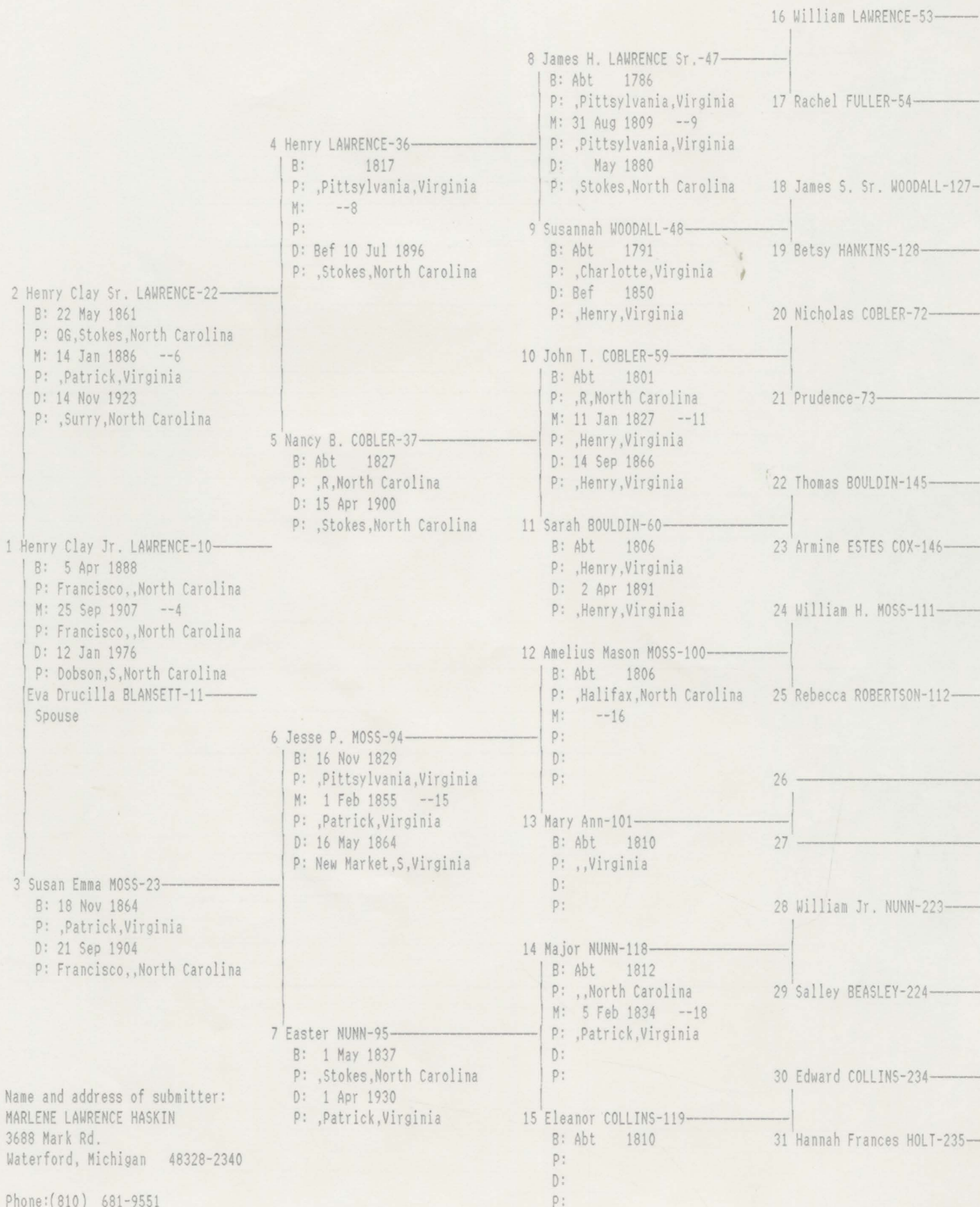
no dates

John Graham Lawrence  
845 So. Glebe Rd.  
Arlington, Va. 22204

PEDIGREE CHART

9 Dec 1993

Chart no. 1



Name and address of submitter:  
 MARLENE LAWRENCE HASKIN  
 3688 Mark Rd.  
 Waterford, Michigan 48328-2340

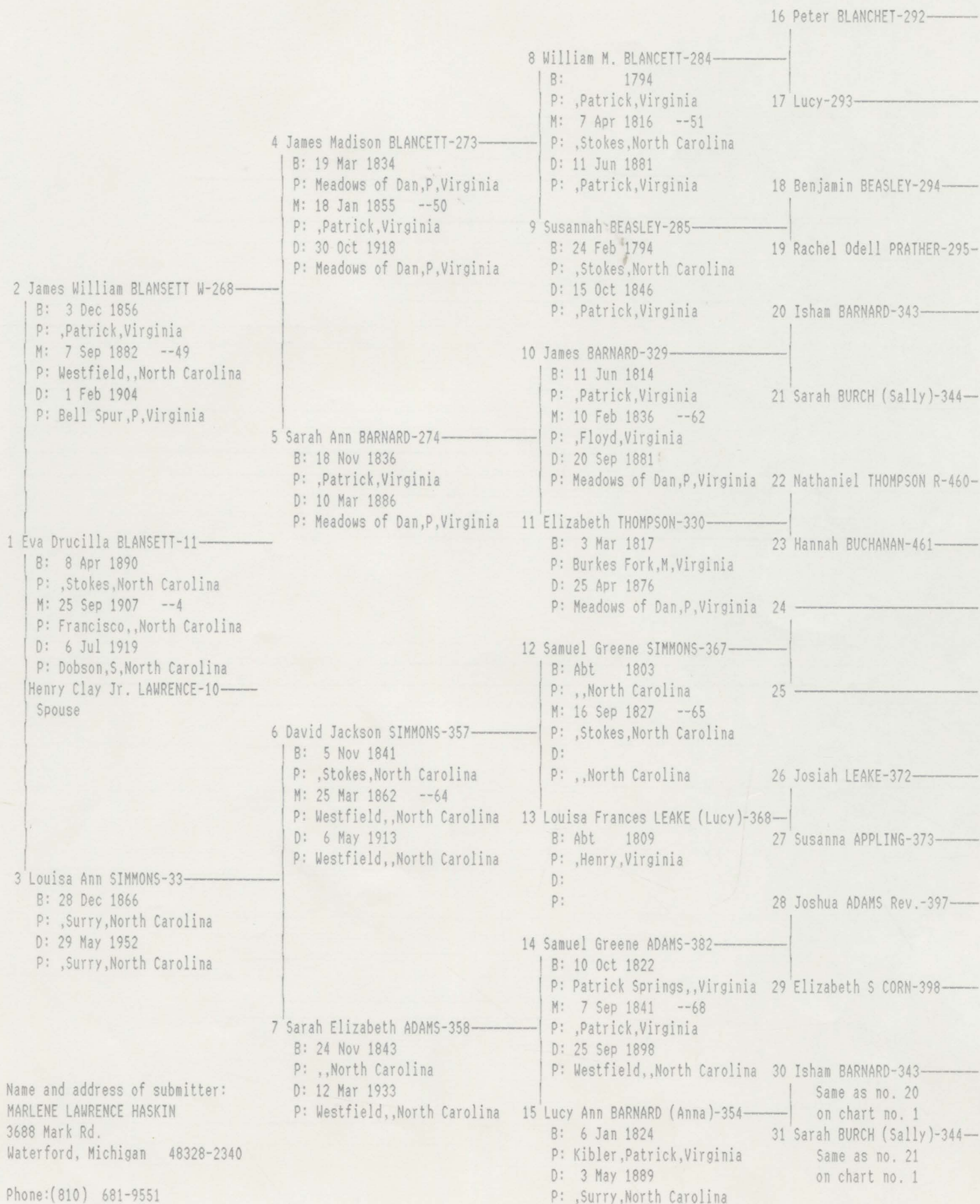
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Jo,  
These updated five generation charts are to replace the old ones in the Lawrence file folder. They were attached to someone elses research. Would you please return the old ones to me.

Thank you,  
Marlene Haskin



Henry: This a copy  
of John letter:  
wh.

November 14, 1966

Mr. Wade Lawrence,  
1539 Rivermont Heights,  
Martinsville, Va.

I am John Graham Lawrence, born at Francisco, N. C. the son  
of John Wesley Lawrence.

A Chas. S. Lawrence, 3741 N. Riding Road, Winston Salem  
gave me your name that I may be able to get more information  
regarding the Lawrence family tree. A Chas Lawrence in Mt. Airy  
a son-of grand son of Clay Lawrence and a son of Chas gave me  
the Chas. S. address.

I am attaching a list No. 1 containing my father, grandfather, and  
greatgrandfather and then the fathers  
and mothers on my Grandmother side.

No. 2 brothers and sisters of my father  
John Wesley Lawrence

No. 3 Sons and daughters of John Wesley Lawrence  
of whom I am a son.

I hear that Grandfather Henry Clay Lawrence came to N. C. from  
Henry County, Va. Is this correct according to your information?

Will you please furnish me with any information you have that is  
not listed in the attached. I am now retired and will have more  
time to do some researching and tracing and maybe I can follow  
the family back some distance. I have a son who lives in Durham  
and as soon as you furnish me your information I will give him  
a copy and he will see what he can find in Raleigh Library. I  
will then go to Richmond, Va. and see what I can find.

I will furnish you with any information we can find, but it will  
take time.

If at any time you are up this way be sure to call on us. We  
are just south of Hy. 50 eight blocks on Glebe Rd.

Sincerely,

*John G. Lawrence*  
John G. Lawrence  
845 S. Glebe Rd.  
Arlington, Va. 22204



1  
Note from John Lawrence

Aug. 3, 1967

Dear Henry:

The attached is what I have been trying to get together is the reason why I have not written sooner. Until recently I did not have much to tell you. Take a look at what I have even though there is a lot of stuff in it and let me know what you think. I put all I found in it because I did not want to have to go back through my notes again to did it out later.

As I have written Wade, the nearest thing I have found to our family if the ones listed on page # 6 of the attached under Sept. 19, 1850 census. The age of Henry 33 figures out close to the one on page # 2 on census 1870 in comparison and our grandmother Nancy shown on page # 6 Aug. 15, 1850 and the one on page # 2 works out very close in comparison. And the James under Sept. 19, 1850 I hope to be able to prove that he is our greatgrandfather. If we can find where they are listed on the census prior to 1850 maybe we ~~can~~ can identify the whole family. Wade's greatgrandfather James Harrison had moved to N. C. prior to the 1850 census, see listing on page # 3 attached, as Zillah # was 22 in 1870 therefore James had moved to N. C. prior to 1850.

My wife and I spent the day in Richmond yesterday and boy this is some job digging this up. We spent two days in Raleigh and more than half a day in Danbury and we might have to go back to Richmond and Henry Co.

Let me know what you can add to this and we might be able to identify our greatgrandfather. I think I have located him for the first time on the 1850 census but we must get more information.

I hope my wife and I can be with you at the reunion. Let me know just where it is going to be so we will know the exact spot.

Waiting to hear from you.

Regards,

John

P. S. Is Claude and Nellie coming to the reunion? They were coming up here during the summer but I have not heard from them. Hope they make it.



OCTOBER 10, 1966

The following is the family of John Wesley and Sarah Elizabeth Francis Lawrence born at Francisco, Stokes County, N.C.:

*these were done by a  
aunt & uncle*

	<u>Birth</u>			<u>Death</u>	
John Wesley Lawrence	July	10,	1869	February	5, 1946
Sara Elizabeth	July	19,	1871	January	23, 1949
Dovie (Daughter)	November	25,	1889		
William N. (Son)	April	12,	1891		
Grover C. (Son)	April	9,	1893		1922
Alpha (Daughter)	July	16,	1892	June	19, 1925
Eugene V.	June	4,	1897		
George Wesley	June	7,	1899	June	1953
John C.	June	24,	1904		
	September	5,	1906	March	27, 1965
Woodrow W.	July	10,	1910	February	24, 1960
	February	29,	1913	May	7, 1953
Welborn R.	November	15,	1916		

Prepared by John G. Lawrence  
845 S. Glebe Rd  
Arlington, VA 22204

Prepared from official records.

*note*

THE FOLLOWING GENEALOGY INFORMATION ON THE LAWRENCE FAMILY OF JOHN G. LAWRENCE WAS OBTAINED THROUGH RESEARCH BY JOHN G. LAWRENCE AND WIFE HAZEL FROM THE RECORDS AND DATES AS INDICATED BELOW:

Raleigh, N.C. Archives, June 10, 1967

Examined the following:

- 1. Index of orginial wills in archives of Stokes County original wills.

No Lawrence listed

- 2. War of 1812 - Muster Rolls Index

Muster Rolls of the soldiers of the war 1812; Detached from the militia of N.C. in 1812 and 1814. Published in pursuant of the resolutions of the General Assemble of N.C. January 21, 1951, Raleigh, N.C. 1851. Reprinted 1926 by Barber Printing Co, Winston-Salem, N.C.

- Lawrence, Abram p. 36- 8th Company Detached from Granville Regiment.
" Benjamin p. 78- Northampton Company
" Caleb p. 40- 2nd Company Detached from First Guilford Regiment.
" Malachi p.118 Wilkes Company
" Reubin p. 65 3rd company Detached from Bertie Regiment

- 3. Marriage bonds Vol. 2, Groom Index I through S

Table with 3 columns: Groom, Bride, Date. Rows include Lawrence, Willis; Sarah Bennet; September 17, 1839; Lawrence, Willis; Chana Stultz; December 17, 1846; Lawrence, George W.; Ciney J. Martin; November 21, 1960.

- 4. Index of war of 1812 Vouchers alphabetical list of War 1812 Vouchers. Prepared March 1962 by Maurice S. Tolfer, Archivist II:

Table with 2 columns: Name, County. Rows include Lawrence, Abraham, Pvt; Granville; Lawrence, James, Pvt; Chowan; Lawrence, Joshua, Pvt; Chowan; Lawrence, Watson, 3rd Sgt; Carteret; Lawrence, Peter, Pvt; Chowan; Lawrence, David Pvt; Carteret.



CENSUS 1870

QUAKER GAP TOWNSHIP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age Last Birth Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>
LAWRENCE, James H.	60 +	VA
Chas	50	VA
Zillah A.	22	NC
William	21	NC
Matildia	16	NC
Henry	14	NC
Andrew J.	7	NC

CENSUS 1860 POPULATION SCHEDULES, N.C.  
 SAMPSON - YANCY COUNTIES  
 Film 2.50P  
 Post Office Danbury Page 127

John Lawrence age 22 or (42) farm leased  
 George Lawrence age 26 on page 179 of schedule

Reviewed Census 1840 and 1850 Population Schedules, N.C. for  
 Rutherford - Yancy Counties, Film 2.3P for 1840  
 Film 2.40P for 1850  
 Nothing shown on either film

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AT DANBURY, STOKES COUNTY, N.C. JUNE 14, 1967

1. Were informed that there were no records maintained on birth or on deaths prior to year 1913.
2. The record of the dowery of Nancy Lawrence shown that Henry C. Lawrence died 28 September 1896.
3. Henry C. Lawrence's estate of 153 acres less 44 acres of wife Nancy dowery was sold to the highest bidder on 11 March 1897 by S.A. Moir, executor to Henry C. Lawrence for \$750.00, and wit. by A.R. Joyce, 11 March 1897

AT DANBURY, STOKES COUNTY, N.C.

4. RECORDS OF WILLS BOOK 9, Stokes County Page 402

Will of Henry Lawrence 21 June 1892 and June 1, 1893, one third to wife Nancy her life time then all to be sold at highest bidder and all proceeds to be devided equally among heirs:

- Margaret        wife of John Bondurant
- Jane            wife of John Dodson
- Samuel J
- John
- Henry C.
- J.N.

Nancy now wife of John East. The children of Julia Francis deceased wife of M. Francis to wit: Nannie Palmer, wife of Robert Palmer, A minor without guardian, and resident of W. Va. Bettie Francis, a minor without guardian and resident of Stokes County, Thos. Francis a minor without guardian and residence of Stokes County.

Sworn before N.C. Petree, C.S.C. 10 July 1896

5. Index to Real Estate Conveyances L through M. Grantees from 1787 Stokes County, N.C. Page 97 - Grantees:

Lawrence, William year 1826 recorded in register book 9 page 3, kind of instrument, "B-Salo". Grantor Elizabeth Bostick", purchased negro child 1 yr 9 mos. for \$87.00, name, "SALINA"

You will not that some of the records shows the family name as Laurence and others Lawrence, I feel that the spelling of Laurence was made in error by the ones keeping the records , as I doubt the family ever spelled their name other than Lawrence since it was originally established in English.



THE FOLLOWING WAS OBTAINED FROM THE STATE LIBRARY  
AT RICHMOND, VA ON AUGUST 2, 1967 BY JOHN G. AND  
HAZEL M. LAWRENCE, ARLINGTON, VA.

AT RICHMOND, VA

- 1. Henry County, Virginia, General Index to marriages of males A through L 1853-1949. Reel #30 Positive.

The writing was so dim that we could not identify any names.

- 2. Henry County, Virginia Index to marriage registers 1778 - 1849  
Marriage register 1778- 1849  
Reel # 37 Positive

In addition to what Wade Lawrence furnished me November 20, 1966 regarding James Lawrence marrying Martha Johnson and others on the same page we found:

Ferbe Lawrence married William Perkinson January 10, 1825  
Rayney " married James B. Law November 28, 1846  
her father Henry Lawrence - wit: Darling and Samuel Lawrence

Arthur F. Lawrence's Minister was Richard B. Beck. --  
On Reel #37 shows John Cobler married Sally Boulden  
January 11, 1827 -- Minister Arnold Walker. These are the  
parents of my grandmother Nancy Cobler, wife of my grandfather  
Henry Lawrence who died September 28, 1896. These will be  
listed below under 1850 Census as of August 15, 1850.

- 3. Virginia 1820 Census Schedule of list of Inhab. Henry and Nancemond counties showed NONE.
- 4. 1830 Census Henry showed NONE. Spetalvania County page 88 shows under William Lawrence the following:

	<u>Under Willis Lawrence</u>
1 of 5 and under 10 years	1 Under 5 yrs.
2 of 15 " " 20 years	1 of 5 and under 10 years
1 of 20 " " 30 years	1 of 30 " " 40 years
1 of 50 " " 60 years	1 under 5
1 of 40 " " 50 years	1 of 10 under 15 years
1 under 5 years	1 of 30 under 40 years

- 5. 1840 Census Henry County Reel 38 Positive shows NONE.

This sketch was prepared July, 1964 by W.A.L.

d: dead  
ma: married

CHARLOTTE ANN SMITH  
Born; Henry Co. Va.  
February, 21, 1830

Married 1846

JAMES HARRISON LAWRENCE  
Born: Henry Co. Va.  
October, 2, 1810  
Died 1888 Buried at "Doss Quarters"  
White Plains, N.C.

WILLIAM A.

ZELLA  
mJesse HENRY  
FurdlemSerepta  
Campbell

TILDA ANDREW J.  
m, Jim (Bud)  
Owens m, Winnie  
Draughn

James H. Lawrence married Elizabeth B. Pearson 1/9/1832  
Witnessed by Arthur F. and Jesse Lawrence  
He married Ann Smith November 1846  
Witnessed by Henry Lawrence recorded in the Clerk of Court Office  
Henry County, Virginia.

MATILDIA (TISH) CHRISTIAN  
Born, October, 13, 1848  
Died, February, 1936

married September 5, 1872  
Stokes Co. N.C.

This family from Stokes to Surry  
County North Carolina in the  
fall of 1885. To a place known  
as (DOSS QUARTERS) near White  
Plains, N.C.

WILLIAM ANDERSON LAWRENCE  
Born, June 2, 1849  
Died September, 1913

Children: Robert, James, Charles  
Willis, Hartie, Luther

Their Children  
ROBERT FRANKLIN, d Mary Fox  
born, May 21, 1874 John Wiley  
died, May 1961 Herbert  
married Charles  
Roda Simpson, d Robert Jr.  
George  
Roberta

Their Children  
JAMES REID, d Percy  
born, April 6, 1876  
died March 1963  
married  
Ella Hutchins,  
she died Sept. 1941  
ma. Lillian Badgett, ---no children

CHARLES SOLOMON (Doctor owned a Hospital in Winston )  
(Salem, N.C. also Col. in World War I)  
Born August 1, 1878 Their Children  
Died June 1930 Charles Jr.  
married  
Alice Smith George, d



WILLIS FULTON LAWRENCE Their Children  
 born, September 18, 1880 Troy, d Kermit, d  
 died, December, 1937 Dora, d Virginia  
 married Lena, d (Claude ) twins  
 Etta Smith William, d (Clyde, d )  
 Oscar, d Ruth

LAURA HARTIE LAWRENCE Their Children  
 born March, 1882 Charles, d Ray  
 died March, 1954 Roscoe Reid  
 married Annie, d Alice  
 Will Hiatt Burton Dillard  
 Alma Effie  
 Fred Garfield

MARTIN LUTHER LAWRENCE Their Children  
 born April 15, 1884 Dillard Perry  
 Stokes County, N.C. Eileen Glenn  
 married Walter Lela  
 Pearl Shinault (Tom) twins Gladys D  
 (Lula D) Rachel  
 Wade Albert

Woodrow Wilson, son, born February 23, 1913, died May 7, 1955. Buried at Big Creek Church cemetery, Francisco, N. C. Married Eda Collins at Francisco, N. C. No children.

He was a tobacco farmer.

Welbern Richard, son, born May 15, 1916, died September 4, 1969. Buried in the family cemetery at Francisco, N. C.

At the time of his death he was a tobacco farmer; also employed by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.

First marriage was to Emily Marie Ayers, January 15, 1938. She was born January 4, 1916, died April 11, 1944. Two (2) children:

Norman Richard, son, born February 1, 1939

William Green, son, born November 26, 1941

Second marriage was to Claudie Marie Gates, April 5, 1947. She was born June 26, 1920. Three (3) children:

Donald Gray, son, born January 3, 1950. Married Joyce Ann Kidd, July 10, 1971; she born April 12, 1953.

Sarah Mae, daughter, born March 7, 1951. Married Ray Southern, June 18, 1971. He was born February 17, 1951.

Terry Welbern Gates, son, born December 28, 1960.

#### CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 9

Nancy Lawrence, daughter, born about 1861. Married John F. East September 16, 1882; she 21 and he 21. No other records found.

#### CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 10

William, son, born about 1862. Died when he was about 18 years old, according to my father, John Wesley. The U. S. Census of 1880 showed he was 18.

#### CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 11

Sarah Martha Lawrence Bondurant, daughter, born 1872. Married John H. Bondurant December 21, 1893; she 20 and he 21. He was born January 26, 1873, died April 22, 1946. She was buried on his farm near the old Lawrence cemetery, where her father and mother, Henry and Nancy Cobler Lawrence, were buried.



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# Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Marlene Lawrence Haskin  
 Address 3688 Mark Road  
 City, State Pontiac, Michigan 48054  
 Date June 5, 1985

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 James H. Lawrence, Sr.  
 ca 1785 (Father of No. 4)  
 b. Virginia  
 p.b. Virginia  
 m. 31 Aug. 1809 Pittsylvania  
 d. May 1880-Stokes Co.  
 p.d. North Carolina

4 Henry Lawrence  
 1817 (Father of No. 2)  
 b. Henry Co., Va.  
 p.b. Henry Co., Va.  
 m. ca. 1851-Henry  
 d. 28 Sept. 1896  
 p.d. Stokes Co., N.C.

2 Henry Clay Lawrence, Sr.  
 22 May 1867 (Father of No. 1)  
 b. Stokes Co., N. C.  
 p.b. Stokes Co., N. C.  
 m. Jan. 12, 1886 -Patrick Co.  
 d. 14 Nov. 1923  
 p.d. Surry Co., N. C.

5 Nancy Cobler  
 1829 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. Henry Co., Va.  
 p.b. Henry Co., Va.  
 d. 15 April 1900  
 p.d. Stokes Co., N. C.

Henry Clay Lawrence, Jr.  
 b. 5 April 1888  
 p.b. Stokes Co., N. C.  
 m. 25 Sept. 1907 Stokes Co., N.C. (1st Wife)  
 d. 12 Jan 1976  
 p.d. Surry, Co., N. C. (Dobson)

6 Jesse P. Moss  
 16 Nov. 1829 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. Va.  
 p.b. Va.  
 m. 8 Feb. 1855  
 d. 16 May 1864  
 p.d. Va. (Civil War)

3 Susan Emma Moss (1st Wife)  
 18 Nov. 1864 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. Patrick Co., Va.  
 p.b. Patrick Co., Va.  
 m. 21 Sept. 1904  
 d. Stokes Co., N. C.

7 Easter Nunn  
 4 May 1837 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. Stokes Co., N. C.  
 p.b. Stokes Co., N. C.  
 d. 1 April 1930  
 p.d. Patrick Co., Va.

3va Drucilla Blansett (First Wife)  
 8 Apr. 1890 (Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. Stokes Co., N.C.  
 p.b. Stokes Co., N.C.  
 d. 6 July 1919  
 p.d. Surry Co., N.C.

b. ?  
 p.b. ?  
 d.  
 p.d.

10 John Cobler  
 ca 1801 (Father of No. 5)  
 b. Rockingham Co., N.C.  
 p.b. Rockingham Co., N.C.  
 m. 11 Jan. 1827-Henry Co.  
 d. 14 Sept. 1866  
 p.d. Henry Co., Va.

11 Sally Bouldin  
 ca 1808 (Mother of No. 5)  
 b. Henry Co., Va.  
 p.b. Henry Co., Va.  
 d. 2 April 1891  
 p.d. Henry Co., Va.

12 Mason Moss  
 ca 1806 (Father of No. 6)  
 b. Va.  
 p.b. Va.  
 m. ?  
 d. ?  
 p.d. ? Stokes Co., N.C.

13 Mary  
 ca 1810 (Mother of No. 6)  
 b. Va.  
 p.b. Va.  
 d.  
 p.d.

14 Major Nunn  
 ca 1815 (Father of No. 7)  
 b. N. C.  
 p.b. N. C.  
 m. 5 Feb. 1834  
 d.  
 p.d.

15 Eleanor Collins/Collings  
 5 Jan 1834 (Mother of No. 7)  
 b. Patrick Co., Va.  
 p.b. Patrick Co., Va.  
 d.  
 p.d.

16 William Lawrence  
 b. (Father of No. 6, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m. 5-5-1785 Pittsylvania

17 Rachel Fuller  
 b. (Mother of No. 6, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

18 James Woodall  
 b. (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

19 ?  
 b. (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

20 Nicholas Cobler  
 b. ca 1769 Va. (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

21 Prudence ? Rockingham N.C.  
 m. ?  
 d. ca 1859 will  
 b. (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

22 Thomas Bouldin (III)  
 b. 1762 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

23 Armine Cox  
 m. 14 Oct. 1800-Stokes  
 d. 21 April 1845-Henry  
 b. (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

24 ?  
 b. (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

25 ?  
 m.  
 d. (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

26 ?  
 b. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

27 ?  
 m.  
 d. (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

28 William Nunn  
 b. ? (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

29 Sally Beasley  
 m. ? (2nd Wife)  
 d. 1825-Stokes Co., N.C.  
 b. (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

30 Edward Collings/Collin  
 b. ca 1780 N.C. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

31 Hannah Holt Patrick C  
 d. ? Va 1850 Census  
 b. ca 1782 N.C. (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

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Letter from John Lawrence

Aug. 3, 1967

Dear Henry:

The attached is what I have been trying to get together is the reason why I have not written sooner. Until recently I did not have much to tell you. Take a look at what I have even though there is a lot of stuff in it and let me know what you think. I put all I found in it because I did not want to have to go back through my notes again to did it out later.

As I have written Wade, the nearest thing I have found to our family if the ones listed on page # 6 of the attached under Sept. 19, 1850 census. The age of Henry 33 figures out close to the one on page # 2 on census 1870 in comparison and our grandmother Nancy shown on page # 6 Aug. 15, 1850 and the one on page # 2 works out very close in comparison. And the James under Sept. 19, 1850 I hope to be able to prove that he is our greatgrandfather. If we can find where they are listed on the census prior to 1850 maybe we ~~can~~ can identify the whole family. Wade's greatgrandfather James Harrison had moved to N. C. prior to the 1850 census, see listing on page # 3 attached, as Zillah # was 22 in 1870 therefore James had moved to N. C. prior to 1850.

My wife and I spent the day in Richmond yesterday and boy this is some job digging this up. We spent two days in Raleigh and more than half a day in Danbury and we might have to go back to Richmond and Henry Co.

Let me know what you can add to this and we might be able to identify our greatgrandfather. I think I have located him for the first time on the 1850 census but we must get more information.

I hope my wife and I can be with you at the reunion. Let me know just where it is going to be so we will know the exact spot.

Waiting to hear from you.

Regards,

John

P. S. Is Claude and Nellie coming to the reunion? They were coming up here during the summer but I have not heard from them. Hope they make it.



THE FOLLOWING GENEALOGY INFORMATION ON THE LAWRENCE FAMILY OF JOHN G. LAWRENCE WAS OBTAINED THROUGH RESEARCH BY JOHN G. LAWRENCE AND WIFE HAZEL FROM THE RECORDS AND DATES AS INDICATED BELOW:

Raleigh, N. C. Archives, June 9, 1967

Examined the followings

1. Index of original wills in archives of Stokes County original wills.

No Lawrence listed

2. War of 1812 - Muster Rolls Index

Muster Rolls of the soldiers of the war 1812 Detached from the militia of N. C. in 1812 and 1814. Published in pursuant of the resolutions of the General Assembly of N. C. Jan. 21, 1951, Raleigh, N. C. 1851. Reprinted 1926 by Barber Printing Co., Winston Salem, N. C.

Lawrence, Abram p. 36 — 9th Co. Detached from Granville Regiment.  
 " Benjamin p. 78 Northampton Co  
 " Caleb p. 40 — 2nd Co. Detached from First Guilford Regiment.  
 " Malachi p. 115 Wilkes Co.  
 " Reubin p. 65 3rd Co. Detached from Bertie Regiment

3. Marriage bonds Vol. 2. Green Index I through 8

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Date</u>
a. Lawrence, Willis	Sarah Bennet	Sept. 17, 1839
	Wit. R. D. Golding, C.C.C.	
b. Lawrence, Willis	Chas Stultz	Dec. 17, 1846
	Wit. Jno. Hill, C.C.C.	
c. Lawrence, George W.	Clay J. Martin	Nov. 21 1960
	Wit. J. Rierson, Jr.	

4. Index of War of 1812 Vouchers alphabetical list of War 1812 Vouchers. Prepared Mar. 1962 by Maurice S. Tolfer, Archivist II:

	<u>County</u>
a. Lawrence, Abraham, Pvt	Granville
b. Lawrence, James, Pvt.	Chowan
c. Lawrence, Joshua, Pvt	Chowan
d. Lawrence, Watson, 3rd. Sgt	Carteret
e. Lawrence, Peter, Pvt.	Chowan
f. Lawrence, David Pvt.	Carteret



5. Notes on the Lawrence Family by Hugh B. Johnston;

a. William Lawrence and wife Rachel Waise were Fishers who fled from New England to Perquimans County, N. C. where on Dec. 1, 1682 he witnessed the will of John Lacy. The male line of this family seems to be extinct.-----

There are numerous listings of Lawrence back to 1655. Elizabeth Lawrence born Dec. 24, 1655.

b. Holy Bible. Printed in Edinburgh by Mark & Charles Kears in 1793. The seal of Great Britain. Contains old and new testament and apocrypha. Owned by John Wilson Lawrence, Davie Ave. Statesville, N. C.

**K.**  
6. History of Perquimans County, N. C. by Winslow

Lawrence family came from Hanover County Va. where John Lawrence was living very early according to records of Isle of Wright County, Va. He married Elizabeth Adkinson 8, 12 Oct. 1653 (Records of Boston)- Came to Per County about 1680-85.

7. NINT CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES 1870, NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF STOKES;

The immediate following listing is my (John G.) grandfather and grandmother immediate family which includes my father John W.

PERIN'S CREEK TOWNSHIP

Name	Age last		Occupation	Birth Place
	Birth date			
LAWRENCE, Henry	52		Farm Leased	Va
Nancy	43		Keeping house	N. C.
Julia A.	18		At home	N. C.
Samuel J.	16		Farm Labor	N. C.
Jane	13		At home	N. C.
James H.	10		" "	N. C.
Henry C.	8		" "	N. C.
John W.	6		" "	N. C.
Nancy	4		" "	N. C.
Martin	2		" "	N. C.

The above Samuel J. marking in his grave yard shows born Apr. 9, 1854, died Jan. 19, 1911. John W. was born July 10, 1869. died Feb. 5, 1943. The ages shown above may not be correct in all instances, as it is noted that John W. was not. But certainly the 1870 Census was not taken in 1870, it could be as late as 1875 when finished.



CRAKER GAP TOWNSHIP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age Last Birth Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>
Laurence, James H.	60	Va.
Chas	50	Va.
Zillah A	22	NC
William	21	DC
Matilda	16	DC
Henry	14	NC
Andrew J.	7	NC

CENSUS ~~18~~ 1840 POPULATION SCHEDULES, N. C.  
 SAMPSON & YAMBY COUNTIES  
 FILM 2.50P  
 Post Office Danbury Page 127

\* John Laurence age 22 or (42) farm leased  
 George Laurence age 26 on page 179 of schedule

Reviewed Census 1840 and 1850 Population Schedules, N. C. for  
 Rutherford - Yamby Counties . Film 2.34P for 1840  
 " 2.40P " 1850  
 Nothing shown on either film

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AT DANBURY, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C. JUNE 14, 1967

1. Were informed that there were no records maintained on births or deaths prior to year 1913.
2. The record of the dowry of Nancy Laurence shows that Henry C. Laurence died 28 Sept. 1836.
3. Henry C. Laurence's estate of 153 acres less 44 acres of wife Nancy dowry was sold to the highest bidder on 11 Mar. 1897 by S. A. Hair, executor to Henry C. Laurence for \$750.00, and vit. by A. H. Joyce 11 Mar. 1897



AT DANIELLY, STOKES COUNTY, N. C.

## 4. RECORDS OF WILLS BOOK 9, STOKES COUNTY PAGE 402

Will of Henry Laurence 21 June 1892 and June 1, 1893, one third to wife Nancy her life time then all to be sold at highest bidder and all proceeds be divided equally among heirs:

Margaret      wife of John Bonduant  
 Jane          wife of John Rodson  
 Samuel J  
 John  
 Henry C.  
 J. H.

Nancy now wife of John East. The children of Julia Francis, deceased wife of M. Francis to wit: Hamie Palmer, wife of E. H. Palmer, A minor without guardian, and resident of U. Va. Bettie Francis, a minor without guardian and residence of Stokes Co. Thos. Francis a minor without guardian and residence of Stokes Co.

Swor before W. C. Petree, C.S.C. 10, July 1896

## 5. Index to Real Estate Conveyances L through M. Grantees from 1787 Stokes Count. N. C. Page 97 - Grantees:

Laurence, William year 1826 recorded in register book 9 page 3, kind of instrument, "B-Sale". Grantor Elisabeth Bostick, purchased negro child 1 yr. 9 mos. for \$87.00, name "SALINA"

You will note that some of the records show the family name as Laurence and others Lawrence. I feel that the spelling of Laurence was made in error by the ones keeping the records, as I doubt the family ever spelled their name other than Laurence since it was originally established in English.



THE FOLLOWING WAS OBTAINED FROM THE STATE LIBRARY  
AT RICHMOND, VA. ON AUGUST 2, 1967 BY JOHN G. AND HAZEL M. LAWRENCE  
ARLINGTON, VA.

AT RICHMOND, VA.

1. Henry County, Va. General Index to marriages of males A through L  
1853-1949. Reel # 30 Positive.

The writing was so dim that we could not identify any names.

2. Henry County, Va. Index to marriage registers 1778 - 1849  
Marriage register 1778 - 1849  
Reel # 37 Positive

In addition to what Wade Lawrence furnished on Nov. 20, 1966 regarding  
James Lawrence marrying Martha Johnson and others on the same page we  
found --

Ferbo Lawrence married William Perkinson Jan. 10, 1825  
Rayney " " James B. Lutz; No. 28, 1846  
her father Henry Lawrence -- Wife Darling and Saniel Lawrence

Arthur F. Lawrence's Minister was Richard B. Beck. --

On Reel # 37 shows John Cobler married Sally Boulden  
Jan. 11, 1827 -- Minister Arnold Walker. These are the parents  
of my grandmother Nancy Cobler, wife of my grandfather Henry  
Lawrence who died Sept. 28, 1896. These will be listed below  
under 1890 Census as of Aug. 13, 1890.

3. Virginia 1820 Census Schedule of list of Inhab. Henry and Hancock  
counties showed NONE.
4. 1830 Census Henry showed NONE. Spotsylvania County page 88 shows under  
William Lawrence the following: All-males.

	Under William Lawrence
1 of 5 and under 10 years	1 Under 5 yrs.
2 of 15 " " 20	1 5 " 10
1 of 20 " " 30	1 30 " 40
1 of 50 " " 60	1 under 5
1 of 40 " " 50	1 10 under 15
1 under 5	1 30 " 40

5. 1840 Census Henry Co. Reel 38 Positive shows NONE.



6. 1850 Census Henry Co. Real 64 showed the following:

As of July 25 1850 Sullivan ? Lawrence age 16 female  
 Nancy F. Lawrence 13 "  
 Born Va.

	Age	Sex	August 1, 1850	Age	Sex
Henry	32	M	Eliza ?? Miller	62	M
Gilly	30	F	Arthur Laborer	50	M
Darling	27	M	Nancy	65	F
Milly	21	F	Henry	14	M
Mifson ??	20	F	Letitia	12	F
Marcy	20	M	Elizabeth	17	F
Henry	16	M	Pealy	10	F
William	11	M	William	9	M
John	10	M			
Elizabeth	13	F			

August 15, 1850

John Cobler (Farmer)	49	M.
Sally	42	F
Nancy	31	F
Mary A.	16	F
Virginia	12	F
John	15	M
Lucinda	11	F
Martha	9	F
Milly	6	F
Frederick	4	M
Elizabeth	2	F
Sally	1 No.	F

August 20, 1850 Lawrence

William Lawrence Farmer	31	M	Va.
Margaret	34	F	
Tisco ??	3	M	
Mary	2	F	

Sept. 19, 1850

(1) Henry (Farmer)	33	M
(2) James (Carpenter)	65	M
Lotty	40	F

Sept. 17, 1850

John (Laborer)	38	M
Polim	26	F
Susan	17	F
Thomas	4	M
Sally E.	1	F
Joseph	1	M

NOTE ABOVE

Sept. 19, 1850

- (1) Henry 33 may be my grandfather
- (2) James 65 " " " great-grandfather

NATIONAL ARCHIVES " WASHINGTON, D. C. MAY 15, 1967

Reviewed microfilm "Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files"  
 "Lano - Loo" .... These files did not show Nancy Lawrence receiving  
 a pension from James Lawrence as his widow from Virginia or North Carolina.  
 Nor did they show James Lawrence of Va. or N.C. receiving a pension.  
 I was told by my mother Sarah Elizabeth Francis Lawrence that the last wife  
 of James (Nancy Woodall Lawrence) received a pension after James died that  
 he did not know he was entitled to a pension.

Richmond, Va. Library contains no records on Pensions of War 1812.

John G. Lawrence,  
 845 S. Glebe Rd.  
 Arlington, Va. 22204 Aug. 3, 1967



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F U N E R A L   S E R V I C E S



**Dr. Benjamin Jones Lawrence, Jr.** September 07, 2008

Benjamin Jones Lawrence, Jr., MD, 83, of Cana, VA passed away Sunday, September 7, 2008, at his home. Dr. Lawrence was born December 11, 1924, in Raleigh, to the late Benjamin Jones Lawrence, Sr., MD, and Carolyn Thomas Lawrence. He graduated from Needham Broughton High School in Raleigh, attended North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina. He received his degree in medicine from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He proudly served our country in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He served his internship in Charlotte and residency in surgery at Wake Forest North Carolina Baptist University in Winston-Salem, finishing in 1956. He then moved to Mount Airy where

he conducted his surgical practice at Northern Hospital of Surry County until his retirement in 1987. He was a 50 year member of the North Carolina Medical Society and also the Wake County and Surry Yadkin Medical Societies. At Northern Surry Hospital, he served as chief of staff and also years on the staff executive committee. He spent time on the Board of Trustees at the hospital. Dr Lawrence was associated with the Surry Heart Association, the Museum of Regional History, and was a rotarian. An avid sports enthusiast, he also found time for his main hobby, model trains. Dr. Lawrence was a lifelong Baptist. He also attended church at First Baptist Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Mount Bethel Moravian Church. He is survived by his beloved wife of 22, Gaye Cain Lawrence of the home; a stepson and daughter-in-law of Mount Airy; a son of Henderson; a daughter of Carrboro; a son out of state; eight grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Betsy Tom and Sam Homewood of Kentwood, VA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Boyd Cain. A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 AM Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at Oakdale Cemetery by Rev. Todd E. Byrd. The body will be entombed in the family mausoleum. Full military rites will be conducted by VFW Memorial Honor Guard Post 2019 of Mount Airy and Post 9436 of Pilot Mountain. There will be no formal visitation. A registry book will be available at Moody Funeral Home in Mt. Airy. In lieu of flowers, any memorials may be made to Mount Bethel Moravian Church, 170 Mount Bethel Road, Cana, VA 24317, or Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, 401 Technology Lane, Suite 200, Mount Airy, NC 27030. The family would like to express a special thanks to Sabrina McKeithan and Penny Smith for the care given during his illness.



Sunday, October 27, 2002

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## PROFILE

**NAME:** Frank Lawrence  
**AGE:** 82  
**HOMETOWN:** Mount Airy  
**FAMILY:** Wife, Clem; daughters Sheila Edmondson of Asheboro, Dianne Koch and Susan McGowan of Mount Airy; seven grandchildren.  
**EDUCATION:** R.J. Reynolds High School, attended High Point College before WWII.  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired from United Technology  
**HOBBIES:** Drinking coffee at 'Lu-Lu's Bar (AAA Drugs)  
**FAV. FOOD:** Chicken livers  
**FAV. MUSIC:** Big Band  
**FAV. MOVIE:** Gone With The Wind  
**FAV. READ:** *The Robe*, by Lloyd Douglas

## Bright outlook on life has always made Frank Lawrence shine

By CAROLINE BEAMER  
Staff Writer

Anyone brave enough to admit that his favorite food is chicken livers has got to be someone with personality. Meet Frank Lawrence. He is the kind of person who has never met a stranger and who loves to share a laugh.

Lawrence also loves to tell stories and he is pretty darn good at it. He shared a few for this profile.

"In 1930 my brother, Edward Lee, and I entered the Children's Home (in Winston-Salem). I was 10 years old and Edward Lee was eight. Edward Lee stayed in the Children's Home only four years while I stayed there through high school. We were in the middle of the Depression. Mom had four children and Daddy had died. We had a hard time getting over that, sending us there away from home, and she did, too, but in the long run it was for the best."

Lawrence said the arrival of local hero W.D. 'Bill' Murray changed things for the better. The orphanage hired Murray, a football star who had just graduated from Duke University, to be the athletic director. A football team was formed and Lawrence was on it.

"At 15 years old you were on the scrub football team. We scrimmaged the Varsity team and they beat us up pretty well. We learned how rough and

tough it was but we could stand it.

"The following year I was on the first team as fullback (number 66.) My weight then was probably about 160 pounds. So we started, and we had a tough schedule but we went undefeated. One team on our schedule was Gaffney, S.C. They didn't count on our team being so strong. I guess they figured those little orphan boys, they're wild; they didn't know what in the world they were doing. Our assistant coach went down and scouted them. Monday morning when we started practice, he had the group come together. He said, 'Fellows, this week we're going to play Gaffney, S.C., they have the best football team I've ever seen, and I've seen a lot of them. I officiated a lot of these high school games. I know what they are like. You boys will be lucky to stay on the field with them. You are in for some battles.' We went down there and beat them! From then on, I kept kidding the assistant coach. 'Now who's got the best team you ever saw?' he said, 'You guys!' Our team won 35 games in a row.' The Gaffney players were good sports. They came in our dressing room after the game and congratulated us. They could not believe that a bunch of little orphans could have such a team. The whole town turned out for that game."

Lawrence explained that

even though the students from the Children's Home attended R.J. Reynolds High School, Murray decided to have a separate Children's Home football team, knowing that it would probably be the only chance for many of the boys to play.

"We played at Mount Airy with the boys I grew up with. We beat them three times. Each time, at the end of the game, I would go over to Coach (Wallace Shelton) and say, 'Coach, good game. You have a great team here.' He'd say, 'I'm mad at you for beating up my boys like that!'"

Lawrence remembers his experience at the Children's Home fondly, and he remained close to his mother. During those difficult times, though, he realized he was better off, in many ways, to be in the home.

"Everybody had a job at the Children's Home. As you elevated up, you had a different job to do, pulling weeds, etc. When you were young, you worked on a farm. You pulled weeds out of the garden; you hoed the garden; or maybe you'd pick greens, or you'd dig potatoes. You may not be the one digging them, but you'd clean them and put them in bushel baskets, ready to eat year round. It took a lot to feed those approximately 400 children.

"At one time I told some of them that we had made a good decision about staying there, because we ate better than the



people outside in that hard time. We had all the milk we could drink; all the meat... good meat, donated by the Chatham's in Elkin. We had everything that we needed to eat, and we ate... the more we ate, the more we grew.

"Little girls would work in the laundry first and then they'd move up to waiting on tables, working in the main dining room kitchen, and then continue on to different jobs around the place. My job at the children's home when I was about 16 years old was to go around and get the fires started in the morning in all the buildings. I had to get up early to do that—throw coal on them, get them started. One of my housemates got up at four a.m. to go milk the cows. He'd come in and raise all the windows—it'd be freezing outside. He'd say, 'All right! It's time to get up!'"

"My job the last few years I was there was mowing all the grass on the property. I got so suntanned in high school. I got nicknamed 'Blackie.'"

Lawrence is still called by

that nickname.

"In 1937 I missed a whole year of school and football because of rheumatic fever, but I went on to play again after that year. Bill Murray left after I did and went to coach at the University of Delaware. He had a good record there, and then went to Duke once a job opened up there. And he had a good record there, also. After he retired from coaching altogether, Bill Murray said that going to the Children's Home was the best thing he had ever done. He found out just exactly what one could get out of himself when he wanted to.

"I graduated from Reynolds High School and told Pop Woosley (the headmaster), 'If you have anybody here that you can't place after they graduate, or if you have anybody here you can't handle, you just call me up, and I'll see if I can't do something about it. A few years later, after I was married, he called me and said he had one that had no family, no family at all. I said, 'Well, send him up here, which he did, and

we merged. That child merged right into our family. We had one other time when he had a boy down there that he just couldn't control. I said, 'Well, bring him up here, Pop. Let me have him.' He lived with us to start with, merged right into our family. I gave him a job up at United Technology. I was foreman then, and he loved that work. It was a very fine job, and he loved it. Both of these children that came up from the Children's Home married girls here in town and had a family, and did well, but both of them passed away in their 40's. But they did well here in Mount Airy. The mother of one of them came up one day and thanked me for all that I'd done. I said, 'I haven't done anything—he did it all!'"

It's that kind of outlook on life that has made Frank Lawrence so liked and loved in his community. A positive attitude and always faithful, has given him lasting values to share.



THE GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE  
LAWRENCE FAMILIES

BY

JOHN GRAHAM LAWRENCE

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The U. S. Census for 1870 showed James' age 83 and Charlotte's age 40 in Stokes County, N. C., Quaker Gap Township, Martins Lime Kiln Post Office. They had moved to Stokes County about 1862, as James' mortality record showed he had lived in Stokes County 18 years prior to his death.

## CHAPTER III SECTION 3

My parents, John Wesley and Sarah Elizabeth, told me many times that James' second wife was Nancy Woodall. No information was found on her in any records searched. They also told me that James was in the War of 1812. He died without knowing he was due a pension and after his death she drew a total sum of the pension and continued to draw monthly until her death.

The records searched in the Washington, D. C. Archives did not show James' 1812 war service from Virginia, nor Nancy drawing a pension. Further research in the Washington Archives might reveal something. If James was listed in a North Carolina Army Unit, it could be true. Charlotte, his last wife, could have drawn a pension and listed his services from N. C. even though he was living in Va. at time of service. This I did not check. If any information is located in the future, it can be inserted on this sheet.



## CHAPTER IV

## HISTORY OF HENRY LAWRENCE, HEIRS AND FAMILIES

Henry Lawrence, a farmer, son of JAMES, SR. born 1817 in Virginia, died September 28, 1896, in Stokes County, North Carolina. He was buried in the "Lawrence" family cemetery on his tobacco farm about two miles south of U. S. Post Office, formerly Francisco, N. C. Henry is the only heir of James, Sr. who could be identified by name. The cemetery was fenced and a large head stone was installed in year 1968 by Henry Clay Lawrence, Dobson, Route 1, Surry County, Virginia, N.C.

## CHAPTER IV, SECTION 1

Henry married Nancy Cobler of Virginia about 1851. The August 15, 1850 U. S. Census showed her and her parents John and Sally Bouldin Cobler, along with her brothers and sisters. John's age 49, Sally 42 and Nancy 21. Nancy's parents married January 11, 1827.

## CHAPTER IV, SECTION 2

Henry and family moved from Henry County, Va. to Stokes County, N. C. and settled on Dan River near the Old Hugh's Quarter. The U. S. Census of 1870 showed they were located in Peter's Creek Township, Stokes County, N. C. The 1870 U. S. Census, Stokes County, N.C. shows the following listing of Henry and family:

Name	Age Last Birth Date	Appro. Birth	Actual Birth Per Family	Date Died
Henry (father)	52	1817		28 Sept., 1896
Nancy (mother)	43	1829		15 Apr., 1900
Julia A.	18	1852		
Samuel J.	16		Apr. 19, 1854	Jan. 19, 1911
Mary Jane	13		Apr. 29, 1859	July 20, 1920
James N.	10		Apr. 29, 1860	July 8, 1925
Henry C.	8		Nov. 18, 1861	Nov. 14, 1923
Lucindia			1864	
John W.	6		July 10, 1869	Feb. 5, 1948
Nancy	4		1861	
Martha	2		1872	

U. S. Census for 1880 shows a WILLIAM, 18 years.



## CHAPTER IV, SECTION 3

The ages listed on census do not in all cases agree with the actual dates furnished by the families and on other records. This is typical of old records in many of the older families.

## CHAPTER IV, SECTION 4

At the time of Henry's death, September 28, 1896, he owned the farm where he was buried. The records of the dowry of Nancy Cobler, his wife, at Danbury, Stokes County, N. C. show the farm consisted of 153 acres.

## CHAPTER IV, SUBSECTION 1

"The Record of Wills Book 9, page 402, Danbury, Stokes County, N. C." showed the will of Henry Lawrence dated 21 June 1892 and June 1, 1893, one-third to wife Nancy in her life time; after death her dowry part was willed to Margaret by Henry, then the remaining to be sold to highest bidder and all proceeds to be divided equally among the heirs:

Margaret (Martha) wife of John Bondurant

Jane " " John Dodson

Samuel J.

John

Henry C.

J. N.

Nancy, now wife of John East

The children of Julia Francis, deceased wife of M. Francis, to wit: Nannie Palmer, wife of Robert Palmer, a minor without guardian and resident of W. Va. Bettie Francis, a minor without guardian and resident of Stokes County. Thos. Francis, a minor without guardian and resident of Stokes County.

## CHAPTER IV, SUBSECTION 2

The Henry Lawrence estate of 153 acres, less 44 acres of wife Nancy's dowry, was sold to the highest bidder on 11 March, 1897 by S. A. Moir, Executor, to son Henry Clay Lawrence, for \$750.00 and witnessed by A. H. Joyce 11 March 1897.



## CHAPTER IV SECTION 5

The following are sons and daughters and history of the heirs of Henry and Nancy Cobler Lawrence:

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 1

Julia Ann Lawrence, daughter, born about 1852, died unknown. Married Melchisedeck Francis December 30, 1873; she 22 and he 25. They had children, unknown. She died prior to Henry's will which was dated June 21, 1892. Julia lived in Quaker Gap Township, Stokes County, N. C.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 2

Samuel Jesse Lawrence, son, born April 19, 1854, died January 1911. Married Nancy Moss January 14, 1875; he 21, she 16, Quaker Gap Township, Stokes County, N. C. They lived and were buried on their farm about two miles south of the former Francisco, Stokes County, N. C. Post Office.

Their children were:

Anna V., Alice and Mary Lilla.

Anna V. Lawrence, born about 1876, died unknown. Married Drewry Holt October 14, 1894; she 18, he 22. Had two children.

Alice Lawrence, born about 1877, died unknown. Married James Bondurant July 14, 1895; she 18, he 20. Lived on their farm adjoining her father's.

Their children:

Sons, Joseph and Kermit; daughters, Lellia and Edith.

Mary Lilla Lawrence, born about 1881, died in the 1970's. Married William P. Simmons December 26, 1901; she 20, he 22.

Had children.



## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 3

Mary Jane Lawrence Dodson, daughter, born April 19, 1859, died July 7, 1920. Married John Wesley Dodson May 22, 1892; she 30, he 40, Peters Creek Township, Stokes County, N. C. He was born October 8, 1859, died April 6, 1929. They lived near Danbury and in Walnut Cove, N. C., Stokes County.

## Their children:

Daughter, Kate Dodson Bennett, born June 25, 1895.  
 Son, Dillard, born October 13, 1898.  
 Daughter, Pearl Dodson Harger, born June 11, 1902,  
 died November 17, 1953  
 Son, Henry, died an infant.

Kate lives at East Bend, N. C. and Dillard died about 1973.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 4

James Nicholas Lawrence, son, born April 6, 1850 or 1860, died July 8, 1925. Married Isabella Martin November 14, 1878; she born August 30, 1859, died November 2, 1927. Marriage records at Danbury, N. C. show him 22, her 19, Peters Creek Township, Stokes County. They moved near Mt. Airy, Surry County, N. C. in the 1900's; buried near there. *J. N. Lawrence*

## Their children:

Daughters: Mattie, Jennie, Nannie, Anna,  
 Lula, Minnie and Maggie;  
 Sons: Sanders and Robert.



## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 5

Henry Clay Lawrence, son of Henry and Nancy Cobler, born November 18, 1861 in Stokes County, N. C., died November 14, 1923, buried Dobson, Surry County, N. C. Married Susan Emma Moss of Patrick County, Va., born November 18, 1864, died September 21, 1904. Had ten children by Susan Emma Moss:

William Jesse, Henry Clay, Samuel, Thomas Jasper, Robert E., Charles Edgar, Susan, Claude Crocket, Alpha and John.

His second marriage was to Louise Blansett. Buried in Surry County, N. C.

Two children: Arthur Jackson and Elsie Louisa

William Jesse Lawrence, born October 26, 1886, died February 24, 1971. Married Katherine Virginia Shepard December 27, 1905; he 19, she 18. She was born April 4, 1888, Quaker Gap Township, Stokes County, N. C. They had 12 children.

Jesse lived a considerable time in Surry County, N. C. before moving near Greensboro, N. C. Most of his children live around Greensboro and High Point. Jesse was a retired farmer.

Henry Clay Lawrence, born April 5, 1888. Married (first) to Eva E. Blansett September 25, 1907; she born April 8, 1890, died July 6, 1919, Quaker Gap Township, Stokes County, N. C. Two children: Dorsey E. and Flossie.

Henry's second marriage was to Etta Mae Smith, July 3, 1920; she born April 18, 1896, Surry County, N. C. They had eight children.

Henry Clay was born in Stokes County, N. C., Quaker Gap Township. He moved to Surry County, where he owned and operated a tobacco farm for many years near Dobson. He was a supervisor in the operation of a tobacco warehouse in Winston-Salem, N. C., during season, for years. He retired at home on the farm. A dairy is being operated on his farm by his family.



Samuel Lawrence, born 1893, died 1955. Married Bertie George of Francisco, Stokes County, N. C. He owned and operated a tobacco farm near Francisco for many years. No children.

Thomas Jasper Lawrence, born May 5, 1894, died October 21, 1919. Served in the U. S. Army during World War I. Unmarried. Died after the war.

Robert E. Lawrence, born January 26, 1892, died October 27, 1941. Married Ima Ayers, born May 1, 1896, died April 20, 1967. Served in the U. S. Army. Later served as Chief of Police of Mt. Airy, Surry County, N. C. for many years, until his death. One Son: Robert E., Jr.

Charles Edgar Lawrence, born September 30, 1892, died March 20, 1929. Married Minnie Ring, born January 13, 1893, died September 16, 1958. They lived in Mt. Airy, N. C., Surry County. Four (4) children.

Susan Lawrence, born December 24, 1896. Married Eugene Hill April 2, 1921. He born August 14, 1883. Both live in Mt. Airy, N. C. Four (4) children.

Claude Crocket Lawrence, born May 15, 1899. Married Nellie M. Fitzgerald August 12, 1923. She born April 16, 1903. He retired and living near Sanford, Florida. Four children, all living near him. He was in the contracting building of homes in Alexandria, Va. before retiring to Florida.

Alpha Lawrence, born April 29, 1901. Married Carl Gentry. He died. She lives in Mt. Airy, N. C. Three (3) children.

John Lawrence, born January 1, 1903. Youngest child of Henry Clay and Susan Emma Moss. Married Mallie Carrico December 24, 1924. Retired and living in Mt. Airy. One son: Roy L.



## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 6

Henry Clay Lawrence, son of Henry and Nancy Cobler Lawrence. Second marriage, was to Louisa Blansett. Two (2) children:

Arthur Jackson, born December 1908. Married Mildred Hall 1930. He was in the restaurant business for a number of years prior to purchasing a farm in Virginia on New River, where he and family operate a cattle farm. Five (5) children.

Elsie Louisa Lawrence, born January 22, 1913. Married Jim Cook November 23, 1928. Four (4) children. They live at Westfield, Surry County, N. C.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 7

Lucinda R. Lawrence, daughter, born 1864. Married George W. Hudson January 16, 1882; she 20 and he 23. Danbury, Stokes County, N. C. records. They had children.

## CHAPTER IV SUBSECTION 8

John Wesley Lawrence, son, born July 10, 1869, at Francisco, Stokes County, N. C., died February 5, 1948, same address. Married Sarah Elizabeth Francis December 23, 1888, same address, Quaker Gap Township, N. C. She was born July 19, 1871, died January 23, 1949, daughter of William Riley and Mary F. Aaron Francis. They married October 6, 1870; he born December 12, 1834, died July 14, 1907, she born June 15, 1852, died May 18, 1927.

After the marriage of John and Sarah, they moved into a cabin located on the approximately 100 acres of wooded land deeded to them by William Riley Francis. There they were pioneers in carving a living, raising a family, building a permanent home and raising mostly tobacco and corn. They had to cut down trees and clear the land before any planting could be done, because only two or three acres of land was ready for planting. They soon built a permanent home, where they reared a family of eleven (11) children, and they both died in this home.

John Wesley was one of the most progressive farmers in the area. As time went on he purchased equipment to make farming less difficult, such as a wheat binder, machinery for harvesting hay, etc. They both helped their neighbors when they needed more help to get things done. He was a real baseball and basketball fan. Actually I (John Graham) played on the same team many a time when he was umpire.



There were eleven (11) children born to John Wesley and Sarah:

Dovie Lee, William Henry, Grover Cleveland, Alpha, Eugene Vester, George Wesley, John Graham, Bessie Queva, Raymond, Woodrow Wilson, Welbern Richard.

Dovie Lee Lawrence Francis, daughter, born November 25, 1889 at Francisco, N. C., Stokes County, died February 19, 1972. Married Robert Edgar Lee Francis Marcy 10, 1907; he born February 22, 1882, died February 2, 1935.

Their farm adjoined that of John Wesley Lawrence. They were tobacco farmers. Lee Francis, in addition to being a farmer, also delivered mail in the rural area for the U. S. Post Office for many years. He was also a progressive farmer. The crops varied, such as tobacco, hay, oats, and a large apple orchard. Their children:

Luther Edgar, son, born March 17, 1908, died December 11, 1970. Married Lucy Hanks July 9, 1957; Lucy born June 13, 1907. Luther was buried at Francisco Presbyterian Church, Francisco, Stokes County, N. C. He served in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. He had a cattle farm and raised black angus.

Walter Graham, son, born March 19, 1915, died May 7, 1955. Married Mozelle Schuyler November 25, 1939; she born June 30, 1917. He served in the U. S. Marines during 1935. He was an independent tobacco buyer, during the season. Children:

Larry Graham, son, born February 1, 1943. Married Sandra Collins June 1963; she born April 16, 1945.

Jerry Eugene, son, born October 8, 1949. Graduated from Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C. Now teaches in private schools.

Gracie Maye Francis Cole, daughter, born December 18, 1917. Married Dr. John Walton Cole, Sr., November 27, 1937; he born March 2, 1909. She received her nursing training in Winston-Salem and practiced for a number of years as a registered nurse in Arkansas. She and Dr. John Cole now live in Malvern, Arkansas, where he is active in his medical practice.



Their children:

Charlie Francis, daughter, born September 13, 1938.  
Married Samuel Levon Chaffin.

Robin Lee, daughter, born October 9, 1940. Married  
James William Glass.

John Walton, Jr., son, born October 6, 1942. Married  
Jane Delorise Howard.

Jim Frank, son, born June 5, 1945. Served in the  
U. S. Marines in the Vietnam War.

Ella Louise Francis Palmer, born July 23, 1928. Married  
C. Glenn Palmer, February 14, 1951; he born December 15,  
1927. He served in the U. S. Army in the Korean War.  
She teaches in the public schools in Stokes County, N. C.  
Children:

Charles Glenn, son, born December 20, 1956.  
Leann Francis, born November 27, 1959.

All children of Dovie Lee and Robert Edgar Lee Francis  
were born at Francisco, Stokes County, N. C.

These children died very young, prior to their teens:  
Dewey, George, Roland and Robert Edward Lee.

William Henry, son, born April 12, 1891, died February 10, 1970.  
Married Birtie Smith February 14, 1915 of Francisco, Stokes  
County, N. C.; she born May 2, 1892. He owned a farm from time  
of marriage in the lower part of Stokes County, near the  
Rockingham County line, about five miles from Madison, N. C.  
He was buried at a church cemetery near his home. Three (3)  
children:

A daughter died as infant.

Landis Spencer, son, born on the family farm in Stokes  
County, N. C. Married Mary Esther Jones July 16, 1947;  
he 31 and she 30. He served in the U. S. Army during  
World War II. Now living on the original farm where he  
was born. No children.



Carlis Wain, son, born November 24, 1920. Married Lake Marie Tuttle, November 6, 1945; he 24, she 23. He served with the Navy on the Battleship "North Carolina" in the Pacific during World War II. Retired from the Navy, living in Norfolk, Va. Two (2) children:

Harold W., born February 22, 1947  
Susan M., born July 2, 1951

Grover Cleveland, son, born April 9, 1893, died March 12, 1922. Married Iris Flippin, Francisco, N. C., December 27, 1914; he 21, she 16. He was buried at his parents' cemetery on the farm at Francisco, N. C. One (1) child:

Thama A., son, born October 12, 1917. Married Ann Barbee of Brooklyn, N. Y. in 1945. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. Now living in Brooklyn.

Alpha, daughter, born June 19, 1895, died July 15, 1897.

Eugene Vester, son, born June 4, 1897. Married Ollie Lawson October 22, 1917, Francisco, Stokes County, N. C.; he 20, she 16. Farmer and carpenter. Seven (7) children by first marriage:

Mozelle, Cathline, Eugene, Jr., Evelyn, Cecil, Bailey and Nerene.

Second marriage to Willie Foster. Now living in Arlington, Va. No children.

George Wesley, son, born June 7, 1900, died June 23, 1958. Married Myrtle Albert, January 19, 1935, he 35 and she 30. One (1) child:

Gary Wesley, son, born May 2, 1945.

John Graham, son, born June 24, 1904. Married Hazel May Dodgion September 5, 1931 at Wytheville, Va. She born May 4, 1905, daughter of William H. and Nannie Dodgion, Wytheville, Va.

He attended high school at King, N. C., Stokes County; also business schools and universities; National Business College, Roanoke, Va.; Northwestern University, Chicago; Benjamin Franklin University, Washington D. C.; and International Accountant Society, Chicago.

Retired from the Civil Service Commission, Dept. of the Army July 31, 1964, after almost 31 years of service in the Federal Government. As of this date, living at 3908 Fairfax Parkway, Alexandria, Va. 22312, Fairfax County, Va. Two (2) children:



Wallace Cornell, son, born August 1, 1932, Wytheville, Va. Grew up in Arlington County, Va., where he attended Washington-Lee High School. He attended and received B. A. and M. A. degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. He served in the U. S. Army.

Married Sue Horne of Blackwood, Va. April 16, 1951; she born August 27, 1932. Two (2) children:

Allen Roy, son, born October 15, 1958  
David Cornell, son, born October 16, 1962

Wallace, at the present time, is employed by the International Business Machine, Durham, N. C.

Joan Dolores, daughter, born July 19, 1937, Washington, D. C. She grew up in Arlington County, Va., where she graduated from Washington-Lee High School. She attended Art Institute in San Francisco, Calif., and Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond, Va.

Married Leonard M. Wallace, Carthage, Miss., March 15, 1956; he born May 7, 1935. Children three (3):

Catherine Ellen, daughter, born September 28, 1959.  
John Niles, son, born August 20, 1964.  
Matthew Lawrence, son, born June 11, 1973.

Joan and family reside in Jackson, Miss., where Leonard Wallace is employed as an electrician.

Bessie Queva Lawrence Goodwin, daughter, born September 5, 1906, died March 27, 1965. Married in 1935 to Roy Speight Goodwin; he born 1892, died 1966. Both buried in church cemetery at Ashby Heights, near McCain, N. C. No children.

Raymond, son, born July 16, 1910, died February 24, 1960. Buried at the family cemetery, Francisco, Stokes County, N. C. Unmarried.

Served in the U. S. Army during World War II.