Will make the Destributive Share of each
Legatee ——————————— $76,19
all of which is respectfully submitted
by us

E. Thompson J.P.
Matthew M. Hughes J.P.

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Received

Chas. Adams
Wm. Addison Smith
Geo. Adams
E. Coe of Josiah Perry

In the name of god Amen. I Joseph Gentry of surry County and State of NorthCarolina Being weak in Body, but sound in mind do Constitute and Appoint this my Last will & testament Disposing of My property in manner and form following. First I bequeath to my Beloved wife Agness Gentry all my estate real and personal during her Lifetime except such property as I shall Otherwise Bequeath. Item I bequeath to my son Shelton Gentry twenty five Acres of land more or Less on which he now Lives to be laid off Agreable to the Conditional line between us. Item I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Spier one Negro Girl named Hannah and her Increase at the death of my wife Agness. Item I Bequeath to Mary Gentry daughter of My son William Gentry dec. Twenty five pounds. Item It is my will that at the death of my wife Agness the Remainder of my property real and personal be Equally divided Between my sons, Samuel and Shelton, & my daughters, anna, Judith, Agey, Sarah, and Susannah. Item I Bequeath to my Beloved wife her own Bed & furniture & my negro woman Jemima to be her Real property and she Viz. my wife Agness To Dispose of them at her death as she thinks proper. Also I Constitute Saml Gentry Shelton Gentry & my wife Agness Gentry. Executors of this my Last will & testament as witness my hand this 17th of Nov. 1804 Judith is Entirlined before signed this

Signed Sealed & in presence of
Matthews Hughes
Mich. Hughes
Wm Dobson

Joseph Gentry Seal
mark

Recd of Agness Gentry Executrix & Shelton Gentry Executor of the last will & Testament of Joseph Gentry Decast a certain Negro Girl named Hannah the property of the Sd Joseph Willed by him to his Daughter Elizabeth & Jeany wife I say recd by me this 19th Sept 1813

his
Test Andrew x Speer
mark

James Jervis

Nancy Gentry

November 17th 1813 then Recd of Agness Gentry Exr of Joseph Gentry Decast five hundred Eighty two dollars and ninty two cents in full of my part of the Estate as far as devided I say Recd by me

her
Test Elesha x Isaacs
Matthew Hughes mark

November 17th 1813 then Recd of Shelton Gentry Exr of Joseph Gentry Decast five hundred Eighty two dollars and ninty two cents in full of my part of the Estate as far as devided I say Recd by me

her
Test Judy x Hodges for her
Matthew Hughes mark
husband Amos Hodges

November 17th 1813 then Rec'd of Shelton
Gentrey Exr. of Joseph Gentrey Deceas't
two hundred Eighty two dollars and ninty
two cents by me a legatee in full of my
part of the Estate as far as devised
Test Nath'l M. Hughes
William his Hodges
mark

Novem 17th 1813 then Rec'd of Shelton Gentrey
Exr. Joseph Gentrey Deceast two hundred
Eighty two Dollars and ninty two cents
by me a legatee in full of my part of
the Estate as far as Devised
Test Nath'l M. Hughes
Dennis Hedges
mark

November 17th 1813 then Rec'd of Shelton
Gentrey Exr of Joseph Gentrey Deceast
two hundred Eighty two Dollars and
ninty two cents in full of my part
of the Estate as far as devided I say
Rec'd by me
Test
Nath'l M. Hughes
Samuel Gentry by his
attorney William his Hodges
mark

Nov.r 17th 1813 Then Rec'd of Shelton Gentry Ex.r of
Joseph Gentry Decast two hundred eighty two Dollers
& ninety two cents by me a legatee — in full
of my part of the estate as far as Devided
Test
Nath'l M. Hughes
Joseph Ratcliff

Surry Cty Sept 25 1827

Agreeable to a Standing rule of the Cty Court of Surry We have this day proceeded to settle with Shelton Gentry Executor to the Estate of Josiah Gentry Dec'd as directed by the Concent of Alfy Gentry in her life time and find the amount of Estate to divided $2249,50

to Hannah as mell — — — — 400

to one moyety common charges out after the Dec'd of Agnes Gentry — 484,50

to one Tract of Land — — — — — 110

to on Do — — — — — — 52 12½

3296 12½

Balance due the estate on a Sale & Memorandum — 54 59¾

Total amount — 3350 72¼

by Voucher no 1 — — — — 219

by Do — no 2 — — — — 400

by Do — Do 3 — — — — — 282,92

by Do — no 4 & 5 — — — — 565,84

by Do — Do 6 — — — — — 282,92

by — — — 7 — — — — 282,92

by Do — 8 — — — — 282,92

by Do — 9 — — — — 8 8,90

by — — — 10 — — — —

by Do — no 11 — — — — — 282,92

by Commission on the Sale — — 164

$ 1767,84

by fifty Dollars paid to Polly Gentry mell. — — — 582,88¼

50

532 88¼

Remaining in the hands of the Executor Amt to be Divided by seven the number of Legatees

Shelton Gentry
will

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May Term 1834

S. Dobbs Jan

In the nam of God Amen
I Shellon Gentry of Surry County and State
north carolina being weak In body but Sound In
mind do con Stute and apoint this my last will
and testament disposing of my property In
manner an form following first I bequeath to
my beloved wife Elizabeth Gentry aft my decease
All my estate Real and personal during her Life
time except Such as I Shall other wise bequeath
Item I bequeath to my Sun Joseph my Land
that Lies In the bent of the River from the Lime
my father Left me down the River to the mouth
of the creekthen crossing the River Strate to the
Back line And that Side where he now Lives
Item I be queath to my Sun Roben the Land where
he now Lives And one hundred Acor Lying Joining
Jeseys mayse track And the new Entry Joining
James Roberson Item I bequeath to my daughtor
Nancy one negr gal namd Let Item I be queath
to my daughtor Agness fifty acors of Land where
She now Lives And one hundred Aclleveth proper
ty At the death of my wife Item I bequeath to my
Daughtor Katy one negro Gal the name of
hanner Item I bequeath to my daughtor Elizabeth
two hundr Dollers At the death of my wife Item
I Bequeath to my Daughtor Susanna one negro Gal
nam Jimmima one fether Bed and furnitude
desk and Book case one cow and calf Item Item
I Bequeath to my wife All my house hold property
And where we now Live with the house hold propr
to hoom sh pleas at her death All So for my daugh
Susanna to have the Land where I now Live
As Long as She lives Singel Item I Bequeath to the
children of michel Gentry deceast forty Doller
to Be Equel devided be twixt them at the death
of my wife Item I bequath to my wife to Sell

tosell Such property as She may think best
whic Iis not other wise Bequeaht to pay my Iest
Dets I tom after the death of my wife that all
my Estate be Eaquel devided not other ~~not this~~
wisese bequeath Beeaquel ly devided a mong my
children as follows viz nancy Agye caty
Joseph Robin Elizabeth and Susanna
considering the fore geven Estate do consetute
my. last will and testament Revoken all
others and apunt my wife Elizbeth Gentry
my Sun Joseph and Robin Executors as witness
where unto I Set my hand and Seal this 9 day
of June 1830

Shelton Gentry

Test
James Jervis
James Robinson

Surry County May Term 1834

The Execution of the within will was duly proven by the oaths of James Robinson one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded

Test J. K. Armstrong Clk

Route # 4, Box 665
North Wilkesboro, N.C. 28659

Dear Mrs. Hayes:

This will reply to your letter of recent date and in which you enclosed my 1971 membership card to the "GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE "ORIGINAL" WILKES COUNTY". My five Generation family chart is enclosed as complete as I can get it at this time.

My First GENTRY ancestor that I have records on was ARTHUR GENTRY, also known as Atha GENTRY, was born 1756 in Surry Co., N. C.-- It is my opinion that ATHA GENTRY, listed on the 1790 Census, Salisbury District, Surry Co., N. C. with 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16, and 3 females is this same Arthur Gentry. The two sons were ALLEN & DANIEL, and 2 daughters were Rebecca & Tabitha, and his wife, her name is unknown.

It is also my opinon that ARTHUR GENTRY, Also known as Arthur Gentry, listed on the 1800 Census of Surry County, N.C. with 2 males to 10 years, 1 male of 16 & under 26, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 2 females to 10 years, 1 female 10 to 26, and 1 female of 26 & under 45 is this same Arthur GENTRY. 1 male name unknown, 1 male Daniel, b 1789, 1 son, Allen, b ca 1783-84, 2 daughters Rebecca, b. 1786, Tabitha, Winnifred, and his wife, name unknown.

By 1810 I find ARTHUR GENTRY in Pendleton District, Anderson Co., S.C., where he remained the rest of his life, the last census he was listed on was the 1850 Census of Anderson County, S. C., which shows him to be 94 years of age, born in N.C.. His will is on file and was probated in 1851.

It is interesting to note that on the 1790 Census of the Salisbury District, Surry Co., N.C. the following GENTRYS WERE LISTED:

Richard Gentry — 4 free white males over 17 and 2 free white females.
Allen Gentry — 1 male over 16, 3 under 16, and 5 females. (This appears to be Jerry Gentry's, one of your Society Members decendant)
Richard Gentry - 2 males over 16, 1 under 16 & 3 females.
Lucy Gentry - 2 females
Claburn Gentry - 1 male over 16, 1 under 16, and 3 females.
Samuel Gentry - 2 males over 16, 5 under 16, and 3 females, plus 1 slave.
Joseph Gentry - 2 males over 16, 1 under 16 & 4 females, plus 3 slaves. This Joseph Gentry had the following children: Shelton, Lemuel, Anne, Judith, Sarah, and Lousana.
Shelton Gentry - 1 male over 16, 2 under 16, and 3 females.
Atha Gentry - mentioned above.....

No doubt ATHA (ARTHUR) GENTRY was related to some of these Gentry's, which one is any one's guess. There was a SAMUEL GENTRY IN SURRY COUNTY, prior to 1809, was married 3 times, and had the following children: James, Mathew, Joseph, Agnas, George, Arthur, Thomas, Shelton, who was a baptist preacher, had a son Jesse, & Samuel, who had a son, Allen. Samuel Gentry, the Father, was also a baptist preacher. This Samuel died in Kentucky.

The 1800 Census of Surry Co., N. C. list the following Gentry's:

Meshack Gentry, his father was Allen A. Gentry, b. Halifax Co., Va. ca 1730. Meshack was born ca 1761 in Va. This family lived on South Side of the Yadkin river, now yadkin County.

John Gentry - 1 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 and under 45, 2 females to 10 years and 1 female of 26 & under 45.

William Gentry - 1 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 and under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 1 female of 26 and under 45.

Nicholas Gentry - 4 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 1female

Last will and
Testament of
Joseph Gentry

Recorded and

Examined

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES

In the name of God amen

I Agnes Gentry of the County of Surry & State of N. Carolina being of sound mind & memory but low in health & knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will & testament

Item 1st I will & bequeath to my son Shelton Gentry Gemima with her increase the negro woman left to me by the last will & Testament of my husband -

Item 2d I will & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Nancy Gentry Daughter of Shelton Gentry my feather bed & furniture left to me & my Dishosical in the same manner & by the same will that my negro woman - Gemima was

In testimony of the above I have this 30th Sept. 1813 Set my hand in presence of -

Agnes her + Gentry mark

Matw M. Hughes Junr

Wm Hughes

Taken from Surry County Will Book 1 Page 158 and Transcribed by Teresa Smith

State of North Carolina Surry County January 1st, 1782
A Will of Solomon Cooker dec'd he desires all he leaves at his dec'd shall be equally divided between his wife and children only one gray horse and he leaves him to his father, at his death so then to return to his children this I leave as my last Will & Testament

Witness our hands

Josias ( his X mark) Brown
Thomas ( his X mark) Coker
William ( his X mark) Harrison
Marian ( her X mark) Brown

David Poindexter
& Joseph Coker, Executors

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Surry County February Court 1782

Josias Brown and Marian Brown two of the subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Solomon Coker dec'd that they saw the said Solomon Coker assign pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament certifyd by

Jo Williams C C

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Taken from Surry County Will Book 1 Page 29 and Transcribed by Teresa Smith

Appraised of the Estate of Wm Gentry Deceased.....* Items are spelled like they are on the document
To 4 Beasons & 1 Tinquart 15/ to 1 riffle gun, 2 bottles, 1 box iron, 1 pr flesh forks, 1 skimer & ladle, 1 iron spike gimblet, 1 pr pinchers, 1 cannester and 1 pepperbox, 1 candle stick, 1 bridle bit, 3 weavors shuttles, 1 flax wheel, 1 stone jugg, 1 slay, 6 puter plates, 1 spinemorter and 1 pestle, 1 dish & 2 beasons, 2 dishes, 2 beasons, 10 spoons, 1 dozzen knives, do forks, 1 steel trap, 1 iron pott, ? hooks, 1 pot & hooks, 1 churn, 1 chest & cotton wheel & cards, 1 glap & comb, 1 broadhoe, 1 grindstone, 3 baskets, 1 bowdering tub, 1 lockchain, 1 flying pan, 1 taperbit, 1 sprouting hoe, 1 pair iron wedges, do shears, 7 books, 1 pitcher, 1 chain, 1 ax, 2 bits & 1 collar, 1 pr pothooks, 1 pail, 1 tup, 17 hogs, 1 bedsted bed & furniture & 1 bed cord, 1 do do do do 22 tt feathers, 1 horse, 1 bell, 1 saddle, 1 bridle, 2 slays, 1 ax, 1 wheel, 2 broadhoes, 1 table, 3 tt steel, 1 mattock, 1 chair, 1 panhandle, 1 horse collar, 2 sheep, 1 bell, 2 collars harneses & traces, 1 sickle, 1 pocketbook, 1 meatsifter ~

Bond to the value of L 60 due from different persons

North Carolina Surry County Nov. Court 1774

The within inventory of the Estate of Wm Gentry was return'd to court and ordered to be recorded Recorded accordingly

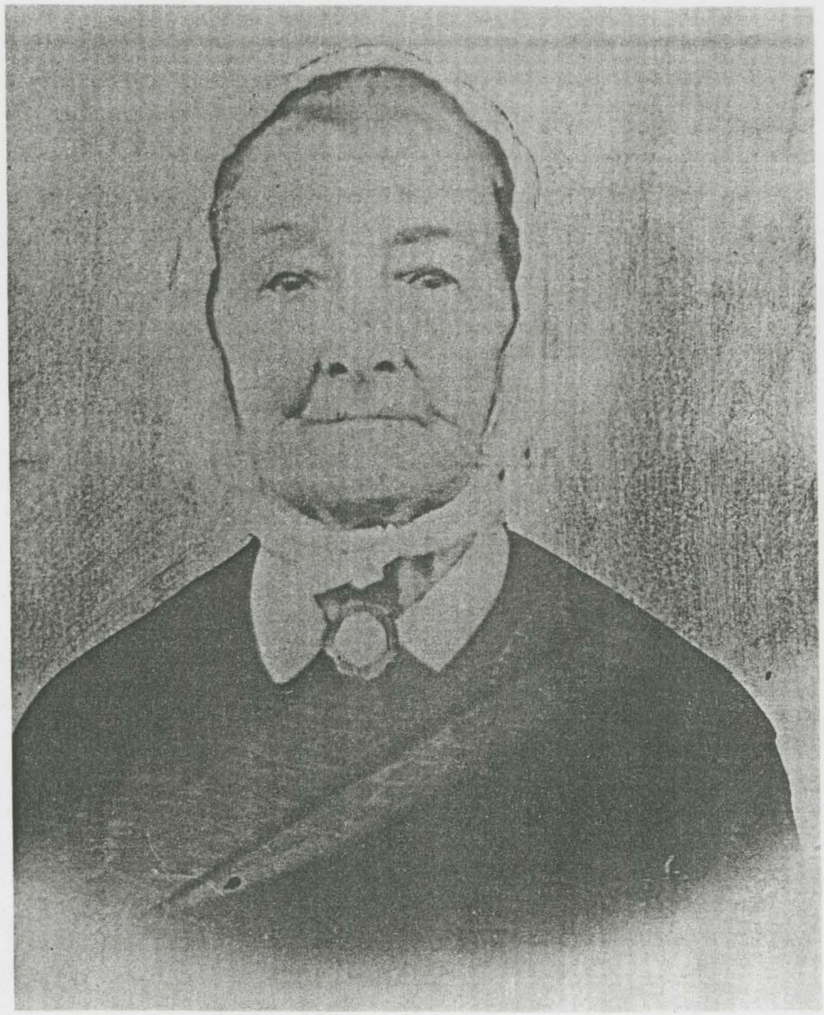
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"He who careth not from whence he came, careth little whither he goeth"
Daniel Webster

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MARY (BROWN) SPARKS (born about 1801)

WIFE OF JONAS SPARKS (born about 1794)

OF WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, & TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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## DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON AND SARAH SPARKS, OF MARYLAND AND NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THEIR SON, REUBEN SPARKS (ca. 1755-1840)

Solomon Sparks was born in Maryland about 1725. It is probable that he was a son of Joseph Sparks who died intestate in Frederick County, Maryland, in 1749. (Solomon named one of his sons Joseph, probably for his father.) Sometime before 1750, Solomon Sparks married Sarah -----.

On March 20, 1750, Solomon Sparks patented 93 acres of land in Frederick County, Maryland, and gave this tract the descriptive name of Cold Friday. This land was located on Beaver Dam Branch, a tributary of Linganore Creek. On June 20, 1753, Solomon Sparks and his wife, Sarah, sold this tract of 93 acres for 35 pounds to Mathew Howard. Solomon is designated in this deed as a "farmer."

Sometime in 1753, probably soon after selling this tract of land, Solomon Sparks moved from Frederick County, Maryland, to near Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina. (Rowan County was formed on April 12, 1753 from Anson County.) Solomon and Sarah Sparks were among the first settlers in that area of North Carolina. Two years after their arrival, Governor Arthur Dobbs visited Salisbury and wrote the following description on November 24, 1755: "The Yadkin here (Trading Ford) is a large beautiful river where is a ferry. It is near 300 yards over, it was at this time fordable scarce coming to the horses bellies. At 6 miles distance I arrived at Salisbury the County town of Rowan, the town

is but just laid out, the Court House built and 7 or 8 log Houses erected." (From The Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. 5, page 355.)

Solomon Sparks settled in the Forks of the Yadkin, less than ten miles north of Salisbury, in what is now Davie County, North Carolina. In 1761, he obtained a land grant for 250 acres in Rowan County, on the west side of the Yadkin River, opposite the mouth of Muddy Creek. In 1762, he obtained a grant for 290 acres on the south side of the Yadkin River, which adjoined his other grant.

By the early 1760's, Solomon Sparks had been joined in North Carolina by several of his close relatives from Frederick County, Maryland: Matthew Sparks, William Sample Sparks, Jonas Sparks, and James Sparks. Perhaps they were all brothers. (An article on Jonas Sparks appeared in the QUARTERLY for March 1964, Vol. XII, No. 1, Whole No. 45, pp. 790-807; in the QUARTERLY for June 1961 there appeared an article on Matthew Sparks, Vol. IX, No. 2, Whole No. 34, pp. 556-566; an article on Solomon Sparks appeared in the QUARTERLY for December 1955, Vol. III, No. 4, Whole No. 12, pp. 97-98.)

In 1763, Solomon Sparks sold a portion of his land on the Yadkin to Jonas Sparks, who was probably his brother, and another portion to Valentine Vanhouser. According to a statement made by John Sparks, son of Solomon, when applying for a Revolutionary War pension in 1832, Solomon Sparks and his family moved from the Forks of the Yadkin to what is now Wilkes County (then Surry County) North Carolina, in 1772. When the dividing line between Wilkes and Surry Counties was surveyed in 1778, it was found that the line cut through Solomon's plantation, but according to the Court Minutes, his house was on the Surry side. Thus, Solomon Sparks lived just south of the present village of Swan Creek in the western part of what is now Yadkin County, North Carolina.

By 1800, Solomon and Sarah Sparks had both died. Neither of them left a will, nor has a family Bible record been found listing the names of their children. However, a document recorded in the Wilkes County Court Records reveals the names of those still living in the Wilkes County area in 1801. It is a Letter of Attorney dated July 31, 1801, from John Sparks, Reuben Sparks, Solomon Sparks [illegible], Mary Jacks, Hannah Denny, Susannah Johnson, and Joseph Sparks to Abel Sparks, all being children of Solomon Sparks. We know from his application for a pension that John Sparks, son of Solomon, was born in 1753; it seems probable that he was the oldest son. Assuming that the other children were listed in the Letter of Attorney in the order of their birth, we may speculate on their birth dates as follows:

1. John Sparks, born February 25, 1753; married Sarah Shores.
2. Reuben Sparks, born about 1755; married Cassie Buttery.
3. Solomon Sparks, Jr., born about 1757.
4. Mary Sparks, born about 1759; married ----- Jacks.
5. Hannah Sparks, born about 1761; married James Denney in 1784.
6. Susannah Sparks, born about 1763; married Charles Johnson in 1784.
7. Joseph Sparks, born about 1765.
8. Abel Sparks, born January 8, 1767; his second wife was Sarah -----.

## REUBEN SPARKS (ca. 1755-1840), SON OF SOLOMON & SARAH SPARKS

Reuben Sparks, believed to have been the second son of Solomon and Sarah Sparks, was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, about 1755. He was married about 1783, probably in Wilkes County, North Carolina, to Cassa (or Cassie) Buttery, who was born about 1765 and died in 1842. She was probably a daughter of, or closely related to, Timothy Buttery, whose estate was settled in 1802 in Wilkes County. (According to the Minutes of the Wilkes County Court dated February 1, 1802,

Reuben Sparks and Richard Allen were securities for the bonds of Mary Buttery and Jesse Allen who were named as administrators of Timothy Buttery's estate. In a subsequent court record, Mary Buttery is identified as the widow of Timothy. In 1806, she married as her second husband Joseph Thomson (Wilkes County Marriage Bond dated May 4, 1806).

Reuben Sparks is mentioned frequently in the land and court records of Wilkes County. He frequently served on juries, helped to lay out roads, and he was an active member of the South Fork of Roaring River Baptist Church. In 1829, 1830, 1832 and 1834, he served as a delegate to the Baptist Association. Like his father, he owned land in both Wilkes County and in Surry County. In 1792, he purchased 340 acres in Surry County on Hunting Creek from Richard Goode for 50 pounds (Book E, pp. 229-30). In 1797, he sold 170 acres in Surry County "on the North Fork of Hunting Creek on the Brushy Mountain" to James Denney for 100 pounds (Book G, pp. 365-66). In 1799, he purchased a tract of 300 acres in Wilkes County on the Big Elkin from Andrew Crows (Book E, p. 306). In 1800 he sold a tract of 170 acres in Surry County on Hunting Creek on the Brushy Mountain to William Jeffrey (Book H, p. 318). On March 5, 1835, Reuben Sparks sold a tract of 100 acres on Roaring River in Wilkes County to William R. Sparks, his son, for $300 (Book 1841-51, p. 44). This land was described as where "the sd. Reuben Sparks now lives." On the same day, he sold an adjoining tract of 70 acres to his son Jonas Sparks for $300 (Book 1841-51, p. 42).

According to the records of Old Roaring River Baptist Church in Wilkes County, Reuben Sparks died at 2:00 A.M. on July 13, 1840. His wife, Cassie Sparks, died about 1842. It is believed that Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks were the parents of the following children: (there may well have been other children)

1. Benjamin Sparks (called "Bennie"), born about 1784.
2. John Sparks, born about 1786.
3. Solomon Sparks, born about 1792.
4. Jonas Sparks, born about 1794.
5. William Russell Sparks, born January 3, 1797.
6. Lydia Sparks, born about 1800.
7. Matilda Sparks, born in March, 1805.
8. Reuben Sparks, Jr., born about 1808.

1. Benjamin Sparks, son of Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks was born about 1784 in either Wilkes or Surry County, North Carolina; he lived in that part of Surry County which was cut off to form Yadkin County in 1850 and died there in 1876. He married Sarah Jeffreys, daughter of William and Patsey Jeffrey (or Jeffreys) about 1802. She was born in 1785 and died in 1870. His will, dated May 8, 1872, is on file in Yadkin County (Book 2, p. 81). From his will and records supplied by descendants, we know that Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffreys) Sparks had the following children:

   (1) Elizabeth Sparks, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffreys) Sparks, was born about 1812 and died prior to 1872; she married ----- Redding and had children named Sarah, Mary, and William T. who were mentioned as grandchildren in Benjamin Sparks's will of 1872.

   (2) William Russell Sparks, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffreys) Sparks, was born about 1813 and died prior to 1860. He was generally called "Russell". He married Nancy Martin, daughter of Alfred Martin, and from census records it appears they had children named Louisa, Sally C., John A., Martha D., Mary M., Solomon M., Lydia E., and William R. Sparks.

Children of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffreys) Sparks, continued:

(3) John Sparks, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffreys) Sparks; according to descendants of his brother, John Sparks "went west."

(4) Joseph Sparks (called "Joe"), son of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffryes) Sparks, was born on June 12, 1817, and died on May 8, 1902; he was married in October 1842 to Martha Elvira Dimmette. A grandson of Joseph (Dr. H. C. Salmons) stated in 1952 that Joseph and Martha Elvira (Dimmette) Sparks were the parents of the following children: Benjamin Franklin Sparks, born Oct. 18, 1843; William Russell Sparks, born Nov. 18, 1844; John Q. Adams Sparks, born March 13, 184-; Sarah Ann Sparks, born June 14, 1847; James Lewis Sparks, born May 18, 1850; Nancy Rosaline Sparks, born May 28, 1856; George Washington Sparks, born Nov. 18, 185-; and Fannie Elizabeth Sparks, born October 26, 1860.

(5) Mary (Polly) Sparks, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffryes) Sparks, married Constantine Gray.

(6) Hannah Sparks, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffryes) Sparks, married John Felts and, according to relatives, "went west."

(7) Lydia Sparks, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffryes) Sparks, married Peyton Dimmettee (or Dimmit).

(8) Solomon Sparks, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffryes) Sparks, was born about 1825 and died prior to 1872; he married Rachel Martin, daughter of Alfred Martin. They had the following children: Nancy Sparks, born about 1855; Benjamin Sparks, born in 1860; Sarah Sparks; and Augusta Sparks.

(9) Martha C. Sparks, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffryes) Sparks, was born about 1827; she never married.

(10) Sarah (Sally) Sparks, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffryes) Sparks, was born about 1832; she married Enoch D. Swaim of Yadkin County, N.C. in 1851 (Yadkin County marriage bond dated Nov. 19, 1851).

(11) Benjamin Franklin Sparks, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Jeffryes) Sparks, was born about 1833; he married Amanda Jane Sale on February 23, 1864. They had children named: Dinah, Carrie, Mary, Benjamin Franklin, James Leo, Lillie, Minnie, Everett, Worth, Carol, Paul, William, and Glen.

2. John Sparks, son of Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks, was born about 1786; he married Elizabeth ----- about 1806; she was born about 1786 and died about 1865. They moved to that part of Ashe County, North Carolina, which was cut off to form Alleghany County in 1859. Two children had been born to John and Elizabeth by the time the 1810 census of Wilkes County, N.C., was taken, and by 1820 there were six children according to that census. By 1830, they had moved to Ashe County where John Sparks purchased for $100 a tract of 200 acres from John Allen Woodruff on September 15, 1830; this land was located "on the waters of Brush Creek" in Ashe County (Deed Book O, p. 78). On March 20, 1841, John Sparks sold this tract for $1000 to his son, Reuben Sparks. John and Elizabeth Sparks were listed on the 1850

census of Ashe County; his age was given as 66 and Elizabeth's as 62. In 1859, Alleghany County was cut off from Ashe County; John and Elizabeth apparently lived in that part that became the new county. When the 1860 census was taken of Alleghany County, John's age was given as 77 and Elizabeth's as 74. Living on an adjoining farm was their son, Reuben Sparks. Both John and Elizabeth appear to have died by 1870. It is believed that John and Elizabeth Sparks were the parents of four sons and two daughters, but we can be certain of the names of only two sons:

(1) ----- Sparks (son), born about 1807.
(2) ----- Sparks (daughter), born about 1809.
(3) ----- Sparks (daughter), born about 1811.
(4) Emanuel Sparks, son of John and Elizabeth Sparks, was born about 1814. He married Mary -----; they were listed on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses of Wilkes County, North Carolina, and from these records it would appear that they had the following children: (1) Jane Sparks, born about 1840; (2) Reuben Sparks, born about 1842; (3) Elizabeth Sparks, born about 1844; (4) Sarah Sparks, born about 1846; (5) Catherine Sparks, born about 1850; (6) Nancy Sparks, born about 1851; (7) John Sparks, born about 1852; (8) Mary Sparks, born about 1854; (9) Emaline or Martha Sparks, born about 1857; (10) Frances or Fanny Sparks, born about 1858; (11) Carey Sparks, born about 1864; and (12) Sarah J. Sparks, born about 1866.
(5) ----- Sparks (son of John and Elizabeth), born about 1817.
(6) Reuben Sparks, son of John and Elizabeth, was born about 1819; he married Nancy -----, who was born about 1816. They were living in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in 1850 with one child named Catherine, aged 6. They both joined Old Roaring River Baptist Church in Wilkes County "by experience" on the 4th Saturday of April, 1843; in November 1849 they were dismissed by letter to go to a new church at Woodruff. In 1860 they were living in Alleghany County on a farm adjoining Reuben's parents, John and Elizabeth Sparks. Living with Reuben and Nancy in 1860 was a young man named Catton Sparks, aged 17, who seems not to have been a son. There was also a 9-year-old boy living with them named Isaiah Sparks, their only son. In Alleghany County there is a document on file (Will Book A, p. 111) which states that Nancy Sparks, wife of Reuben, died on May 26, 1890. Reuben, her husband, is described as "a non-resident." Isaiah (or Isah) Sparks is identified as their only child, but he had died prior to 1890 leaving a wife named Charity and two children, J. C. Sparks and J. E. Sparks.

3. Solomon Sparks, son of Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks, was born about 1792. We have not succeeded in tracing this Solomon Sparks. The name Solomon was such a common name among the Sparkses in North Carolina that it is extremely difficult to keep the various Solomons straight.

4. Jonas Sparks, son of Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks, was born about 1794 in Wilkes or Surry County, North Carolina. In 1817 he was married to Mary Brown, a daughter of John Brown of Wilkes County. The marriage bond is dated September 27, 1817 and John Brown was the bondsman.

On the cover of this issue of the QUARTERLY appears a photograph of Mary (Brown) Sparks, wife of Jonas Sparks. It has been provided by Mary Etta Sayers Bostic, a great-great-granddaughter of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks. Mary (Brown) Sparks, daughter of John Brown, was born about 1801. It is believed that she was still living as late as 1875; this picture was probably taken sometime in the 1870's.

Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks were listed as members of the South Fork of Roaring River Baptist Church in 1829. In 1835, Jonas purchased 70 acres of his father's home place in Wilkes County, North Carolina, while his brother, William R. Sparks, purchased 100 acres. Earlier, on April 5, 1821, Jonas Sparks had purchased a tract of 30 acres adjoining his father's land in Wilkes County from Noel Wadill (Wilkes Deed Book 1841-51, page 24); this tract was described as lying on "the East Side of Roaring River." On May 13, 1835, Jonas Sparks purchased for $5.00 a tract of twenty-five acres from the State of North Carolina. This tract was described as follows: "Beginning on his own North west Corner at a bunch of korn-beans on the bank of Roaring River and runing West Crossing Roaring River with William R. Sparkes line fourteen poles to a Stake then North ninety five poles to a Chesnut and Maple in Browns line then East with sd. line Thirty two poles to a Chesnut then South With Browns line Crossing the river Sixty poles to a poplar at or near to Browns Corner then East with Browns line Thirty five poles to a pine in his own line then west with sd. line forty six poles to the Beginning." (Wilkes County Deed Book 1841-51, p. 34). The reference to an adjoining tract belonging to a man named Brown suggests that Mary Brown may have lived on a farm adjoining the Sparks family.

In 1848, Jonas Sparks moved with his family to Tazewell County, Virginia, and settled in an area called Baptist Valley. Jonas Sparks is believed to have died there in 1875.

Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks are believed to have been the parents of ten children. In John Newton Harman's Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia, published in Richmond in 1925, three of their sons are identified: Jonas J. Sparks, Joshua W. Sparks, and Joseph Sparks. From other records, we believe that we can identify most of the others, but we cannot be certain.

(1) John Henry Sparks, without doubt the oldest son of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, was born about 1818. He was married three times. His first wife was Matilda Holloway, who died on May 25 or 26, 1854, upon the birth of a son. John Henry Sparks was married to Rebecca Mitchell, his second wife, on April 23, 1855. His third wife was Sallie Pruett. By his first wife, John Henry Sparks is believed to have had the following children: (1) Jonas Sparks, born about 1842; he married Lucy Harrison in Tazewell County in 1865; (2) William Sparks, born about 1844; (3) Martha Sparks, born about 1848; (4) Joseph Sparks, born about 1851, and (5) John Henry Sparks, Jr., born February 25, 1854; he was reared by his grandparents and married Lucinda Asbury. By his second wife (Rebecca Mitchell) John Henry Sparks had a daughter named Melissa, born about 1857. There were probably other children born after 1860.

(2) Reuben R. Sparks, believed to have been a son of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, was born about 1820. He remained (or perhaps returned to) Wilkes County, North Carolina, and became a Baptist minister. His wife's name was Ann; no record of any children.

(3) ------- Sparks, a daughter of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, is believed to have been born about 1822.

Children of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, continued:

(4) Malinda Sparks, believed to have been the fourth child of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, was born about 1824. She was married in 1846 to Jacob Lyon (Wilkes County marriage bond dated June 6, 1846, with James Durham as bondsman.)

(5) Timothy Sparks, son of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, was born about 1828; he died in Smyth County, Va. He married Jane Lyon (or Lyons); they were the parents of the following children: (1) Joshua Sparks, married Sarah Marinda Jolly; (2) Austin Sparks; (3) Mary Jane Sparks; (4) Nancy Catherine Sparks; (5) Cynthia Sparks; (6) Susan Sparks; (7) Shadrick Sparks, born about 1869; (8) Sarah Sparks.

(6) Shadrach Sparks, believed to have been the sixth child of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, was born about 1828.

(7) Joshua William Sparks, son of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, was born about 1830; he died August 4, 1903. He was married to Cynthia Hankins, daughter of Moses and Patty Hankins, in Tazewell County, Va., on April 23, 1850. She was born in Virginia about 1830 and died on May 9, 1918. They were the parents of at least two children, (1) Jonas J. Sparks who married Ellen Ball in 1873; and (2) Elizabeth Sparks, born February 17, 1851, died December 4, 1920; she married a distant cousin, John T. Sparks, son of Richmond Sparks.

(8) Jonas J. Sparks, son of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, was born in Wilkes County, N.C., on October 23, 1833, and died in Tazewell Co., Va., on November 8, 1911. He was married on August 19, 1851, to Polly Hankins, daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Mitchell) Hankins. She was born in Virginia on December 25, 1829, and died on February 14, 1904. Jonas J. Sparks served in the Confederate Army in the Civil War in Captain Elias Harman's Company of Rangers. Jonas J. and Polly (Hankins) Sparks were the parents of the following children: (1) Joseph A. Sparks, married Hannah Mary Whitt; (2) Mary Sparks, married the Rev. John Ezra Linkous; (3) Jonas R. Sparks, married Patsy Hankins and moved to Oklahoma; (4) Robert M. Sparks, married Martha Maxwell; (5) Samuel B. Sparks, married Emma Griffith; and (6) George W. Sparks, born April 27, 1868, married Mary Elizabeth Virginia Faris.

(9) Joseph Sparks, son of Jonas and Mary (Brown) Sparks, was born about 1838. He joined the Confederate Army during the Civil War and died in service.

5. William Russell Sparks, son of Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks, was born in North Carolina about 1797. He was married twice. He married, first, in Wilkes County, Sally Wilcoxson, in 1821 (marriage bond dated March 13, 1821, with Reuben Sparks as bondsman). From the 1840 census of Wilkes County, it would appear that they were the parents of a daughter born about 1823 and a son born about 1825. Sometime prior to 1839, Sally died and William Russell Sparks married, as his second wife, Permela Gentry (marriage bond dated April 12, 1839, with Samuel Sparks as bondsman). Permela's nickname was Milly and she was born about 1806 in Wilkes County, N.C. From the 1850 census of Wilkes County, it would appear that William R. and Permela (Gentry) Sparks were the parents of the following children:

(1) Hugh Sparks, born about 1842.
(2) Lotty Sparks, born about 1846.
(3) Martha Sparks, born about 1847.
(4) Whitfield Sparks, born about 1849.

(Notes on William Russell Sparks, son of Reuben and Cassie, continued:

When the 1860 census was taken in Wilkes County, Martha and Whitfield were still listed as living with William Russell and Milly Sparks, but not Hugh or Lotty. However, Leander Sparks and Elijah Sparks, both aged 17 years, were living in the family.

6. Lydia Sparks, daughter of Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks, was born about 1804 (perhaps earlier). She married Henry Bauguess. They are known to have had a son named Bryant Bauguess who was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, on March 29, 1823. By 1850, Bryant Bauguess was living in Jefferson Township, Owen County, Indiana, and his mother Lydia was living with him along with Eli P. Bauguess, aged 22, and Fanny Bauguess, aged 20.

7. Matilda Sparks, Daughter of Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks, was born March, 1805. She died on August 18, 1878, in Surry County, North Carolina. She was married to Wiley Gentry in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in 1825 (Wilkes County marriage bond dated October 12, 1825, with William R. Sparks as bondsman). Wiley Gentry was a son of Jonathan and Sally (Fender) Gentry and was born in March, 1805, and died on May 27, 1878. Wiley and Matilda (Sparks) Gentry were the parents of the following children:

   (1) Tinison Gentry, born 1826, died 1848; never married.
   (2) Reuben Gentry, born 1828, died 1852; never married.
   (3) Jonathan Gentry, born March 1, 1830, died December 9, 1896; he married 1856 Emily Long, who was born in 1824 and died in 1904.
   (4) Cassy Gentry, born 1832, died 1856; she married in 1856 Levi D. Burcham.
   (5) Levi Gentry, born 1834, died 1852; never married.
   (6) Jonas Gentry, born 1836; he married Marinda Hall in 1854.
   (7) William Gentry, born 1838, died 1866; never married.
   (8) Sally Gentry, born 1840, died 1870; never married.
   (9) John Gentry, born 1843, died 1862; never married.
   (10) Wiley Gentry, born 1845; never married.
   (11) Allen Gentry, born 1847; died 1912; he married Susan Edwards in 1881.

8. Reuben Sparks, believed to have been a son of Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks, was born about 1808. This may have been the Reuben Sparks who married Phoeby Blackburn in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in 1828 (marriage bond dated October 10, 1828, with Eli Blackburn as bondsman).

9. ----- Sparks, female. It is believed that Reuben and Cassie (Buttery) Sparks had a daughter born about 1810.

(Editor's Note: As is evident in the above article, there remain many uncertainties regarding the children and grandchildren of Reuben Sparks (ca. 1755-1840). We hope that descendants of this family who have additional data will send these records to the editor.)

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 4

Enumeration Dist. No. 205

Note B.—All persons will be included in this Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDE

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

# SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Step Rock Township, in the County of Wilkes, S

enumerated by me on the 5th day of June, 1880.

| In Cities. Name of Street | House Number. | 1 Dwelling-houses numbered in order of visitation. | 2 Families numbered in order of visitation. | 3 The Name of each Person whose place of abode on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family. | Personal Description. 4 Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, C.; Indian, I. | 5 Sex—Male, M.; Female, F. | 6 Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus, 5/12. | 7 If born within the Census year, give the month. | 8 Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other. | Civil Condition. 9 Single. | 10 Married. | 11 Widowed. | 12 Married during Census year. | Occupation. 13 Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female. | 14 Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year. | Health. 15 Is the person (on the day of the Enumerator's visit) sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability? | 16 Blind. | 17 Deaf and Dumb. | 18 Idiotic. | 19 Insane. | 20 Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled. | Education. 21 Attended school within the Census year. | 22 Cannot read. | 23 Cannot write. | 24 Place of Birth (naming State or Country, if of |
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| | | 41 | 41 | Cordill James | W | M | 46 | | | | 1 | | | Farmer | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Sarah M. | W | F | 54 | | Wife | | 1 | | | Keeping House | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Celia | W | F | 28 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Frances | W | F | 26 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | at home | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Mary E. | W | F | 20 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Doctor F. | W | M | 19 | | Son | 1 | | | | Works on Farm | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Samuel M. | W | M | 15 | | Son | 1 | | | | Works on Farm | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Joseph W. | W | M | 14 | | Son | 1 | | | | Works on Farm | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Minnie L. | W | F | 11 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | N. |
| | | 42 | 42 | Gentry James | W | M | 43 | | | | 1 | | | Farmer | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Mary M. | W | F | 33 | | Wife | | 1 | | | Keeping House | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Ada | W | F | 7 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Ether | W | M | 5 | | Son | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Orvan | W | M | 3 | | Son | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Mary Ella | W | F | 1 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | 43 | 43 | Gentry Frances | W | F | 66 | | | | | 1 | | Keeping House | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Mary M. | W | F | 25 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Orlid M. | W | F | 24 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | 44 | 44 | Upchurch James | W | M | 51 | | | | 1 | | | Laborer | 6 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Martha J. | W | F | 41 | | Wife | | 1 | | | Keeping House | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Elizabeth | W | F | 8 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | 45 | 45 | Cockerham John R. | W | M | 31 | | | | 1 | | | Farmer | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Mary L. | W | F | 32 | | Wife | | 1 | | | Keeping House | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Gleda J. | W | F | 6 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Laura E. | W | F | 4 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | 46 | 46 | Upchurch William | W | M | 61 | | | | 1 | | | Farmer | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Emily | W | F | 40 | | Wife | | 1 | | | Keeping House | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Sanford R. | W | M | 17 | | Son | 1 | | | | Works on Farm | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Green B. | W | M | 15 | | Son | 1 | | | | Works on Farm | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Frances A. | W | F | 13 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Ingrid J. | W | F | 10 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | N. |
| | | | | —— Alvid | W | M | 7 | | Son | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Charles F. | W | M | 4 | | Son | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— James F. | W | M | 1 | | Son | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | 47 | 47 | Blizzard John D. | W | M | 37 | | | | 1 | | | Farmer | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Elizabeth B. | W | F | 26 | | Wife | | 1 | | | Keeping House | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— William M. | W | M | 7 | | Son | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Mary A. | W | F | 3 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | 48 | 48 | Gentry Joseph F. | W | M | 47 | | | | 1 | | | Farmer | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Rhoda C. | W | F | 45 | | Wife | | 1 | | | Keeping House | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Augustus M. | W | M | 20 | | Son | 1 | | | | Works on Farm | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Sarah J. | W | F | 18 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Jemima C. | W | F | 16 | | Daughter | 1 | | | | At home | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Joseph F. | W | M | 14 | | Son | 1 | | | | Works on Farm | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |
| | | | | —— Wadathen N. | W | M | 11 | | Son | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N. |

Union Primitive Baptist Church
Union, N. C.

Directions: Depart at White Plains, N. C. take SR #1003 and travel 5 miles. Key Store on right and Union Primitive Baptist Church on right past store, also at intersection of Turkey Ford Road SR #1100.

1. Junior Ellis Cassell Feb. 7, 1940 Jul. 3, 1974

2. Mack headstone Nov. 20, 1939 L
Patty headstone Jan. 20, 1938 L

3. thru 4. _" Granite marker w/ initials of C. R. M.

5. Round 6" concrete marker w/ "B" on it.

6. Sid E. Parker, father, May 16, 1905 L
Bertie Wall Parker, mother May 2, 1909 Feb. 18, 1979

7. two 6" square granite markers with "P" on it.

8. Mrs. Maxie Simpson Key at edge of woods, Moodys FH marker is all aged 64 yr. 10 mo. 25 days Died --- 14, 1980 no stone.

9. "C" concrete marker side of baby grave. With 10" tall granite marker with faintly signs of Masonic decal on stone.

10. B. B. concrete marker is all

11. B. B. concrete marker is all

12. Moseley stone; Frankie Moseley Apr. 3, 1931 Jan. 4, 1974
Anna Moseley Apr. 27, 1912 L
G. Richard Moseley Jun. 9, 1907 Jul. 2, 1975
Russell Moseley Apr. 10, 1935 Aug. 1, 1938

13. Clayton C. Johnson N. C. S1, U. S. Navy, W-2 Dec. 31, 1918 Sep. 3, 1970

14. Wayne Cassell, son, May 17, 1942 L
Samuel E. Cassell, father, Aug. 10, 1902 Nov. 20, 1973
Luna A. Cassell, mother May 13, 1911 L

15. thru 16. Granite Marker R. B. on both of them.

17. Ruth Mildred Hall d/o Lester & Effie Hall, June 25, 1916 Feb. 1, 1919

18. Wayne Johnson Mosley, S/Sgt. U. S. A. F., Korea, s/o John Mosley Oct. 31, 1932 Dec. 28, 1979

19. Jesse R. Corder, father Oct. 14, 1902 Jul. 6, 1974
Isebell T. Corder, mother Jun. 3, 1908 L
"Praying hands, at rest, gone but not forgotten."

20. Johnnie Edwards Mayes 1892 1982 father
Lela Hayes Mayes 1896 1969 mother Marr: Oct. 15, 1916

21. Bill Raymond Tolbert Aug. 1, 1941 Sep. 20, 1976 35-1-19 days Moodys FH

22. Martin H. Tolbert, father, Sep. 5, 1905 Aug. 11, 1980
Pearl S. Tolbert, mother Nov. 22, 1908 L "Precious Memories" couple standing near rail fence and under tree."

23. Robie F. Key, father Jul. 22, 1912 Jan. 3, 1930
Connie C. Key Dec. 1, 1913 L Marr: Nov. 26, 1930
Children are; Joseph W. Key, Nelson R. Key, Decie M. Key and couple holding hands on folded bible.

24. Jennie Key Nichols 1947 1947

25. Sidney G. Harbour May 1, 1880 Nov. 28, 1959
Dolly N. Harbour Oct. 28, 1860 Jun. 17, 1932 Asleep in Jesus.

26. Father, Hamilton Hayes Jun. 22, 1856 May 3, 1927
Mother, Nancy M. Hayes Aug. 3, 1867 Jun. 13, 1946
"Death is only a shadow across path to heaven."
b. Wilkes Co s/o Wm Granville Hayes + Sarah Blevins

27. Hazel Bell Mayes Jan. 29, 1921 Mar. 2, 1921 and is baby.

28. Doris Mae Mayes, infant Jul. 25, 1931 Oct. 3, 1932

29. J. A. Simpson Jul. 1869 Oct. 3, 1932 "In hope and finger to heaven."

30. Father, Robert Gray Badgett Dec. 5, 1886 L

31. Lottie M. Simpson Sep. 4, 1888 Nov. 13, 1961

32. Patricia Ann Branch May 6, 1941 May 6, 1941

33. Henry Louis Cassell, Cpl., Army, W-2 Aug. 31, 1920 Mar. 18, 1979

34. Charlie Cassell Dec. 28, 1896 Nov. 30, 1945

35. William (Byrd) Cassell Jul. 20, 1870 Jan. 14, 1952
Mattie White Cassell Dec. 24, 1879 Mar. 3, 1958

36. Maxie Simpson Key Dec. 19, 1915 Nov. 14, 1980

37. Simpson stone: J. Elmer Simpson Dec. 26, 1921 Apr. 7, 1937
Alvin F. Simpson Jun. 21, 1878 Aug. 22, 1960
James M. Simpson Jun. 21, 1878 Aug. 22, 1960 Mason symbol
Allie Johnson Simpson Dec. 29, 1882 Apr. 24, 1971

38. Bertha Simpson Davis 1901 L

39. Samuel P. Badgett May 20, 1869 Dec. 7, 1923
Mattie M. Badgett Apr. 13, 1878 Aug. 6, 1961

40. Maud Delia Stewart Aug. 1, 1918 Feb. 2, 1919 Our loved one and lamb atop stone.

41. Virginia Mae, d/o Elisha & Mamie Simpson Moseley Mar. 18, 1917 Apr. 8, 1921

42. Lenannah d/o Elisha & Mamie Simpson Moseley Jul. 23, 1919 Feb. 16, 1921

43. Maud d/o E. W. & Mamie Simpson Moseley Mar. 8, 1904 May 8, 1908

Joel Mayes'
services

Miss Grace Mayes
Mrs Carl Harris
Mrs Clifford Millikan
Clay Mayes

dau: Bessie Carolin
b. 21 Feb 1905 Rusk

Swan Creek Bapt.

Willie E. Mayes
19 Feb 1910
9 Nov 1951

Tella C Mayes
10 Sept 1883
19 Dec 1960

Caroline Jenkins
7 April 1862
6 Aug 1923

Thomas Clay Mayes
4 May 1928
9 April 1977 US

Joyce A.
4 Dec 1934 —

George + Susan (Hays) Mays

Clyde Mabry b 17 Sept 1913
Franklin TS

—

Lillie Ennis 28 May 1904-
28 Oct 1956 Mt Pat

—

George Estel 13 May 1908 K.M.
28 JUNE 1961

John Lonnie 80 1901 K.M.
9 Nov 1963

Nettie J b Jan 1900

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John T Mays + Mildred Hays

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Wavey (f) b. 1 Feb 1907 Elkin d. 3 May 1983
md. 9 May 1931 Harvey (Buck) Swift Oak Grove Bapt
ARTICLE #599
HERITAGE #2

Mary Elida b 15 April 1911 KM
md. Mack O'Neal Nixon (11 Mar 1906
22 Sept 1976)

Thomas Bethel 25 May 1908 KM

Alma Lizzie 8 Sept 1912

Hugh (4 June 1922 - 23 June 1922) Union Hill

# FAMILY GROUP NO.

This Information Obtained From:

1870 - #105, FRANKLIN TS, farmer, 500 R/125 P

1880 - #164, DOBSON TS,

## Husband's Full Name GEORGE MAYES

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husba |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | 12 MCH 1821 | | SURRY | NC | |
| Chr'nd | | | | | |
| Mar. | 2 FEB 1864 | | SURRY | NC | |
| Death | 13 JULY 1887 | DOBSON TWS | SURRY | NC | |
| Burial | | JACKSON NORMON | CEMETERY | | |

Places of Residence

Occupation Farmer — Church Affiliation — Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father HARDIN MAYES — Mother's Maiden Name FRANCES RICHARDSON

## Wife's Full Maiden Name MARTHA "CAROLINA" HODGES

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | 26 [illegible] 1829 | | SURRY | NC | |
| Chr'nd | | | | | |
| Death | 9 AUG 1888 | DOBSON TWS | SURRY | NC | |
| Burial | | JACKSON NORMON | CEMETERY | | |

Compiler — Places of Residence

Address — Occupation if other than housewife — Church Affiliation

City, State — Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date — Her Father Joseph — Mother's Maiden Name Mary Nollet

| Sex | Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 MARY B. REBECCA | Birth | 1866 | | SURRY | NC | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 2 SARAH ANN (SALLIE) | Birth | 26 JAN 1868 | DOBSON TWS | SURRY | NC | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | 26 JAN 1888 | DOBSON TWS | SURRY | NC | |
| | JACOB MITCHELL | Death | 23 AUG 1910 | | | | |
| | | Burial | | LITTLE VINE PRIM BAPT CH CEM | | | |
| | 3 THOMAS HARRISON | Birth | MAY 1870 | DOBSON TWS | SURRY | NC | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 4 WILLIAM M. | Birth | 1874 | DOBSON TWS | SURRY | NC | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | 9 NOV 1893 | DOBSON TS | SURRY | NC | |
| | MARY E. GENTRY | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 5 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 6 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 7 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 8 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 9 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 10 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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Aug 2, 1933. Ada Kelly Haynes Aug 19, 1913-Jun 26, 1945. Frank Bill Haynes Feb 10, 1910-Mar 24, 1964.

25. Byrd J Snow 1850-1940 & Wife, Elizabeth A Snow Aug 6, 1857-Apr 20, 1943. 1 sunken grave & 2 bxwood. 1-8 ft dia. near road.

26. John Wilmoth, mason, Feb 22, 1966-Sep 6, 1937. Malinda Wilmoth Nov 6, 1850-Dec 9, 1925.

27. Mary Ellen Harris Jun 24, 1881-May 2, 1927. John H Harris Mar 25, 1880-Apr 11, 1959. Billy, s/o Vergie Vaughn 1931-1932, age 1, h/m/st. I/d/o JH & Ellen Harris, born & died 1915, h/m/st.

28. Abe Roscoe Mayes Aug 2, 1892-Feb 24, 1981, 86-6 mo, MFH. Issie T Mayes Jul 20, 1896-L. Virgie K Mayes Feb 16, 1921-Dec 29, 1925.

29. Mary Etta M Wolfe Apr 8, 1872-Feb 12, 1961. Eugene L Wolfe Jan 30, 1871-Mar 18, 1957.

30. Charles, s/o JW & Cecil Callaway 1918-1918, h/m/st.

31. Garland Walker May 8, 1905-Dec 9, 1916

32. Augusta Gentry Sep 14, 1865-Nov 4, 1934. EM Gentry May 3, 1867-May 4, 1933.

33. Nathaniel G Nixon, mason, Sep 13, 1866-Jan 6, 1945. Nancy F Nixon Apr 21, 1872-May 2, 1925, e/star.

34. Fannie Thompson 1867-L. TJ Thompson 1860-1925.

35. BH Pholia, s/o NG & NE Nixon Apr 24, 1896-May 7, 1913

36. Elmer R Nixon Aug 15, 1918-Jun 20, 1919. Faith Hope Nixon Nov 1, 1927-Nov 2, 1927, (twin) st.

37. Susie E, w/o George M Mayes 1878-1933. George M Mayes May 28, 1904-Oct 27, 1956.

38. Shirley Ann Wood Oct 14, 1935-Aug 27, 1936. Cindy H Wood Mar 12, 1882-Feb 23, 1960. Jessie R Wood Jun 14, 1882-Feb 10, 1964. Mary A Wood Feb 15, 1915-L.

39. Enos Winston Walters Jul 2, 1870-Feb 13, 1942. Laura B Anthony Walters Nov 18, 1870-Feb 21, 1955.

40. Mack Norman Sep 5, 1878-Oct 16, 1945. Nora Ann Norman Nov 15, 1886-Apr 24, 1975. Earl Norman, s/o Mack & Nora Norman Jul 14, 1920-Dec 9, 1934. Pleas M Issacs Jun 29, 1851-Jul 22, 1943. Martha E Issacs Sep 13, 1856-Sep 11, 1937.

41. Joseph H Issacs Oct 13, 1872-Jan 13, 1925. Ella Thompson Isaacs Jan 10, 1876-Mar 8, 1949

42. Richard F Isaacs Jul 20, 1899-Aug 10, 1974. Vivian S Isaacs Jun 10, 1905-L.

43. Edna Hudspeth Oct 12, 1890-Jul 28, 1947. Maude Hudspeth 1883-1924. JR Hudspeth Dec 19, 1885-Aug 25, 1957.

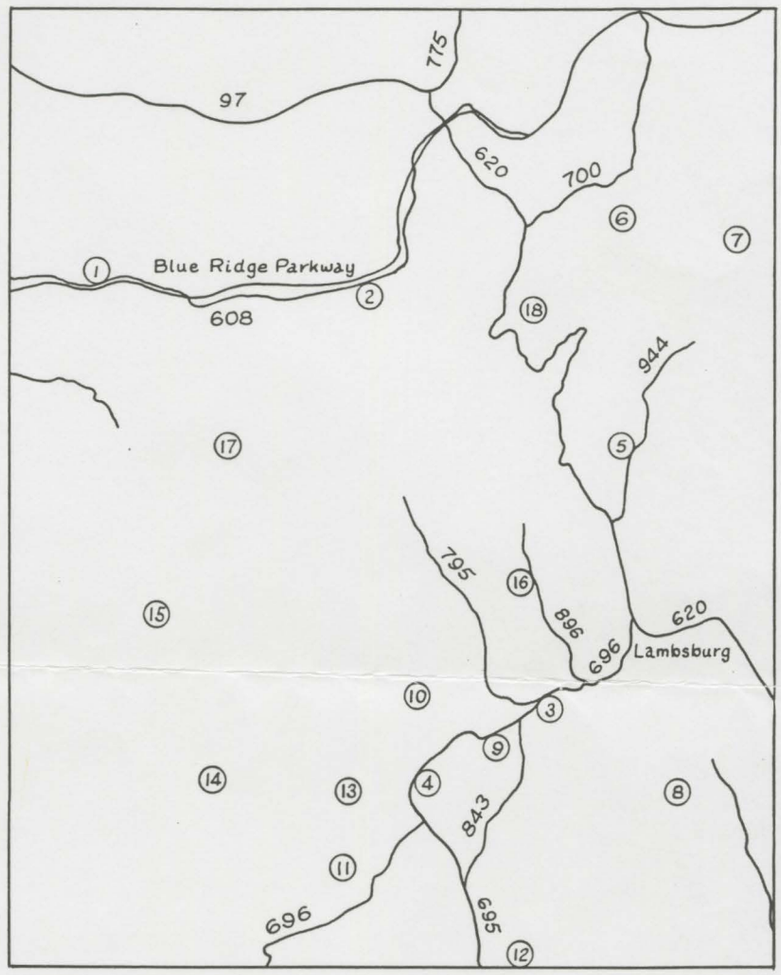
44. Frank W Hanes Sep 20, 1874-Feb 25, 1929. De Ette Kapp Hanes Mar 17, 1883-Dec 9, 1933.

45. Irvy Kapp Wallace Apr 10, 1912-Apr 6, 1926. Lottie Mitchem Wallace Jan 26, 1904-Mar 4, 1983. Irvy O Wallace Feb 21, 1886-Feb 7, 1973. Mary Kapp Wallace Feb 25, 1888-May 3, 1932. I/o Wallace Oct 16,1933. Alice Cockerham Kapp Dec 13, 1863-Aug 26, 1937. John C Kapp Jun 26, 1860-Jul 17, 1931.

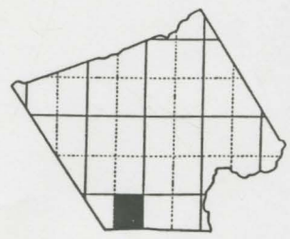
46. R Wallace Harris Oct 17, 1866-Jun 4, 1935. Bettie E Harris Sep 2,

Gentry

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1. Blue Ridge Chapel
2. Mt. Carroll
3. Chestnut Grove Church
4. Edwards-Upchurch
5. Hawks Family
6. Suzie Hawks
7. Bobbitt
8. Creed Golding
9. Fellowship Tabernacle
10. W. H. Stantliff
11. Stewart
12. Bates
13. Jeff Edwards
14. Stantliff
15. Collins
16. Unknown
17. Barker
18. Bryant Grave



**BLUE RIDGE CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY (Continued)**

LOWE, Gladys 1919 -
LOWE, Woodrow 1913 - 1945
LOWE, Bonnie Rose 8 December 1940 - 4 April 1941
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Lowe
FELTS, Susan Kay 27 February 1950 - 24 July 1950
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Felts
FELTS, Flora 23 December 1883 - 25 June 1948
FELTS, Vick 18 February 1876 - 9 August 1952
FELTS, Lee Roy 25 May 1916 - 22 April 1980
PFC US ARMY WW II
BRYANT, Bonnie L. 29 August 1948 - 29 August 1948
BRYANT, Kenneth G. 4 May 1928 - 14 November 1938
PAYNE, Tuly no dates
BRYANT, Mattie E. Amburn 31 December 1883 - 15 February 1952
BRYANT, Curtis A. 24 November 1881 - 11 March 1936
PAYNE, Mary no dates
PAYNE, Joel no dates
HAROLD, Francis Holder 1814 - 1885
HAROLD, Moses P. 1822 - 1887
HAROLD, William Jackson 1847 - 1878
HAROLD, Pedro Jefferson 1869 - 1870
COMBS, Alice no dates
PAYNE, Margaret V. 19 December 1872 - 2 June 1874
PAYNE, Julia A. 4 July 1881 - 15 November 1882
PAYNE, Mary F. 5 February 1887 - 25 March 1888
PAYNE, Caroline 25 October 1848 - 7 February 1929
PAYNE, Calvin Son of Jackson Payne 11 January 1850 - 3 Dec. 1930
PAYNE, Cora E. 23 February 1876 - 13 May 1967
PAYNE, Jasper L. 5 February 1889 - 29 June 1944
PAYNE, Louvenia E. 20 September 1887 - 22 January 1978
BRYANT, Andrew Jackson 6 May 1815 - 26 March 1900
BRYANT, Tabitha 18 June 1817 - 4 March 1899
BRYANT, Riley no dates
BRYANT, Children of F. K. Bryant no dates
BRYANT, James no dates
BYRANT, Children of F. K. Bryant
BRYANT, James K. P. 2 September 1854 - 30 October 1909
BRYANT, Jane no dates
BRYANT, Martha 15 January 1861 - 5 June 1944
HODGES, Callie L. Dau. of Henry & Matilda Hodges 1904 - 1905
BRYANT, Emmett J. 9 November 1899 - 20 May 1959
JENNINGS, Lillie 4 November 1898 - 14 October 1900
Daughter of Heath & Catharine Jennings
JENNINGS, Cora 26 March 1885 - 15 June 1888
Daughter of Heath & Catharine Jennings
JENNINGS, Kenny & Kenley 12 January 1888 - 12 January 1888
Sons of Heath & Catharine Jennings
PARKS, Child of Leff Parks no dates
KRESS, Child of Noah Kress no dates
HOLDER, Child of Saw Holder no dates
HOLDER, Child of Saw Holder no dates
BRYANT, Nella Ruth 3 August 1922 - 26 March 1926
HAYES, Silas Jackson US NAVY WW II 2 Sept. 1911 - 10 June 1982
HAYES, Aline Leftwich 1912 -
WILLIAMS, Frederick L. 13 November 1934 -
WILLIAMS, Elizabeth A. 16 July 1938 - 24 January 1984
WILLIAMS, William Edgar 11 September 1901 - 21 January 1984
WILLIAMS, Margie Ellen 15 June 1904 - 21 December 1978



**BLUE RIDGE CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY (Continued)**

ANDERS, Ila F. 6 March 1930 - 3 March 1956
RIPPEY, Dina Gail 22 July 1947 - 23 July 1947
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Rippey
RIPPEY, Ernest L. 14 March 1914 -
RIPPEY, Maggie M. 15 August 1908 -
FROST, Mazie E. 17 July 1921 - 31 October 1984
Wife of Charles E. Frost
FELTS, Larkie A. 1888 - 1973
FELTS, Harvey L. 1885 - 1958
FELTS, Eva H. 3 June 1914 - 3 January 1978
FELTS, Elmo C. 23 October 1908 - 21 September 1982
SHINAULT, Marquette 20 January 1868 - 3 July 1957
SHINAULT, Gordon 4 August 1881 - 21 September 1961
HARRISS, Willie Pearl 1 March 1902 - 10 December 1949
FOLGER, Reuben R. 21 January 1900 - 20 January 1965
BEDSAUL, Thomas M. 6 January 1868 - 4 September 1955
MORRIS, Sarah A. 22 January 1842 - 3 April 1900
MORRIS, Joseph F. 12 May 1848 - 31 December 1906
CO H 2 VA INF Spanish American War
WILSON, Arnold 5 June 1888 - 21 July 1961
WILSON, Sarilda 29 January 1884 - 1 October 1947
BRENDLE, George 1863 - 1898
LINEBERRY, Lydia Brendle 1862 - 1947
GARDNER, Nora Brendle Leftwich 9 March 1895 - 26 December 1989
Wife of R. S. Gardner, Sr. and Lafayette Leftwich
LEFTWICH, Lafayette 24 May 1891 - 24 December 1928
LEFTWICH, Eliza J. 26 October 1853 - 13 December 1913
LEFTWICH, Robert F. 21 October 1854 - 2 October 1898
FELTS, Almeda V. 20 August 1867 - 17 February 1944
FELTS, J. Ellis 17 November 1867 - 13 September 1943
FULKS, William M. 12 July 1836 - 26 September 1913
FULKS, Elvira 17 March 1837 - 4 May 1900
Wife of William M. Fulks
AMBURN, Louzenia E. 22 April 1833 - 25 February 1925
YOUNG, Eliza J. 26 June 1835 - 8 June 1919
AMBURN, Riley J. 16 March 1849 - 23 October 1917
AMBURN, Sarah C. 12 October 1840 - 1 January 1927 (Stone Broken)
COMBS, James Howard 28 December 1907 - 8 January 1982
COMBS, Ambrose E. 22 April 1876 - 29 March 1961
COMBS, Ida M. 25 July 1881 - 19 March 1971
COMBS, Dewey O. 27 April 1917 - 22 May 1938
Son of A. F. & I. M. Combs
COMBS, Edna Morrel 22 October 1914 - 1 December 1914
Daughter of A. E. & Ida M. Combs
COMBS, Claude H. 1898 - 1969
COMBS, Nell M. 1906 -
COMBS, Bernard G. 9 April 1923 - 17 September 1939
Son of C. H. & Nell Combs
PAYNE, Rita S. 14 September 1909 -
PAYNE, Elbert E. 8 October 1905 - 30 April 1974
LYONS, Austin 1881 - 1960
LYONS, India 1879 -
GALYEAN, Jaunita H. 1907 - 1981
GALYEAN, Audy R. 1907 - 1966
BOURN, Child of John Bourn no dates
BOURN, Child of John Bourn no dates
HAWKS, Shirley Faye 2 January 1939 - 17 May 1952
HAWKS, Revis 12 March 1937 - 3 April 1960

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# Franklin/Flat Top Church Membership

Submitted by Juanita Carpenter

The following were listed as members of this church in June 1858:

Susan BARKER
Rebecca BRAY
Nancy BURRASS
Catherine BRANCH
Elizabeth CANADY
Rhoda CARPENTER
DIED 1868
Dorcas CAVE
Catharine COCKERHAM
Mary DAVIS
Ambros DICKEN
Ferendrila(?) DAVIS
Rubin FRANKLIN
LuCrecy FRANKLIN
Alfred GENTRY
Margaret GENTRY
Caroline HODGES
Elizabeth HODGES
Mary JONSON(?)
Jackson LAWSON
Liddy LAWSON
Thankful LAFFON
Harden MAZE
Frankey MAZE
Metilda NORMAN
Francis B. RIGGON
Mary RIGGON
Danel RAMEY
Nancy RAMEY
Marth RAMEY
Matilda RAMEY
Nancy SMITH
Rebecca SNOW
Luzon WILKISON
Al WILMOTH

(M) Henry Beamer

The following were listed as members of this church in March 1872:

Susan BARKER
Rebecca BRAY
Nancy BURRASS
Catherine BRANCH
Catharine BEAMER
Rubin BRAY
Grey BLEVINS
H. C. BOOKER
Matilda BLEVINS
Elizabeth CANDAY
Dorcas CAVE
Mark CALLAHAN
Mary DAVIS
Martha FULKS
Philina FOREST
Alfred GENTRY
Margaret GENTRY
Calvin GENTRY
Mary GENTRY
Malesey HODGES
Sarah HASE
Margret HALL
H. HODGES
Mary B. JONES
Susan KILCHERSON
E. F. KANE
Liddy LAWSON
Thankful LAFFON
T. J. LAWSON
Harden MAZE
Frankey MAZE
Caroline MAZE
Sarah MARRY
Ned MICHEL (colored)
Mary MAZE
Metilda NORMAN
Rebecca NATION
Philena NORMAN
M. H. NORMAN
Fannie NORMAN
Martha NIXON
Sarah PANE
A. A. PANE
Mary RIGGON
Robert RIGING
Lucy RIGING
Rebecca SNOW
Amarica SNOW
Lela SMITH
Jane SUTHARD
Elizabeth SNOW
A. C. WOODRUFF
Elesey ZEN
Gracy THOMPSON

The following were listed as members in April 1879:

Rebecca BRAY
Catharine BEAMER
Lucey BLEVINS
J. F. BRINDLE
Lucinda BRENDLE
Dorcas CAVE died May 1882
E. F. CAIN
Matilda CAIN
Reubin CAVE
Adline CAVE
Letey A. GALLION CREED
Mary DAVIS
Jane DAVIS
Faney DIRE
Martha FULKS
J. A. MARTIN died 1891
Lewis MARTIN
Rosey MARTIN
Sarah MONEY
Rebecca NATION
died Feb. 25, 1881
Alley NATIONS
died April 1884
Sarah PANE
A. A. PANE
Lizey PEN (colored)
Frankey PORTIS
died May 1882
Philina FOREST
Margaret GENTRY
Mary GROGINS (colored)
G. H. GOINS
W. P. GOINGS
died Sept. 2, 1893
Charity GOINGS
Malesey HODGES died 1889
Hubbar HODGES
Martha HODGES
Jinnie HASBER (colored)
Mary HODGES
Elizabeth HOLDER
Elzia M. HIAT
Mary HODGES
Barnet PAIN
Elizabeth PHILLIPS
R. H. RIGGAN
T. A. RIGGAN
Susan RICHER died 1884
Thursday REED
Patcey REECE
D. E. RIGGAN
Martha REECE
Rebecca SNOW
Amarica SNOW
Thrusday SNOW
John HUATT
D. M. JOHNSON
Rachel J. JOYCE
died 1892
Malinda JOHNSON
Elizabeth KENNEDY
T. J. LAWSON
Margret LOW
Elizabeth Jane LOW
Harden MAZE
Frankey MAZE
Caroline MAZE died 1887
Mary MARION
Ned MITCHEL
M. P. MARTIN
Margret SAWYERS
Patsy SNOW died 1882
Martin SAWYERS
A. C. WOODRUFF
C. W. YORK
Leweasy YORK
Mary WILLIAMS
Ireney WALLS
Elizabeth Jane VERNUM
Sarow YORK
Sina NATION

The following were listed as members in August 1893:

Will ADAMS
Catharine BEAMER
M. A. BRANCH
Nancy BLEVINS
Matilda BLEVINS
Reubin CAVE
Adline CAVE
Alexander COX
T. A. COX
Unitey CAVE
Leathey CAVE
Eliza COMER
Mary DAVIS
Jane DAVIS
Thomas DAVIS
Faney FREEMAN
Elizabeth FULKS
Mary GROGINS (colored)
Charity GOINGS
Candis GALLION
Rebecca SNOW
C. W. YORK
Malinda YORK
N. E. WILLIAMS
C. E. TICKLE

T. J. GOURLEY
R. P. GOURLEY
T. GOLASPY
Hubbar HODGES
Martha HODGES
Leathey HODGES died 1894
Mary HODGES
Elizabeth HOLDER
died August 29, 1894
Irena HODGES
N. E. HODGES
Elizabeth KENNEDY
T. J. LAWSON
Margret LOW
Harden MAZE died 1897
Frankey MAZE died 1894
Lewis MARTIN
Rosey MARTIN
Sarah MONEY
died Feb. 21, 1896
Amarica SNOW
Leweasy YORK
John VERNUM
Tabetha WILLIAMS
J. M. WOOD

Sarah McCRAW
S. A. MITCHEL
Nancy MARION
Frankey MITCHEL
Olivia MATHUS
listed as dead
J. W. MARION
S. A. MARION
Sina NATION
A. A. NICHOLS
Nancy Ann NIXON
Jane NEAL
Sarah PAYNE
R. PAYNE
R. H. RIGGAN
T. A. RIGGAN
Thrusday REED
D. E. RIGGAN
Martha REECE
T. F. RIGGAN
Victora J. RIGGAN
Mary W. SOTHERN
Elizabeth Jane VERNUM
J. J. WILLIAMS
Denston TICKLE
M. J. WOOD

The following were listed as members in 1899:

W. H. ATKINSON
Nancy ATKINSON
F. A. ATKINSON
Augusto ALDERMAN
Catharine BEAMER
Matilda BLEVINS
T. A. COX
Mary DAVIS
Jane DAVIS
Thomas DAVIS
listed as deceased
Elizabeth J. DOLES
Salley DURHAM
Faney FREEMAN
Elizabeth FULKS died 1901
Candis GALLION
T. GOLASPY
Hubbar HODGES died 1918
Martha HODGES
Mary HODGES
N. E. HODGES
R. A. HODGES
Daniel HODGES
listed as dead
Emerline HODGES
Elizabeth KENNEDY
died February 1902

M. A. BRANCH
Nancy BLEVINS died 1900
H. J. BEAMER died 1919
Ireney HODGES BEAMER
M. A. BEAMER
M. F. BEAMER
T. J. LAWSON
died Jan. 20, 1904
Margret LOW listed as dead
M. S. LOW
Mahaley A. LOW
Sarah MARAN
Nancy Ann NIXON
Jane NEAL listed as dead
N.J. PAYNE
J. Y. PAYNE
E. E. PAYNE
R. H. RIGGAN
T. A. RIGGAN
died Nov. 29, 1908
D. E. RIGGAN
died Jan. 30, 1904
Martha REECE
listed as dead
Victoria J. RIGGAN
R. H. RIGGAN, Jr.

B. P. BEAMER
R. BEAMER dead 1917
F. BEAMER
H. H. BRINDLE
Caty BRINDLE
Alexander COX
J. T. RIGGAN
Rebecca SNOW died 1899
Amarica SNOW
Jane SUTHARD
Mary W. SOTHERN died 1902
Mower SNOW died 1901
Mollie L. SNOW
Emanuel SNOW
C. W. YORK
Leweasy YORK
Malinda YORK
John VERNUM died 1903
G. W. WRIGHT died 1917
M. G. WRIGHT
J. R. THOMPSON
Nancy THOMPSON

Franklin/Flat Top Church is located in the vicinity of the Edwards-Franklin House, Surry County, North Carolina.

## CORRECTION

Appearing on p. 21 in the July 1985 issue of The Journal are listings of 2 Bibles. The entries on the top part of the page above the line that reads: "The following were taken from a sheet of paper in the Bible" are from one Bible. The entries below that line on p. 21 are from another Bible.

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# POINDEXTERS

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G-4 MARTHA MILNER (PATSY) POINDEXTER
(Thomas - Thomas - Thomas - George)

Fourth child of Thomas Poindexter III and Elizabeth Pledge Poindexter.
Martha Milner (Patsy) Poindexter was born 18 Dec 1768, was baptized 27 Mar 1769 in VA. (Douglas Register, p. 84), d. ca 1852 Polk Co TN; m. 30 Nov 1785 George Pettitt, b. 27 May 1760 N.C. d. 10 May 1845 Polk Co TN. Marriage Bond in Surry Co., NC dated 23 Nov 1785; bondsmen were George Pettitt and Francis Poindexter. Issue:
(Martha Milner - Thomas - Thomas - Thomas - George)

i. Benjamin Pettitt, b. 25 Dec 1786 Surry Co NC, d. 1815 Washington Co NC; m. on 3-18-1813 in Surry Co., NC to Charlotte Martin, b. 5 May 1795 Stokes/Surry Co NC, d. 1 Mar 1865 Yadkin/Surry Co NC. They moved to Tennessee where they were living when Benjamin died. She took child and returned to N.C. where she later married Robert Alexander Poindexter, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Pledge Poindexter.
   a. Benjamin Pettitt, Jr., b. 2-20-1815 Overton Co TN (part of Overton became Clay Co @ 1850/1860), d. 31 Mar 1906 Yadkin/Stokes/Surry Co NC; m. ca 1835 Nancy Flynn, b. ca 1813 Stokes/Surry Co NC, d. ca 1882 in same area as born
      1. Thomas M. Pettitt, b. 7 Nov 1837 Stokes Co, d.16 Aug 1862 Petersburg VA m. 11 Oct 1859 Stokes Co NC Ruth Sandusky Jones, b. 31 may 1835 NC
         A. Hezekiah Benjamin Robert Pettitt, b. 16 Jul 1860 Stokes Co NC, d. 13 Jun 1928 Webster Co MO; m. 24 Jul 1888 MO Amanda Angeline Stever, b. 19 Jan 1863 Webster Co MO, d. 15 Dec 1950 Webster Co MO
            (i) George Thomas Pettitt, b. 25 Apr 1892 Polk Co MO, d. 12 Aug 1970 Porterville CA; m.8 Apr 1917 in MO Ona Marie Young, b. 11 Jul 1902 MO, d. Apr 1991 Fresno CA
               (a) Dr.Robert J. Pettitt, b. 19 Jun 1936 Elkland, Dallas Co MO; m. 26 Oct 1974 Westlake Village CA Mary Ellen Courtright, b. 30 Aug 1951 Santa Monica CA

ii. Thomas Pettitt, b. 9 Aug 1788, d. 29 Oct 1790
iii. George Pettitt, b. 1790

(Martha Milner - Thomas - Thomas - Thomas - George)

iv. William Madison Pettitt, 10 Dec 1792 Swain Co NC; m. 7 Oct 1816 Surry Co NC Jane Ridings
   a. Benjamin Clavin Pettitt
   b. Thomas Pledge Pettitt, b. 25 Sep 1817 NC, d. 31 Oct 1898 TN; m. Sarah Ann Poindexter, b. 19 Sep 1827 NC, d. 6 Mar 1913 TN
      1. William Pledge Pettitt, b. 1846, d. 1911
      2. Jane Elizabeth Pettitt,b. 1849, d. 1879
      3. Sarah Ann Pettitt, b. 1851, d. 1889
      4. John Baber Pettitt, b. 15 Nov 1854 Jackson Co AL, d. 28 Feb 1918 Jackson Co AL; m. 20 Jan 1886 Minnie Scythia Metcalf, d. 21 Feb 1899 NC
         A. John Frank Pettitt, Sr., b. 31 May 1891 Colbert Co AL, d.8 Sep 1971 Huntsville AL; m. 6 Aug 1921 Marion Co TN Bertha Mae Williams, b. 10 Aopr 1903 Colbert Co AL, d.5 Apr 1957 Colbert Co
            (i) John Frank Pettitt, Jr., b. 2 Jan 1925 Colbert Co AL; m. 8 Dec 1951 Bessemer, Jefferson Co AL
      5. Nancy Radford Pettitt, b. 1857, d. 1949; m. Gibson
      6. Benjamin Carol Pettitt, b. 1860; m. Lea Findley
      7. Thomas Pledge Pettitt, Jr., b. 1863, d. 1906; m. Frances Guffey

8. Mary Ada Pettitt, b. 1866, d. 1902; m. Adkins
9. Robert Poindexter Pettitt, b. 1869, d. 1946; m. Vallee
10. James Pettitt, b. 1840?, d. 1916; m. Hannah Ann March, b. 1838, d. 1925 (judging by the birth dates of James Pettitt & his children, he may have been a s/o Wm. Madison Pettitt & bro. to Thos. Pledge Pettitt, since he would have been born when his mother was thirteen [13]. The other possibility is that his birth date is incorrect.)
    A. Thiedosia Milli Pettitt, b. 1867, d. 1877
    B. William Tecumseh Pettitt, b. 1870, d. 1927
    C. Aggnus Jane Pettitt, b. 1872, d. 1959
    D. David Bradson Pettitt,b. 1874, d. 1965
    E. Thomas Benjamin Pettitt, b. 1877, d. 1954
    F. James Garfield Pettitt, b. 1879, d. 1903
    G. John Pettitt, b. 1882, d. 1883
11. Sallie Pettitt; m. Davis
12. Patsy Pettitt; m. Corner
13. Nancy Pettitt; m. Ladd

(Martha Milner - Thomas - Thomas - Thomas - George)

v. Francis P. Pettitt, b. 1797 Surry Co., NC, d. Mar 1852 McMinn Co TN; m. 12 Jul 1826 Surry Co NC Margaret A. McCammon, dau. of Eliz. Poindexter and Isaac McCammon, b. ca 1800 Surry Co NC, d. ca 1850 McMinn Co TN

a. Elizabeth Carolina Pettitt, b. 28 Aug 1829 McMinn Co TN, d. 29 May 1863 McMinn Co TN; m. 2 Nov 1847 McMinn Co TN Edmund Roberts, b. 18 Jan 1822 Riceville, TN, d. 18 Jan 1908 Chattanooga TN
    1. William Thomas Roberts, b. 19 Mar 1856 Riceville TN, d. Feb 1934 Athens TN; m. 22 Sep 1886 Riceville TN Helen Vernon Hutsell, b. 21 Mar 1857 Athens TN, d. Feb 1945 Athens TN
        A. Willie Helen Roberts, b. 4 Jun 1896 Riceville TN, d. 5 Aug 1989 Athens TN; m. 28 Apr 1929 Athens TN Winston Adams Selden, b. 12 Aug 1896 Faunsdale AL, d. 7 Apr 1931 Athens TN
            (i) William Roberts Selden, b. 19 Sep 1921 Belzoni MS

b. Martha Milner Pettitt, b. 24 Dec 1831 Surry Co NC, d. 2 Mar 1919 McMinn Co TN; m. 13 Aug 1866 McMinn Co TN Jesse Burdine Wallace, b. 23 Jul 1834 Gilmer Co GA, d. 20 Jun 1917 McMinn Co TN. Issue:
    1. Charles Edgar Wallace, b. 8 Jan 1868 McMinn Co TN, d. 11 Jan 1942 Hamilton Co TN; m. 16 Aug 1893 McMinn Co TN Elizabeth Jane Wyatt, b. 1 Mar 1876 McMinn Co TN, d. 11 Nov 1945 Walker Co GA. Children:
        A. Charles Burdine Wallace, b. 6 Mar 1894 McMinn Co TN; m. 18 Dec 1930 Walker Co GA Annie Melissa Ogburn, b. 25 Jun 1986 Walker Co GA, d. 28 Dec 1931 Walker Co GA. (He m. (1) Carrie Marie Morgan
            (i) Gladys Wallace, b. 18 Jun 1929 Walker Co GA; m. 11 Oct 1952 Walker Co GA Theo Charles West, Sr., b. 24 Jun 1933 Walker Co GA
                (a) Carolyn Rose West, b. 20 Aug 1963 Walker Co GA
            (ii) Mary Jane Wallace, b. 21 Dec 1931 Hamilton Co TN. Address: Rt. 4, Box 3550, Chicamauga, GA 30707
        B. Mary Jane Wallace, b. 1896, d. 1953; m. Millard Autry
        C. Minnie Elizabeth Wallace, b. 1898, d. 1969; m. Oscar Henry

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# State of North Carolina,

_____ COUNTY.

Office of the Register of Deeds,

_____, 187_

**TO ANY ORDAINED MINISTER OF ANY RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION, OR ANY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR SAID COUNTY:**

Jno M Smith having applied to me for a LICENSE for the Marriage of Wm M Smith of Surry County aged 20 years, color White the son of J M Smith and Polly Smith the father now living the mother living resident of Surry County And Letha Gentry of Franklin Township aged 19 years, color white daughter of Britain Gentry and Sarah Gentry the father dead the mother living resident of Franklin Township Surry Co

And the written consent of _____ the _____ of the said _____ to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.

*And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed Marriage at any place within the said County.*

*You are required within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage to return this License to me, at my office with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License. and with the blanks therein filed according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.*

J. H. Pruett Register of Deeds.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Surry COUNTY.

I, C Thompson a Justice of Peace united in Matrimony Wm M Smith and Letha Gentry the parties licensed above, on the 15 day of January 1882, at Elizabeth Hodges in Franklin Township Surry County Township, in said County according to law.

**Witnesses present at Marriage:** _____

A W Knapp of Franklin Twp

Nicholas Hall of Surry

C. Blevins of Franklin.

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No. 512.—MARRIAGE LICENSE, and CERTIFICATE for the use of Ministers or J. Ps. —Printed and for sale at Harrell's Printing House, Weldon, N. C

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Sunny County } OFFICE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

June 5 1885

**To any Ordained Minister of any Religious Denomination, or any Justice of the Peace of said County:**

1 Robert Gerring having applied to me for a License for the Marriage
of 2 Robert Gerring of 3 Sunny Co. N.C.
age 4 21 years, color, 5 colored, the son of 6 James Gerring
and 7 Sallie Gerring, the father now 8 dead the mother 9 Sunny
resident of 10 Sunny Co. N.C. and 11 Columbia Hays
of 12 Sunny Co. N.C. age 13 21 6 years, color 14 colored, daughter of
15 Jos Hays and 16 Elizabeth Hays
the father 17 dead, the mother 18 Sunny resident of 19 Sunny Co. N.C.

*And the written consent of ....., the .....
of the said ..... to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the said County.

You are required within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage to return this License to me, at my office, with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License, and with blanks therein filled according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

W A Freeman

Register of Deeds.

1 Name of person applying for license.
2 Name of man to be married in full.
3 Residence.
4 Age.
5 White or colored.
6 Father of man to be married.
7 Mother of man to be married.
8 Living or dead.
9 Living or dead.
10 Residence, if known, If not state unknown.
11 Name of woman to be married in full.
12 Residence.
13 Age.
14 White or colored.
15 Father's name.
16 Mother's name.
17. Living or dead.
18 Living or dead.
19 Residence, if known, if not state unknown.
*If both parties are over 18 years of age strike out.

Robert Gerring being duly sworn, says: That the parties applying for License are of lawful age, and as far as he is informed and believes there is no lawful cause or impediment forbidding said Marriage.

Robert his X mark Gerring

Witness: W A Freeman

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# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Sunny County.

I, 1 R Thompson J P, a 2 .....
united in matrimony 3 Robert Gerring Jr
and 4 Delinda Hayes the parties licensed above, on the 7th Day of
day of June 1885, at 5 My House
in 6 Franklin Township, in said County according to law.

* Witnesses present at Marriage:

Gad H Goins of Franklin Township
Rosa Wiley Hays of .....
mark
..... of .....

1 Name of person officiating.
2 If minister, of what denomination: If Justice, of the Peace, so state.
3 Name of man married.
4 Name of woman married.
5 Place of Marriage.
6 Township.
*At least three persons present at marriage must sign as witnesses.

Printed and for sale at Harrell's Book and Job Printing House, Weldon, N. C.—Wedding Cards from $1 to $20 per hundred.

PLACE OF DEATH
Surry
Brandflin

# North Carolina State Board of Health

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registration District No. 86-7060 File No. 3

Registered No.

(No. ____, St.; ____ Ward)

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

FULL NAME Vilinsta Gentry

### PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX: Female

COLOR OR RACE: White

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, or DIVORCED (Write the word): Widdow

DATE OF BIRTH: Jan (Month) 7 (Day) 1860 (Year)

AGE: 55 yrs. 1 mos. 25 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work:

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer):

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENTS: Illiterate

BIRTHPLACE: North Carolina

NAME OF FATHER: Joseph Hays

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country): North Carolina

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Elizabith Lewis

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country): North Carolina

INFORMANT'S STATEMENT AS TO FACTS IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Laura Gentry

Lowgap N.C.

Filed May 4 1915 G.E. Isaacs Registrar.

### MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH: March (Month) 2 (Day) 1915 (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from ____, 19__, to ____, 19__

that I last saw h__ alive on ____, 19__

and that death occurred on the date above stated, at ____ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

No Phicion supposed to have died from Heart trouble

(Duration) ____ yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

Contributory (Secondary)

(Duration) ____ yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

(Signed) ____, M. D.

____, 191__ (Address) ____

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents)

At place of death ____ yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds. In the State ____ yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?

Former or usual residence

| PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL | DATE OF BURIAL |
|---|---|
| Roaring Gap Cem | March 4, 1915 |
| **UNDERTAKER** | **ADDRESS** |
| J.M. Todd | Lowgap N.C. |

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

**HUSBAND** GEORGE WASHINGTON GENTRY Occupation FARMER

Born November 11 1865 Where Surry County North Carolina

Chr. Where

Marr. September 18 1889 Where Franklin Twnshp Surry Co North Car

Died June 24 1911 Where Reed ISLAND, PULASKI VIRGINIA

Buried Primitive BABTIST Church Where FLAT TOP Surry N.C

Husband's Father Johnathon Gentry Husband's Mother Rebecca FULKS

Husband's Other Marr.

Date Compiled JULY 2 1986

Compiler Jeff Gentry

Address

Rel. to Husband GG SON Rel. to Wife GG SON

Descended through Child no. 1

Necessary Explanations

**WIFE** maiden name in full SARAH ANNE SNOW

Born JULY 5 1871 Where Franklin Twnshp Surry Co North Car.

Chr. Where

Died February 8 1906 ?? Where

Buried Where

Wife's Father Sanford Snow Wife's Mother Agnes MAYES

Wife's Other Marr.

INDIAN SQUAW CHEROKEE

| SEX M. F | CHILDREN GIVEN NAME(S) | SURNAME | WHEN BORN & DIED DAY | MONTH | YEAR | WHERE BORN & DIED TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | FIRST MARRIAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 M | POSEY LESTER | | b. 11 | Sept | 1890 | | Surry | NC | Date December 22 1910 |
| | | | d. 7 | Aug | 1966 | Tazewell | Tazewell | VA | To LAURA MAE SISK |
| 2 M | JAMES HENRY | | b. 15 | Nov | 1892 | | Surry | NC | Date FEB-21-1917 |
| | | | d. 25 | Feb | 1967 | Winston/Salem | Forsyth | NC | To BYRTLE SISK |
| 3 F | NANNIE DORA (NANCY) | | b. 8 | Jan | 1894 5 | | Surry | NC | Date |
| | | | d. 16 | Jun | 1911 3 | | | | To ALVIS LAWSON |
| 4 M | CLAUDE WASHINGTON | | b. 10 | Jun | 189X | | Surry | NC | Date |
| | | | d. 12 | AUG | 19 84 | MT AIRY | Surry | NC | To IDA ELIZABETH JARRELL |
| 5 M | ROBY SANford | | b. 13 | OCT | 1900 | | | | Date |
| | | | d. 19 | FEB | 1977 | | | | To DAPHNA ~~REED~~ REID |
| 6 M | SHERMAN JOHNATHON | | b. 20 | JULY | 1905 3 | | | | Date |
| | | | d. | | | | | | To NANNIE STEWART |
| 7 F | MARGARET Lee (MAGGIE) | | b. 20 | AUG | 1906 | | | | Date |
| | | | d. | | | | | | To BROWN LEWEY |
| 8 | | | b. | | | | | | Date |
| | | | d. | | | | | | To |
| 9 | | | b. | | | | | | Date |
| | | | d. | | | | | | To |
| 10 | | | b. | | | | | | Date |
| | | | d. | | | | | | To |

Sources and Where Obtained

Other Marriages of Children EXAMPLE: No. 3 David Lee DOE (2) 6 Dec 1862 to Ann May ASH

Marriage of Husband or Wife. List Children in order of birth. When there are more than 10 children continue numbering on a second form. For Other Marriage of Husband or Wife record: (No.), Date, and Name. Give sources in detail.
EXAMPLE: Name: John Lee DOE; Date: 2 May 1821; Where: Sparta, White, TN.

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rnments in power for several years

ie Permelia there were twin sons, Jo-
ah, born August 30, 1871. Joseph mar-
larris March 31, 1865. Josiah married
s October 19, 1863. They lost a daugh-
ra at the age of five months and twenty
vas a butcher in Winston-Salem for
nown to his kin folks as "Uncle Si."
est of the William Phillips children
She married Reverend Willie E. Ni-
l two children, a son named Roy and
o died in infancy from whooping
hols died at the age of 27 and Mary
her mother in the old home place
y, for as long as Elizabeth Jane lived,
here after her death. Rev. Nichols
nuary 29, 1874 and died August 8,
was born December 16, 1873 and
71. Many of us who are grandchil-
d Wes remember her, a familiar



*William Phillips and Elizabeth Jane with Mary Ann — picture made about 1883, which would make Mary Ann about ten years old. William would be 79 and Elizabeth Jane 43.*

*Elizabeth Jane raised a little black girl who was four years old and left behind when the slaves were freed. When she grew up, she married a Jarret and became the mother of Pete Jarret. Her name was Mary; it is not known why she was left behind — Elizabeth was very kind to her.*

WILLIAMS Ridings

# HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE
# OF
# YADKIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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The Yadkin County Historical Society
Yadkinville, North Carolina



Based on the original architectural survey
by Kirk Franklin Mohney
and a supplementary survey
by Lewis Brumfield

Lewis Brumfield, Editor

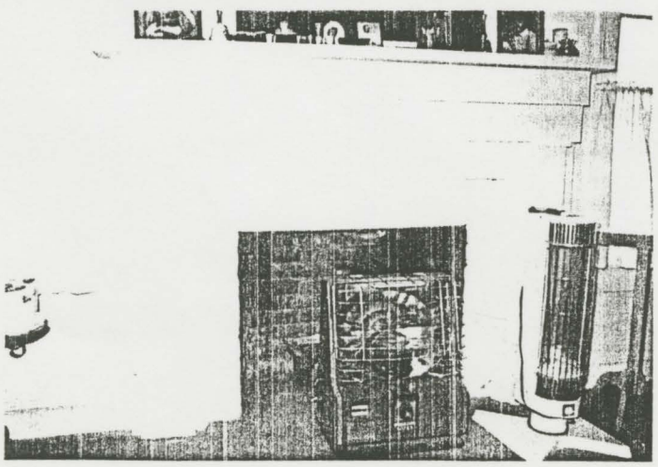


## William R. Williams House

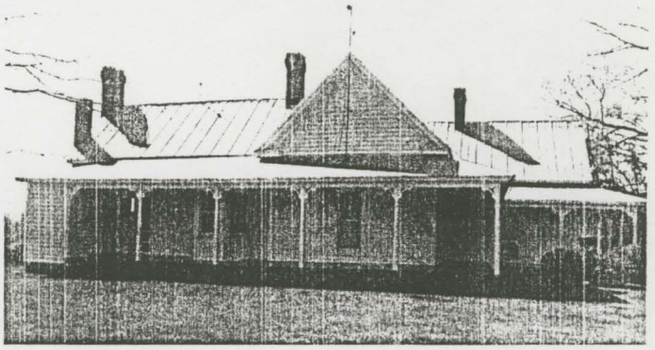
*Enon Vicinity*

Inscribed in the center of a pointed star design high on the west gable-end chimney of this two-story house is the date 1861. This, according to family tradition, marks the year in which the Greek Revival style house was built for William R. Williams (1827-1909). The 1862 Yadkin County tax rolls show that Williams' modest farm contained 110 acres. On November 19, 1851, Williams married Louseany Holcomb (1833-1875). Whether they occupied a smaller house on this farm before they built the present house is unknown. After his wife's death, Williams married Ellen Logan (1859-1904). They continued to occupy the house and farm until they died. The property was acquired by Dormin R. Williams (1883-1980), the son of William and Ellen (Logan) Williams. He married Bessie Hoots (1884-1969) and they lived here until some years before their deaths. The farm is currently owned and occupied by their son, Robert Williams, Sr.

The Williams house is a relatively intact representative example of rural Greek Revival style houses built in North Carolina in the decade before the Civil War. It is, however, somewhat unusual in that a pair of centrally located doors open into the two first-floor rooms. Many houses built during the period favored a centrally located stair hall which effectively increased the overall width. On the Williams house, a deeply projecting center-bay porch with a pediment and square posts shields the two doors. Flanking six-over-six double-hung sash windows in wide flat surrounds with paneled shutters are repeated on the second story. Broad open eaves accentuate the house's horizontal lines. Chimneys stand at both gable ends and a broad twentieth-century ell extends to the rear. Inside, beveled surrounds frame the window casings. Two-panel doors survive along with the simple slat balustrade at the top of the enclosed stair. The parlor mantel shows an unadorned post-and-lintel design. On the second-floor mantel, the pilasters broaden at the top giving the impression of an inverted base. A third mantel, which has been removed from the east first-floor room, is remarkably similar to the mantels found in the William Spillman house, a Federal style log house built in 1831. Mrs. William Spillman was an aunt of Mrs. William R. Williams. Whether this mantel was copied from those in the Spillman house, or came from a contemporary house which no longer stands, is unknown. Family tradition holds that a Mr. Craft was the carpenter employed by Williams, but little is as yet known about him. The farm's only surviving outbuildings include a side-drive slat crib and a frame barn, constructed about 1916.



This house stands on land which has been in the immediate family for over 200 years. William Ridings Williams, who built the house, was the grandson of John Ridings, who received a state grant for this land in 1785.



## Jonah Williams Farm

*Yadkinville Vicinity*

This picturesque decorated one-story farmhouse stands at the head of a group of frame outbuildings. The August 11, 1909 issue of the *Yadkin Ripple* reported: "E. J. West & Co. are painting a new house for Mr. Jonah Williams." It was built by local carpenter Jack Taylor, a neighbor, for Jonah C. Williams (1885-1971). Williams, who was also a carpenter by trade, did not build his own house. He and his wife, Amelia J. Williams (1880-1961), made this their residence until they died. The house, and thirty acres of the farm, descended to their daughter, Pearl (Williams) Pardue, who lives here with her husband, Caswell Pardue.

Within recent memory, the fairly good-sized log house of Jonah Williams' parents, Thomas L. Williams (1846-1924) and Camilla Ann (Williams) Williams (1849-1914), stood on the grounds of this house. It was similar to the Colonel Speer log house on the grounds of the Huston Davis home. It was torn down about thirty years ago.

Thomas Williams was the son of John Williams (1825-1863), who was the second member of the Home Guard killed in the shootout at Bond's Schoolhouse at Quaker Deep Creek Church in February, 1863. On February 19, 1863, Attorney R. F. Armfield of Yadkinville wrote to Governor Zeb Vance, "We have had a startling occurrence in this county, of which you have doubtless heard before this time, which has greatly exasperated every intelligent and good citizen of the county. I mean the murder of two of our best citizens, magistrates of the county, by a band of deserters and fugitive conscripts..." This shootout at Bond's Schoolhouse is described in Ben Ames Williams' novel, *House Divided*. Another long account of it, told from the other side, appeared in the February 14, 1906 issue of the *Yadkin Ripple*. It states, "The news had been carried by some treacherous and disloyal person to James West, captain of the home guard, that the conscripts were congregated at the Bond Schoolhouse..."

The asymmetrically massed house is composed of an L-shaped front block joined to a long ell. A hip-roofed porch follows the projecting and receding wall planes beginning at the front elevation and trailing down the north side. A second L-shaped porch is located at the rear. Both employ turned posts with two styles of sawn brackets. The north extension of the porch shields a bay window and terminates at an enclosed room. Patterned wood shingles cover the projecting gable on the front elevation. Four-over-four double-hung sash windows are employed throughout, except in the bay window where larger six-over-six sash are used.

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**Dear Mr. Cockerham:**

Thank you for your letter regarding the Gazette and your search for your ancestors. I feel sure you will be able to make some connections through the Gazette but it may take awhile. Nothing comes quickly in this game! After reading through the "Contents" sheets, I am sure you will find some back issues of the periodical dealing with the Gentrys "running loose in Surry County, NC." That might be a place to start your study through the Gazette subscriber network.

The balance of this letter is my standard "introduction" to the periodical which is intended to explain the Gentryologists work through GFG&GE.

**GFG&GE** has been published since 1979. The schedule is for six issues in the current volume, number nine. Subscribers always get what they pay for, but regularity has not been one of our virtues (note the issue dates!).

Hopefully, the **exchange** in our title explains the basic thrust and purpose of the periodical. We are dedicated to and labor diligently to swap genealogical information, creating in the process, a family feeling. We believe that which affects one branch or limb of the family tree is of potential interest and importance to all members of the extended Gentry Family. This family-emphasis rather than individual-researcher emphasis causes a certain amount of friction; many who inquire of the Gazette editor are only interested in one or two individuals or lines, not the whole family. So be it.

Because of the "whole family orientation," I have instituted an unholy, unnatural and generally radical policy that creates all sorts of complaints from the uninitiated. ***I don't publish addresses!*** Here's why:

The only way I have found to make sure that everyone in the extended family has

access to everything that makes its way to the editor in McLean, is to insist on sharing. (Unfortunately, there are still those who hoard genealogical information. I wish I could figure out why.)

Our share-it policy means that it sometimes takes a **very long time** for questions published in the Gazette to be answered in the Gazette. On the other hand, questions posed and answered are available to everyone in the subscriber/reader family.

I am pleased to forward inquiries (and even masses of material) to those in the **subscriber** family who have expertise or knowledge about a specific ancestor or family, but only with the understanding that a copy of the correspondence is made available, originally, to the Gazette for publication. Naturally, we expect those subscribers responding to other subscribers to make their responses available to **GFG&GE** and thus to the extended family. In all the years of publishing the Gazette, I have forwarded dozens of queries to specific individuals, publishing the original query in the Gazette, but only once, you heard me, once!, in 14 years, have I received a copy of the follow-up correspondence.

You have noted my emphasis on subscribers. When I started it was with the intention of helping anyone with any question about any Gentry about whom I had any information or could offer a suggestion. It didn't take long to discover that there are not enough hours in the day for that and still eat, sleep and make a living to support a genealogical sideline publishing business. Thus, my function is more facilitator and editor than a researcher.

I have attached several items to pique your interest in Gentry genealogy including the first issue (now somewhat dated except for the research article). Please look at the **CONTENTS** pages first. That will show you our emphasis on and dedication to publishing family queries and responses thereto.

More about queries: you will note several issues of the Gazette dedicated to queries alone. Please keep in mind that when I say "query," I'm looking for a long, fulsome, involved, complete and even complicated letters describing your genealogical search. The more information subscribers have about your search, from you, the better the chance that one of our subscribers will be able to offer assistance. As a general rule, the longer the query, the better the chance it will appear in the next issue of the Gazette. All queries will appear, sooner or later, but the letter-length, or article-length type of query gets my attention first. You

see, basically, the subscribers write the periodical except for the specialized research articles.

We publish ahnentafael charts from time-to-time; I have enclosed a blank ancestor chart for you to complete as fully as possible and return for later publication. I will convert it to the ahnentafel form, so add as much information as possible. We know the appearance of the charts has led many subscribers to obtain leads, and in some cases, connections with their own lines of ancestor research. If you can, when you complete the chart, please indicate those records where you have original source documentation. [This is not a requirement of course. I trying desperately to get everyone to develop the habit of not being satisfied with their data and their research until they have it nailed down with original sources.]

Several people have published Gentry family histories; excerpts from such works have been published in the Gazette. And I know of a few people who are currently planning on publishing family histories; those too, will be published in full or excerpted in the Gazette as received.

There is a famous, early book on the family entitled The Gentry Family in America, 1676-1909 published in 1909, by my great grandfather, Richard Gentry of Kansas City, Missouri. (His is the distinguished picture on page one of issue one.)

A hard cover reprint of his book can be ordered from Goodspeed's Bookshop; 7 Beacon Street; Boston, Massachusetts 02108. The last time I checked, the cost per copy was $75.00 plus $4 shipping. You should call Goodspeed's at 617.523.5970 to double check its availability and current cost.

A soft cover reprint of the 1909 book is also available from Higginson Books; 14-GH Derby Square; Salem, Massachusetts 01970. This is a Xerox copy of the book including the 1937 "Addenda" of 15 pages. Higginson takes your order for a book, then copies and binds the pages, the process taking about 10 weeks, from order to delivery. The price is only $40.00 plus $4.00 shipping. You can reach Higginson at 608.745.7170 and you should definitely call them to verify cost and shipping information. In my personal opinion, it makes more sense to buy the Xeroxed version. You will be less inhibited about marking it up. If you are not too crazy about the cost of either reprint, remember that many large public libraries and/or genealogical libraries have copies or reprints of the book.

Please keep these points in mind when using the 1909 book:

(1) it is a marvelous, even amazing piece of research for its time,
(2) it was never intended as a "complete" family history [it concentrates mainly on a single Gentry line], and
(3) there are a number of factual errors in it.

Now, to answer a question that has been posed dozens of times: I have no intention of updating the 1909 book. On the other hand, I do hope to publish a book about the earliest four generations of Gentrys in America sometime in the future. I suspect that 99.9% of the material for that book has been or will be found in the pages of the Gazette.

You may be interested to learn that approximately 35% of the current **Gazette** subscribers have personal computers (1990 survey) and do some of their genealogical work with such machines. Yours truly is one of that number. That does not mean the periodical is filled with computerese - quite the contrary. I mention this because I am looking at ways and means to bring benefits of the technology to all subscribers. It's obvious that we should be swapping information electronically via telephone lines. Why that is important to all subscribers is that it would speed up the process of answering queries. But more important, it means we could vastly expand the amount of Gentry family material available to all subscribers!

Finally, you will find enclosed a copy of the first issue and an order form which includes the price list for all the back issues of **GFG&GE** individually, and as a group. If you purchase the whole bunch, they are shipped in four three-ring binders.

A pre-addressed envelope is included for your convenience. Please be sure to add first class postage.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

Richard Hayden Gentry

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October 6, 1993

**Dear Mr. Cockerham:**

Enclosed are the issues ordered and thank you for the check in the amount of $26.00.

A subscription to Volume IX of the Gazette is $25.00. My apologies for not making that clear on the order form.

Hope to hear from you again.

Sincerely,

Dick H

Mr. James E. Cockerham
425 West Main Street
Jonesville, NC 28642

NICHOLAS GENTRY AND HIS BROTHER SAMUEL WHERE BRITISH REDCOATS WHO CAME TO THIS COUNTRY TO FIGHT IN THE BACON REBELLION. THEY ENTERED LAND IN NEW KENT COUNTY VIRGINIA IN 1684. THEY ARRIVED HERE ABOUT 1677 OR THERE ABOUTS AND DID NOT RETURN TO ENGLAND.

SAMUEL HAD ONE SON PETER WHO DIED YOUNG AND NO OTHER MENTION CAN BE FOUND AS OF YET. Peter was baptised St. Peters Parish New Kent County April 10, 1687.

**NICHOLAS** THE IMMIGRANT REDCOAT

| JOSEPH | ELIZABETH | NICHOLAS | MABEL | SAMUEL | DAVID |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1687- | 1697-1779 m Jane | 1702- | 1702 | |

| ALLEN A | JOSEPH | SAMUEL | NICHOLAS | RICHARD | SIMON |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1725-1802 m Mary | 1730-1813 m Agnes | 1732-1799 m Moved SC | 1732-1797 m | 1738-1811 m | ? m |

SHELTON NANCY ANNE SARAH & OTHERS

| SHRADRACK | MESHACK | OBEDNIGO | AGNES | MARY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1759- m Elizabeth | 1761-1833 m To Tenn | ? m In Yadkin | ? m Whitmore | ? m Andrew Buchanan |

| ALLEN | SAMUEL | NICHOLAS | JEREMIAH |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1750-1824 m Elizabeth Waddell | 1750- m | 1768-1858 m | ? m |

| JONATHAN | AGNES | MATTHEW | ARTHUR | MARY | NATHAN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1778-1852 m Sarah | 1780- m | 1782- m | 1794- m | 1796- m | 1798-1852 m Rebecca Passmore |

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GENTRY FAMILY HISTORY

SAMUEL GENTRY, BORN IN ENGLAND, DIED IN NORFOKK, VIRGINIA. HE HAD THREE SONS (1Ø SHADRACK GENTRY, LIVED IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND DIED THERE. (2) MESHACK GENTRY AND ABEDNIGO GENTRY, MOVED TO FOOT OF A MOUNTAIN CALLED "LITTLE FOX," IN SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CARODINA, OR WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, BEFORE 1776, NEAR DEEP CREEK. THEY WERE CARTWEIGHT BY TRADE AND BUILT CARTS AND WAGONS FOR ARMY DURING THE YEARS OF 1776 TO 1781, BETTER KNOWN AS THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERIOD. MESHACK GENTRY AND ABEDNIGO GENTRY PAY TAXES 1812. IN YADKIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

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ALLEN GENTRY, WAS THE SON OF MESHACK GENTRY AND ABEDNIGO GENTRY, AAT THIS TIME WE ARE UNCERTAIN. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT MR. ALLEN GENTRY HAD A SON NAMED ATHIE GENTRY.

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ATHIE GENTRY, HAD A SON NAMED GORDAN GENTRY, BORN 27 APRIL 1823 DIED 9 FEBRUARY 1879.

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JORDAN GENTRY, WAS BORN 27 APRIL 1823, THE SON OF ATHIE GENTRY, AND JORDAN GENTRY, DIED 9 FEBRUARY 1879. JORDAN GENTRY PROBABLY MARRIED NANCY A BARKER. BORN 29 AUGUST 1831: DIED 3 MARCH 1901. THEY HAD THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN: (1) J.S. GENTRY, BORN 1861: DIED 1942: (2) C.C. GENTRY, (3) CHARLIE GENTRY, (4) DELPHIA GENTRY, (5) TYRAE GENTRY, (6) ADDOLINE GENTRY,

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J.S. GENTRY, BORN 1861: DIED 1942: THE SON OF JORDAN GENTRY, AND J.S. GENTRY MOVED FROM WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. J.S.GGENTRY, MARRIED LAURA HAWLEY ON 16 MARCH 1886. THEY HAD THE FOLLOWING: CHILDREN NAMES:(1) LULA GENTRY, BORN 22 MARCH 1887: DIED 9 JULY 1894: (2) TWINS DIED IN INFANCY 21 FEBRUARY 1894: (3) R.G. GENTRY, BORN 5 SEPTEMBER 1889: (4) JAA. GENTRY, (BORN19 MAY 1897: (5) J.R. GENTRY, BORN 7 JANUARY 1900: (6) STELLA GENTRY, BORN 7 MARCH 1903: (7Ø HARVEY GENTRY, BORN 18 JANUARY 1908, COMPILED BY HARVEY GENTRY, TYPED BY CHARLES ODELL WILLIAMS BORN 13 FEBRUARY 1948 FRIDAY 1:35 P.M. DAVIE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

| GROOM | BRIDE | DATE OF BOND | BONDSMAN |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry, Allen D. | Nancy Gentry | 2 Mar 1810 | Shadrach Holcomb |
| Gentry, Calvin | Polly Hodges | 1 Oct 1845 | Jesse Davis |
| Gentry, Elisha | Seneth Denny | 2 Feb 1811 | Abraham Badgett |
| Gentry, Gardner | Susannah Weatherman | 1 Feb 1830 | Shadrach Gentry |
| Gentry. J.F. | Rhody Thompson | 9 Dec 1858 | J.W. Woodruff |
| Gentry, James | Rebecca M. Fulks | 30 Nov 1855 | m 12 Dec 1855 by B.F. Scott, J.P. |
| Gentry, James S. | Sarrah Hodges | 12 Nov 1853 | C.L. Banner m 13 Nov 1853 by Geo. A. Jervis J.P. |
| Gentry, Joseph | Mary Hodges | 28 July 1816 | James Robinson |
| Gentry, Joseph | Sally C. Fulks | 1 Nov 1860 | Archalauus Vaughn m 1 Nov 1860 by B.F. Scott, J.P. |
| Gentry, M.B. | Susan Hodges | 4 Feb 1863 | Barnet Payne m 9 Feb 1863 by T.J. Lauson |
| Gentry, Michael B. | Sarah Burrus | 13 Nov 1811 | James Jervis |
| Gentry, Pleasant | Lucy Alnut | ca 28 July 1804 | George Hudspeth |
| Gentry, R.H. | Lavina Collins | 22 Dec 1867 | m 24 Dec 1867 by B.J. Dickins, J.P. |
| Gentry, Robert | Nancy Hodge | 21 Sept 1820 | Geo. A. Jervis |
| Gentry, Samuel | Sarah Brock | 24 May 1787 | Robert Hooker |
| *George, Samuel J. | Eliza J. Mires | 12 Dec 1852 | John Morefield |
| Gentry, Shadrac | Milinda Messick | 2 Feb 1847 | Lawson G. Penix |
| Gentry, Shadrach | Polly Jacks | 14 Oct 1810 | William Vanhoy |
| Gentry, Wiley (son of Calvin & Polly Gentry) | Catharine Lyon | 17 Dec 1870 | m 25 Dec 1870 by G.W. Thompson, J.P. |
| Gentry, William | Betsy Day | 13 Apr 1809 | Robert Ashley |
| Gentry, William | Lucy Myres | 1 Dec 1830 | Jeremiah Francis |
| Gentry, William M. or Jentry | Martha E. Nickson | 9 Oct 1847 | Giles N. Harris |
| Gentry, William W. | Cyntha Haines | 27 July 1830 | Wm. Dickerson |
| *George, Franklin --see page 61 | | | |
| George, John | Elizabeth Jinnins | 1 Feb 1807 | Partrick Hutchins |
| *George, Samuel J. --see above | | | |
| Gibbs, John | Sarah Norman | 18 Jan 1844 | William B. Gibbs |
| Gibbs, John C. | Mary Ann Jester | 18 Dec 1839 | Jeff Brown |
| Gibbs, Peter | Anny Brown | 27 Apr 1811 | Thomas Vestal |
| Gibbs, William | Ailsey Wordun | 17 Feb 1844 | Wilis J. Spence |
| * Gibbens, Elbert | Sally Hill | 28 Sept. 1850 | Henry Moore D. C. Wolff |

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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in _____ in the County of Grayson

of Virginia enumerated by me, on the 14th day of August 1860. W M Dickinson AP

Post-Office Independence,

| Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation. | Families numbered in the order of visitation. | The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family. | Description. Age. | Sex. | Color, {White, black, or mulatto.} | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age. | Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate. | Value of Personal Estate. | Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country. | Married within the year. | Attended School within the year. | Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write. | W dum idiot conv |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | |
| 711 | 666 | Allen Hodges | 52 | M | X | Laborer | | 40 | NC | | | 1 | |
| | | Elizabeth " | 53 | F | X | | | | NC | | | 1 | |
| | | Mary " | 24 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | | Haywood " | 21 | M | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | | Hannah " | 18 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | | Jane " | 16 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | | Sarah " | 13 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |
| 712 | 667 | Madison Hayes | 30 | M | X | Laborer | | 200 | NC | | | | |
| | | Margaret " | 25 | F | | | | | Va | | | 1 | |
| | | William " | 8 | M | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | | Elizabeth " | 6 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | | Sarah J " | 3 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |
| 713 | 668 | David Sims | 54 | M | | Farmer | 15250 | 18550 | Va | | | | |
| | | Sarah " | 55 | F | X | | | | NC | | | | |

EDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in _____ in the County of Goochland Sta

Virginia enumerated by me, on the 14th day of June 1860. W. Faust Asst Asst Marsl

t Office Peach Bottom _____

| Families numbered in the order of visitation. | The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family. | Description. Age. | Sex | Color, (White, black, or mulatto) | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age. | Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate. | Value of Personal Estate. | Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country. | Married within the year. | Attended School within the year. | Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write. | Whether deaf an dumb, blind, insan idiotic, pauper, convict. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | Wallace Lop | 3 | M | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | Floyd " | 1 | M | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | Marcus Anders | 17 | M | | Laborer | | | Va | | | | |
| 8 | Elizabeth Bacon | 31 | F | M | | | | Va | | | | |
| | Mary " | 11 | F | M | | | | Va | | | | |
| | Alfonso " | 9 | M | M | | | | Va | | | | |
| | Isaac " | 4 | F | M | | | | Va | | | | |
| | Ezell " | 3 | M | M | | | | Va | | | | |
| 9 | Major Hodge | 52 | M | | | | | N.C | | | | |
| | Elizabeth " | 53 | F | | | | | Va | | 1 | | |
| | Mary " | 22 | F | | | | | Va | | 1 | | |
| | Wesley " | 20 | M | | | | | Va | | 1 | | |
| | Frances " | 18 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | Anne " | 16 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |
| | Sarah " | 11 | F | | | | | Va | | | | |

| | Born | Died | Married |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amos/Amasa/Asa Hodges | ca 1755 | | s/o Welcome William |
| m. | Halifax County, VA | Surry County, NC | Hodges & Mary _____ |
| Judith Gentry | ca 1766 | | d/o Joseph Gentry & |
| | Lunenburg County, VA | Surry County, NC | Agnes Shelton |

Children:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Joseph | ca 1783<br>Surry County, NC | Jul 1841<br>Surry County, NC | Mary Noblett<br>11 Sep 1803 [MB] |
| 2. | Abner | ca 1787<br>Surry County, NC | Tennessee | Mary Wagoner<br>12 Sep 1807 [MB] |
| 3. | Isom | ca 1789<br>Surry County, NC | Lawrence County, IN | Frances Potter<br>20 Mar 1826 [MB] |
| 4. | Mary | ca 1791<br>Surry County, NC | | |
| 5. | Daniel | ca 1793<br>Surry County, NC | | Sarah Hickman<br>7 Dec 1825 [MB] |
| 6. | James | ca 1795<br>Surry County, NC | | |
| 7. | William H. ("Buck") | 3 Jun 1799<br>Surry County, NC | 18 Aug 1892<br>W. H. Hodges Fam Cem | 1)- Dorcas Cunningham<br>2)- Julia Ann Bean |
| 8. | Nancy | ca 1802<br>Surry County, NC | ca 1855<br>Surry County, NC | Robert R. Gentry<br>21 Sep 1820 [MB] |
| 9. | Major | ca 1805<br>Surry County, NC | | |
| 10. | Pleasant | ca 1810<br>Surry County, NC | by 1880<br>Franklin TS Surry NC | Matilda Cunningham<br>4 Jul 1829 [MB] |

(1) William H. ("Buck") Hodges's marriages were as follows:
Dorcas Cunningham = 31 Mar 1825 [MB]
Julia Ann Bean = 10 Nov 1855

| | Born | Died | Married |
|---|---|---|---|
| Samuel Gentry [II](1) | ca 1695 | ca 1780 | s/o Nicholas Gentry, I |
| m. | New Kent County, VA | Caswell County, NC | & (2) |
| Ann(e) [Allen?] | ca 1700 | | d/o |
| | New Kent County, VA | Caswell County, NC | |

Children:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | David | ca 1718<br>Hanover County, VA | ca 1764<br>Johnson County, NC | Sarah Brooks |
| 2. | Nicholas | ca 1720<br>Hanover County, VA | ca 1800<br>Surry County, NC | Mary Brooks |
| 3. | Ann(e) | ca 1723<br>Hanover County, VA | | French Haggard |
| 4. | Allen (3) | ca 1725<br>Hanover County, VA | 1802<br>Halifax County, VA | Mary _____ |
| 5. | Joseph | ca 1728<br>Hanover County, VA | Apr 1813<br>Joseph Gentry G-yard | Agnes Shelton<br>ca 1754 |
| 6. | Richard | ca 1730<br>Hanover County, VA | 1810<br>Surry County, NC | [?] |
| 7. | Simon | ca 1734<br>Hanover County, VA | 1792<br>Cumberland Co., VA | Susanna(h) Brown<br>May 1760 |
| 8. | Samuel, Jr. | ca 1737<br>Hanover County, VA | ca 1799<br>Surry County, NC (4) | [?] |

(1) Samuel Gentry [II] was born in New Kent County, VA, but at a young age removed to "Dirty Swamp," in that part of Hanover County, VA, which was later cut-off into Louisa County, VA. Here he lived from 1723 to the mid-1750s, when he moved to Lunenburg County, VA. By 1777 he was in Caswell County, NC, appearing on that county's tax lists of that year.

(2) Various sources give his mother as Mabel Wood or Lucy Cornelius.

(3) Various sources give his name as Allen A. Gentry, but he signed his deeds with "A."

(4) Samuel Gentry, Jr., died in that part of Surry County, NC, which later became Yadkin County, NC, near Fox Knob.

SECTION II

GENTRY HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

*On January 29,1677, an English fleet arrived in Hampton Roads, under command of Admiral Sir John Berry, with a regiment of soldiers, under command of Colonel Herbert Jeffries, and Colonel Francis Moryson. Sir William Berkeley, then Governor of Virginia, joined them at Kequotan, now called Hampton, and held an interview with them on the Bristol, the Admiral's flagship. Sir John Berry, Colonel Herbert Jeffries, and Colonel Moryson were the three commissioners. General Bacon had died and peace was soon restored, through the presence of the soldiers and the negotiations of the commissioners. Governor Berkeley was so enraged, so revengeful, and vindictive, that he caused to be executed, of those who had opposed him, twenty-three of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of the colony. Governor Berkeley was recalled and ceased to be Governor on April 27, 1677, and returned to England with the fleet. Colonel Jeffries acted as Governor until the arrival of Lord Culpepper in 1680, who was recalled to England in 1683. Before his departure in the fall of 1683, he paid off the soldiers in Spanish piasters, worth five shillings, which he had made by proclamation worth six shillings, in payments for debts.*

The above quote from Richard Gentry's book in 1909 backs up the hear-say in the family that the first Gentrys to settle in America were two young English brothers who came over to help put down Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia in 1677. It is assumed that Nicholas and Samuel Gentry were among the soldiers described above, were paid off and discharged in the fall of 1683, but remained and settled in Virginia. It is believed that the two brothers married and began their families in New Kent County, Virginia. To support this belief, baptism records of some of their children have been found dated as early as 1687.

It is my purpose to now drop Samuel Gentry and to stick strictly with Nicholas Gentry who appears to be our direct ancestor. As far as I have been able to conclude, Nicholas was the father of six children, all of whom were probably born and raised around New Kent: Joseph, Elizabeth, Nicholas II, Mabel, Samuel II, and David. Our direct line appears to be Samuel II.

2-5 Samuel Gentry II, assumed to have been named after his uncle, was found in Louisa County, Virginia, in 1742 buying land and helping build roads. It appears that the second generation in

America began to move on to other places. In 1777 he was on the tax list of Caswell County, North Carolina. Records indicate that he was the father of six children, all of whom were probably born while their parents lived in Virginia: Allen b. c.a. 1725, Joseph b. c.a. 1730, Samuel, Jr.,b. c.a. 1732, Nicholas b. c.a. 1735, Richard b. c.a. 1738 and Simon. Samuel, Jr.,appears to be our direct ancestor.

3-3 Samuel Gentry, Jr. (1732-1799) most likely remained in Virginia even if his father later migrated into North Carolina. Records indicate that his four children were born in Louisa County, Virginia: Allen b. c.a. 1750, Samuel b. c.a. 1750's, Nicholas b. c.a. 1768, and Jeremiah (NFI). Allen is believed to be our lineage.

4-1 Allen Gentry (c.a. 1750-1824) is believed to have moved into Wilkes County, North Carolina, around 1800. He is said to have been a cartwright during the Revolutionary War and is believed to be buried in Wilkes County. He married Elizabeth "Sis" Waddell and there were six known children: Jonathan b. 1778, Agnes b. 1780, Matthew b. 1782, Arthur b. 1794, Mary b. 1796, and Nathan b. 1798. The first son, Jonathan, appears to be our lineage.

5-1 Jonathan Gentry b. Nov. 25, 1778, d. April 15, 1852, is believed to be buried in Wilkes County. It is supposed that he came into Wilkes County with his father and remained near-by to raise his family of ten children. He married Sarah "Sally" Fender, daughter of Christian and Mary Fender. It is believed that Christian Fender migrated to America from England, married Mary of German descent, and settled in the Moravian Settlement at Old Salem.

Jerry Gentry, a cousin, has done extensive work on the Gentry family especially forward from John Gentry, first son of Jonathan and Sarah Gentry. I give him credit for most of the information which I have on the children of Jonathan.

6-1 John Gentry b. 1801 m. second time to Elizabeth Lyon

6-2 Mary "Polly" Gentry m. Valentine Lyon

6-3 Elizabeth Gentry m. William Darnell

6-4 Wiley Gentry (our lineage) b. March 10, 1805, m.

Matilda Sparks on Oct. 12, 1825, d. May 27, 1878, and is buried in the Gentry Family Cemetery in Surry County on the Harold and Kay Hurt property.

6-5 Parmelia Gentry m. a Sparks

6-6 Anna Gentry m. a Johnson and moved away

6-7 Allen Gentry b. 1809 ~~m. Rebecca Reaves~~

6-8 Jonathan Gentry b. ~~1815~~

6-9 Catherine Gentry m. James Cordill, d. Dec. 28, 1853. I have recently found out that they were the parents of Celia Cordill Woodruff, my mother's grandmother on her father's side. Catherine is believed to be buried at Peach Orchard near Doughton.

6-10 Sarah "Sally" Gentry m. a Darnell and moved away

I think it is appropriate at this point to give special thanks to Harold and Kay Hurt who were mentioned briefly on page 6. I had known for several years that Harold was a Gentry descendant but did not know at all how he tied in with my Gentry kin. About all I knew at this point was that Somers E. Gentry was my great-grandfather; I didn't even know who his father was. My father found out through Noah Gentry that Jonas Gentry was Somers Gentry's father, but this still didn't tie us in with Harold Hurt. But before I explain how Harold and Kay Hurt helped me, I would like to relate a very personal experience.

For several years, probably as long as I have been driving to Elkin daily to my teaching job, I have felt a personal "sense of belonging" or some odd feeling as I have driven past the Brookfall Road that leads out to the Hurt Farm. Finally on April 21, 1983, I found out why - my great-great-great grandparents Wiley and Matilda Gentry- are buried at the old Gentry Cemetery!

Harold Hurt's mother was Emma Gentry and his grandfather was Allen Gentry, son of Wiley Gentry. Allen was the youngest son and thus kept his father's homeplace. Emma Gentry and her husband, William V. Hurt stayed on at the old homeplace and eventually Harold Hurt became the owner. This is where Harold and Kay have lived since they were married. Many old papers and pictures have been kept and passed down from generation to generation.

6-4 Wiley Gentry, fourth child of Jonathan and Sarah Fender Gentry was b. March 10, 1805, m. Matilda Sparks on Oct. 12, 1825, in Wilkes County, the daughter of Reuben and Cassey Buttry Sparks. He d. May 27, 1878, and was buried near his homeplace (the present Hurt farm). The cemetery is on a hill and is the most peaceful looking place that one might wish to be buried. It has been handed down to Grace Hurt Davis that his widow Matilda rode a horse up to the grave, sat on it and sang a song as part of his funeral service. His companion Matilda lived less than three months after his death. She d. on August 18,1878, and was buried beside her husband and near several of their children who preceeded them in death.

As stated in the preface of this book, the major purpose of this book is to list descendants of Jonas Gentry; however, before getting on to that task, I would like to share what information I have been able to gleen on his brothers and sisters.

7-1 Tinison Gentry b. Oct. 25, 1826, d. Oct. 12, 1848 NFI.

7-2 Reuben Gentry b. March 15, 1828, d. Oct. 1, 1852, and is buried in the Gentry Family Cemetery, NFI.

7-3 Jonathan Gentry b. March 1, 1830, m. Emily Long in Surry County on April 17, 1856, d. near Peabody, Kansas,in 1899. He lived in Virginia near Jonas (see letters on pp. 17,18 & 21 ), left Va. in 1869 and settled near Peabody, Kansas in 1871.

8-1 Meda V. Gentry m. John Harris, d. in 1897.

9-1 Gentry W. Harris b. 1897 in Bickelton, Washington, m. Caroline in 1930, d. July 13, 1957, in Kansas City,Missouri.

10-1 John Gentry Harris b. July 2, 1935, m. Laurie Ann and now lives in Ill.

11-1 Grant Harris b. c.a. 1978 .

8-2 Sarah Gentry m. Henderson S. Martin, had one daughter and was living in California in 1937.

8-3 William Gentry m. Nancy Baxter and had 7 children.Living in Florence, Kansas,in 1937.

8-4 Manila Gentry m. Fred Johns, had no children and was living in Arkansas in 1937.

7-4 Cassy Gentry b. Feb. 13, 1832, m. Levi Burcham on March 16, 1856, d. in childbirth Nov. 3, 1856, and is buried in the Gentry Family Cemetery. No surviving children.

7-5 Levi Gentry b. Jan. 14, 1834, d. Oct. 30, 1852, buried in the Gentry Family Cemetery .

7-6 Jonas Gentry (his family will be covered in next section).

7-7 William Gentry b. March 17, 1838, d. April 30, 1866,NFI.

7-8 Sally Gentry b. June 9, 1840, NFI.

7-9 John Gentry b. March 22, 1843, d. July 11, 1862, NFI.

7-10 Wiley Gentry b. July 25, 1845, prior to 1882 was known to be merchandising in Watuaga County, NFI.

7-11 Allen Gentry b. Oct. 16, 1847, m. Susan A. Edwards (about 1881) b. July 5, 1848, daughter of David and Nancy Laura Choate Edwards. Allen d. March 6, 1912, and Susan died Feb. 2, 1934. They are buried together at Grassy Creek Methodist Church.

8-1 Mamie Gentry b. May 9, 1884, d. May 23, 1884, buried at Gentry Family Cemetery.

8-2 Emma Laura Gentry b. April 27, 1885, m. William Virgil Hurt (Aug. 20, 1914) b. Aug. 18, 1877. William d. Nov. 5, 1930, and Emma d. Sept. 9, 1946. They are buried together at Grassy Creek Methodist Church.

9-1 Clyde Fowler Hurt b. Oct. 2, 1915, m. Ruth Teague in 1959, d. July 4, 1968, and is buried At Grassy Creek Methodist Church, no children.

9-2 William Ovid Hurt b. Oct. 27, 1917, d. June 10, 1977, and is buried at Grassy Creek, no children.

9-3 Orena Grace Hurt b. May 31, 1920, m. Harold Clifton Davis (Aug. 7, 1948) b. Oct. 16, 1922, son of A. Henry and Alberta Stoker Davis, 3 children.

10-1 Susan Virginia Davis b. Jan. 17, 1952.

10-2 Allen Clifton Davis b. Oct. 27, 1954, m. Regina Eller (Aug. 11, 1979), 1 child.

11-1 Anthony Clifton Davis b. March 1,1984

10-3 Charles William Davis b. Oct. 27, 1954, twin to Allen Clifton.

9-4 Harold Worth Hurt b. March 21, 1924, m. Kay Frances Cheek (Aug. 9, 1958) b. Jan. 1, 1931, daughter of Sherman Asby and Stella Lavella Isaacs Cheek, 1 son.

10-1 Edward Harold Hurt b. Dec. 2, 1973

8-3 Alice Cary Gentry b. Jan. 9, 1888, d.July 6, 1945, buried at Grassy Creek Methodist Church.

8-4 Carl M. Gentry b. Aug. 3, 1890, d. Sept. 28, 1915, buried at Grassy Creek Methodist Church.

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## Your Ancestors

## (Anonymous)

If you could see your ancestors all standing in a row.
Would you be proud of them or not or don't you really know?

Some strange discoveries are made in climbing family trees, and some of them I am afraid do not particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors all standing in a row.
There might be some of them perhaps you would not care to know.

But there's another question which might require a different view. If you should meet your ancestors would they be proud of you?

Submitted by Ruth McKenzie Long of Henderson, Texas

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# SAMUEL GENTRY OF SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA: PROGENITOR OF THE GENTRYS OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

by

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Monument, Colorado

The continuing and frequent comments and inquiries relative to Samuel, the forefather of the Gentrys who settled in Warrick County and Spencer County, Indiana, has prompted this effort to outline all of the information that I have been able to assemble concerning Samuel Gentry of Surry County, North Carolina.

In particular, as I was reading back issues of the Gazette (as I am wont to do from time to time to glean information that I have overlooked before), the article by Charles David Gentry of Centreville, Virginia in Issue-46 of April 1990, caught my eye*. His summary of census listings for possible descendants of Samuel Gentry has been very useful to me in extending the possible and probable immediate descendants of Samuel. This article is directed to the many descendants of the original Warrick County and Spencer County Gentry's with the hope that it may be of value to them.

## *Introduction*

There are three Samuel Gentrys that appear at one time or another in the records of Surry County, North Carolina during the period from 1771 to 1813, and it is important to keep them separate in reading the various land and tax records of the county. As an aid to identification, I will refer to them at times with a suffix indicating their generation relative to Nicholas Gentry, the immigrant, and identify them when necessary as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Samuel-III | Son of Samuel-II and brother of Joseph-III, Nicholas-III, and Richard-III, all residing simultaneously in various parts of Surry County. |
| Samuel | Son of Samuel-III (resided Spartanburg District, South Carolina) (one reference only). |
| Samuel-IV | Son of Joseph-III. |

## *Ancestry and Marriages of Samuel*

As indicated above, the Samuel Gentry whom we are discussing, was a fourth generation descendant of Nicholas, the immigrant, through Nicholas' second son, Samuel. Samuel's family history has been published in various Gentry's article on page 156 of Issue 36, July 1987, but I will summarize a few relevant facts here in a few sentences for those not familiar with the details.

Samuel Gentry moved, along with his brother Nicholas-II, from the eastern part of Hanover County, Virginia, where his father had lived, in 1723 to the section which later became Louisa County, and moved again in about 1757, to Lunenburg County, Virginia, following his family, all of whom moved to Lunenburg County (J seph bought land there in 1752,[1] giving a probable date for his move). Samue. s wife was named Ann--her last name is unknown.

It is likely that Ann's father was named Allen. Not only was one of Samuel's sons named Allen, but Nicholas-III and Samuel-III also used the name for their sons, while there are no Allens in the Joseph-II or Nicholas-II line.

Four of Samuel's sons, Samuel-III, Joseph, Nicholas, and Richard, moved from Lunenburg County in the late 1760's to what was then Rowan County, North Carolina (see for example notes 29 and 29), but which in 1770 was divided off into Surry County). The latter three died in North Carolina in the period between 1800 and 1813. Samuel-III moved to South Carolina and died there in

about 1800. A fifth son, Allen, settled along the boundary between Halifax County, Virginia, and what was to become Person County, North Carolina. He died in 1805, but two of his sons, Meshack and Abednego, moved to Surry County between 1796 and 1807. Meshack later moved to Monroe County, Tennessee where he died, but Abednego stayed in Surry County for the rest of his life. As for the sons of the other third-generation Gentrys, most of them also left Surry County eventually. Allen, the son of Nicholas, moved to Wilkes County, North Carolina. Nicholas, the son of Richard, moved to Wilkes County then Ashe County, North Carolina. Others moved south to Georgia or west to Tennessee and Kentucky. Shelton, the son of Joseph, was the only other one of the many cousins besides Abednego who stayed in Surry County.

Samuel-IV was a son of Joseph Gentry, born about 1752 while his parents were living in Louisa County, Virginia. His mother's name was Agnes --?-- probably Agnes Shelton. It is likely that Agnes' father was William Shelton, to whom Joseph sold land in Lunenburg County in 1756,[2] based upon the repeated use of both William and Shelton as names for not only the sons of Joseph but also those of Samuel and Samuel's children. Samuel was probably the second son of Joseph and Agnes.

A presumed older son of Joseph, William, appears in Moravian records as being hired to build a bridge which was completed in 1772.[3] William died that same year, and fragmentary probate records in the North Carolina Archives mention his wife Lucy, and also show that Joseph received "1 head of swine and miscellaneous articles" from William's estate before its settlement in 1775.[4] A second William, who is mentioned in Joseph's will (see below), was born much later, and was apparently simply given the same name as his deceased brother.

Samuel's position as the second son of Joseph is postulated because we can estimate that he was married about 1773, a year before the probable birth of Samuel's oldest son, Matthew. Since William was already married in 1772 at the time of Samuel's death, William was probably a couple years older than Samuel. We don't know the name of Samuel's first wife, but one can speculate that she may have been a daughter of Matthew Brooks who was a close neighbor of Joseph and Samuel in 1773. The use of the name Matthew for Samuel's oldest son, and for several grandsons, suggests this hypothesis.

Samuel's second wife was Sarah Brock, for whom a marriage bond is recorded in the Surry County records on May 24, 1787. Because Samuel's son William's estimated date of birth is 1787, it is probable that his mother died in childbirth or very shortly thereafter, and that Samuel wasted no time in remarrying (as was very common in those days). The description for Samuel Gentry in ***The Gentry Family in America*** (hereafter GFA) does not name Samuel's second wife but implies that she had two children by a previous marriage--Nicholas and Washington. At least one of these could fit with 1790 census data, but there is no other information available about a previous marriage and family for Sarah.

## Probate Records

Joseph Gentry's will was written in 1804, and entered for probate after his death in April 1813 in Surry County.[6] The will left equal shares of the estate to a son Samuel, a son Shelton, and to six daughters: Elizabeth, who married Andrew Speare/Speer; Anna, who married John Ridings; Agnes, or Agey, who married William Hodges; Judith, who married Amos Hodges; Sarah, who married Elisha Isaacs; and Susannah, who married Joseph Ratcliff. Joseph's son Shelton also received 75 acres of land on which he was living (adjoining Joseph's land). A granddaughter Mary (daughter of William, deceased), was to be given 25 pounds, and Joseph's wife, Agnes was to receive the residue of the estate. Agnes, Samuel, and Shelton were named as executors.

When Joseph died in 1813, Samuel had left Surry County for Barren County, Kentucky, and Shelton was left to administer the settlement of his father's estate. In the probate papers filed in the North Carolina State Archives, Samuel's share was signed for by his brother-in-law William Hodges as attorney for Samuel.

Agnes Gentry also left a will which was recorded in 1813,[8] and entered for probate in 1826 in Surry County. Her son Shelton, and Shelton's daughter Nancy are the only family members mentioned in that will.

## Land Records

The records of land purchases and sales in Surry County are no worse, and perhaps better in some ways than other parts of North Carolina. However, the land descriptions are generally by "metes and bounds", going for example, from "a red oak" to a "meander of the stream" to a neighbor's corner, then "back to the beginning", and related to the watercourses in the county, so any exact identification of locations from the deed alone is impossible. Moreover, the formal recording of deeds was occasionally accomplished some time after the actual transaction--sometimes as much as nine or ten years when it became necessary to document the purchase of land in order to sell it at the later date.

The first record for the sale or purchase of land for a Samuel Gentry in Surry County was in 1774, when Joseph Gentry bought 331 acres of land on the Yadkin River that was a part of the "Granville Tract,"[9] and then turned around and sold fifty acres of it to Samuel.[10]

*The two deeds use the term "south side of the Yadkin River", but that was not a true geographical direction but rather described a broad area corresponding to present Yadkin County, whereas "north side of the Yadkin" referred to present Surry County.*

A historical map of land settlements of the portion of Surry County that is now Yadkin County shows this land as being just west of Matthew Brooks Ferry on the border with Forsyth County.[14] The approximate location of this land and of land holdings of other Gentrys is shown on the map of old Surry County in Figure 1. Joseph sold 181 acres of his share of the land the following year to Matthew Brooks.[12]

> *This is undoubtedly part of the same Brooks family as lived with the Gentrys in Louisa and Lunenburg Counties, Virginia, and descended from Richard Brooks, the father of Sarah Brooks and Mary Brooks, the wives of Joseph's brothers David and Nicholas, respectively.*

Joseph and Samuel jointly sold 110 acres of the Yadkin River Land in 1789 to John Ridings (Joseph's son-in-law),[12] and Joseph and Agnes sold 40 acres at the same time to Matthew Brooks.[13] Well before this, Joseph (with his son Shelton) had moved to the northern part of Surry County, along Big Fish branch of the Fisher River, but Samuel probably continued to live along the Yadkin River for several years after Joseph left.

In 1782, Samuel purchased 200 acres on Forbush Creek.[15] The historical map shown in Figure 1 shows this to be near the source of the west branch of Forbush Creek. It is likely that Samuel moved from the Yadkin River property to Forbush Creek at this time, even though he did not sell the former until several years later. He bought an additional 50 acres of land adjoining this property in 1803.[16]

In 1784, we have two references to land on Fox Knob (a promontory in the northwest quarter of Yadkin County) owned by Samuel Gentry.[18/19] The grant to Samuel by the state was not recorded until 1792,[20] although tax records show Samuel owning the land as early as 1782. This land was owned by Samuel-III, not Samuel-IV, and was eventually sold in 1801 by the heirs of Samuel-III after his death.[21]

Meanwhile Samuel-IV and Joseph Gentry, applied for and were given state grants in 1787 for 100 acres and 150 acres respectively, of adjoining land on the east side of Fisher's River (also called Fish River), on the north side of the Yadkin River in present-day Surry County.[22] This grant application by Samuel was presumably on behalf of Joseph and the land was used by him and not by Samuel.

In 1802, Samuel bought land in still a different part of Surry County, when a deed was recorded for the purchase of 100 acres on Dills Creek (which runs easterly into the Yadkin River in the northeast corner of Yadkin County).[24] Three years earlier, in 1799, Samuel Gentry and Matthew Gentry (Samuel's son), witnessed a deed for the sale of land neighboring on Samuel's new purchase,[23] so the 1802 deed may be another example of late recording of a move that actually took place at an earlier time. Perhaps this land was farmed by Samuel's




Figure 1. Map of Old Surry County with Gentry Land Holdings

son, Matthew, and perhaps other sons, for Matthew bought 100 acres adjoining his father's land in this same area in 1804.[26]

In 1805 Matthew sold his Dills Creek land[27] and we can assume he left Surry County at that time and moved to Ohio County, Kentucky, where the 1810 census recorded the presence of his family. Two years later in 1807, Samuel sold his land also[25] and left the county, moving to Barren County, Kentucky, where he died in 1816.

## Tax Records

There are unusually complete records in Surry County of tax listings that were compiled annually as a basis for assessing property and head taxes. From the first list in 1771, compiled the year after Surry County was organized, until 1850 (except for six years during the Revolutionary War), the State Archives files in Raleigh, North Carolina, contain records for a very large portion of the intervening years, most of them never microfilmed, and some in very poor condition. Even though records exist for most years, it does not mean that individual settlers were included in those lists each year, as some years' lists are incomplete, and in other cases the compilations did not include everyone. As a consequence, we have gaps in the record for Samuel Gentry, but still a very considerable number of lists including his name.[29&31]

The first reference that appears to apply to Samuel-IV is a list that is included in a group of some 20-odd lists for which there is no date available, and filed together in a separate folder at the State Archives. The list in question records Joseph Gentry with sons Shelton and "Billey" and with Samuel Gentry as an adjacent listing. The name "William" was crossed out on the line containing Samuel's name. Including "Billey" in the list suggests that it was for 1771 or 1772, before the death of William. All four names are listed as being liable for a head tax which indicates an age of 16 or more for Joseph's three sons.

> *Until 1784 in North Carolina a head tax was assessed to all white males 16 years of age or more, after that date, the minimum age for assessment was raised to 21.*

The dated lists have Samuel liable for head tax along with Joseph and Shelton in 1774, then after the gap for the Revolutionary War, Samuel is listed almost continuously until 1806. The first listings were for land on Fisher's River and a branch of the Yadkin River (presumably the land that Samuel had bought from Joseph in 1774). The land Samuel owned on Forbush Creek and Dills Creek is not specifically identified but the total amount of Samuel's assessed land increased from 200 acres in 1784 to 350 acres in 1806. The amounts of land do not always correspond very well with the acres of land for which Samuel had a formal deed, for example the land on the Yadkin River in one place is listed at 120 acres, at another place as 100 acres, and when Joseph and Samuel sold the land in 1789, it was identified as being 110 acres. It appears probable that beneficial use of the land by an occupant, such as Samuel, was more important for tax purposes, than the formal identification of the land as being partly owned by Joseph and partly owned by Samuel.

Matthew Gentry was listed for the first time in 1795 and again in 1799, 1800, and 1801, without any land. In 1802, 1804, and 1805, Matthew was listed with 100 acres of land. After 1805 he no longer appeared in any tax lists.

The Samuel who is assumed to be Samuel-III is listed in the tax lists in 1771 as living along the Yadkin River just north of Shallowford, then again in 1781 for 600 acres and in 1782 for his 400 acres of property on Fox Knob.

> *One set of tax lists for 1782, summarized by Mrs. Robert Taylor,[31] is not on file in the State Archives, and is very curious. This list includes four South Carolina Gentrys--Robert, Hezekiah, Runnel, and Nathaniel. None of them owned land, their property being only their horses. Perhaps they came to Surry County to look over possibilities for acquiring land there, but then decided not to. None of the four appears in any Surry County records thereafter, and all four, plus Samuel-III, returned to South Carolina and are found in the 1790 census records there. The year 1782, being the end of the Revolutionary War, may have marked a time of land rush when the state of North Carolina opened up land for filing that had been confiscated during the war or taken over in the case of former owners dying without heirs. The apparent filing for state grants by Samuel-III on Fox Knob at the same time may be a related action.*

## Children and Descendants

The GFA record for Samuel Gentry (#225) lists five children by a first marriage: James, Matthew, Joseph, Agnes, and George; 3 children by a second marriage: Arthur, Thomas, and Shelton; and 1 child by a third marriage: Samuel (who had a son Allen). While the order of listing is wrong, it seems certain that all of the children named were a part of Samuel's family--with the exception of the last. The third wife of Samuel is said to have been Sarah Melton whom he married in Barren County, Kentucky between 1810 and 1816.[34] As for a son, Samuel, of this Sarah, I believe Richard Gentry, in compiling the 1909 book, confused the Samuel Gentry who lived with a son Allen in Spencer County, Indiana, in 1850, with this family. The 1850 Samuel was born in South Carolina, and was very likely a grandson of Samuel-III, probably the son of the Samuel who is listed in the 1800 census in Spartanburgh District, South Carolina. Thereafter, he and his son Allen, are apparently in the 1810 census in Ohio County, Kentucky, and in the 1820 and 1840 census records for Spencer County, Indiana.

My own proposals for the children of Samuel-IV (all of whom were born in Surry County), and continuing further, suggestions for their children--Samuel's grandchildren--are summarized below. I lay myself open to being grievously wrong in some cases, so let the reader beware, I cannot vouch for their accuracy. The reconstruction of Samuel's family is based upon comparison of census records (especially those so conveniently gathered together in the article by Charles David Gentry in **GFG&GE,**[32] as well as information from marriage records for Kentucky and Indiana that again have been very conveniently summarized by JoAnn Gentry in **GFG&GE.**[33]

Samuel, born about 1752 in Louisa County, Virginia, died 1816 in Barren County, Kentucky, and had a total of fourteen children:

Children of Samuel and his first wife, --?-- Brooks (?):

1) Matthew (Family #227 in GFA), born about 1773, and had children: William, James, Matthew, Samuel, Shelton, Thomas, two other sons, and eight daughters.
2) Joseph (#228 in GFA), born about 1776, married Rhoda Thomas and had children: Samuel (#230 in GFA), James, Benjamin, Joseph, another son, Massie (a daughter?), and six other daughters.
3) Agnes, born about 1778, married John Phillips, 1799 in Surry County, North Carolina (?)
4) James (#226 in GFA), born about, 1782, married Elizabeth Hornbeck, 1803 in Ohio County, Kentucky and had children: Matthew, Allen, Agnes, Hannah, Joseph, Sarah, James (#229 in GFA), and Elizabeth
5) daughter, born about 1785
6) William born about 1787 and had children: two older sons, Samuel (?), Nicholas (?), John (?), a daughter Nancy (?), and another son and daughter.

Children of Samuel and his second wife, Sarah Brock Gentry:

1) George, born about 1788 and had children: Samuel (?), Thomas (?), Elisha (?), Stephen (?), Shelton (?), plus 2 other sons and 6 daughters.
2) Shelton born about 1792, married Sarah Seaton about 1814 in Barren County, Kentucky, and had children: Jesse, David and eight daughters.
3) Arthur (Artha), born about 1797, married first Sarah O'Neal in 1816, in Barren County, Kentucky and had children: George W. and seven daughters including Catherine (?), Harriet, Melinda, and Sarah.
4) Thomas, born about 1798, married Kitty Allen about 1814 in Barren County, Kentucky.
5-7) three daughters born 1794 to about 1800.

## *Census Records*

A chart showing where Samuel and his sons can be found in census records (presumably) is shown below, and indicates their dispersal to Kentucky and to Indiana. Where the son was included in Samuel's family, the age is shown, and counties enclosed in parentheses indicate cases where the family can be found

under the name of the widow, or the individual is listed with a son.

| | 1790 | 1800 | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Samuel | Surry | Surry | Barren | -- | | | |
| Matthew | ( >16) | Surry | Ohio | Warr. | (Warr.) | Warr. | (Warr.) |
| Joseph | (0-16) | [Ohio] | Ohio | Ohio | Ohio | Ohio | Ohio |
| James | (0-16) | -- | Ohio | Spen. | Spen. | -- | |
| William | (0-16) | (10-16) | Ohio | Warr. | Spen. | Warr. | -- |
| George | (0-16)* | ( 0-10) | Barren | Monroe | Warr. | Warr. | ?? |
| Shelton | (0-16)* | ( 0-10) | (16-26) | Ohio | Warr. | (Warr.) | -- |
| Artha | -- | ( 0-10) | (10-16) | Monroe | Warr. | Warr. | Warr. |
| Thomas | -- | ( 0-10) | (10-16) | ?? | | | |

*Note: Warr. = Warrick County, Spen. = Spencer County, both Indiana. Barren, Ohio, and Monroe (split from Barren County in 1820) are in Kentucky. Joseph was in the 1800 tax list for Ohio County--there is no 1800 census record. The two 1790 positions marked "*" may have been for step-sons of Samuel, Nicholas and Washington, if GFA implication of Sarah Gentry having two sons by an earlier marriage is true.)*

## Note and References

* Note to Charles David Gentry: On page 182 of the **GFG&GE** article mentioned above, you ask about a quotation from an Evansville newspaper, "... She [Sarah] was the daughter of Jesse Gentry and granddaughter of Sam Gentry who was a brother of the five who settled at Shiloh..." I wonder if the newspaper didn't skip a generation and it should have read "great-granddaughter of Sam Gentry who was a father of the five." Then it would read correctly.

1. ***Lunenburg County Deed Book, 3-147, 5 December 1752***: Deed for sale of 490 acres to Joseph Gentry by Joseph Minor, Planter of Lunenburg County, Virginia for 165 pounds, land on south side of Reddy [Reedy] Creek, being part of 350 acres granted to Michael Mackey, 13 June 1743 at Williamsburg and the other being part of 448 acres granted 1 October 1747 to Abraham Cocke at Williamsburg. Witness: Paul Covington.

2. ***Lunenburg County Deed Book, 4-335, 29 October 1756***: Deed for sale of 274 acres on Reedy Creek by Joseph Gentry and Agnes, his wife, to William Shelton of Albemarle County, Virginia for 77 pounds. Wit: Geo Walton, Simon Gentry, Nicholas Gentry.

3. Adelaide L. Fries, editor, ***Records of the Moravians in North Carolina***, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1925, Volume II (1752-1775):

page 701: Extracts from the Minutes of the Aufscher Collegium, 1772,

June 26: "William Gentry, on the Yadkin, offers to build a bridge over Muddy Creek, on the Shallow Ford Road, for 20 pounds; all expense for food, hauling and labor included, and to finish it before winter. He will guarantee it for four years against floods, and if it is carried away will rebuild it without pay. The offer is fair, if he can and will make it good. George Schmidt, as road-master, shall look into the matter, be present when the contract is signed, and collect the money."

page 708: Extracts continued, 1772, November 30: "The bridge over the Muddy Creek on the Shallow Ford road is finished, and William Gentry has been paid the 20 pounds for his work, through the Store. The neighbors had given us reason to hope that they would build the part of the bridge from the farther side of the creek to firm land, but they now refuse to do this, so the committee of Brethren who made the other contract with Gentry have arranged with him to finish the work for 10 shillings and a gallon of whiskey."

4. ***Will Book A-291*** - 1774 November Court: Inventory of estate of William Gentry examined and recorded in minutes of court.

5. ***Will Book A-39*** - 1775 February Court: Record of sales of estate of William Gentry by Mrs. Lucy Gentry, dated 3 January 1772 [sic] totalling 67 pounds "...[household articles], 1 horse, 1 filly colt, 1 cow to Lucey Gentry...1 head of swine [plus misc articles] to Joseph Gentry...[other items] to John Jones, William Harvey".

6. ***Surry County Will Book 3-107***, 1 May 1813, May Court: Will of Joseph Gentry written 17 November 1804.

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|---|---|
| Wife: | Agnes...to have negro woman, Jemima and residue of estate after specific gifts to other heirs... |
| Son: | Shelton...75 acres where he lives and a share of the estate |
| Daughter: | Elizabeth Speere, negro girl Hannah and a share of the estate |
| Granddaughter: | Mary Gentry, daughter of my deceased son William...25 pounds |
| Son: | Samuel...a share of the estate |
| Daughter: | Anne...a share of the estate |
| Daughter: | Agey...a share of the estate |
| Daughter: | Judith...a share of the estate |
| Daughter: | Sarah...a share of the estate |
| Daughter: | Susanna...a share of the estate |
| Executors: | Samuel & Shelton Gentry, wife Agnes... |
| Witness: | M.A. Hughes...Hughes, Wm. Dobson. Proved by Matthew M. Hughes. |

7. Estate records file for Joseph Gentry in Department of Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina: Estate distribution completed 17 November 1813 by Shelton Gentry as executor of the estate. Included distributions to John Ridings, Shelton Gentry, Elisha Isaacs, Joseph Ratcliff, Samuel Gentry (receipt signed by William Hodges as Samuel's attorney), William Hodges, Judy Hodges (wife of Amos Hodges), and Elizabeth Spear (wife of Andrew Spear). The bequest to Elizabeth included a slave girl Hannah which was witnessed by James Jervis and Nancy Gentry. Joseph's widow Agnes served as an executrix of the estate and also received her share of the estate.

8. ***Will Book 3-169***, February 1826. Estate records file at North Carolina State Archives show estate settled by Shelton Gentry, administrator in August 1827.

9. ***Deed Book A-91, 1774***. Deed for the sale of 331 acres of land to Joseph Gentry by Robert and Joseph Farbis ... being on the south side of the Yadkin River and a part of a grant from Earl Granville to Edward Hughs. Witnessed: William Ridings, Samuel Gentry, John Wood.

10. ***Deed Book A-76, 1774***, Surry County, North Carolina. Deed for the sale of 50 acres of land on the south side of the Yadkin River, to Samuel Gentry by Joseph Gentry, "being land that the said Joseph now has...beginning at a red oak on the bank of the south side of the Yadkin River running thence west...it being part of a tract of land granted by John Earl Granville to Edward Hughes ... 1748".

11. ***Deed Book A-182, 1775***. Deed for the sale of 181 acres of land to Matthew Brooks by Joseph Gentry. [This is a part of the land described above.]

12. ***Deed Book D-425, 1789***. Deed for the sale of 110 acres to John "Ridens" [Ridings] by Joseph and Samuel Gentry adjoining land already owned by John Ridings. The land description starts "...beginning at a red oak on the south side of the Yadkin River then west..." [see also reference number 7]. Witnessed: Sarah Gentry [Samuel's wife], Matthew Brooks, Andrew Speer [Joseph's son-in-law].

13. ***Deed Book I-325, 1789***. Deed for the sale of 40 acres to Matthew Brooks by Joseph and Agnes Gentry...on the Yadkin River at the mouth of Jacobson Branch. Witnessed: John Ridens, Zachariah Martin. [These purchases and sales add up to 331 acres of the Granville tract bought by Joseph in 1774, and 381 acres sold from 1774 to 1789.]

14. Maps entitled "Surry County North Carolina Historical Documentation" (Number VI, 1977) and "Yadkin County North Carolina Historical Documentation" (No. VIII, date not given) published by The Custom House, Jamestown, North Carolina. The maps show the location of original land grants and

generally the first recorded owner of plots of land other than grants. On the Surry County map is the observation, "There was a ten shilling fee involved to obtain land, so many of the settlers simply staked or marked their claim, and lived on it. They would then try to accumulate enough money to pay for the land. Some took twenty years to do so." Surry County was the original home of Daniel Boone and a major center of early settlers. By 1752 there was already a road carved through the wilderness from the Dan River (Lunenburg County, Virginia) to Surry County, one branch of which paralleled the north bank of the Yadkin River, while the main road from the East crossed the Yadkin at Shallowford.

15. ***Deed Book B-225, 1782.*** Deed for the sale of 200 acres to Samuel Gentry by David Green. The land is described as being at the beaver dam of "Forbis's" Creek [Forbush Creek].

16. ***Deed Book I-506, 1803.*** Deed for the sale of 50 acres to Samuel Gentry by Henry Speer. The land is described as [on Forbis Creek] "...beginning at said Gentry's corner, then adjoining the Bird tract, to Bridgman's corner...".

17. ***Deed Book L-362, 1807.*** Deed for the sale of 250 acres to Edward Meglemere by Samuel Gentry. A 200 acre portion was along Forbis [Forbush] Creek and the other 50 acres was land adjoining "200 acres known as the Bird tract, adjoining also Bridgmen's corner".

18. ***Deed Book B-303, 1784.*** A deed from Michael Henderson to Frederick Miller describes land (part of which was the grant recorded below) on the head waters of Deep Creek on "Fox Nobs" adjoining Samuel Gentry's land.

19. ***Deed Book C-113, 1784.*** A state grant to Michael Henderson for what is apparently the land sold by him above, also mentions "a line agreed with Samuel Gentry, to top of Fox Nob".

20. ***Deed Book E-195, 1792.*** A grant to Samuel Gentry from the state for 400 acres "on the head waters of Deep Creek on the north side of Fox Nob Mountain".

21. ***Deed Book I-147, 1801.*** Deed for the sale to Humphrey Cockerham of 400 acres of land on Fox Nob mountain, by Allen Gentry, Nicholas Gentry, Jeremiah Gentry, and Samuel Gentry, joint heirs of Samuel Gentry, dec'd of the State of South Carolina".

22. ***Deed Book C-377, 1787.*** Record of state grants of 150 acres to Joseph Gentry and 100 acres to Samuel Gentry. The land is described as being on the east side of "Fisher's" River.

23. ***Deed Book H-146, 1799.*** Deed for the sale to Isaiah Coe by James Morphew of land "on the Cabbin branch [of Dill's Creek?] adjoining Levi Speer, the former line of Levin Savage". Witnessed by Samuel Gentry, Matthew Gentry.

24. ***Deed Book I-535, 1802.*** Deed for the sale to Samuel Gentry of 100 acres by Levin Savage, the land being on Dill's Creek "...adjoining Isaac Uptegrove...being part of 200 acres granted Savin 6 Nov 1802". Witnessed by H. Speer, Levi Speer.

25. ***Deed Book L-359, 1807.*** Deed for the sale by Samuel Gentry of 100 acres to Thomas Douglas, being land "adjoining Isaac Uptegrove,... [and] being part of a 200 acre tract granted to Levin Savage 6 Nov 1802".

26. ***Deed Book K-309, 1804.*** Deed for the sale to Matthew Gentry of 100 acres by Isaac Uptegrove, the land being described as on Dill's Creek and "...variously to Levin Savage's line...".

27. ***Deed Book L-86, 1805.*** Deed for the sale by Matthew Gentry of 100 acres to Isaiah Coe, land on Dill's Creek, adjoining...Levin Savage. Witnessed by Samuel Gentry, Timothy Coe

28. ***North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal***, Volume I (1982), page 45: Tax list turned in by William Spurgin for Rowan County for 1765-1770 period includes:

Joseph Gentry and negro Ned -- 2 taxables
Samuel Gentry [Samuel-III?] -- 1 taxable

29. ***Gentry Family Gazette & Genealogy Exchange***, Volume II, Number 12 (April 1982), page 111, Ge Lee Corley Hendrix cites a 1768 Rowan County tax list that includes Hezekiah Gentry, Joseph Gentry, and Nicholas Gentry.

30. Please Note: The tax records listed below for the most part are taken from the original documents which I have examined in the State Archives in Raleigh, North Carolina. Most of them have never been microfilmed, and a number of the records have badly decomposed. Records do not exist for every year, nor are individuals necessarily listed every year in the records that do exist. The term "District Captain" in the table below refers to the person generally responsible for originally obtaining data. The References to Samuel Gentry in tax records:

| Year | District Captain | Taxed for Acres/Polls | | Other Gentry in District/Water Course |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1771 | ----- | | 1 | Richard, Nicholas |
| 1772 | ----- | | 1 | "Nicholus," three Allens, Richard, "Meazhi" [Meshack?]; land near confluence of Deep Creek and Yadkin River, just north of Shallowford. (Samuel-IV) |
| 1772? | Lanier | | 1 | Joseph, with sons Shelton and Billey |
| 1774 | Armstrong | | 1 | Joseph, with son Shelton |
| 1781 | S.Martin | 600 | | (Samuel-III) |
| 1782 | Martin | 400 | | District including Fox Nob (Samuel-III) |
| 1782 | J.Martin | 150 | | Fishers River (Samuel-IV) |
| | | 120 | | Branch of Yadkin River |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1784 | Carson | 200 | 1 | "Athey," "Nichlis" |
| | | 100 | | Branches of Yadkin River |
| | | 100 | | Branches of Yadkin River |
| 1785 | Lewis | 100 | 1 | Richard |
| 1786 | Carson | 400 | 1 | Artha |
| | Lewis | 100 | 1 | Richard |
| 1788 | Glenn | 200 | 1 | |
| 1789 | Glenn | 200 | 1 | Artha |
| 1790 | Glenn | 200 | | Artha |
| 1791 | Scott | 200 | 1 | Artha (and 1 black poll) |
| 1792 | Scott | 200 | 1 | Artha (and 1 black poll) |
| 1794 | Scott | 300 | 1 | Artha |
| 1795 | Scott | 300 | 1 | Artha, Matthew (0 acres, 1 poll) |
| 1799 | Scott | 300 | 1 | Artha, Matthew (0 acres, 1 poll) |
| 1800 | Scott | 300 | 2 | Artha, Matthew (0 acres, 1 poll) |
| 1803 | Parker | 350 | 1 | Artha |
| 1804 | Rafter | 350 | 1 | Matthew (100 acres, 1 poll) |
| 1805 | Rafter | 350 | 1 | Matthew (100 acres, 1 poll) |
| 1806 | Rafter | 350 | 1 | Artha |

31. ***1782 Tax List of Surry County, North Carolina***, compiled by Mrs. Robert Taylor, Cimarron, Kansas, 1974.

32. Charles David Gentry, "Gentry Surnames in Selected U.S. Census Records, 1800-1880, North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana," ***Gentry Family Gazette & Genealogy Exchange***, Volume VII, Number 46 (April 1990), page 182.

33. JoAnn R. Gentry, Richard Hayden Gentry, Jean Blair Gentry, "L.D.S. Soundex Records as of April 1984," ***Gentry Family Gazette & Genealogy Exchange***, Volume VI, Number 34 (March 1987), page 22.

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# *SETTING THE RICHARD RECORD STRAIGHT*

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There have been repeated statements in the Gentry Family Gazette and Genealogy Exchange as to the parentage of the Revolutionary War veteran Richard Gentry who lived in Surry County, North Carolina, and then moved to Rock Castle County, Kentucky. These statements, by Leland Gentry, have given Richard Gentry, son of Samuel, and grandson of Nicholas-I, as the father.

I am convinced that this is wrong, and will give my evidence for the fact that Richard (I will indicate him as Richard-III indicating he is of the third generation relative to Nicholas) did indeed have a son Richard, but that this son was a different Richard than the (see "Afterword" by the editor, below) Revolutionary War veteran.

There is no question that during the time that Richard, senior, was in Surry County (he arrived from Lunenburg County, Virginia in about 1770 or shortly before and died in Surry County in 1811), the Revolutionary War Richard was also there. In his application or pension benefits,[1] the latter Richard and his wife Gestin[1] (daughter of Ayres Hudspeth of Surry County) stated they were married in 1792 or 1793 (there were conflicting statements) in Surry County, and subsequently moved to Kentucky, eventually residing in Rock Castle County. Surry County deed books record a purchase by Richard of 80 acres of land belonging to Ayres Hudspeth in a sheriff's sale in 1799[2] and the sale of that land in 1801 [3]. In the pension application, Richard further stated that he was born on December 27, 1755, in Lunenburg County, Virginia, and that he volunteered for service in the South Carolina militia from Union District near the Tyger River.

The crux of the matter is that a Richard-Junior is found in the 1790 census for Surry County (in addition to the family of Richard-III), who by no stretch of the imagination can be the same as the war veteran Richard. The junior Richard (I will call him Richard-IV), was married, and had a family that included two other males (one over 16, and one less than 16 years of age), and three females.

There is scarcely any way that the war veteran Richard could have been married, lost all of his family, and then married again three years later without there being some evidence for this. Richard-IV must logically have been the son of Richard-III, living with his father during all of his time in Surry County. In 1800, Richard-III is found in the federal census records, but neither of the two younger Richards.

Further evidence for there being two younger Richards in the county lies in the Surry County tax records.[4] In 1791, there is a listing for Richard-Jr. owing tax for 50 acres and 1 poll in the same district as Richard-Sr. who was assessed for 180 acres (both that year and for a number of preceding and succeeding years).

In 1792, and 1793, Richard-Jr. is assessed for 150 acres, then in 1794, Richard-Jr. is assessed for 50 acres, and Richard-Sr. for 100 acres (land which they apparently jointly used). Richard-Jr. is listed for 50 acres again in 1795 and 1799, and for 52 acres in 1800 and 1801.

Meanwhile in 1796, 1797, and 1798, there is a Richard assessed for 80 acres (presumably the land that the war veteran Richard bought at the sheriff's sale, the deed for which he received in 1799). Neither of the younger Richards is cited in the tax lists after 1801.

In the census records for Kentucky, the family for the war veteran Richard is listed in 1820 in Rock Castle County, while another Richard, is found in the 1810 census in Pulaski County. The family of the latter fits perfectly with the ages and sexes of family members that would have been present in 1790, with the exception of the one older male that was present with Richard in that year (presumably a younger brother of Richard -- perhaps Nicholas-IV).

It seems certain to me, that the Pulaski County Richard was the Richard shown in the 1790 Surry County census, and following from that, was the son of Richard-III.

If we assume this, what of the war veteran Richard? The fact that he entered the militia from South Carolina makes it most likely that he was one of the Gentrys that were living in that state in the period from the 1760's to 1790 and beyond. We know that Samuel-III and four of his sons, Allen, Nicholas, Jeremiah, and Samuel-IV were living in South Carolina in the period 1790 to 1800[5] (in Spartanburgh District). There was also a Nathaniel Gentry who appears

in the 1790 census in Spartanburg District, and who briefly visited Surry County in 1782[6] (this same Nathaniel Gentry is presumably the same one who appears with Richard-IV in the 1810 Pulaski County, Kentucky census).

It is reasonable to suppose that the war veteran Richard was perhaps a brother of Nathaniel and possibly some other South Carolina Gentrys. There is no logical connection between these two and any of the descendants of Samuel-II that settled in Surry County. On the other hand, the fact that Richard was born in Lunenburg County, Virginia where all of Samuel-II's family settled, leaves little in the way of alternatives. My best guess is that they must have been sons of William, the oldest son of David Gentry of Lunenburg County. We have no information about William after the rest of the Gentrys left Lunenburg County, and the assumption has been that he remained there. But his family may have moved to South Carolina, and indeed William may have moved there also but died at a relatively early age.

To summarize, there were <u>three Richard Gentrys that lived in Surry County, North Carolina</u>, in the period from 1790 to 1800.

The oldest, Richard-III was the son of Samuel-II, who moved from Lunenburg County, Virginia with his brothers in about 1770. He remained in Surry County until his death in 1811.

The son of this Richard, Richard-IV, was presumably born in Lunenburg County before 1765, married in Surry County before 1790, left the county shortly before 1800, and then appears again in Pulaski County, Kentucky in the 1810 census.

The third Richard, a veteran of the Revolutionary War and applicant for a war pension and benefits, was also born in Lunenburg County (in 1755), but was not married until 1792 or 1793. He also left Surry County shortly before 1800, but moved to Rock Castle County, Kentucky. My guess is that he was a son of William of Lunenburg County, the latter being a nephew of Richard-III.

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1. File W8844, Revolutionary War Pension applications, for Richard Gentry and widow Justina or Gestin, of Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Statements in the various applications in Richard's file have a variety of spellings for his wife -- Justina, Gestin, Justin, Justiney, and Gestiney. Her father's name was also spelled Hedgepeth in one document instead of the spelling Hudspeth that was used throughout almost all of the Surry County records. Unfortunately, a bounty office clerk chose the name Hedgepeth to place on an outside wrapper for the case and this erroneous name has been incorrectly perpetuated.

2. *Surry County Deed Book I-336, 1799.* Sheriff's deed for 80 acres on the south side of Deep Creek to satisfy a judgment in Superior Court against Airs [Ayres] Hudspeth and bought at public by Richard Gentry.

3. *Deed book K-223, 1801.* Deed for sale by Richard Gentry [being formerly of Surry County] for 80 acres on the south side of Deep Creek, being part of [land]...conveyed to Airs Hudspeth, then to Richard Gentry by sheriff's deed.

4. Original records on file in the State Archives at Raleigh, North Carolina include listings for Richard Gentry:

| Year | District | Acres | Polls | Name recorded |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1785 | Lewis | 180 | 1 | [State grant issued in 1784] |
| 1786 | Lewis | 180 | 1 | |
| 1789 | Lewis | 180 | 1 | |
| 1790 | Lewis | 180 | | |
| 1791 | Hudspeth | 180 | 1 | Richard |
| | | 50 | 1 | "Richard Jr." |
| 1792 | Hudspeth | 150 | 1 | Richard |
| 1793 | Hudspeth | 150 | 1 | Richard |
| | | 50 | 1 | "Richard Jr." |
| 1794 | Hudspeth | 100 | 1 | Richard Sr. |
| | | 50 | 1 | Richard Jr. |
| 1795 | Hudspeth | 180 | 1 | Richard Sr. |
| | | 50 | 1 | "Richard" |
| 1796 | Hudspeth | 180 | | Richard |
| | | 80 | | "Richard Jr." |
| 1797 | Hudspeth | 80 | | "Richard Jr." |
| 1798 | Hudspeth | 80 | 1 | Richard |
| 1799 | | 50 | | Richard [Jr] |
| 1800 | Hudspeth | 52 | | Richard [Jr] |
| 1801 | Cook | 180 | 0 | Richard Sr |
| | | 52 | 1 | Richard [Jr] |
| 1802 | Wilborn | 180 | 0 | Richard |

5. *Surry County deed book I-147, 1801.* Deed for sale to Humphrey Cockerham of 400 acres of land on Fox Nob mountain by Allen Gentry, Nicholas Gentry, Jeremiah Gentry, and Samuel Gentry, "joint heirs of Samuel Gentry, dec'd of the State of South Carolina".

6. *1782 Tax List of Surry County, North Carolina,* compiled by Mrs. Robert Taylor, Cimarron, Kansas, 1974: Includes four South Carolina Gentrys--Robert, Hezekiah, Runnel, and Nathaniel--with no land and only their horses as taxable property. They do not appear again in any later Surry County records.

*An Afterword*

*Perhaps the following does not need to be said, but I'm not taking any chances. There are too many in the extended family relatively new to the study of the family history to allow another "confusion" when the thrust of Willard Max Gentry's careful article is to end a confusion.*

*Thus: there is at least one additional "Revolutionary Richard" we know of, and that is the Richard Gentry of Madison County, Kentucky (1763 - 1843), son of David-III, who we generally assume was the son of Nicholas-II, who we generally believe to be the son of Nicolas-the-supposed immigrant.*

*This particular Richard is featured prominently in the 1909 book on the family; he was 17 years old at the the battle of Yorktown; the Richard buried at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Saint Louis, Missouri; see Issue-49 at page 77 for the most recent reference to this ancestor. Editor.*

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# *UNTANGLING THE EARLY JAMES GENTRYS*

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Willard Max (Bill) Gentry's recent article[1] is an extremely valuable contribution to sorting out some of the early Gentrys. Bill's identification of the families of James Gentry of Guilford County, North Carolina and of George Gentry of Albemarle County, Virginia, is accurate from everything that I have seen. Among the presumed descendants of Joseph Gentry, son of the Immigrant, these two families, as well as that of David Gentry of Hanover County[2], are the three which can be most strongly and coherently identified. They stand out no doubt because all three owned much property, mostly in the form of slaves, and they were distinctly richer than most of their Gentry kin.

In this article, I would like, first, to add another James, that is, James Gentry of Hanover County, to the pot of early Gentrys; second, to provide further information to corroborate the identity of James Gentry of Guilford County, and third, to express my doubts about the existence of a James Gentry who was the father of George Gentry, the Revolutionary War pensioner from Albemarle County.

Although not addressed in this article, I might also add that I am not convinced that Claiborne Gentry's father was named James. Bill's separation of these Surry/Stokes County Gentrys from the descendants of James Gentry of Guilford is correct; but the joining of these two groups in The Gentry Family in America is not a sufficient basis for believing that there was another James who was the father of Claiborne Gentry and his possible siblings. Lately, I have been doing work on other family lines in Rowan and Surry Counties, North Carolina. Although I have not sought to piece together these Gentrys, there are many

references to various persons named Gentry, including Claiborne, but I cannot find any reference to a James Gentry at any time in these counties. Furthermore, there were several Gentrys settled close to the Yadkin, generally in the vicinity of where Claiborne Gentry owned land. Other Gentrys lived more up in the hills in an area known as Fox Knobs. It is indeed possible that there is yet another James, but I am inclined to believe that Claiborne is a son of one of the several Gentrys who are settled in this area well before Claiborne starts showing up on tax lists and in court records.

**James Gentry of Hanover County**

The Vestry Book of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County, and other surviving documents relating to Hanover County leave little doubt that there was a James Gentry living in that county and parish during the mid-1700s. The surviving evidence is as follows:

1) **1735**: James Gentrey was one of three witnesses to the indenture and bond, dated July 1, 1735, between John Tylor Jr. of Hanover County and John Depriest of same, concerning the sale of 254 acres in St. Martin's parish[3].

2) **1751**: James Gentry is one of landowners whose properties are gathered into district 22 for processioning by the vestry order of Sept. 30, 1751.[4]

3) **1756**: James Gentry is noted as one of two men charged with the processioning in a memorandum to the Hanover County Court held on March 5, 1756, concerning a disputed property line.[5]

4) **1759**: James Gentry is charged with the processioning of district 20 in which he is shown as a landowner by the return which is entered November 19, 1759. This return notes "several purchases made lately," notably James Gentry from Crenshaw and again from Kersey.[6]

5) **1763**: James Gentry is one of the landowners in district 20 for which the return is recorded on November 30, 1763.[7]

6) **1763**: James Gentry is listed on the Hanover County quitrent roll for this year with 776 acres.[8]

7) **1767**: James Gentrys heirs are noted as landowners for property processioned in district 21 by return made on September 30, 1767.[9]

8) **1771**: Processioning orders and returns for this year cite "James Gentrys Heirs" in district 14 and "James Gentry Decd" in district 15 in returns made on November 12, 1771.[10]

9) **1779**: James Gentry's heirs cited in processioning order for district 14 which is entered in vestry book on November 12, 1779.[11]

From these references, we can surmise that a James Gentry lived in St. Paul's Parish of Hanover County in the early and mid 1700s about whom we can say that:

1) he was born prior to 1714,
2) he owned a considerable amount of land, some of it purchased in the 1750s, and
3) he died between 1763 and 1767.

This is a very early Gentry and the possibilities concerning his father are very limited if the hypothesis is correct that all early Gentrys are descended from the immigrant Nicholas Gentry who had three sons, Joseph, Samuel and Nicholas.[12] Given what we know about the families of Samuel and Nicholas, Joseph is the indicated father. Other evidence weakly supports the hypothesis that James of Hanover is a son of Joseph. For instance, persons surnamed Tyler are associated with both Joseph and James Gentry. As just footnoted, Joseph Gentry is ordered to care for Sarah Tyler in 1720. John Tyler is a neighbor of Nicholas and Joseph Gentry in the 1708 processioning return and of Joseph in all succeeding returns for this district through 1731. Other Tylers are neighbors of James Gentry in the mid 1700s.

This James Gentry is probably the one cited at GFA 184. The birth date given there, 1710, fits; however, I do not believe he is a son of either Nicholas the immigrant or his brother Samuel. It is possible that George Gentry of Albemarle (GFA 185) is his son, but it is no more than a possibility.

**James Gentry of Guilford County**

The Louisa County Court Order Book for 1766-72 contains an entry on April 12, 1768, which notes the postponement of a case whose caption identifies another James Gentry as an executor of the will of James Gentry, Dec'd:

> "James Gentry & Exors. of the Last Will and Testament of James Gentry, decd., vs. Waddy Thompson, Exor. of the Last Will of John Thompson, decd."[13]

On June 13, 1769, the Louisa County Court decides the case in favor of the plaintiffs in what appears to be the recovery of a debt.[14] This does not clearly identify James as son of James, but it is a reasonable supposition that the executor is a son, particularly when they carry the same surname.

The Louisa County records from the late 1760s into the early 1780s contain several references to one or several persons named James Gentry. When these records are used with those from Hanover County, Virginia and Guilford-Rockingham County, North Carolina, the James who appears in Louisa County during this time can be identified as the James Gentry of Guilford County. Consider the following evidence:

From Louisa County

1) **1767-69**: James Gentry shows up on the Louisa County tithable lists in St. Martin's Parish for these three years with 400 acres and either 5 (1767 & 1768) or 6 (1769) tithable. The 1768 list indicates the names of the tithable and James Gentry is not among them. There is a white overseer, John Watson, and four slaves, Jack, Will, Amy and Peter. The 1768 listing of the tithable suggests that this James Gentry owned land but did not live in Louisa County during these years.[15]

2) **1768-69**: James Gentry, on behalf of executors of James Gentry, dec'd., is plaintiff in a Louisa County court action against estate of John Thompson, dec'd., which is postponed in 1768 and decided in 1769.[16]

3) **1778**: James Gentry marries a Sarah Dickerson on January 15, 1778, and the bondsman is William Poindexter.[17]

4) **1778**: James Gentry appears on the Louisa County tithable lists for this year in St. Martin's Parish with one tithable.[18]

5) **1778**: James Gentry witnesses an indenture between Samuel Waddy of Louisa County and James Burnley of Hanover County for land in Louisa County on August 6, 1778. Other witnesses are David Chisholm, Ben Timberlake and Zedh. Tate.[19]

6) **1780-81**: James Gentry with 5 tithable (but no acreage indicated) shows up on the tithable lists for St. Martin's Parish, Louisa County for these years.[20]

7) **1781**: Nancy Gentry, daughter of James Gentry, marries John Sharp on July 2, 1781.[21]

8) **1781**: James Gentry's public service claim in Louisa County is allowed at 3 pence per lb. for 325 lbs of beef received by Richard Anderson, Jr., October 16, 1781.[22]

9) **1782**: James Gentry appears on both the land and personal property tax lists of Louisa County for this year with 250 acres, 1 ... over 21, 13 slaves

over 16, 3 horses and 16 cattle. Three of the four slaves tithed to James Gentry in 1768 appear on this list, where the slaves are given as: Nat, Jack, Will, Bet, Amy, Jane, Lewis, Will, Judy, Abram, Molley, Charles and Ned. The personal property is not taxed in 1783 or any year thereafter; and the later land tax books have an entry in 1784/85 showing that James Gentry had sold his 250 acres by deed to Nelson Anderson, Jr., sometime between the April Courts of 1784 and 1785.[23]

10) **1785, 1787**: James Gentry is listed on the Personal Property Tax Lists of Louisa County for 1785 and 1787 as overseer for Dudley Digges.[24]

From Hanover County

11) **1782-91**: James Gentry is listed as the owner and taxed for 186 acres in St. Martin's Parish of Hanover County from 1782 (when the tax begins) through 1791 when an entry appears noting that "186 acres conveyed by James Gentry to Thomas Chisholm."[25]

12) **1782-83**: Watson Gentry is listed on the Hanover County Personal Property Tax Lists for 1782 and 1783 with six slaves, Michael, Venus, Letty, Phebe, Betty and Patrick in a precinct that is located in St. Martin's parish.[26]

13) **1783**: James Gentry and wife Sarah of Guilford County, North Carolina, sell 154 acres on Deep Swamp, adjacent David Gentry among others, in St. Paul's parish of Hanover County to Micajah Butler by indenture dated November 15, 1783.[27]

From Guilford/Rockingham County, North Carolina

14) **1786**: Last Will and Testament of James Gentry of Guilford County, North Carolina, dated September 28, 1783, is proved at the February Court of 1786. Will mentions: wife, Sarah; son, Watson and land in Hanover County, Virginia adj. William Morris; daughters, Nancy and Minny. Executor is "Friend" Joshua Smith. Witnesses are Joshua Smith, Jesse Siers, Edison Cook.[28]

15) **1787**: Last Will and Testament of Sarah Jones, dated April 5, 1787, is proved at the May Court of this year. Will mentions: daugher, Sarah Gentry and land adj. Andrew Joyce, Joshua Smith & Henry Harden; daughter, Elizabeth Whitworth; son, Edward Jones; grand-son, Edward Whitworth; and son-in-law, Benjamin Cook. Executors are James Burton and Joshua Smith. Witnesses are Joshua Smith, William S.

Burch, Mary Cook.[29]

A number of these items can be reasonably identified as the same James Gentry. The James and Sarah Gentry of item 13 is almost certainly the same as those in items 14 and 15. Furthermore, the will mentions daughter Nancy Sharp, and a son Watson living in Hanover County. Thus, we can identify items 7 and 12 with this James of Guilford.

Additionally, we can identify this James as the James Gentry who marries Sarah Dickerson in Louisa County on January 15, 1778 (item 3). The proof for this identification lies in this marriage record, the will of Charles Dickinson, and the will of Sarah Jones. The entry in the marriage register is helpful only in the absence of a consent and the surname of the bondsman. The absence of a consent suggests that Sarah Dickinson was not a very young woman. The surety was William Poindexter, the same surname as the wife of Watson Gentry.[30]

There were two women named Sarah Dickinson in Louisa County at this time: an orphaned daughter of William Dickenson (died 1764) and the widow of Charles Dickenson (died 1776). The one of interest is the widow.

Charles Dickinson made his will in 1773 and it was probated in Louisa County in October 1776.[31] There were no children of this marriage; for in the will, Charles Dickinson left half of his property to his wife, Sarah, and the rest to three nephews. William Poindexter, the bondsman for the marriage of James Gentry and Sarah Dickerson, was a witness to this will. More importantly, the executors were a Thomas Dickinson, identified as Charles' brother, and an otherwise unidentified Edward Jones. The Rockingham County, North Carolina, will of Sarah Jones (item 15 above) identifies Edward Jones as the sister of Sarah Gentry. The co-executors of the estate of Charles Dickinson were the brothers of the husband and the wife.

Since James Gentry of Guilford's children were themselves of or nearing marriageable age in 1778, their mother was someone other than Sarah (Jones) (Dickinson) Gentry. The name given to James of Guilford's son, Watson, is a strong hint.

The James Gentry of items 1 and 9 can be identified as the same by the names of the slaves. The James Gentry of item 6 also had slaves, although they are not named in the published abstract; but I think we can assume that item 6 is the same person as item 9, and thus item 1. For convenience, I henceforth refer to this individual as the propertied James Gentry of Louisa County

So far, we can identify three separate James Gentrys and some still unidentified entries:

1) James, executor and presumed son of James Gentry, Dec'd. of Hanover County (item 2);

2) James of Guilford who had connections in both Hanover and Louisa Counties (items 3, 7, 12, 13, 14, & 15);

3) The propertied James of Louisa County (items 1, 6 & 9);

4) The remaining Jameses (items 4, 5, 8, 10 & 11).

The propertied James of Louisa County is contemporaneous both with James, son of James of Hanover, (by items 1 & 2), and with James of Guilford (by items 6 & 7). The evidence suggests strongly that all three are the same person. The overseer in 1768, John Watson, carries the family name which was given to James of Guilford's son. A Nelson Anderson (Sr.?) was in the same processioning district as James Gentry of Hanover in 1751, 1759 and 1763.

There are obvious questions concerning the location of James Gentry and his ownership of land between 1769 and 1778. For instance, James Gentry was not taxed in Louisa County for land or tithable during these years and there is no evidence of a sale, purchase or grant of land in Louisa County to or by a James Gentry for any of these years. And unlike Hanover County, the land and tax records for Louisa County are relatively complete.

There are still other questions concerning landholdings. There are three pieces of land in Hanover and Louisa County, owned by one or several James Gentrys, in the early 1780s ...

- 250 acres taxed in Louisa County in 1782,
- 186 acres taxed in Saint Martin's Parish of Hanover County from 1782 through 1790, and
- 154 acres lying on Deep Swamp (Saint Paul's Parish) in Hanover County that is sold to Micajah Butler in 1783.

The will of James Gentry of Guilford refers to "land in Hanover County, Virginia, adjacent Wm. Morris, on which (son Watson) now lives." Wm. Morris is not an adjacent landowner to the 154 acres on Deep Swamp, as evidenced by the 1783 deed. In 1787, Wm. Morris paid taxes in Saint Martin's parish.[32] The district in which Watson Gentry paid taxes for himself, slaves and livestock in 1782-83 was also in Saint Martin's Parish, not Saint Paul's Parish. Since James Gentry was not assessed personal property taxes in Saint Martin's Parish during 1782-1790, and his son Watson was, it appears that the James Gentry who was taxed for land in Hanover County between 1782 and 1790 was James of Guilford County and that his son, Watson, was living on and presumably working the land in 1782 and 1783.

Several other points bear noting and invite explanation. Concerning the 186 acres in St. Martin's parish upon which taxes were paid in Hanover County between 1782 and 1790, there is no reference to James Gentry, Dec'd., or Estate of James Gentry, either in the years after 1787 or in noting the sale to Thomas Chisholm, as would usually be done. I think the clerk was simply remiss, but these property entries do leave open the possibility of another James Gentry in Hanover County during these years.

Also, there is no mention of either the 250 acres in Louisa County or the 154 acres on Deep Swamp in the will of James of Guilford and both were sold after the will was made. The indenture for the sale of the land on Deep Swamp was signed only a month and a half after the will. It is possible that agreement on the sale of the property had been reached prior to the making of the will. It is also curious that this property does not appear on the land tax rolls for Saint Paul's Parish in 1782 and 1783, at least under the name Gentry.[33]

The Louisa County tax books enter the sale of James Gentry's 250 acres to Nelson Anderson, Jr., between the April courts of 1784 and 1785. There are, it seems to me, two possibilities. First, the Louisa county property had been sold before September 1783, but the transfer did not get recorded until after April 1784. The second possibility is that the Louisa County and Hanover County properties were contiguous, spanning the county line, and Watson lived on the Hanover County side. In the will, the father did not give a complete description of the land left to the son, but simply referred to the location of the son. The Louisa County part was then sold to Nelson Anderson, perhaps when Watson moved to North Carolina since he no longer appears in either Louisa or Hanover counties after 1783, and the Hanover County portion was kept, presumably worked by someone else.

The possibility that the land spanned the county border is appealing in that it could explain the lack of record of sale or purchase in Louisa County and the absence of James Gentry on the Louisa County tithable rolls during the 1770s. The sum of the two parcels owned in 1782 is only 36 acres larger than the land listed in the 1767-69 tithable lists for Saint Martin's Parish, Louisa County. A further purchase of 36 acres in Hanover County between 1769 and 178 would not have been recorded in Louisa County. Also, there certainly must have been properties in Saint Martin's parish which spanned the county line. Prior to the Revolution and particularly the disestablishment of the Anglican church, it may not have made much difference to which county the tithes were paid. Thus, we may speculate that James Gentry paid taxes to the collectors appointed by Louisa County in several years (those in which he was pursuing a legal action against a resident of Louisa County) and for the remainder of the time to the Hanover County collectors. After the Revolution and disestablishment, the counties were much more concerned with defining the tax base properly, and James Gentry's property may have been split for tax purposes and assessed accordingly by both counties.

On balance, I am inclined to believe that James Gentry of Guilford is both the propertied James Gentry of Louisa County and the son of James Gentry of Hanover County. Yet, so much explaining is required that an open mind must be maintained on this issue. Part of the reason for my belief that these three are all the same person is my suspicion that there was no James Gentry who was the father of the Revolutionary War pensioner, George Gentry. Before addressing that point, a few comments should be made concerning the remaining four items from Louisa County concerning James Gentry which we have not yet discussed.

Item 10 can be tentatively identified as a younger James Gentry, son of George Gentry of Albemarle. We know from the pension application of this James Gentry that he was enlisted in the First Regiment of Continental Artillery in 1777 and that he served for three years. His compiled military service record indicates that he was not in Virginia during these years.[34] Therefore, he cannot be any of the James Gentrys recorded in items 3 through 5 above. His pension application also states that he resided in Hanover County until he moved to Albemarle County in 1787. Again, Louisa and Hanover Counties are not the same; however, James' father, George, is also associated with both counties prior to the move to Albemarle County. It would not have been inconsistent for this James to have considered he lived in Hanover County, although as a young man he may have worked for several years as an overseer in Louisa County among others. As a matter of fact, he is not found on the Hanover County personal property tax lists during any of the years prior to 1787.

If there are no other James Gentrys in Louisa County, items 4, 5 and 8 can be assigned easily to James of Guilford. Even so, there are reasons to believe that each of these citations refer to the James Gentry of Guilford County. Items 4 & 5 occur in the same year as James Gentry marries Sarah (Jones) Dickenson; and we may suppose that he is living at her property. James Burnley for whom James Gentry witnesses an indenture in 1778 (item 5) is an adjacent landowner to the 250 acres for which James Gentry is taxed by Louisa County in 1782.[35] Finally, we know by the 1782 Louisa County tax on personal property (item 9) that this James Gentry owned many cattle; and would be a more likely source of supply for the Revolutionary forces than the younger James Gentry, who would have been a recently returned veteran of the Continental service.

These remaining identifications are the stronger if the two James Gentrys we have identified are all that exist. There is however, the troubling matter of the James Gentry, father of George Gentry, for whom the latter served in the Revolutionary War.

**James Gentry, presumed father of the pensioner George Gentry**

A possible third James Gentry, the father of the Revolutionary War pensioner, George Gentry, is known only through the pension application of the son. In it, he states

> "In the first tour, I entered the service as a substitute for my father James Gentry who was then drafted."[36]

He also states that this first tour was in the year 1781, that he was born in 1765-66 in Hanover County near the Ground Squirrel Bridge, that he was drafted in Hanover county, and that he moved from Hanover to Albemarle county around 1815.

The Ground Squirrel Bridge is the former name of what is now the bridge by which present-day US Route 33 crosses the South Anna River. This bridge is just to the east of the line dividing Saint Martin's and Saint Paul's parishes in Hanover County and there were several Gentrys who owned property near it. The near-by Beech Creek was the location of both Samuel and Nicholas Gentry, sons of the Immigrant, before they moved to Louisa County in the 1740s.[37] A George Gentry, whom I believe to be the same as George of Albemarle, owned land on Stone Horse Creek, slightly upstream from Ground Squirrel Bridge, in the 1780s.[38]

The declaration of the pensioner George Gentry would indicate that there was an adult James Gentry living in Hanover County circa 1781. No other record of such a person can be found. For instance, the remaining entries above for a James Gentry (items 4, 5, and 8) are all in Louisa County, although movement back and forth between the counties cannot be dismissed. There is no mention of a James Gentry in the Saint Paul's Parish vestry book other that the James Gentry who died circa 1764; however, George's father could have lived in Saint Martin's Parish and still been near the Ground Squirrel Bridge.

More troubling than the absence of any other record of this James Gentry is the absence of record concerning the son George Gentry, who by his declaration lived in Hanover until moving to Albemarle in 1815. The Hanover County personal property and land tax lists show no George Gentry in that county around 1815, nor for any preceding years back through 1790.[39] The 1790 substitute Federal Census for Virginia has no George Gentry in Hanover County or any of the other Virginia counties included.[40] The 1810 Federal Census does not reveal a George Gentry as head of household in Hanover County or any other county for which returns exist;[41] however, a substitute 1810 census for the missing counties does show a George Gentry in Orange County.[42] In the 1820 Federal Census, there is a George Gentry of the right age in Albemarle County,[43] but this person has a number of slaves and I believe it to be the son of George of Albemarle (died 1810) who had previously been living in Louisa County. There is no

George Gentry in the 1830 Federal census for Albemarle County, or anywhere in Virginia of the appropriate age.[44] Beyond 1830, I have not looked.

I am not prepared to dismiss this George Gentry, and with him, the shadowy James Gentry; but caution is in order. For one thing, the pension application itself indicates that pensioner George Gentry's memory may be defective. In an additional statement, given to John R. Jones, acting Justice of the Peace for Albemarle County on April 26, 1833, concerning a sword wound sustained in combat, the writer, presumably Jones, states:

> "...by reason of age and the consequent loss of memory, and from an injury which he received many years since on his head which has affected his memory, he cannot swear positively..."[45]

In the pension file of Gaddis Gentry there is another reference to this George Gentry which causes one to question his recall. A "George Gentry Sr. of Albemarle County" filed a supporting statement for the application of Patsy Gentry, widow of Gaddis Gentry of Hanover County, in 1843. A John Hall who stated he served with Gaddis Gentry also filed a supporting statement; however, it differed from that of George Gentry and apparently caused the widow's pension to be held up. Later letters clarify that two different tours were at issue, and Hall files a supplementary affidavit in which he states he is "well acquainted with George Gentry of Albemarle...(who) was not in any tour of military service with him during that war." He goes on to assert his confidence in this conclusion by stating that the number of men in his corps was never more than 800 and "one so well known as George Gentry would have been seen if he had been in the same corps."[46] George Gentry was not notably prominent based on family or property. Could it be that "so well known" referred to traits no less notable at the time, but not such as would normally be recorded for posterity?

I cannot help thinking that George Gentry was mentally deficient and that his absence from the Hanover County tax lists is explained by the fact that he was considered incompetent and thus exempted. The court orders which would have accomplished this exemption are, of course, lost. Furthermore, such a condition would explain why he would not have shown up on the tax lists or been recorded as head of household in any of the Federal censuses.

For the sake of completeness, it is worth noting that the Hanover Personal Property Tax Lists do record some George Gentrys in the 1780s. In 1787, there are two George Gentrys, both in Saint Martin's parish and both of whom have the tax paid by others, the Revd. Robt. Barrett and Charles Crenshaw, both of whom are wealthy to judge by property which was taxed.[47] In the following two years, there is only one George Gentry, with one tithable and no property, in Saint Martin's parish in 1788 and the next year in St. Paul's parish, in the vicinity of both Gaddis Gentry and a James Gentry who appears on the Hanover County tax lists for the first time in this year.[48] Thereafter there is no further mention of any George Gentry. One of the George Gentrys in 1787 was probably the son of

George of Albemarle who was then generally resident in Louisa County. The Revolutionary War pensioner may be the other one in 1787 and the one in 1788 and 1789, but one wonders what happened thereafter.

This diversion on George Gentry, presumed son of another James Gentry, is intended only to urge caution concerning the statements in the Revolutionary War Pension File. It may be that this George Gentry, who unquestionably existed and came from Hanover County, is the son of an as-yet unidentified James Gentry. But it deserves note that it was George's statement alone that makes the assertion about his father. The statements of supporting witnesses concern only the issue of military service, not the other details of the applicant's personal life. Much more can probably be learned about the details of George Gentry's life, especially in Albemarle County; but I doubt that anything will help concerning the identity of his father. Until some independent corroboration of the existence of another adult James Gentry in Hanover County, or some other Virginia county, in the years 1765 through at least 1782 can be uncovered, I am inclined to question this point on George Gentry's pension application.

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9. Chamberlayne, op. cit., page 464.
10. Ibid., pages 487-8.
11. Ibid., page 555.

12. A. Denny Ellerman, "Notes & Hypotheses about the Early Gentry Family in America," GFG&GE, Volume III, Number 17 (December 1982), pages 55-63, and "Nicholas Gentry I and II: The Immigrant and the Namesake Son," GFG&GE, Volume III, Number 19 (April 1983), pages 94-107. I no longer believe there was a fourth son by the name of John. The only evidence for his existence is an entry in the Saint Paul's Parish Vestry Book which orders a payment to "John Gentry's Acct, for Sarah Tyler." (page 90 in Chamberlayne, page 85 of vestry book). The preceding page of the vestry book contains the minutes of the vestry meeting of 3 July 1720, in which it is noted, "Whereas Sarah Tyler is sick at Joseph Gentry's, & hath a young Child--its Order'd that the sd. Joseph take Care of the Said Sarah, & her Child, and to be paid for so doing' (page 89 of Chamberlayne, page 84 of the vestry book). I think it equally, if not more likely, that the clerk made a mistake and wrote "John" when he meant "Joseph," than that there is a John Gentry who otherwise never shows up during these years when Joseph, Samuel and Nicholas are repeatedly cited.

13. Louisa County Court Order Book, 1766-72, page 130, microfilm copy at the Virginia State Library & Archives in Richmond.

14. Louisa County Court Order Book, 1766-72, op. cit., page 324f.

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17. Kathleen Booth Williams (compiler), Marriages of Louisa County, Virginia, 1766-1815 (Harrisonburg, Virginia: C.J. Carrier Company, second printing, 1977), page 38.

18. Davis, Louisa County Tithable, op.cit., page 119.

19. Rosalie Edith Davis (compiler), Louisa County, Virginia Deed Books E & F: 1774-1790 (Manchester, Missouri: Privately printed, 1983), page 35 [pages 296-8 of Deed Book E].

20. Davis, Louisa County Tithable, op. cit., pages 120-1.
21. Williams, Louisa County Marriages, op. cit., page 89.

22. Claudia A. Chisholm, Revolutionary Public Service Claims of Louisa County, Virginia (Richmond: Printed by Louisa County Historical Society, 1976), page 10.

23. From microfilm copies at the Virginia State Library & Archives (hereafter VSL&A) in Richmond. The personal property tax entry for 1782 is on page 9 of Louisa County Personal Property Tax Books. Entries concerning land tax are in the Louisa County Land Tax Books, under "1782" and "1784/85 Alterations."

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27. Rosalie Edith Davis (compiler), Hanover County, Virginia Deeds 1783-1792 (Manchester, Missouri: Privately printed, 1983), page 2, 15.

28. Irene B. Webster (compiler), Rockingham County, North Carolina Will Abstracts, 1785-1865 (Easley, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, reprinted 1984), page 6 [page 114 of Old Wills].

29. Ibid., page 2 [page 26 of Old Wills].

30. This William may well be the father of Watson Gentry's wife, Theodosia Poindexter. A query in the Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter (Volume XII, Number 1, January-February 1986, page 9) cites an Elizabeth Chisholm, who married Wm. Poindexter, residents of Saint Martin's Parish, Louisa County, and who died testate in 1802 in Louisa County mentioning children: Elizabeth (m. Hambleton), Docea (m. Gentry), Gabriel (m. Swift), Meredith, Will and David (m. Johnson). I have not checked this will, or tried to figure out the Poindexter family in Louisa County. This is of course different from the entry in The Gentry Family in America which states (page 283) without further support, that Theodosia Poindexter was the daughter of David Poindexter and Miss Chisholm. Among the children of Watson and Theodosia (Poindexter) Gentry, according to GFA, we find the names of William, Elizabeth, and Meredith Poindexter.

31. Nancy Chappelear and Kate Binford Hatch, Abstracts of Louisa County, Virginia Will Books, 1743-1801 (Privately printed, 1964), pages 42-43 [Louisa County Will Book 2, page 237 for will, page 242 for bond].

32. Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love, The Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1787 for Hanover County, Virginia (Springfield, Virginia: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987), page 970. Note: List "A" is Saint Martin's Parish.

33. This point bears confirming. Some years ago, I extracted all Gentry entries from the Hanover land and personal property tax lists, but it is possible that I missed the early entries for land belonging to James Gentry in Saint Paul's parish. It would also be worth confirming when Micajah Butler starts paying taxes on 154 acres in Saint Paul's parish. Micajah Butler does appear for the first time in the Hanover county personal property tax lists in 1784 and regularly thereafter. See Cocke's Hanover County Taxpayers, St. Paul's Parish, 1782-1815, page 23.

34. "Declaration of James Gentry, Albemarle County, October 2, 1832," Revolutionary War Pension File for James Gentry (Cont., Virginia), S.8555, National Archives Microfilm M-804, roll 1061, frame 0784. For the Compiled Military Service Record of James Gentry, see National Archives Microfilm M-881, roll 4, frames 1430-1469.

35. The documents by which Nelson Anderson, Jr. and his wife sold this property in 1786 are found in Davis, Louisa County Deed Books E & F, op.cit., page 54 [pages 83-86 in Louisa County Deed Book E]. The 250 acres in Saint Martin's Parish is bounded by James Burnley, James Anthony, Wm. Poindexter, Nathl. Tate & the widow Hamilton.

36. "George Gentry's Declaration: Albemarle County Court, October 2, 1832," in Revolutionary War Pension File for George Gentry, Virginia, National Archives Microfilm M-804, roll 1061, frames 0750-51. The specific quote is from the answer to the fourth interrogatory.

37. See Ellerman, "Nicholas Gentry I and II: The Immigrant and the Namesake Son," op. cit., passim, but especially page 107.

38 Davis, Hanover County Deeds, 1782-1792, page 46-47 [page 218 in original Deed Book].

39. Based on personal search of the Hanover County Land Tax and Personal Property Tax Books for the years 1782 through 1820 using microfilm copies at the Virginia State Library & Archives.

40. United States, Department of Commerce & Labor, Bureau of the Census, Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790; Records of the State Enumerations; 1782-1785: Virginia (Washington: Government Printing Office, reprinted Spartenburg, South Carolina: The Reprint Company, 1982).

41. See ACIS Index for the 1810 Federal Census of Virginia.

42. Netti Schreiner-Yantis (trans.), A Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia: Tax Lists of the Counties for which the Census is Missing (Privately printed, 1971), page 0-8.

43. 1820 United States Census, Albemarle County, Virginia; page 9, line 15; National Archives Microfilm M-33, roll 130.

44. Based on review of ACIS Index of the 1830 Census for Virginia.

45. "Additional Statement of George Gentry, Albemarle County, Virginia given to Jno. R. Jones, Esq., acting Justice of the Peace of Albemarle County, April 26, 1833," Revolutionary War Pension file for George Gentry, Virginia, National Archive Microfilm M-804, roll 1061, frames 0771-74.

46. See whole file but particularly "Deposition of John Hall, 'revolutionary pensioner,' August 2, 1844" in Revolutionary War Pension File for Gaddis Gentry (Patsey), W. 7512, National Archives Microfilm M--804, roll 1061, frames 0706-0743.

47. Schreiner-Yantis and Love, The Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1787 for Hanover County, Virginia, op.cit., page 966.

48. Based on personal search of the VSL&A microfilm copies of the Hanover County land tax and personal property tax books from 1782 through 1820.

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## *The Passing Parade:*

## *Births, Marriages, Deaths*

Your attention is directed to the form letter included with this issue. In brief, the editor will pay for specific Gentry-related clippings. You are invited, encouraged, to claim a local newspaper(s) as yours exclusively. Fair warning: if I'm overwhelmed with clips, I'll simply stop buying them. Naturally, regular clippers will be given advance notification.

Regarding the bulk of the "parade" information which follows, you will note that most of it came from Florida. That's because we have a non-family clipper who developed an interest in the family when he was submitting clips for pay in the early 1970s, and even after I quit paying, continued to send them to McLean. He told me at one point that he got in the habit of doing Gentry clips and couldn't break it. Of course I'm grateful.

### *Births*

***1980-----November***

Morton Plant Hospital, Janice Gentry, Clearwater, Florida, a son, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, on November 22, 1980. ***The Sun*** of Clearwater, Florida, November 26, 1980.

***1984-----November***

Humana Women's Hospital, Tampa, October 29, Terri and Steven Gentry, a boy. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, November 13, 1984.

***1990-----March***

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gentry, Tampa, Florida, a boy, Daniel Louis Gentry, Thursday (March 1, 1990) at Humana Women's Hospital, Tampa, Florida. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, March 27, 1990.

***1991-----February***

Jeff and Angie Gentry of Crawfordville, Florida, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Michelle Gentry, on February 2 at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19½ inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Allen and Monica Harvey of Crawfordville. Paternal grandparents are Marshall and Evelyn Gentry of Tallahassee. ***The Wakulla County News*** of Crawfordville, Florida, February 28, 1991.

***1991-----June***

Kim and Tom Gentry, Tampa, Florida, a boy, Thursday (May 2, 1991) at 56th Tactical Training Wing Hospital, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, June 8, 1991.

***1991-----June***

Gail and Miles Gentry of Seffner, Florida, a boy, Sean Justin, Saturday (June 15, 1991) at Humana Hospital, Brandon, Florida. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, June 23, 1991.

## *Marriages*

***1981-----May***

Beverly Jean Repetto and Terry Morton Gentry were married April 18, at 7 pm at Liberty Baptist Church. Pastor W. R. Talley officiated at the double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr/Mrs Donald J. Markey of Seminole. She was graduated from Saint Petersburg Junior College and Bayfront Medical Center, School of Radiology. She is employed by Bayfront Medical Center. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Kay Gentry of Saint Petersburg, and Calvin Gentry of Ohio. He was graduated from Boca Ciega High School and is employed by Sears, Roebuck and Company. ***The Evening Independent***, Saint Petersburg, Florida, May 6, 1981.

***1981-----August***

Steven Felton Gentry and Gerri Ann Spicola were married Friday at Christ the King Catholic Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr/Mrs Charles G. Spicola Jr. of 4315 Woodmere Road. She attends the University of South Florida and is a receptionist-clerk for Spicola Hardware Company Inc. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Geraldine Gentry of 6940 West Commanche Avenue and the late Everett E. Gentry Sr. He attends the University of South Florida and is an assistant service manager for Spicola Hardware. Best man was Patrick E. Gentry. ***The Times*** of Tampa, Florida, August 1, 1981 and ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, August 6, 1981.

***1982-----November***

Donna Lynn Gentry and Johnny R. Ragan, Princton, West Virginia, were married at 4 pm yesterday in Club Continental, Orange Park. The bride, daughter of Mr/Mrs Johnny M. Gentry, Doctors Inlet, was graduated from Jacksonville University and attended the MBA program at California State University. She is employed by Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation. The bridegroom, grandson of Mrs. Hester White, Princeton, was graduated from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, and is serving in the Navy. ***The Jacksonville Journal, The Times-Union*** of Jacksonville, Florida, November 28, 1982.

***1984-----September***

Veronda Jean Nelson and Jeffrey Vernon Gentry were married Saturday in Limona Village Chapel. The bride is the daughter of Mr/Mrs George Nelson of Tampa. The bridegroom is the son of Mr/Mrs. Gene Gentry, Valrico. He works for Acousti Engineering, West Palm Beach. ***The Tribune-Times*** of Tampa, Florida, September 30, 1984.

***1984-----December***

Alice Olden Gentry and Frederic Curry McNiel, both of Orange Park, were married at 5 pm yesterday in Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Orange Park. The bride, daughter of Mr/Mrs Charles Smith Olden, Orange Park, attended Jacksonville University and was graduated from the University of Tennessee. She is employed by Jones College as the coordinator of the Associate in Applied Science data processing curriculum. The bridegroom, son of Mr/Mrs Jacob Frederick McNiel, attended the University of Florida and Jacksonville University. He is employed president of administration in the correspondent services division. ***The Times-Union of Jacksonville, Florida, December 16, 1984.***

***1989-----July***

Vernon and Lois Blount of Forest Hills, Florida, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 25 at their home. They were married June 30, 1929, in Tampa. The party was hosted by their son, Dick Blunt, and his wife, Lou, and their daughter, Sylvia, and her husband, Gene Gentry. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, July 4, 1989.

***1989-----September***

Barbara Ellen Gentry and John Joseph Roderick, both of DeLand, Florida, were married at 1:30 pm, July 8th. The couple were married in a garden ceremony at the home of Mr/Mrs Robert Russ of DeLand, mother and stepfather of the bride. The bride is the daughter of Earl W. Gentry Jr, of Deland. The bridegroom is the son of Candita Roderick of DeLand. ***The Sun-News*** of Deland, Florida, September 16, 1989.

***1989-----September***

Buffalo, NY -- Gail Marie Nowak and Miles L. Gentry were married September 8 in Bread of Life Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr/Mrs. William L. Nowak, West Seneca. She is a director of training at Valenti Management Inc. The bridegroom is the son of Mr/Mrs Mearle Gentry, Plant City, Florida. He works for Johnson Controls. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, September 18, 1989.

***1989-----November***

Jina Lee Riddick and James Dale Gentry were married November 18 in University Church of God. The bride is the daughter of Mr/Mrs James Lee Riddick, Lutz. She works for Borrell Electric Company. The bridegroom is the son of Mr/Mrs Frank Biscardi and Dale Gentry, all of Temple Terrace. He works for Boardwalk and Baseball. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, November 17, 1989.

***1991-----October***

Shary Dow Taylor and John Ashmore Gentry were married August 3 in Saint John's Episcopal Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr/Mrs John Robert Taylor, Plainfield, New Hampshire. She is a recent graduate of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. The bridegroom is the son of Mr/Mrs Frank Lewis Gentry, Charlotte, North Carolina. He works in the loan review department of Charter Bank, Houston, Texas. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, October 7, 1991.

## *Deaths, Obituaries*

***1980-----November***

Velma J. Gentry, 68, of Pinellas Park, Florida, died Tuesday (November 18, 1980). Born in LaFallette, Tennessee, she came here in 1970 from Sidney, Ohio and was a member of First Baptist Church, Pinellas Park. Survivors include three sons--Jospeh Kolley, Nashua, New Hampshire; John Kolley, Hamilton, Ohio; Edward Kolley, Sidney; two daughters--Doris Davis, Lowell, Massachusetts; and Barbara Rumpff, Troy, Ohio; 21 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, Wednesday, November 19, 1980.

***1980-----December***

Bessie Mitchell Gentry, 89, of Milton, Florida, died Monday at her home. Mrs. Gentry, a native and lifelong resident of Santa Rosa County, was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her son David Gentry of Milton; a sister, Myrtie Lane of Milton; two nephews--Richard Lane of Milton and Tommy Lane of Cocoa Beach; and a granddaughter, Bessie Lou Bohannon of Milton. Burial was at Serenity Gardens Cemetery. ***The Press-Gazette*** of Milton, Florida, December 25, 1980.

***1981-----May***

Grady Howell, 58, of Trion (Mountain View community), Georgia, passed away Friday, May 15, at 14:25. He was born in Chattooga County on February 11, 1923, son of the late D.D. Howell. Mr. Howell was an employee of Riegel Textile Corporation. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Jessie Howell Gentry of Summerville; one daughter, Mrs. Floyd (Linda) Edgeworth of Tunnel, Hawaii; three brothers--Bill Rich, Hobert Howell and Alfred Howell, all of Trion; 2 granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Summerville Cemetery. ***The News*** of Sommerville, Georgia, May 21. 1981.

***1981-----August***

Mr. Claude R. Gentry of Smyrna, Georgia, passed away August 6, 1981. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edna Nunn Gentry; daughters--Mrs. Boots O'Bryant, Montgomery, Alabama; Mrs. Myra Benton, Austell; Mrs. Frances Ragan, Powder Springs; and son, Frank Nunn, Austell; sister, Mrs. Evelyn Cowart, Clarksville, Georgia; brothers--John R. Gentry, Jr, Douglasville, Bob Gentry, East Point; 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. Interment, Crest Lawn Memorial Park. ***The Atlanta Consititution*** of Atlanta, Georgia, August 7, 1981.

***1981-----August***

James E. Miller of Largo, Florida, died Wednesday at Bay Pines Veterans Hospital. He was 87. He was born in Buckingham County, Virginia and moved here 22 years ago from Covington, Kentucky. Before he retired Mr. Miller was a conductor for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company. He was member of Calvary United Methodist Church; George Lodge 32 F&AM, Chapter Council Commandary and Shrine; the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; and the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors. He was a World War I Navy veteran. He is survived by a son, James E. Jr. of Upper Darby, Pennsylvania; a daughter, Marylou Gray of Cincinnati; two sisters--Sally Gentry of Atlanta and Edith Harris of Buckingham County; and 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. ***The Sun***, Clearwater, Florida, August 29, 1981.

***1981-----August***

Charles I. Jahnke, 77, of Hudson and formerly of Tampa died Thursday. He was a native of Highwood, Illinois, and had lived in Hudson for six years after residing in Tampa for 25 years. He was a retired electrician for the Palmer House Hotel of Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Grace; two daughters--Gayle Lillie of Weeki Wachee; Charlene Gentry of Belmot, Michigan; one sister, Corrine Bergren of California; and 8 grandchildren. ***The Tribune-Times*** of Tampa, Florida, August 30, 1981.

***1982-----February***

Mr. Glyde Bryan (GB) Gentry Jr, of Lakeland, Florida passed away Saturday morning. A native of Thurmon, North Carolina, came to Lakeland 24 years ago. He was a retired FBI Special Agent and Vice President of Hamilton Company of Winter Haven; he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lakeland, Highland Masonic Lodge No. 184 of Baltimore, Maryland; Lakeland

Shrine Egypt Temple; Society of Former Special Agents; Sigma Delta Kappa and also the law fraternity of the University of Baltimore. Survived by his wife, Doris Gentry, Lakeland, one daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Dube of Stone Mountain, Georgia; three sons--Glyde Bryan Gentry III, Lakeland; Rusty G. Gentry, Lakeland; Kevin D. Gentry, Lakeland; father and mother, Mr/Mrs Glyde Bryan Gentry Sr of Baltimore, Maryland; three sisters--Mary Alice Fielder, Fishkill, New York; Mrs. Johnsie Davis, North Alstead, Ohio; Mrs. Sara Daiker, Baltimore, Maryland; and 4 grandchildren. Interment in Oakhill Burial Park, Lakeland. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, February 1, 1982.

***1982-----May***

Funeral services for Connie Gentry were Saturday at the Chapel of Curry Raley Funeral Home, with burial in New Hope Cemetery. Survivors are a daughter, Joyce Hooper, Eloise; five sons--James Mack and Casey T. Windham, both of Warner-Robbins, Georgia; Wesley Windham, Port Aranasa, Texas; Paul F. Windham, El Centro, California; Michael G. Windham, US Army in Seoul, Korea; 19 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. ***The Times*** of Tampa, Florida, May 7, 1982.

***1982-----December***

Memorial services for Oliver Charles Maxwell, 79, of Brandon, Florida at the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church of Valrico. A native of Stromsbrug, Nebraska, Judge Maxwell had lived in Hillsborough County since 1930 coming from Haines City, Florida. He was a member of the Saint Mary's Episcopal Church. A graduate of the University of Nebraska Law School, he was a member of the Phil Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and the A.T.O. Social Fraternity. Past President of the Chamber of Commerce and former Mayor of Haines City, he was a member and a Past President of the Hillsborough County Bar Association. He was a retired Circuit Court Judge for the 13th Judicial District. He was formerly active in the Gulf Ridge Council of South Florida, Boy Scouts of America and the Urban League. He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Louise Leek Maxwell, Brandon; 3 daughters--Nancy Gentry, Denver, Colorado; Charlotte Black, Atlanta, Georgia; and Eugenia Pozorski, Manhattan Beach, California; 5 grandchildren--James, Greg and Glen Gentry; Caroline Louise and Lara Jean Pozorski; and 2 great-grandchildren. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, December 30, 1982.

***1983-----February***

Mary Nell Gentry, 67, of Plant City, Florida, died Saturday. A native of McGee, Mississippi, she lived in Plant City since 1945. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Wallace; one daughter, Jill Moon of Plant City; three sons--George and Tom, both of Plant City; and Bill of Greenville, South Carolina; five sisters--Frances Waldrop of Jackson, Mississippi, Merle Mabry of Tampa; Marchie Wilcox of Houston, Texas; Sadie Berry of McGee, Mississippi; and Elsie Miley of Newton, Mississippi; one brother, Charles Waldrop of Laurel, Mississippi; and 4 grandchildren. ***The Tribune of*** Tampa, Florida, February 28, 1983.

***1983-----May***

John S. Gentry, 68, of Dayton, Tennessee, died Friday evening in Rhea County Medical Center. He was the son of the late James and Alice Dunning Gentry. He was a retired employee of the Tennessee Highway Department. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mildred Hall Gentry, Dayton; 4 daughters, Nella Smith, Decatur, Indiana, Patsy Wallace, Dover, Tennessee, Alice Ervin, Graysville, Tennessee, Louise Hoose, Dayton; 4 sons, Carl Potter, Sprint City, Tennessee, James, Leslie and Pat Gentry, all of Dayton; one brother, Charlie Gentry, Soddy-Daisy; one sister, Mrs Pearl Harney, Dayton; 17 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Interment will be in Pierce Cemetery. ***The News-Free Press*** of Chattanooga, Tennessee, May 8, 1983.

***1983-----October***

Cecil Wayne Gentry, 77, died Thursday at Winter Haven Hospital. A native of Manchester, Tennessee, he came to this area in 1971 from Indianapolis, Indiana. He was a construction superintendent, a member of the Masonic Lodge 126, and Order of the Eastern Star 300. Survivors include his wife, Zelda D. Gentry of Winter Haven; one daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Grady of Indianapolis, Indiana; two sisters--Mrs. Joe McLaughlin of Winter Haven and Mrs. Sue Lewis of South Bend, Indiana; two brothers--Forest and Clayton of Niles, Michigan; 4 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. ***The News*** of Palatka, Florida, October 22, 1983.

***1984-----May***

Gentry, Benjamin G., 76, of Winter Haven, Florida, died Thursday. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, May 5, 1984.

***1984-----May***

Robert A. Gentry, 53, of Tampa, passed away Sunday. Interment Myrtle Hill Memorial Park. A native of Summerville, Georgia, Mr. Gentry had lived in the Tampa area for 31 years. He was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, and worked for C.F. Industries where he was working at the time of the accident. Survivors include his son, George Gentry, Tampa; daughter, Tammy Gentry, Tampa; brothers--Ben Gentry, Tampa, and Louis Gentry, Lake Placid; sisters--Bertie Lee Hunter, Summerville, Georgia and Beatrice McGuire, Dalton, Georgia; and ex-wife, Shelbie J. Gentry, Tampa. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, May 30, 1984.

***1985-----May***

Funeral services for Frank D. Wrinn, 61, of Brandon will be conducted at Stowers Brandon Chapel. Interment will follow in Hillsboro Memorial Gardens. Mr. Wrinn was a native of Loudon County, Tennessee and came to Florida in 1958. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church; a veteran of World War II, having served in the Super Eleventh Battalion and 5644 M.V. Engineers in the Seabees. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and had been an educator and teacher for the last 35 years. He was selected in 1957 in Who's Who in Education in Tennessee and was elected history Teacher of the Year for

1984-85. He was the son of the late Michael W. Wrinn and the late Ora Wrinn Umphrey. He is survived by his wife, Hilda Gentry Wrinn, 4 daughters, and 3 sons-in-law--Mr/Mrs Robert (Daphne) Diaz, Brandon; Dr/Mrs Jeffrey L (Debra) Williams, Fort Myers; Dr/Mrs Joseph R. (Cindy) Baltrun of Seminole; and Miss Michele Wrinn, University of Florida, Gainesville; one brother, Fred Wrinn, Loudon, Tennessee; 6 sisters--Mrs. James H. (Nannie) Tinnel, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Mattie Patterson Wise, East Petersburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Helen Estes and Mrs. C.D. (Michael) Bowman, both of Sweetwater, Tennessee; Mrs. Ray (Dora) Watkins and Mrs. Frank S. (Grace) Tuck, both of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and 6 grandchildren. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, May 17, 1985.

***1985-----June***

Edith F. Gentry, 73, of Mango, Florida, died Thursday. She had lived in the Bay area since 1951, coming from Chicago, and was a secretary for an investment company. She was a member of Professional Secretaries International and American Legion Post No. 14. She is survived by two sons, Robert W. of Rialto, California, and Thomas E. of Las Vegas, Nevada; a brother, Robert E. Reimer of Glenview, Illinois; a sister, Gene McDole of Mango; and 3 grandchildren. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, June 29, 1985.

***1985-----July***

James H. Gentry, 78, of Clearview, Florida, died Sunday (July 7, 1985) at Humana Hospital, Saint Petersburg, Florida. Born in Pensacola, he came here in 1969 from Toledo, Ohio, where he was a quality control engineer for Dana Corporation, a member of Fort Industry Blue Lodge 630 F&AM and Maumee Valley Scottish Rite. Locally he was a member of Clearview Baptist Church. He was an Army veteran. Survivors include his wife Elsie L.; a son, James D. of Lakeland; a daughter Bette Leiter, of Saint Petersburg; four brothers--Jessie Gentry, Saint Cloud; Oscar and Lamar Gentry of Pensacola' and Lavon Raines of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters--Eva Notgrass, Elouise Cross and Billie Jacobsen, all of Pensacola; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, July 8, 1995.

***1985-----December***

Mrs. Winnie Holmes Gentry of Perry, Georgia, a retired florist, ied of a stroke and heart failure Tuesday at Christ Sancitified Holy Church Home for the Aged here. She was 84. The funeral was at the Perry First Baptist Church with burial at Oakridge Cemetery in Tifton. Mrs. Gentry was a native of Carroll County and a member of Perry First Baptish Church. Surviving are a son, Ralph Gentry of Perry; a daughter, Miss Dot Gentry of Morrow; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. ***The Atlanta Journal*** of Atlanta, Georgia, December 11, 1985.

***1986-----January***

Funeral services for John R. Gentry of Douglasville, Georgia, were held Wednesday, January 15; interment, Mozley Memorial Gardens. ***The Atlanta Journal of Atlanta, Georgia, January 15, 1986.***

***1986-----April***

Geraldine Owens Gentry, 60, of Tampa, Florida, died Saturday. She had been a lifetime resident of the Bay area. She is survived by one son, Daniel of Frederica, Delaware; two daughters--Sandra Coleman of Riverview and Patricia Anast of San Diego, California; two brothers--Jack Owens and Marvin Owens, both of Tampa; three sisters--Lois Gates of Dover; Lillian Vincent of Tampa and Shirley Boyette of Wesley Chapel; and 4 grandchildren. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, April 6, 1986.

***1986-----June***

Joe Ben Gentry, Sr, 49, of Nickerson, Kansas, died Thursday. Born in Screven, Georgia, he moved to Nickerson from Norwood, MO, in 1980. He was an electric power lineman and a Baptist. He was a member of Moose Lodge, Hutchinson, Kansas, and an Army veteran. Survivors: daughter, Ivy Lynne Bailey, Holland; sons--William F., Germany; Joe Ben Jr, Orlando; sisters--Lenora Manning, Texas; Alice Faye Keene, Kissimmee; brothers--Carl Mack, Kingsland, Georgia; Bobby, Norwood; Eddie Roberts, Orlando; and two grandchildren. ***The Sentinel*** of Orlando, Florida, June 22, 1986.

***1987-----February***

Grace W. Gentry, 72, of Saint Petersburg, Florida, died Saturday, February 7, 1987. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, February 9, 1987.

***1987-----February***

James Gentry, 49, of Lakeland (Polk County), Florida, died Saturday. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, April 7, 1987.

***1987-----August***

Geraldine H. Gentry, 76, of Valrico, Florida, died Sunday (August 2, 1987). Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, she had lived in the Tampa Bay area since 1958, coming from Jacksonville. She was a member of the Saint Clound Avenue First Church of God. Survivors include two sons--Frank Randall Gentry, Anaheim, California; and Donald Featherston, Tampa; a daughter, Judy Varnadore, Valrico; a brother, Herbert Higdon, Thompson, Georgia; five sisters--Ruby Saterfield, Pauline Hixon and Beverly Dunn, all of Chattanooga; and Edna Carter and Marie Davis, both of Rossville, Georgia; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, August 4, 1987.

***1987-----September***

Mary Howard Gentry, 94, of Plant City, Florida, died Wednesday (September 2, 1987). Born in Island Grove, she was a lifetime resident of Hillsborough County and a member of the First Baptist Church. She was a retired nurse. Survivors include four daughters--Edith Kirk, Jacksonville; Mina Johnson, Delray Beach; Dot Armstrong, Saint Petersburg; and Sandra Crum, Hollywood; a son, Wallace Gentry, Plant City; a brother, Armour Howard, Plant City; 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, September 3, 1987.

***1987-----September***

Funeral services for Wallace William Gentry a resident of Plant City, Florida, will be held Saturday, September 19. Interment in Springhead Cemetery. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, September 19, 1987.

***1988-----January***

Louise Leek Maxwell "Mommie Maxwell", 84, widow of the late Circuit Court Judge Oliver C. Maxwell, a resident of the Tampa/Brandon area for 62 years, died Monday, January 4th. Mrs. Maxwell was born in Gadsden, Alabama; attended Jacksonville College for Women in Montgomery, Alabama and taught third grade for a number of years. In her earlier years, Mrs. Maxwell was active in the Women's Auxillary of the Hillsborough County Bar Association; a member of Saint mary's Episcopal Church and Saint Theresa's Guild. At the time of her death, Mrs. Maxwell attended Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, where she was a member of the Altar Guild; Episcopal Church Women and a participant in the Meal on Wheels program. During her later years, Mrs. Maxwell also served as a volunteer at Brandon Community Hospital, now Humana Hospital Brandon; was a member of the Brandon Woman's Club and served as secretary of the Brandon Founder's Garden Circle. Mrs. Maxwell is survived by her children, Nancy Gentry, Charlotte Black and Eugenia Pozorski; her Godchild, Kathy Greenwood and family; two son-in-laws--Glenn Black and Edward Pozorski; 5 grandchildren--James, Greg, and Glen Gentry, Caroline Louise and Lara Jean Pozorski; two great-grandchildren, Brandy and Christopher Gentry. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, January 6, 1988.

***1988-----March***

Carra Melvin Gentry, 52, of Orlando, Florida, died Thursday. Born in Tennessee, he moved to Orlando from Chicago in 1965. He was a retired plant superintendent and a Baptist. He was a Mason. Survivors: wife, Doris; daughters--Rhonda Jones, Orlando; Pam Wood, Astatula; mother, Grace, Madisonville, Tennessee; brothers--Floyd Jr, Philadelphia, Tennessee; John, Orlando; Glen, Madisonville; sisters--Willia Tate, Loudon, Tennessee; Betty Tillery, Atlanta; Ellen Harrison, Marietta, Georgia; Mary Hall, Vickie Croft, both of Tennessee; 3 grandchildren. ***The Sentinel*** of Orlando, Florida, March 5, 1988.

***1988-----May***

Laverne Blue, 58, of Tampa, Florida, died Thursday. A native of Trout, Louisiana, she had been a resident of the Tampa Bay area for 15 years, coming from Alabama. She was a housewife and a member of Saint Christopher Episcopal Church. She is survived by her husband, Fred; a son, Ben of the US Navy; two daughters--Laura Lowd and Donna Lawerence, both of Tampa; her mother, Louise Gentry of Louisiana; a brother, Dalton Gentry of Texas; five sisters--Christine Jones, Ruby Dotson, Nell Smith, Carolyn Tuma, all of Louisiana; and Linda Lery of Texas; and 3 grandchildren. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, May 27, 1988.

***1988-----June***

Gwendolen T. Gentry, 86, of Clearwater, Florida, died June 18. National Creamation Society, Clearwater. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, June 20, 1988.

***1988-----June***

Billy Joe Gentry, 49, of Loudon, Tennessee, died Monday, June 20 as a result of injuries suffered in a construction accident. He was an employee of the Loudon Utilities Board. Survivors include his wife, Jerri Costner Gentry; daughters--Angie of Loudon; Susan of Lenoir City; parents--Oliver and Hazel Nichols Gentry of Lenoir City; maternal grandmother Minnie Nichols, Loudon; sisters--Mrs. Jim (Wanda) King; Mrs. Denny (Pearl) Thompson; and Mrs. Allen (Burlene) Skidmore, all of Lenoir City. Burial was in Loudon County Memorial Gardens. ***The News-Herald*** of Loudon County, Tennessee, Thursday, June 23, 1988.

***1988-----October***

Services for J.C. Gentry Jr, 54, of National City, California were held in Paradis Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church; burial at Glen Abbey Memorial Park. He died Thursday in a hospital. Mr. Gentry was born in Alto, Texas, and had lived in the county 20 years. He was a senior probation officer for San Diego County and a spokesman for the Probation Officers Union. He also had worked with the probation department in Fresno County. He earned his bachelors degree in psychology in 1967 from Fresno State College. Survivors include three daughters--Judith D. Nielsen of Nevada; Jann M. Gentry-Glander of Tennessee; and Theresa S. Saxon of Virginia; his parents--Joseph and Edna Gentry of National City; two brothers--Mike of La Jolla and Bob of Laguna Niguel, California; and 4 grandchildren. ***The Tribune*** of San Diego, San Diego County, California, Monday, October 17, 1988, page B8.

***1988-----November***

John William Gentry of Rixeyville, Virginia, a retired roofer, died November 12 at University Medical Center in Charlottesville. He was 65. Mr. Gentry is survived by three daughters, Patricia G. Brown and Nancy Gentry, both of Culpeper, Virginia, and Brenda W. Smoot of San Diego, California; sons, Robert W. and Michael W. , both of Rixeyville, Virginia, and John W., Jr. of Lucust Grove, Virginia; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild; two sisters, Margaret Parsons of Alexandria, Virginia and Nettie Griffith of Stafford, Virginia. A funeral was held November 15 at the graveside of the Gentry family cemetery in Elmia, Virginia. ***Culpeper News*** of Culpeper, Virginia, Thursday, November 17, 1988. ***Rappahannock News*** of Washington, Virginia, Thursday, November 24, 1988.

***1989-----January***

W. Bryan Gentry Sr., 91, a breeder and racer of thoroughbred horses and longtime resident of Fairfax, died of a heart attack December 30 at Fairfax Hospital. Mr. Gentry was born August 2, 1897 in Albemarle County, Virginia, son of the late William Andrew and Martha Blake Gentry. He lived in Fairfax

for 37 years. Mr. Gentry bred and raced horses for most of his life. He was a member of the Monticello Lodge No. 97, I.O.O.F. in Charlottesville. He also belonged to the First Baptist Church of Annandale for many years. Mr. Gentry is survived by his wife, Lenora T. Gentry of Fairfax; a son, William B. Gentry Jr of Annandale; a daughter--Martha G. Welch of Farnham; a brother, Howard M. Gentry of Doswell; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son L. Paige Gentry. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery. ***The Journal*** of Springfield, Fairfax County, Virginia, Thursday, January 5, 1989, page A4.

***1989-----February***

John Newton Gentry, 58, a lawyer and labor arbitrator who served as US undersecretary of labor from 1979 to 1981, during the Carter administration, died Friday in Washington, DC of cancer. In the early 1970s he was in private law practice with W. Willard Wirtz, labor secretary in the administration of President Kennedy. ***The Times*** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, February 1, 1989.

***1989-----March***

Funeral services for Debbie Haynes, 28, of Tampa, Florida, will be conducted at the First Christian Church of Brandon; interment to follow at Hillsboro Memorial Gardens Cemetery. She is survived by parents--Dick and Ruth Haynes, Brandon; three brothers--Tom Haynes, Seffner; Randy Haynes and Bart Haynes, both of Brandon; paternal grandmother, Virginia Haynes, Decatur, Illinois; maternal grandmother, Mae Gentry, Tampa. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, March 3, 1989.

***1989-----November***

The Reverend Jack Gentry Jr, 66, of Wakulla Station, Florida, died Thursday, November 9 at Tallahassee Community Hospital. A native of Wauchula, he had lived in Wakulla County for most of his life. He was employed by the Public Works Department of the city of Tallahassee, had pastored several churches and was currently pastor of New Home Church in Otter Creek. Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Gentry of Wakulla Station; a son, Ernie Gentry of Tallahassee; a daughter, Jacqueline Baker of Tacoma, Washington; a brother, John Gentry Sr. of Sunedin; and 3 gra dchildren. ***The Wakulla News*** of Crawfordville, Florida, November 16, 1989.

***1989-----November***

Elizabeth Martin Gentry of Madison died November 16 at her home. A homemaker, she was 84. She was the widow of Joseph A. Gentry. Survivors include a son, Joseph E. Gentry of Madison; a daughter, Barbara G. Sanford of Madison; a brother, Landon E. Martin of Fredericksburg; a sister, Cora M. Dougherty of Barhanmsville; seven grandchildren, Melissa G. Witherow, Bradford E. Gentry, Kelly Ann Gentry, Susan S. Williams, S. Ross Sanford, Jr., Mary S. Monroe and Amy S. McGuire. ***Culpeper News*** of Culpeper, Virginia, November 30, 1989.

***1990-----June***

William Almont ("Willie") Gentry, 78, of Flint Hill, died June 9 in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The funeral was held Jun 12 at Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal; burial was in Flint Hill Cemetery. Mr. Gentry was born February 25, 1912, in Flint Hill, the son of the late Wiley Clark and Lula Edna Coppage Gentry. He was retired from Gentry Wood Products in Marlinton, West Virginia. He as a Navy veteran and attended the Maranatha Baptist Church in Amissville. Surviving are his wife, Barbara S. Gentry; one son, Wiley Allen Gentry of Manassas; two daughters, Bonnie R. Dodson of Staunton and Lelia T. Scott of Ames, Iowa; one sister, Lula E. Clemens of Grafton; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. ***Rappahannock News*** of Washington, Virginia, Thursday, June 14, 1990, page 9. [Mr. Gentry was an early subscriber to the Gazette.]

***1990-----October***

Ernest W. ("Eggs") Gentry, 77, of Tampa, Florida, died Friday at Su Casa Nursing Home. A native of Decatur, Illinois, he had lived in the Tampa Bay area since 1960, coming from Streter, Illinois. He was a retired glass worker for the Thatcher Glass Company and had served in the US Marine Crops. He was a Catholic and is survived by his wife, Maxine; two sons--Alan of Bristow, Oklahoma and John of Bloomington, Illinois; one stepson, Kenneth Bute of Tampa; 3 daughters--Marlene Hobbe of Decatur, Illinois; Dorothy Hopkins of Indianapolis; and Barbara Hutcheson of Valrico; one stepdaughter, Marie Danko of Streeter, Illinois; one brother, Joseph of Decatur, Illinois; 5 sisters--Margaret Forkner of Decatur, Illinois; Vanietna Gleeson of Michawaka, IN; Maxine Brosuis of Champaign, Illinois; Betty Renfro of Parma, Ohio; and June Houston of Bellevue, Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. ***The Tribune*** of Tampa, Florida, October 7, 1991.

***1992-----March***

Rosemary Virginia Gentry, 66, of McLean, Virginia, died of cancer Sunday at Arlington Hospital. She was born 17 February 1926 in Washington, DC. Mrs. Gentry graduated from Herndon High School in 1945. She later worked for 30 years at Progressive Cleaners in Arlington, where she was manager at the time of her death. Mrs. Gentry is survived by her husband, Eugene V. Gentry of Arlington, Virginia; a son, Thomas A. Gentry of Dale City; a daughter, Bonnie S. Scott; and a grandson, Donnie L. Scott, both of Manassas. Mrs. Gentry was buried Wednesday at Andrew Chapel Cemetery in Vienna, Virginia. ***The Fairfax Journal*** of Springfield, Fairfax County, Virginia, Monday, March 9, 1992, page A4.

Not mentioned above is the more important fact that, while her family managed the cleaning establishment in the Chesterbrook area of McLean, all customers were universally greeted with warmth and a cherry smile from her and all the family members who manned the establishment. It's also not noted that she was a constant source of information, inspiration, and commiseration to a couple of new parents quite a few years ago. Nor is it mentioned that Mrs. Gentry was one of the very earliest subscribers to the "Gentry Family Gazette."

Mrs. Gentry will be remembered fondly and Jean and I extend our deepest sympathy to her family. Editor.

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## *Publishing Announcement*

This issue, Number 50, is the last issue of the **Gazette** as a quarterly. I hope you notice that it contains more pages than the three earlier issues of Volume VIII. That is intended to partially compenstate subscribers for their long wait between issues 49 and 50. I hope you will also note that this issue carries three major articles, something I have rarely done in past years.

There are many reasons for this unusual means of announcing the reduction in the frequency of publication, but the primary one is that family genealogical material is drying up. It appears that we have about tapped-out the sources and resources in the subscriber family. Obviously, if the subscriber family were larger, that might not be the case.

Since its beginning, the periodical has been blessed with heavy-duty contributions from **Leland Homer Gentry, A. Denny Ellerman and Willard Max Gentry** - contributions that have given the periodical it's enormous value to the extended family. Unfortunately, this unique generation of Gentry researchers is not being replaced as far as I can tell. In time, I am sure new researchers will come along and add to that which the Great Trio has provided the extended family.

In the belief that such new researchers will appear on the scene, I am not ending publication of the **Gazette**. However, facing facts, I must announce a price increase and a radical change in a publication schedule.

I am herewith soliciting your subscription renewal to Volume IX. ONLY TWENTY FIVE BUCKS! And the next volume will contain four issues.

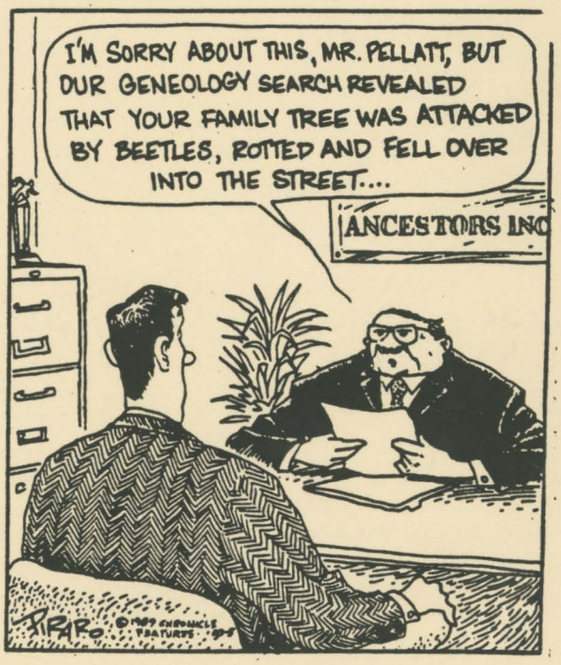
However, the next four issues will be published only as material becomes available to your editor. Thus, if you renew your subscription, you will be gambling your twenty five bucks that enough material will continue to flow to McLean to justify publication of the **Gazette**. [At this writing there's enough information on hand for the first of the four projected issues of Volume IX.] I cannot promise dates.

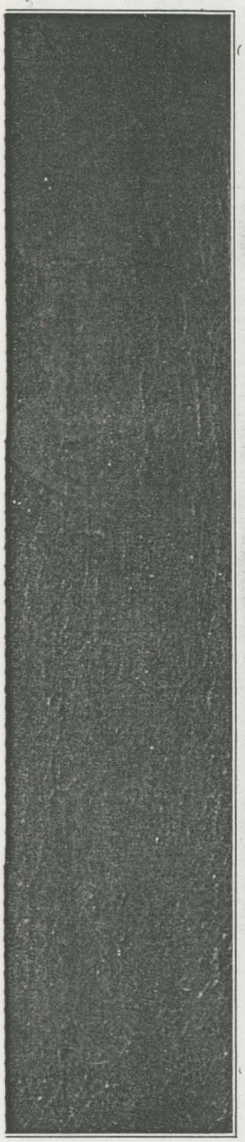
I know I am asking you to risk your hard earned cash. Here's a tiny inducement: the per issue charge of all future issues will be eight dollars each, at a minimum! Thus, if you renew now, you save seven bucks over the period of the volume. Yeah, I know, it ain't much.

Regarding the index project: Still working on it! A cumulative index of volumes one through eight will be completed and published. Those who made contributions to the project will naturally receive their free copies when it is done. I hope the index will be ready in the first quarter of 1993. Back issues will continue to be sold but only as long as current supplies last.

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*June 17.* In memory of the beginning of building in Herrnhut [1722] Br. Marshall read the account from Br. Cranz' Church History.[17]

*June 20.* The hours were struck on the new bell.

*June 21.* Br. Utley preached today to the English near MacKnight's; and Br. Tiersch was in Friedland. Brn. Marshall and Lorenz held the services here.

*June 22.* The Brn. Richter and Muschbach returned today from the Catawba River, where they went eight days ago to buy cattle. However, they were too late, for the cattle man had sold everything.

*June 24.* Our nine Boys celebrated their Festival. * * *

*June 29.* The Grosse Helfer Conferenz met, and in the evening the Congregation Council; in both we discussed the necessity of building a bridge over Muddy Creek on the new road to the Shallow Ford, as otherwise trade with Salem will be much hindered. After full consideration the Brethren who are members of Council and tax-payers took charge of the matter, and agreed to employ a Mr. Gentry, a carpenter, who is to build the bridge for £20 Proc. Brn. Herbst, George Schmid, and Triebel, having visited the place, and having talked with the carpenter, made an agreement with Mr. Gentry, the Brn. Bagge, Meyer and Muschbach also being present. Mr. Gentry agrees to have the bridge built by Nov. 1st; it to be fifteen feet high, and of the stipulated length.

*June 30.* The Aeltesten Conferenz met with Brn. Ernst, Bachhof and Soelle, partly to consider the journey of the Brn. Ernst and Bachhof to Pennsylvania, where they will be ordained during the visit of the Deputies from the Unity's Elders Conference.

*July 6.* In the evening a sermon of Br. Johannes, 1770, in Herrnhut, was read, commemorating the Martyrdom of John Hus.

*July 7.* Br. Rothrock[18] and his son returned today to Pennsylvania.

*July 15.* Br. Schaub brought his son to Salem; the latter brought pleasing news from Christiansbrunn, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Lititz.

*July 19.* Br. Utley was among the English on the Yadkin, and as the crowd was too large for the shed where they usually meet he went

[17] *Alte und Neue Brüder-Historie oder kurz gefasste Geschichte der Evangelischen Brüder-Unität in den altern Zeiten und insonderheit in dem gegenwärtigen Jahrhundert*, von David Cranz. Barby, 1771. 868 pages and an index. Second edition in 1772. Translated into English by Benjamin La Trobe, and published in 1780. A four-part continuation of the Cranz history was written by J. R. Hegner, Sr., Parts I and II appearing as one volume from Barby in 1791; Part III from Barby in 1804; and Part IV from Gnadau in 1816.

[18] In June, Reuter had surveyed 200 acres for Philip Rothrock, and 400 acres for Johann Heckedorn, both of Yorktown, Pa., and 200 acres additional for Peter Pfaff, which completed the sale of land from the Christian Schmidt lot, No. 18 in the Etablissement. *Marshall's Report to U. E. C.*

*Friday the 26th of June.*

William Gentry, on the Yadkin, offers to build a bridge over Muddy Creek, on the Shallow Ford Road, for £20:, all expense for food, hauling and labor included, and to finish it before winter. He will guarantee it for four years against floods, and if it is carried away will rebuild it without pay. The offer is fair, if he can and will make it good. George Schmidt, as road-master, shall look into the matter, be present when the contract is signed, and collect the money.

*Wednesday the 15th of July.*

The support of our three married ministers will amount to £156: annually. It was considered whether this should not be paid by the individual Brethren and Sisters, instead of the Diaconie Branches, but it was decided that the Congregation should not bear this burden unless it appeared that the Branches could not do it. They shall therefore pay monthly to Br. Utley

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| the Salem Store | 4:10:— |
| the Tavern | 2: 5:— |
| the Pottery | 18:— |
| the Tannery | 1: 7:— |
| the Single Brothers businesses | 3:—:— |
| | £12:—:— |

This arrangement begins with the first of April, but as money is so scarce, and the Branches have to pay the interest agreed on, (see April 18th), those who direct each Branch may give Br. Utley a Ticket[7] for the past months until they are ready to pay, and he shall count the Tickets as cash in his accounts.

*Monday the 27th of July.*

For the present, the price of wheat is 4 sh. 4d. per bushel.

*Saturday the 1st of August.*

As the Tannery cannot well do without lime, and Marshall Duncan will not burn any more, Br. Herbst will see whether Duncan will not let him burn lime there.

[7] An acknowledgment of indebtedness which did not bear interest.

*Monday the 30th of November.*

The bridge over the Muddy Creek on the Shallow Ford road is finished, and William Gentry has been paid the £20: for his work, through the Store. The neighbors had given us reason to hope that they would build the part of the bridge from the farther side of the creek to firm land, but they now refuse to do this, so the committee of Brethren who made the other contract with Gentry have arranged with him to finish the work for 40 shillings and a gallon of whiskey.

When we once know for sure in which County this bridge is, Court will be asked to declare it a County bridge, and to so record it.

The Leases for land in Salem were again considered, and it was decided that it was important to have in them a paragraph imposing a penalty of £100: Sterling, for selling or renting a house to an outsider, or any one who might move his family into the town without being eligible under our Constitution, and that the lessee should give Bond to this effect. This is more important than details concerning clearing the land, giving it up, or taking it away from the lessee.

*Tuesday the 1st of December.*

Br. Tiersch's letter of Nov. 16th was again considered, and the following letter from this Board to the Aeltesten Conferenz was prepared.

"Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Aeltesten Conferenz:—

In reference to a letter received from Br. Tiersch on Nov. 16th and the matters therein contained we humbly present our advice. The matters indeed had often had our attention, and have now been considered in two sessions of our Board, together with all circumstances associated with them.

"1) We find that C * * * H * * *[10] owes the Brothers House about £14: for suppers and liquors, and £44: as per Inventory for the business he took over; he owes the Store about £17: for sugar, coffee, clothing, and saddler's supplies; and about £25: to the Tannery for leather; in all he owes these Branches about £100:, in addition to other debts he may have of which we do not know. We think this condition has largely resulted from idleness, for which he has had plenty of opportunity because he has been used for so many things,—carrying messages, measuring land, carpenter work, butchering, raising log houses, cleaning house, looking out the line for roads,—for while he has generally been paid for these services he is often idle all day, and it

[10] The name is given in the Minutes, but is here omitted as the object of the translation is to show the matters which came before the Collegium, not to reveal private difficulties.

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Mary Hodges Gentry

I am researching the Gentry line as per enclosed information.

On the 4th Gen., "Shelton" Gentry, I believe him to be son of Joseph Gentry & Mary "Polly" Hodges Gentry. Records show her in Ind. around 1840. Father a Joseph from N.C. Records show a Joseph married 28 Jul. 1816 to Mary Hodges in N.C. What I don't know is his father. Am hoping it might be Joseph, son of Samuel, who was married to Rhoda Thomas.

A son of Samuel also named Shelton had son Joseph, no records on him.

All records I have indicate I may be on the right track.

I just tried a William, also son of Samuel, who also married a Mary Hodges, but felt that this Joseph sounded a bit more.

Do you find anything to connect these families other than what I have?

I'm enclosing a donation to help with time. Advise if more expenses are due.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Doris J. Ashley
77 Cypress Pt. Dr.
Naples Fl. 34105

Copies:

1. Patty Low (Gentry) Ashley line.
2. #13 Gentry Fam. Gazette & Genealogy pgs. 131-132
3. Gentry Fam. Gazette #43 - Issue-14
4. Census Greene Co - 1860
5. Gentry Fam in Am - pg 270 - # 228
6. Vol 10 #3 pg 48 - Central Ga. Gen. Soc. Quart. - Early Sett. in Greene Co Ga.
7. Gentry Fam, Gazette & Gen. Exch. Vol VIII Pg 124.
8. Skelton Gentry sheet. (Gen.)

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④ Gentry, Patty Lou
B: 5 May 1928
m. 7 Jun. 1945
Ashley, Harry Maurice
B: 28 Feb. 1925 - Johnson Co, Tn.

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D: 16 Apr. 1959
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B: 8 Oct. 1891
D. Feb. 1993

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D: 26 Jul. 1920
m. Stewart, Sarah Dell
B: 9 Aug. 1867
D: 1 JUL 1950

④ Gentry, Shelton ?
B: 1834 NC (came to In w/ mother ca 1840 was 25 on 1860 census, In. Grant Co.)
D:
m. 1st Maple - Mary Kellen (Kelly) 9-13-1860
2nd - Celia Wilkey (Wilkie) 12/31/1875

?

5. Gentry, Joseph
B: 04 Sept. 1797
D: NC
? M. Hodges, Mary (Polly) 20 JUL. 1816
B. 31 Mar. 1799
D: Mitchell Co, Ks.

6. Gentry, Joseph
B: 5 ~~May~~ JAN, 1776
D: ~~4 Nov 1850~~ 3 Sept 1856
M. Thomas Rhoda 1801. Ohio Co, Ky.
B: 24 Sept 1787
D: 8 May 1851 Buried Polly Gentry Cem. ~~Barrow~~ Co, Ky - (NARROWS KY)
Children: Massie, Samuel, James, Benjamin, Joseph.

7. Gentry, Samuel
B: ca. 1752 - Va.
D: 16 Feb. 1816 Barren Co, Ky -
M:
B:
D:

Children:
Joseph 5 JAN 1776
James 15 JUN 1778
Matthew ca 1782
Agnes ca 1780
Elizabeth
Thomas
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Samuel
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## Some Gentry-Related Marriage Records from North Carolina (Earliest, 1787)

BY

Ellen Lowman Money

OF

Wilmington, North Carolina

| GROOM<br>BONDSMAN | BRIDE | DATE<br>BOND NO. | COUNTY CODE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry, Jonathan | Long, Emily<br>Robert Gambill | 15 Apr 1856<br>000000900 | 00601021 |
| (married 17 Apr 1856 by Tho. Carr) | | | |
| Gentry, Joseph<br>Shadrik Carver | Chambers, Martha<br>C. H. Mason | 09 Mar 1852<br>000109752 | 07802012 |
| Gentry, Joseph<br>James Robinson | Hodges, Mary | 28 Jul 1816<br>000144655 | 09201083 |
| Gentry, Joseph<br>Archalaus Vaug | Fulks, Sally C. | 01 Nov 1860<br>000144656 | 09201083 |
| (married 01 Nov 1860 by B. F. Scott, JP) | | | |
| Gentry, Joseph S.<br>Samuel M. Sprage | Gallaway, Elizab.<br>John Mengies | 04 Jan 1802<br>000119669 | 08401085 |
| Gentry, Joseph W.<br>Joel A. Gentry | Hmphrys, Marth J. | 15 Sep 1855<br>000119669 | 08401085 |
| Gentry, Joshua Beth<br>R. O. Hair | Vanhoy, Elizab.<br>W. A. Joyce, DC | 30 Oct 1852<br>000169404 | 10601028 |
| (married 31 Oct 1852 by Bennet Winder, JP) | | | |
| Gentry, Levi C. | Hamilton, Mary<br>E. C. Barlett | 19 Mar 1867<br>000000896 | 00601021 |
| (son of Abm. Gentry; daughter of Gh. Hamilton)<br>(married 19 Mar 1867 by James Wag) | | | |
| Gentry, M. B.<br>Barnet Payne | Hodges, Susan | 04 Feb 1863<br>000144657 | 09201083 |
| (married 09 Feb 1863 by T. J. Lauson) | | | |
| Gentry, Micheal B.<br>James Jervis | Burris, Susan | 13 Nov 1811<br>000144658 | 09201083 |
| Gentry, Nathan<br>James Lyon | Passmore, Rebeckea<br>W. W. Martin | 04 May 1821<br>000165264 | 10401092 |
| Gentry, Nicholas<br>Jesse J. Parris | Haeney, Elizabeth<br>Rob't G. Gilm. | 13 Apr 1837<br>000055593 | 04601163 |
| Gentry, P.<br>George Hudspeth<br>(date approximate) | Alnut, Lucy | 28 Jul 1804<br>000144659 | 09201083 |
| Gentry, R. H. | Collans, Lavinia | 22 Dec 1867<br>000144660 | 09201083 |
| (married 24 Dec 1867 by B. J. Dickins, JP) | | | |

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QUERIES
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WEDDING PICTURE
SARAH F. GENTRY & WILLIAM PERRY FOUTS
22 FEBRUARY 1855

Believe should B 1797

1 LEOTA (BLAND) RUDER
b. 21 Feb 1912
p.b. Cloud County, KS
m.
d.
p.d.

2 OTIS DANIEL BLAND (Father of No. 1)
b. 18 Feb 1891
p.b. Concordia, KS
m. ?
d. ?
p.d ?

4 DANIEL ERVIN BLAND (Father of No. 2)
b. ?
p.b. ?
m. ?
d. ?
p.d ?

8 JAMES O. D. BLAND (Father of No. 4)
b. 24 Apr 1824
p.b. Greene County, IN
m. 05 Apr 1860
d. 02 Sep 1908
p.d Concordia, KS

16 WILLIAM BLAND (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. c.1787
m.
d.

17 ELIZABETH McBAIN (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. c.1789
d. KS?

9 MARY GENTRY (Mother of No. 4)
b. 09 May 1839
p.b. Surry County, NC
d. 07 Jul 1911
p.d ?Concordia, KS?

18 JOSEPH GENTRY (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. 04 Sep 1777
m. c.1817
d. ?

19 POLLY HODGES (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. 31 Mar 1799
d. ?, Mitchell Co, KS

5 IRENE HEATON (Mother of No. 2)
b. ?
p.b. ?
d. ?
p.d. ?

10 JOHN HEATON (Father of No. 5)
b. ?
p.b. ?
m. ?
d. ?
p.d ?

20 ISREAL HEATON (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. c.1814
m. 1836
d. 1893

21 IRENE CAGILL (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. 18 Jan 1819
d. 17 Jun 1880, KS

11 MELISSA CALKINS (Mother of No. 5)
b. 04 Jan 18??
p.b. Cass County, MI
d. 23 Apr 1923
p.d. Concordia, KS

22 CALEB CALKINS (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. ?
m. 1839
d. ?

23 MARGARET SOUTHWICK (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. NY
d. ?

6 WILLIAM A. LYNE (Father of No. 3)
b. ?
p.b. Mackinaw Island, MI
m. ?
d. ?
p.d Miltonvale, KS

12 EDWARD LYNE (Father of No. 6)
b. ?
p.b. England
m. ?
d. ?
p.d ?

24
b. (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _)
m.
d.

25
b. (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _)
d.

3 PEARL LYNE (Mother of No. 1)
b. 24 Jul 1889
p.b. ?
d. ?
p.d. ?

13 ELIZABETH ? (Mother of No. 6)
b. ?
p.b. England
d. ?
p.d. ?

26
b. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _)
m.
d.

27
b. (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _)
d.

7 ANNA SCOTT (Mother of No. 3)
b. ?
p.b. ?
d. ?
p.d. ?

14 OWEN SCOTT (Father of No. 7)
b. ?
p.b. ?
m. ?
d. ?
p.d ?

28
b. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _)
m.
d.

29
b. (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _)
d.

15 ELIZA BLAIR (Mother of No. 7)
b. ?
p.b. ?

30 ALEXANDER BLAIR
b. ? (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _)
m. ?
d. ?

31 SARAH HOFFMAN (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _)

1860

Green Co. In.

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| GASTINEAU, SERRILDA, | 37 | IN | 36 | 818 |
| GASTINEAU, SERRILDA, J | 9 | IN | 36 | 818 |
| GASTINEW, FREDERICK, | 2 | IN | 1323 | 584 |
| GASTINEW, JACOB, | 4 | IN | 1323 | 584 |
| GASTINEW, JOHN, J | 29 | IN | 1323 | 584 |
| GASTINEW, NANCY, C | 21 | IN | 1323 | 584 |
| GASTON, ALVIN, L | 1 | IN | 165 | 655 |
| GASTON, CATHARINE, | 23 | OH | 165 | 655 |
| GASTON, CIMONY, | 18 | IN | 165 | 655 |
| GASTON, FIDELA, | 20 | IN | 165 | 655 |
| GASTON, HENDERSON, J | 15 | IN | 165 | 655 |
| GASTON, HUGH, | 29 | IN | 165 | 655 |
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| GASTON, JAMES, M | 56 | KY | 165 | 655 |
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| GASTON, NANCY, | 22 | IN | 165 | 655 |
| GASTON, SUSAN, | 30 | TN | 165 | 658 |
| GASTON, VINA, E | 11 | IN | 165 | 655 |
| GASTON, WESLEY, | 32 | IN | 165 | 658 |
| GODES, ALBERT, | 9 | IN | 1187 | 789 |
| GODES, FRANKLIN, | 11 | OH | 1187 | 789 |
| GODES, GEORGE, | 16 | OH | 1187 | 789 |
| GODES, JANE, | 53 | OH | 1187 | 789 |
| GODES, JOHN, | 21 | OH | 1187 | 789 |
| GODES, MARGRET, | 19 | OH | 1187 | 789 |
| GODES, SAMUEL, | 13 | OH | 1187 | 789 |
| GODES, SAMUEL, | 56 | OH | 1187 | 789 |
| GODES, WILLIAM, | 14 | OH | 1187 | 789 |
| GEODES, MARY, A | 1 | IN | 1187 | 783 |
| GEODES, POLINE, E | 24 | OH | 1187 | 783 |
| GEODES, SAMUEL, | 31 | OH | 1187 | 783 |
| GEDDINGER, JOHN, C | 25 | TN | 1323 | 580 |
| GEDDINGER, MARY, | 32 | IN | 1323 | 580 |
| GEDDIS, DANIEL, T | 24 | OH | 1187 | 765 |
| GEDDIS, MARGRET, A | 24 | IN | 1187 | 765 |
| GEE, ANN, M | 3 | IN | 36 | 807 |
| GEE, JOHN, W | 6M | IN | 36 | 807 |
| GEE, MARGRET, | 17 | IN | 36 | 806 |
| GEE, MARY, S | 4 | IN | 36 | 807 |
| GEE, SARAH, E | 13 | IN | 36 | 807 |
| GEE, SARAH, T | 21 | KY | 36 | 807 |
| GEES, ELIZABETH, | 29 | VA | 281 | 662 |
| GEES, GARRET, | 50 | KY | 281 | 662 |
| GEES, GEORGE, W | 11 | IN | 281 | 662 |
| GEES, SIMEON, | 15 | IN | 281 | 662 |
| GENTRY, ALIS, J | 4 | | 39 | 440 |
| GENTRY, ARBIMITIAS, | 35 | IN | 1122 | 553 |
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| GENTRY, GEORGIA, | 58 | NC | 1122 | 554 |
| GENTRY, HEMELINE, J | 8 | | 39 | 440 |
| GENTRY, IRA, G | 5 | IN | 1122 | 554 |
| GENTRY, JAMES, G | 25 | NC | 1122 | 554 |
| GENTRY, JAMES, K | 12 | | 39 | 440 |
| GENTRY, JOSEPH, | 3 | IN | 580 | 613 |
| GENTRY, MARY, | 14 | IN | 580 | 613 |
| GENTRY, MARY, J | 24 | IN | 580 | 598 |
| GENTRY, MICHAEL, | 35 | NC | 580 | 613 |
| GENTRY, MILDERDANN, | 15 | | 39 | 440 |
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| GENTRY, SAMUEL, W | 8 | IN | 1122 | 553 |
| GENTRY, SARAH, | 28 | | 39 | 440 |
| GENTRY, SHADRICK, F | 45 | | 39 | 440 |
| GENTRY, SHELDTON, B-1834-5 | 25 | NC | 580 | 599 |
| GENTRY, SHELTON, 1858 | 5 | IN | 580 | 613 |
| GENTRY, THOMAS, L | 14 | NC | 1122 | 554 |
| GENTRY, TOBITHA, | 13 | IN | 580 | 613 |
| GENTRY, WILLIAM, H | 9 | IN | 1122 | 553 |
| GEORGE, ALEXANDER, | 18 | IN | 36 | 818 |
| GEORGE, AMANDA, | 2 | IN | 36 | 821 |
| GEORGE, ANN, E | 48 | VA | 36 | 825 |
| GEORGE, ANNA, | 34 | KY | 39 | 450 |
| GEORGE, BENJAMIN, | 15 | IN | 36 | 818 |
| GEORGE, DAVID, | 63 | KY | 36 | 825 |
| GEORGE, DAVID, B | 8 | IN | 39 | 450 |
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| GEORGE, EDWARD, | 13 | IN | 36 | 818 |
| GEORGE, ELIAS, D | 2 | IN | 36 | 819 |
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| GEORGE, ELIZA, | 10 | IN | 36 | 824 |
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| GEORGE, FRERBY, | 27 | IN | 36 | 821 |
| GEORGE, ISABEL, | 16 | IN | 36 | 825 |
| GEORGE, JASPER, | 14 | IN | 36 | 825 |
| GEORGE, JOHN, | 59 | KY | 36 | 818 |
| GEORGE, JOHN, E | 39 | IN | 36 | 821 |
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| GEORGE, JOSEPH, | 4 | IN | 36 | 821 |
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| GEORGE, PALMIRA, | 1 | IN | 36 | 824 |
| GEORGE, ROENA, | 19 | IN | 1187 | 778 |
| GEORGE, SARAH, | 8 | IN | 36 | 824 |

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1835

227. MATHEW GENTRY, of Indiana.
(225) Samuel.

Born about 1782; lived in Surry Co., N. C., and moved to Warwick Co., Ind., about 1822, where he settled and reared a large family.

CHILDREN:

1. William.
2. James.
3. Mathew.
4. Samuel.
5. Thomas.

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228. JOSEPH GENTRY, of Ohio Co., Ky.
(225) Samuel.

Came from North Carolina as a youth with a party of surveyors and never returned; married Rhoda Thomas and settled in Ohio Co., Ky., where he became wealthy in lands and slaves. He was born in 1776 and died in 1855.

CHILDREN:

1. Massie.
2. SAMUEL, (230). B1804
3. James.
4. Benjamin.
5. Joseph.

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229. JAMES GENTRY, of Spencer Co., Ind.
(226) James, Samuel.

Born in Spencer Co., Ind., near Gentryville, Feby. 14, 1819; died May 3, 1905; married Eliza Montgomery, Nov. 7, 1839. He was a large farmer and stockraiser, very successful and enterprising. He was a man of superior intelligence and a leader in his community. He accumulated quite a fortune which he left his family. He still owned among his lands the small tract known as the Lincoln farm, where the great President and his family once lived.

Mr. Gentry was gr
was generous, wise a
general good. He re
ture from 1870 to 18
home was headquarter
politicians, such as H
He attended the Ge
Kentucky in 1898, and
in 1899. He was a g
build, his sturdy, robus
made a favorable impr
There are large num
counties in Indiana, an
are descended from M
Gentry, who once live
a son of one of the six
about 1760.

1. Allen, born 18
Rockport, In
2. Robert.
3. Elizabeth, mar
4. Liza, married
5. James Wayne,
tlepage, Rock

*a.* Della.
*b.* Helen.
*c.* James Allen

6. Agnes.

230. SAMUEL GEN
(22

Born near Fordsvill
in same county, Marc
trader. He married D

EARLY SETTLERS OF GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA (Cont'd.)

McCARTY
UTT
JOHNSTON
COMBS
SANDY
WIATT

Prior 1827 - VA: Chaney McCARTY, b c1795 VA and w. Iemima, b c1801 NC settled Bloomfield - issue four children b IN from 1827. Jefferson T. McCARTY b c1811 VA settled Stafford Township and m. 29 Jun.1851 Martha UTT. An early m. was Zachariah McCARTY and Malinda JOHNSTON 30 Sep.1848. Aaron H. McCARTY, b c1793 VA and w. Nancy b c1797 KY settled Wayne Township, Owen County prior 1830. Cornelius McCARTY b c1824 KY m. 18 Dec. 1845 w. Melissa COMBS b c1824 KY and settled nearby. A probable brother to Aaron, Moses McCARTY b 19 Mar.1807 d 8 Sep.1880 is int. Gosport Cemetery. Early m. in Owen County were: Susannah McCARTY and Henry SANDY 26 Nov.1834; Elizabeth M. McCARTY and Humphrey WIATT 29 Jan.1835; and Evelena H. McCARTY and William B. SANDY 12 Aug.1839.

HALL
BEASLEY
McCOY
FERGUSON
RADER
CONDER
MORGAN
STEVENS
HASKET
PHIPPS
GULLIP
COFFEY
TREAT
WHALEY
PARKS
McBRIDE
HAMILTON
LEECH
TOLIVER
NEAL
HEADRICK
DOTSON
MOYER
HEDRICK
EDWARDS

1833-36 - NC & KY: John HALL b c1800 NC and w. Mary, b c1800 NC settled Highland Township - issue four children b IN from 1833. John HALL b c1807 KY d 29 Dec.1853 and w. Margaret b c1808 KY settled Centre Township - issue six children b IN from 1836. Samuel C. HALL settled near Bloomfield in 1818 and served on first term of Circuit Court in 1821. His son James H. HALL served in the Mexican War (2d IN Vol.) for 1 year and 5 years in Regular Army. Albert HALL, b c1821 NC, a tailor, and Haywood HALL, b c 1822 NC, a carpenter, were settlers in Bloomfield. Early m. were: John HALL and Ruth BEASLEY 10 Nov.1842; Philena HALL and John McCOY 30 Nov. 1843; James HALL and Elizabeth FERGUSON in 1848; and Nancy HALL and Peter RADER 8 Mar.1848. George Washington HALL b c1824 NC m. 13 Mar.1849 Owen County, w. Elizabeth M. CONDER b c1828 KY and settled Franklin Township. William B. HALL, a settler in Harrison Township, Owen County, left Will 4 Apr.1836 (R) 31 Jan.1838 naming: w. Margaret; dau. Polly (who m. 18 Nov.1841 George MORGAN); dau. Harriet Anny (who m. 2 Jun.1844 Joseph STEVENS); son Vincent Clabourn: son Jacob Willis (who m. 26 Nov.1845 Keslah HASKET); and dau's. Margaret Mariah, Elizabeth Ruth, and Frances Jane. Early m. in Owen County were: Nancy HALL and George PHIPPS 13 Mar. 1834; Eliza Ann HALL and Orin H. GULLIP 9 Nov.1837; and Caroline HALL and Albert M. COFFEY 28 Jan.1841. Early m. in Monroe County were: Daniel HALL and Hannah TREAT 23 Feb.1818; Sophia HALL b c1799 MD who m. 23 Apr. 1822 Joseph WHALEY b c1800 GA; Warren HALL and Cinthia H. PARKS 22 Sep. 1831; John HALL and Elizabeth Ann McBRIDE 19 Aug.1835; and James HALL and Thursey HAMILTON 27 Aug.1836. Early m. in Lawrence County were: Phoebe HALL and Amos LEECH 21 Feb.1819; Isom HALL and Anna TOLIVER 29 Apr.1824; Robert HALL and Sabra NEAL 16 Dec.1824; Richard HALL and Mahalah TOLIVER 24 Feb.1825; Elizabeth HALL and William HEADRICK 26 May 1825; Hannah HALL and Samuel DOTSON 16 Jul.1825; Robert HALL Jr and Elizabeth TOLIVER 6 Nov.1828; Polly HALL and Frederick MOYER 29 Jul.1830; Thomas HALL and Sally HEDRICK 15 Mar.1832; and Phoebe HALL and Edward M. EDWARDS 15 Nov. 1833. Settlers in Indian Creek Township, Monroe County were: John HALL b c1810 NC and w. Nancy b c1818 VA with seven children b IN from 1836; and Benjamin T. HALL b c1821 MD and w. Elizabeth b c1824 IN with two children b IN from 1844.

GENTRY
FRY
ABBOTT
HODGES
SHARR
JACKSON
BURTON
JOHNSON

1840 - NC: Polly GENTRY, b c1797 NC, a widow, was a settler in Highland Township c1839. Her children were: James b c1822 NC; James b c1822 NC; John H. b c1826 NC; Edward b c1829 NC; Elizabeth b c1828 NC; Shelton b c1834 NC; Catherine b c1836 NC; Joseph b c1838 NC; and Mary b c1839 NC. Nearby was Michael GENTRY b c1819 NC who m. 18 Feb.1841, Elizabeth FRY b c1825 NC. In Bloomfield was Franklin GENTRY b c1814 NC who m. 12 Dec.1839 Sarah ABBOTT, b c1822 TN. Early m. were: John GENTRY and Elizabeth HODGES 8 Feb.1847; and Samuel GENTRY and Caroline SHARR 17 Mar.1850. In Van Buren Township, Monroe County were: James GENTRY b c1801 NC and w. Tainzy b c1800 NC with sons Richard H. b c1825 NC (who m. 11 Oct.1849 in Owen County, Artamintia JACKSON), and John W. b c1828 NC who settled c 1830; and John T. GENTRY b c1821 NC and w. Harriet J. b c1821 IN. Other early m. were: Sarah GENTRY and John BURTON 14 Jul.1837 Monroe County; and William E. GENTRY and Eliza Ann JOHNSON 28 Nov.1850 Owen County.

McCULLOUGH
SKINNER
REEVES
TERRELL
DOBBS
HENDERSON
McCORD
HARERICK
CAIN

1832 - KY: Jonathan McCULLOUGH, b c1790 NC, a veteran KY Rifle, War of 1812, and w. Elizabeth b c1800 VA settled Richland Township prior 1832 with son David b c1819 KY who m. 11 Aug.1844 Emiline SKINNER b c1825 KY. Early m. were: Elizabeth McCULLOUGH and Gaston REEVES 14 Apr.1836; Margaret McCULLOUGH b c1825 KY d Nov.1859 who m. 28 Sep.1843, John TERRELL Jr b c1824 IN; and Harrison McCULLOUGH and Catherine DOBBS 20 Mar.1847. William McCULLOUGH b c1793 TN d 8 Jan.1881, a Corporal in KY Mil. War of 1812, and w. Sarah b c1800 TN with dau. Margaret b c1827 KY settled in Montgomery Township, Owen County prior 1829. His probable son Harrison Jackson McCULLOUGH b c1818 KY m. 15 Feb.1838, Rebecca HENDERSON b c1822 IN and settled nearby. Probable son Robert McCULLOUGH m. 14 Jan.1836 Polly McCORD. Eliza m. 29 May 1842 John HARERICK and Hannah A. m. 25 Jul.1844 John CAIN.

continued

Samuel, born about 1752 in Louisa County, Virginia, died 1816 in Barren County, Kentucky, and had a total of fourteen children:

Children of Samuel and his first wife, --?-- Brooks (?):

1) Matthew (Family #227 in GFA), born about 1773, and had children: William, James, Matthew, Samuel, Shelton, Thomas, two other sons, and eight daughters.
2) Joseph (#228 in GFA), born about 1776, married Rhoda Thomas and had children: Samuel (#230 in GFA), James, Benjamin, Joseph, another son, Massie (a daughter?), and six other daughters.
3) Agnes, born about 1778, married John Phillips, 1799 in Surry County, North Carolina (?)
4) James (#226 in GFA), born about, 1782, married Elizabeth Hornbeck, 1803 in Ohio County, Kentucky and had children: Matthew, Allen, Agnes, Hannah, Joseph, Sarah, James (#229 in GFA), and Elizabeth
5) daughter, born about 1785
6) William born about 1787 and had children: two older sons, Samuel (?), Nicholas (?), John (?), a daughter Nancy (?), and another son and daughter.

Children of Samuel and his second wife, Sarah Brock Gentry:

1) George, born about 1788 and had children: Samuel (?), Thomas (?), Elisha (?), Stephen (?), Shelton (?), plus 2 other sons and 6 daughters.
2) Shelton born about 1792, married Sarah Seaton about 1814 in Barren County, Kentucky, and had children: Jesse, David and eight daughters.
3) Arthur (Artha), born about 1797, married first Sarah O'Neal in 1816, in Barren County, Kentucky and had children: George W. and seven daughters including Catherine (?), Harriet, Melinda, and Sarah.
4) Thomas, born about 1798, married Kitty Allen about 1814 in Barren County, Kentucky.
5-7) three daughters born 1794 to about 1800.

## *Census Records*

A chart showing where Samuel and his sons can be found in census records (presumably) is shown below, and indicates their dispersal to Kentucky and to Indiana. Where the son was included in Samuel's family, the age is shown, and counties enclosed in parentheses indicate cases where the family can be found

FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name Shelton GENTRY 8820.917

| Information Obtained From: | Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Birth | 1788 | | Surry Co. | NC | |
| DOROTHY ELLIOTT | Chr'nd | | | | | |
| RT. 1, BOX IA-19 | Mar. | 14-6-1814 | | Barron Co. | Ky | |
| MUSCATINE IA 52761 | Death | | Will pro. 10-11-1833 | Warrick Co. | Ind. | |
| | Burial | | | | | |
| Rec'd. 18 Mar 1988 | Places of Residence | | | | | |
| | Occupation Boat Roacher | Church Affiliation | | Military Rec. | | |
| | Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. | | | | | |
| | His Father Samuel Gentry | Mother's Maiden Name Sarah Breck | | | | |

Wife's Full Maiden Name Sarah (Sally) SEATON

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | 1790 | | | | |
| Chr'nd | | | | | |
| Death | | | | | |
| Burial | | | | | |
| Compiler | Places of Residence | | | | |
| Address | Occupation if other than Housewife | Church Affiliation | | | |
| City, State | Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. | | | | |
| Date | Her Father | Mother's Maiden Name | | | |

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | David | Birth | 1821 | | | Ky | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | 1) Sally (Sarah) D McNeeley | Death | 1867 | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 2 | Jesse F | Birth | 1822-25 | | | Ky | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 3 | Nancy | Birth | 1825 | | | Ky | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 4 | Jane | Birth | | | | Ky | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 5 | Susannah | Birth | | | | Ky | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 6 | (Polly) Mary | Birth | | | | Ky | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | 2) Wm. Barnett McNeeley Jr. | | | |
| | ....Coffee | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 7 | Elizabeth | Birth | | | | Ky | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 8 | Sarah | Birth | | | | Ky | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 9 | Joseph | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| 10 | Kate | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |

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April 12, 2002

Doris J. Ashley
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You had written us last year regarding the Gentry family. You were asking about Shelton Gentry possibly being the son of Joseph Gentry. We did not find anything in our file to confirm this. There is a family history on Joseph Gentry in our book "The Heritage of Surry County, NC," Volume I, but it did not name his father.

We emailed Priscilla Mosier who is an SCGA member and researches the Gentry and Hodges family. We hope that she got in touch with you regarding this family. If not, she probably could not help either.

We will be happy to put a query in our journal for you if you still need an answer. Hopefully, you have found your answer by now. There is quite an interest in the Gentry and Hodges family in Surry County and perhaps a query would help.

We are very sorry to have taken so long to answer your letter. We just can't seem to keep up and we try to answer our member's queries first. Please let us know if you would like to put a query in our journal and if we can help further. You can write at the above address or email Judy Cardwell at judyscard@aol.com as she is a query editor.

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# THE GENTRY GENERATIONS

THIS LEAFLET WAS PREPARED BY

R. HOLTON GENTRY

KING, NORTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY 15, 1963

Over a period of years of talking with older people, reading old records and letters, and recordings of family bibles, this information has been acpuired. To the best of my knowledge it is fairly correct, although much has been untangled from individual family records. Just two months ago I discovered that in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., there was a book on the Gentry family of America from 1676 to 1909, written by Richard Gentry of Kansas. Then two weeks later, in the hands of a family on the Dan River, I found a booklet form giving information on the various families, including several Gentrys, that arrived in Stokes and Rockingham Counties from the year of 1789 to 1800. This has furnished me with a part of the first writtings of this leaflet. I hope this information will be as much pleasure to others as it has been to me. I do have much more information but at this time it is impossible to get it intact.

Gentrys in England--"Fuller's Worthies" mentions a certain Nicholas Gentil as sheriff of Sussex and Surrey Counties, England, under Edward II and Edward III, 1327 to 1377. "It is believed that this Nicholas Gentil was the forefather of the early American Gentrys considering the etymology of the Gentry name and the fact that they both had the same given name, Nicholas and Nicholas. This substantiates the fact that they were one and the same family.

(Note--On January 27, 1677, an English fleet arrived in Hampton Roads under command of Admiral Sir John Berry Jeffries and Colonel Francis Moryson. Colonel Jeffres replaced General Berkeley until Lord Culpepper arrived.)

The following information is taken from "The Gentry Family in America, 1676 to 1909" by Richard Gentry of Kansas City, Missouri.

There is a tradition in the family that the first Gentry's to settle in America were two young men, brothers who came from England as British soldiers and settled in Virginia. In support of this tradition we find that the first Gentry's to settle in America were Nicholas and Samuel Gentry, who enterd the land in New Kent County, Virginia in 1684. A further fact tends to confirm this tradition that the British soldiers sent over to Virginia by Charles II with the commissioners to settle the controversy between Governor Berkley in January, 1677, were not paid off and discharged until the fall of 1683, and many of them remained and settled in Virginia.

The first authentic records that have been found of the Gentry's in America are in St. Peter's Parish Register of New Kent County, Virginia, and in the old land books of Virginia which contain the records of the early land grants.

The register of St. Peter's Parish of New Kent County, Virginia, shows the record of the baptism of Peter Gentry, son of Samuel Gentry on April 10, 1687. No other trace or record of this Peter or any other child of Samuel Gentry has ever been found.

# Additional Children and Sources:

**Husband's name** **Wife's name**

| Sex | Children's Names (Full Name) (Arranged in Order of Birth) | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info on Children |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 11 GILBERT | Birth | ca 1825 | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse | Marr. | | | | | |
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| | 12 | Birth | | | | | |
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| | Full Name of Spouse | Marr. | | | | | |
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| | 14 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse | Marr. | | | | | |
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| | 15 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse | Marr. | | | | | |
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| | 16 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse | Marr. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 17 | Birth | | | | | |
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Sources for Husband:

Sources for Wife:

Sources for Children:

Additional Information:

| | | 1810 Wilkes | 1820 Wilkes | 1830 Ashe | 1840 Sunn |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matthew | | 26-45 1765-1784 | 26-45 1775-1794 | 40-50 1780-90 | 50-60 |
| Lizie | | 26-45 1765 1784 | 26-45 1775-94 | 40-50 178-90 | 50 ~~60 1790~~ |
| | (f.) | 0-10 1800-1810 | 16-26 1794-1804 | ——— | |
| | (m) | 0-10 1800-1810 | ——— | ——— | |
| Sarah R. | (f) 1809 | ——— | 10-16 1804-1810 | ——— | |
| George W. | (M) 1811 | ——— | 0-10 1810-20 | 15-20 1810-5 | |
| ~~Jas~~ | (M) | ——— | 0-10 1810-20 | 15-20 1810-5 | |
| Jonathan W. | (M) 25 Dec 1815 | ——— | 0-10 1810-20 | 10-15 1815-20 | |
| Jefferson | (M) 21 Dec 1820 | ——— | 0-10 1810 20 | 10-15 1815 20 | 20-30 |
| James S | (M) 1823 | ——— | 0-10 1810 20 | ——— | |
| Elizabeth | (f) 1824 | ——— | ——— | 5-10 1820-25 | 15-20 |
| G[illegible]ert | (M) 1825 | ——— | ——— | 5-10 1820 25 | 15-20 |

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**Posted by:** Bill Gentry

**Date:** August 10, 2000 at 15:34:44

**In Reply to:** Matthew Gentry b. ca 1782 Wilkes NC by Jim Cockerham

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Matthew was b. abt.1780 in Surry, NC and married Eliza (Lizzy) ---?. He was with his father Allen in 1790 and 1800 Surry census, with his own family in Wilkes, NC in 1810 and 1820, in Ashe, NC, in 1830, back in Surry, NC in 1840, and in Wilkes, NC in 1850 (age 65, listed as being born in VA but that is wrong). Believed to have son George Washington (Surry 1840 census, Wilkes 1850 census), Jonathan (John?)(Surry 1840 and 1850 census), Jefferson (Wilkes, 1850 census) and possibly James S. Gentry (m. Sarah Hodges) and Elizabeth (m. Wm Hodges), last listed as 15-20 in 1840 Surry census. Gilbert may be the youngest son, listed with mother Eliza in 1850 Wilkes census.

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# CENSUS COMPARISON FOR Mathew Gentry

## CENSUS ABSTRACTS

### 1790

| MALE 16- | MALE 16+ | FEMALE 16- | FEMALE 16+ | OTHER | SLAVES |
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| | | | | | |

### 1800

| Male 0-10 | Male 10-16 | Male 16-26 | Male 26-45 | Male 45+ | Female 0-10 | Female 10-16 | Female 16-26 | Female 26-45 | Female 45+ |
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### 1810

1st ~~Ashe~~ Wilkes 268

| Male 0-10 | Male 10-16 | Male 16-26 | Male 26-45 | Male 45+ | Female 0-10 | Female 10-16 | Female 16-26 | Female 26-45 | Female 45+ |
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### 1820

Wilkes 527

| Male 0-10 | Male 10-16 | Male 16-18 | Male 16-26 | Male 26-45 | Male 45+ | Female 0-10 | Female 10-16 | Female 16-26 | Female 26-45 | Female 45+ |
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### 1830

Ashe 37

| Male 0-5 | Male 5-10 | Male 10-15 | Male 15-20 | Male 20-30 | Male 30-40 | Male 40-50 | Male 50-60 | Male 60-70 | Male 70-80 | Male 80-90 | Male 90-100 | Male 100+ | Female 0-5 | Female 5-10 | Female 10 15 | Female 15-20 | Female 20-30 | Female 30-40 | Female 40-50 | Female 50-60 | Female 60-70 | Female 70-80 | Female 80-90 | Female 90-100 | Female 100+ |
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| | AGE | OCC | BP |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry, Lizie | 65 | | VA |
| Gilbert | 25 | Farmer | NC |
| Martha | 20 | | NC |
| Eli | 2 | | NC |
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After looking at your proposal, I have a few suggestions and have attached a summary of the census records for Matthew. I have sent it as an attachment to preserve the formatting of the columns.
1. The extra female in the 1810 census, (born 1794-1804 not 1800-1804), I don't believe could be a sister of Matthew, based on earlier census records for the Allen Gentry family, but might be a sister of Eliza.
2. I suggest that the son of Matthew born 1800-1810 may have married shortly before 1830 and died, and that it is his widow Celia that was living with George in 1840 and 1850. This is just speculation.
3. I don't know anything about Sarah R., so I take your word for that, but she certainly fits.
4. No comment on George, Jonathan, Jefferson, or Gilbert. I don't happen to have the 1840 Grayson Co., VA census so don't know if Jefferson appeared in that.
5. The extra son which you suggest, born about 1817, can be accommodated very well by the 1820 and 1830 census as the son born 1810-1820 and 1815-1820 (where I had at one time suggested James S.)
6. The daughter where I had suggested the Elizabeth who married Wm Hodges, simply remains unidentified, but probably married sometime between 1840 and 1850.

Bill

At 06:58 PM 8/26/00 +0000, you wrote:

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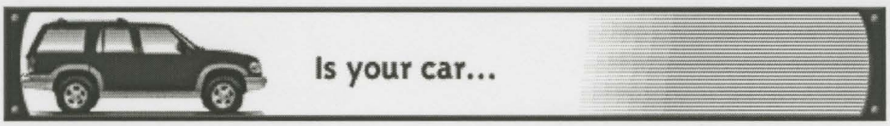
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## Family of Matthew Gentry - Census Record

| | 1810<br>Wilkes,NC | 1820<br>Wilkes,NC | 1830<br>Ashe,NC | 1840<br>Surry,NC | 1850<br>Wilkes,NC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matthew | 1765-1784 | 1775-1794 | 1780-1790 | 1780-1790 | --- |
| --sp Eliza (/"Lizie") | 1765-1784 | 1775-1794 | 1780-1790 | 1780-1790 | age 65 |
| --dau (Sarah R?) | 1800-1810 | 1804-1810 | (TN?) | | |
| --son ? | 1800-1810 | 1810-1820? | --- | | |
| ---widow (Celia?) | | | | 1810-1820 | (w/George)<br>age 36 |
| -- son George W.<br>(+ family) | | 1810-1820 | 1810-1815 | Wilkes,NC<br>1810-1820 | Wilkes,NC<br>age 38 |
| -- son Jonathan (/"John")<br>(+ family) | | 1810-1820 | 1810-1815 | Surry,NC<br>1810-1820 | Surry,NC<br>age 35 |
| -- son | | 1810-1820 | 1815-1820 | --- | |
| -- son Jefferson | | 1810-1820 | 1815-1820 | (VA?) | Wilkes,NC<br>age 30 |
| -- dau | | | 1820-1825 | 1820-1825 | --- |
| -- son Gilbert<br>(+ family) | | | 1820-1825 | 1820-1825 | (w/Eliza)<br>age 25 |
| --- sister Eliza? | --- | 1794-1804 | | | |

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Hi Bill,
I wanted to give you some of the facts which lead me to believe that Sarah who married Rufus Thompson is the first child of Matthew and his wife. I have not seen the 1850 McMinn Co., TN, census but I have been told that Rufus is on it, age 51, with wife Sarah, age 51, and daughters Margaret (19) and Elizabeth (17) [Source: E.D. #49, pg. 286]. Rufus and Sarah are again in McMinn County in 1870, but are back in Wilkes County in 1880. Their daughter Elizabeth ("Izzie") [8 Sep. 1838-23 Nov. 1893] was the second wife of Jeremiah ("Jerry") Sneed, b. ca 1821, son of Zachariah Sneed and wife [name unknown]. Jerry's first wife was Sarah Simerly by whom he had several children. I assume he, too, was dead by 1900 as I cannot locate him on the 1900 NC soundex. Jerry and Izzie had ten children, to wit:
1) Calvin Hawkins [ 2 Feb 1864 TN-27 June 1928 Yadkin County, NC] md. 9 Nov 1888 in Surry, NC, to Sarah "Matilda" Jane Ellen Burchette [1868-1950]. Nine known children.
2) Samuel Jefferson [15 Aug 1866 TN-27 May 1926 Surry] md. 3 March 1889 in Surry to Mary Louise ("Molly") Chipman [1871-1938]. Ten known children.
3) Sarah J. [ca1868 TN- ???] md. 7 Dec. 1884, Alleghany Co., NC, to William J. Spainhour. NFI.
4) Matthew Gentry [twin] [23 May 1870 TN- 1 Nov. 1967 Elkin, Surry, NC] md. (#1) 4 Nov. 1880, Yadkin, Sarah Jane Cockerham [1868-1936], (#2) 11 July 1936, Surry, to Mary "Della" (McMickle) Greenwood [1870-1955], (#3) date unknown to Sallie "Florence" Carter [1899-dec'd]. Eleven known children from first marriage; none from second and third.
5) Margaret E. [twin] [23 May 1870 Tn- bef 1900??]. No known marriage.
6) George Washington [ 4 July 1872 TN- 28 Sep. 1935, Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, NC] md. 8 Sept. 1895, Surry, to Sarah "Ada" Adkins [1879-1913]. Four known children.
7) Granville Alexander ("Gran") [19 May 1874 NC-31 Jan 1929 Surry] md. 25 Nov. 1897, Surry, to Elizabeth Ann Cockerham [1872-1927] (sister to Sarah Jane). Two known children died in infancy.
8) Mary Jane ("Molly") [11 Jan 1876 NC-22 Feb. 1951 Surry] md. 11 March 1894, Surry, to Julius Turner Blackwood [1842-1920]. Number of children unknown, but they did have some.
9) Martha E. [twin] [?? Oct 1879 NC-?Death?] md. 25 Feb 1897, Surry, to Rev. Robert Lee Park [1871-1900]. Two known children.
10) Joel [twin] died at one day of age of deformity in Oct 1879 in Cherry Lane Township, Alleghany County, NC, per the 1880 mortality schedule.
Now that you have seen this list of children do you agree that Sarah almost assuredly is a daughter of Matthew? Let me know your thoughts! --Jim Cockerham

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George W. Gentry md. Frances
5 March 1811 8 Nov 1815
9 Feb 1879 20 Dec 1894 [1893?]

1860 = Roaring Gap Township # 887
Ch:

(A) James md 11 June 1871 Mary Matilda Creed
c1838 20 Jan 1838 - 5 July 1905

(B) Elijah O.
c 1842

(C) George
c 1846

(D) Morgan
c 1849

(E) Mary M. not married
c 1854 11 June 1854 - 15 Nov 1913 Peach Orchard

(F) Celia Margaret md. George W. Lyon
c 1856 28 May 1856
4 Jan 1905 Peach Orchard

James Gentry
bo Jan 1838 Wilks,
5 July 1905
buried on farm Allegheny
SR# 1453 1 mile NW
of Ennice P. O.

s/o George W. & Frances

md. 11 June 1871
Mary Matilda Creed
d/o Enoch Creed &
Elizabeth Stone
she buried Glade Creek?

Gentry's PB Obits

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Mary Matilda Creed Gentry
22 March 1846
24 Aug 1926 Black Creek
md. James Gentry
4 ch / 3 living
d/o Enoch Creed
& Elizabeth Stone
s/o GW
& Frances

Old Peach Orchard Cemetery
--- Located at the bottom of the mountain at Thurmond, Wilkes Co., N. C

George W. Gentry b- March 5, 1811 d- Feb. 9, 1879
his wife
Frances b- Nov. 8, 1815 d- Dec. 22, 1899

Mary M. Gentry b- June 11, 1854 d- Nov. 15, 1913

Celia Margaret Gentry Lyon b- May 28, 1856 d- Jan. 4, 1905
wife of
George W. Lyon b- Sept. 9, 1855 d- June 19, 1929

Lucinda Caudle Snow b- Dec. 3, 1852 d- June 11, 1887

1860 Wilkes Co NC Roaring Gap Township w/ Liza age 77 b VA HH# 887

A Family Cemetery
---Located on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Alleghaney Co., N. C.

Kisiar Billings b- Feb. 15, 1825 d- Aug. 10, 1909

William Brackens b- June 16, 1846 d- April 4, 1908

Simon Billings born & died 1909 son of M. E. & Ellen Billings

pg. 75-6 James Corbett Gentry [ 1 July 1900- 2 April 1939], s/o Joseph and Laura; md. September 1921 Ruth Irvin; 5 children: Emma Lou and Ferrol [sic] of Ennice, Mrs. Madeline Evans and Roscoe Gentry of Elkin, and Jack of Glade Valley. Cherry Lane.

pg. 76 Vallie (Crabb) Cockerham [17 June 1902-27 November 1938], d/o W. O. Crabb and Aurelia Gentry; md. 28 November 1936 Mart Cockerham; she was a school teacher; Stony Ridge.

pg. 78 Elder George Wilson Miles [10 May 1863- 5 September 1940], md. 17 April 1892 Lura Ellen Gentry; son Major died July 1932; Liberty Knob.

pg. 87 Martha Ann (Sparks) Gentry [19 September 1853-16 April 1947], md. "about 65 years ago" to Madison Gentry; five children: Mrs. W. M. ("Bill") Sparks of Schoolfield, Mr. D. C. Gentry of Roaring River, Mrs. Treely Luffman (deceased), Mrs. Denver Ingool of Elkin, and Mrs. Berry R. Gentry of Austin; Roaring River.

pg. 74 Berry Evans [ 1 February 1868-18 April 1938], md. 11 October 1891 to Mary Gentry; nine children (3 sons and 6 daughters); all living; sister: Mrs Martha Roberts; two brothers: Abram and Martin; (no church listed).

Excerpts from Rev. Jerry Q. Gentry's booklet "Church Minutes Obituaries from Primitive Baptist Associaitonal Minutes 1895-1959". [Copy on file in library of Surry Community College, Dobson, NC.]

pg. 6 Jefferson Gentry [21 April 1820- 6 October 1903] md. 14 Dec 1842 to Bettie Hankins (Hawkins?); 1 child died in battle; Cool Springs Church.

Iredell Gentry [ 9 April 1826-29 December 1902] md. Elizabeth Bauguess 7 children, 6 living; 26 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; deacon at Rachel; member at Oak Level.

pg. 8 Mary J. (Gentry) Waddell [24 June 1860-21 July 1904] md. 16 Feb 1882 Calvin Waddell; 6 children 4 living; member at Oak Level.

pg. 9 M. L. Gentry [ 1 August 1863-25 August 1905] md. circa 1884 Martha Sparks 4 children; deacon at Oak Level.

pg. 11 Elizabeth Gentry, nee Bauguess [24 December 1828- 9 February 1907] md. Iredell Gentry; 7 children, 4 living; Oak Level Church

pg. 12 Rosy Eveline Gentry, never married, 22 January 1878-15 February 1907, "raised by grandparents [not named["; Oak Level

pg. 51 F. W. Norman [25 November 1844-17 October 1921], md. 4 February 1869 Annie Gentry; 5 children [3 boys & 2 girls], Union Hill.

pg. 56 Marinda (Gentry) Walker [28 June 1843-24 June 1924], md. 10 March 1870 to William Council Walker [ 1 January 1847-15 July 1915]; 7 children [6 boys & 1 girl], Double Creek Church, Wilkes. [W. C. Walker md. first to Delila Jane Handy 16 November 1865 (she died 15 October 1869); 3 children (2 boys & 1 girl)].

Sarah Gentry nee Hanks [30 September 1833-20 October 1925] md. June 1860 Daniel Gentry; 2 children, 1 living; cosistent member of Round Hill.

pg. 58 Mary Matilda Creed Gentry [22 March 1846-24 August 1926], md. circa 1870 to James Gentry, 4 children, 3 living; Glade Creek.

pg. 61 Lura Ellen (Gentry) Miles [17 October 1871- 8 November 1926], md. 17 April 1892 George W. Miles (who survives); 5 children: Mrs. Harrison Royal of Miles, Charlie of Traphill, Dr. Walter W. of Champion, and Major W. and Kelly G. of Miles; 7 grandchildren; Liberty Knob.

pg. 69 William Martin Gentry [14 February 1853-28 July 1935], md. 9 March 1879 Charity Elizabeth Burcham; 6 boys (son Howard dead) and 1 girl; deacon at Pleasant Home.

George W. Gilliam [15 July 1855-23 October 1934], md. 1879 to Delphia Gentry; 7 children, 3 living; deacon at Shoaly Branch.

pg. 73-4 Annie Jane (Gentry) Norman [ 3 February 1849-10 December 1936], md 4 February 1866 F. W. Norman [died 17 October 1921]; d/o Austin Gentry and Mahala Crouse; 5 children: William Brady, Mrs. I. A. Eldridge, L. Auty, Foley M., and Lillie; 18 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; member of Union Hill for 65 years.

1850 Wilkes

#73 Gentry, Abo 56 Surry
Rachel 58 Surry
Going 28

#74 Gentry, Jefferson 30
Eliz 37 VA
Anderson 8
as Anderson V. Co H 54th Reg NC Troops

#521 Gentry, John 48
Eliz. 48
Malinda 26
Lucinda 24
Credell 22 (NO)
Stanly 20 (NO)
Ruth 18
Martin 14 (NO)
Eliz 12
Daniel 10 13th Inf Co E
Matilda 8
Maimeda 5

853 Gentry, Jonathan 38
Jemima 37
Joseph 17
Sallie 15
Nathan 12
Hardin 4

Newton A Gentry
NC Cav.
14th Bat
Co. K.

994 Gentry, Washington 38
Frances 33
Celia 36 ?
James 13 NO
Elijah 11 NO
George 5 NO

nothing conclusive

#1026 Gentry, Jonathan 71
Sarah 69 Surry
Sally 12

1059 Gentry, Jordan 27
Susan 25
Richard 3
Caroline 2

1060 Gentry, Austin 21
Mahaly 21 Surry
Ann 1

1455 Gentry, Lijah 65 VA
Gillett 25
Martha 20
Eli 2

#63 Lyon, James 50
Polly 54
Jonathan 28
Jane 24
Jacob 24
Walt 20
Calvin 14

no Valentine Lyon on 1850

COCKERHAM, PLEASANT C., Private

Born in Surry County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Yadkin County at age 38, March 17, 1862. Was apparently discharged prior to July 2, 1862, by reason of being overage. Was reported on March 8, 1865, to be engaged in stealing horses with thirty or forty other men in Wilkes County.

COCKERHAM, PLEASANT HENDERSON, Private

Previously served as Private in Company C, 21st Regiment N.C. Troops (11th Regiment N.C. Volunteers). Enlisted in this company on March 17, 1862, while absent without leave from the 21st Regiment. Mustered in as Sergeant. Reduced to the rank of Corporal in July-December, 1862. Reported present on surviving company muster rolls through April, 1863. Deserted near Fredericksburg, Virginia, May 18, 1863. Returned to duty on September 23, 1863. Reduced to ranks prior to October 31, 1863. Captured at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, November 7, 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, November 11, 1863. Paroled at Point Lookout on March 16, 1864. Received at City Point, Virginia, March 20, 1864, for exchange. Returned to duty on an unspecified date. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, June 27, 1864, with a gunshot wound. Place and date wounded not reported. Returned to duty prior to September 19/22, 1864, when he was wounded in the arm at Winchester or Fisher's Hill, Virginia. Reported absent wounded through October, 1864. Survived the war.

COCKERHAM, THOMAS W., Private

Born in Surry County on August 8, 1839. Was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Yadkin County at age 22, March 17, 1862. Died at Camp Mangum, near Raleigh, June 13 or June 15, 1862, of "typhoid fever."

COLLINS, CALVIN, Private

Born in Surry County and was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Yadkin County at age 35, March 17, 1862. Reported present in June, 1862. Deserted on August 18, 1862. Returned to duty on January 31, 1863. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, March 9, 1863, with variola. Died in hospital at Palmyra, Virginia, March 16, 1863, of "pneumonia." [Reportedly enlisted as a substitute for Private John C. Bryan of this company; however, Bryan was not discharged.]

COOK, JAMES M., Private

Born in Surry County and resided in Yadkin County where he was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Yadkin County at age 29, March 17, 1862. Reported absent sick without leave in June, 1862. Returned to duty on an unspecified date. Wounded at or near Fredericksburg, Virginia, on or about December 13, 1862. Hospitalized at Danville, Virginia. Returned to duty on April 10, 1863. Reported sick in hospital in May-August, 1863. Reported absent without leave on September 22, 1863. Listed as a deserter on October 14, 1863. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, November 18, 1863, with chronic bronchitis. Confined at Castle Thunder Prison, Richmond, January 4, 1864. Hospitalized at Richmond on June 16, 1864, with an unspecified complaint. Transferred on June 17, 1864. Returned to duty subsequent to October 31, 1864. Captured at Fort Stedman, Virginia, March 25, 1865. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, March 27, 1865. Released at Point Lookout on June 24, 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

COOK, W. P., Private

Enlisted in Yadkin County on March 17, 1863, for the war. Reported present through December, 1863. No further records.

CREEKMORE, JOSEPHUS C., Private

Previously served as Private in Company B, 38th Regiment N.C. Troops. Transferred to this company on November 2, 1862. Reported present or accounted for through August, 1863. Reported absent without leave on or about September 1, 1863. Returned to duty in November-December, 1863. Survived the war.

DAVIS, DANIEL V., Sergeant

Born in Yadkin County* where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Yadkin County at age 20, March 17, 1862. Mustered in as Private. Promoted to Corporal in July-December, 1862. Reported present or accounted for on surviving company muster rolls through April, 1863. Wounded slightly in the right arm near Fredericksburg, Virginia, May 4, 1863. Returned to duty prior to September 1, 1863. Promoted to Sergeant on October 15, 1863. Captured at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, November 7, 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, November 11, 1863. Paroled at Point Lookout on March 16, 1864. Received at City Point, Virginia, March 20, 1864, for exchange. Returned to duty on an unspecified date. Wounded in the shoulder at Stephenson's Depot, Virginia, July 20, 1864. Hospitalized at Winchester, Virginia. Transferred to hospital at Richmond, Virginia, August 1, 1864. Furloughed for sixty days on August 7, 1864. Returned to duty subsequent to October 31, 1864. Captured at Hatcher's Run, Virginia, February 6, 1865. Confined at Point Lookout on February 9, 1865. Released at Point Lookout on June 11, 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

DAY, JOHN A., Private

Born in Surry County and was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Yadkin County at age 21, March 17, 1862. Reported present in June, 1862. Wounded at Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia. Returned to duty on January 20, 1863. Deserted near Staunton, Virginia, June 28, 1863. Returned to duty on August 28, 1863. Captured at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, November 7, 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, November 11, 1863. Released at Point Lookout on January 23, 1864, after taking the Oath of Allegiance and joining the U.S. Army. Assigned to Company C, 1st Regiment U.S. Volunteer Infantry.

DAY, WILLIAM G., Private

Born in Surry County where he resided as a day laborer or farmer prior to enlisting in Yadkin County at age 28, April 24, 1862, for the war. Reported present on surviving company muster rolls through April, 1863. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, May 11, 1863, with "typhoides." Died in hospital at Richmond on May 29, 1863.

EDWARDS, MORGAN, _____

Enlisted in this company on or about October 28, 1862, for the war. Discharged on or about October 31, 1862, after providing Private Charles Billings as a substitute.

GENTRY, ANDERSON V., Private

Born in Wilkes County and was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Yadkin County at age 19, March 17, 1862. Reported present on surviving company muster rolls through April, 1863. Wounded in both legs near Fredericksburg, Virginia, May 4, 1863. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, where he died on July 2, 1863, of wounds.

GOLDING, J. V., Private

Born in Surry County and was by occupation a farmer prior to

at age 21, May 8, 1861. Mustered in as Private and promoted to Corporal on July 1, 1863. Present or accounted for until he deserted to the enemy on or about March 8, 1865. Took the Oath of Allegiance on or about March 10, 1865.

GARRISON, LEVI, Private
Resided in Alamance County and was by occupation a laborer or farmer prior to enlisting in Alamance County at age 22, May 8, 1861. Present or accounted for until wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863. Rejoined the company in September-October, 1863, and present or accounted for until wounded in the thorax or left shoulder at Wilderness, Virginia, on or about May 6, 1864. Rejoined the company in September-October, 1864. Captured at Petersburg, Virginia, April 2, 1865, and confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until released on June 27, 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

GENTRY, DANIEL, Private
Resided in Wilkes County and enlisted at Bunker Hill, Virginia, at age 24, September 27, 1862, for the war. Present or accounted for until he died in hospital at Gordonsville, Virginia, December 29, 1863, of "pneumonia."

GERRINGER, FELTY, Private
Born in Alamance County* where he resided prior to enlisting at Camp Gregg, Virginia, at age 39, March 13, 1863, for the war. Present or accounted for until killed at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1863.

GERRINGER, JOHN, Private
Resided in Alamance County and enlisted at Camp Gregg, Virginia, at age 37, March 13, 1863, for the war. Present or accounted for until wounded "severely" at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863. Reported absent wounded until discharged on or about February 9, 1864. Reason discharged not reported.

GILLIAM, JAMES S., Sergeant
Resided in Alamance County and was by occupation a laborer prior to enlisting in Alamance County at age 22, May 8, 1861. Mustered in as Private. Present or accounted for until wounded and captured at South Mountain, Maryland, September 14, 1862. Paroled October 3, 1862, and rejoined the company in January-February, 1863. Promoted to Corporal on May 3, 1863, and was wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, the same date. Rejoined the company in November-December, 1863, and was promoted to Sergeant on March 8, 1864. Wounded at Wilderness, Virginia, May 5, 1864, and was reported absent wounded through October, 1864. Took the Oath of Allegiance at Richmond, Virginia, June 20, 1865.

HALEY, JAMES A., Private
Resided in Alamance County and was by occupation a laborer prior to enlisting in Alamance County at age 23, May 8, 1861. Present or accounted for until wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863. Died in hospital at Richmond, Virginia, June 12, 1863, of "typhoid fever."

HALL, HENRY, Private
Resided in Alamance County and was by occupation a laborer prior to enlisting in Alamance County at age 22, May 8, 1861. Present or accounted for until captured and paroled at Warrenton, Virginia, September 29, 1862. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, October 3, 1862, with a contused wound. Place and date wounded not reported. Rejoined the company in January-February, 1863, and present or accounted for until wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863. Rejoined the company in July-August, 1863, and present or accounted for until wounded at Wilderness, Virginia, May 5, 1864. Rejoined the company in July-August, 1864, and present or accounted for until paroled at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, April 9, 1865.

HARRIS, HENRY C., Private
Resided in Alamance County and enlisted at Camp Gregg, Virginia, at age 22, May 13, 1863, for the war. Deserted April 18, 1863.

HERRING, HENDERSON, Private
Resided in Alamance County and enlisted at Camp Gregg, Virginia, at age 37, May 13, 1863, for the war. Present or accounted for until wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863. Rejoined the company in January-February, 1864, and present or accounted for until hospitalized at Charlottesville, Virginia, May 10, 1864, with a gunshot wound of the right hand. Place and date wounded not reported. Rejoined the company prior to June 5-6, 1864, when he deserted to the enemy at Cold Harbor, Virginia. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until transferred to Elmira, New York, July 25, 1864. Released at Elmira on September 19, 1864, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

HICKS, DANIEL, Private
Enlisted at Camp Vance on February 15, 1864, for the war. Present or accounted for until captured at Wilderness, Virginia, May 6, 1864. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until released on May 17, 1864, after joining the U.S. Navy.

HICKS, JAMES M., Corporal
Born in Alamance County* where he resided as a laborer prior to enlisting in Alamance County at age 27, May 8, 1861. Mustered in as Private and promoted to Corporal on May 3, 1863. Present or accounted for until killed at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1863.

HOLT, DANIEL C., Private
Enlisted at Camp Holmes on March 6, 1864, for the war. Present or accounted for until captured at Wilderness, Virginia, May 5-6, 1864. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until transferred to Elmira, New York, August 10, 1864. Died at Elmira on February 14, 1865, of "variola."

HOLT, GEORGE W., Private
Previously served in Company E, 1st Regiment N.C. State Troops. Enlisted in this company at Camp Gregg, Virginia, April 18, 1863, for the war. Present or accounted for until wounded at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1-3, 1863. Rejoined the company prior to September 1, 1863, and present or accounted for until he was reported absent on wounded furlough on June 7, 1864. Place and date wounded not reported. Rejoined the company in July-August, 1864, and present or accounted for until paroled at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, April 9, 1865.

HOLT, HENRY S., Private
Resided in Alamance County and was by occupation

Co M 22nd Regt. NC Troops



FIELDS, JESSE, Private
Born in Randolph County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 23, March 6, 1862. Wounded in the thigh at the second battle of Manassas, Virginia, August 29, 1862. Died at Staunton, Virginia, September 20 or November 1, 1862. Cause of death not reported.

FIELDS, WILLIAM, Private
Born in Randolph County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 31, March 6, 1862. Killed at the second battle of Manassas, Virginia, on or about August 28, 1862.

FLINCHUM, JACOB, Private
Enlisted at Camp Holmes on March 29, 1864, for the war. Captured at or near Jericho Mills, Virginia, May 23, 1864. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until paroled and transferred to Boulware's Wharf, James River, Virginia, where he was received March 16, 1865, for exchange.

FOSTER, JOSIAH F., Private
Born in Randolph County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 28, June 10, 1861. Reported absent without leave in July and September, 1862. Returned to duty on an unspecified date. "Gave up" and was captured by the enemy at or near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 4-5, 1863. Confined at Fort Delaware, Delaware, until released on or about September 22, 1863, after joining the U.S. Army. Assigned to Company E, 3rd Regiment Maryland Cavalry.

FOSTER, LEVI, Private
Resided in Randolph County where he enlisted at age 19, June 10, 1861. Captured at Hatcher's Run, Virginia, April 2, 1865. Confined at Hart's Island, New York Harbor, until released on June 18, 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

FOUST, CHRISTIAN, Private
Born in Randolph County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 30, March 6, 1862. Wounded in the side at or near Mechanicsville, Virginia, on or about June 26, 1862. Wounded in the shoulder at Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862. Captured at Funkstown, Maryland, July 12, 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until released on January 25, 1864, after taking the Oath of Allegiance and joining the U.S. Army. Assigned to Company B, 1st Regiment U.S. Volunteer Infantry.

FOUST, JACOB, Private
Born in Randolph County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 39, March 6, 1862. Reported absent without leave in July and September, 1862, and was listed as a deserter in October, 1862. Returned to duty prior to May 5, 1864, when he was wounded at Wilderness, Virginia. Returned to duty prior to September 1, 1864. Paroled at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, April 9, 1865.

FOUST, JAMES M., Private
Born in Randolph County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 23, February 25, 1862. Hospitalized at Culpeper, Virginia, October 10, 1862, with a gunshot wound. Place and date wounded not reported. Furloughed from hospital at Richmond, Virginia, October 14, 1862. No further records.

FOUST, PETER, Private
Born in Randolph County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 21, March 6, 1862. Captured at Falling Waters, Maryland, July 14, 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until released on January 25, 1864, after joining the U.S. Army. Assigned to Company B, 1st Regiment U.S. Volunteer Infantry. [Roll of Honor indicates he was wounded in an unspecified battle.]

FRENCH, T. P., Private
Enlisted at Camp Holmes on March 29, 1864, for the war. Died in hospital at Petersburg, Virginia, June 25, 1864, of wounds. Place and date wounded not reported.

FURGERSON, JAMES, Private
Resided in Rockingham County and enlisted at Camp Holmes on March 26, 1864, for the war. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, May 24, 1864, with a gunshot wound of the left thigh. Place and date wounded not reported. Furloughed for sixty days on June 10, 1864. Returned to duty prior to September 1, 1864. Captured at Hatcher's Run, Virginia, April 1, 1865. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until released on June 26, 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

GATEWOOD, JOHN D., Private
Previously served in Company H of this regiment. Transferred to this company in December, 1861-June, 1862. Transferred back to Company H in July, 1862.

GENTRY, JEFFERSON, Private
Resided in Surry County. Place and date of enlistment not reported. Captured on the South Side Railroad, near Petersburg, Virginia, April 2, 1865. Confined at Hart's Island, New York Harbor, until released on or about June 20, 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

GLASCO, JOHN W., Private
Born in Randolph or Stanly counties and resided in Randolph County where he was by occupation a farmer or laborer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 20, March 6, 1862. Deserted to the enemy on or about March 12, 1864. Confined at Washington, D.C., until released on or about March 17, 1864, after taking the Oath of Allegiance and joining the U.S. Army. Assigned to the 3rd Regiment Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery.

GLASCO, WILLIAM M., Private
Born in Randolph or Ashe counties and resided in Randolph County where he was by occupation a farmer or laborer prior to enlisting in Randolph County at age 18, March 6, 1862. Deserted on or about August 5, 1862. Court-martialed on or about January 23, 1863. Deserted to the enemy on or about March 1, 1864. Confined at Washington, D.C., until released on or about March 12, 1864, after taking the Oath of Allegiance and joining the U.S. Army. Assigned to the

(1) ?

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Rock r. Jasper
Boyd ?
N.W.

(2)

Jordain Gentry md — Nancy Adeline Barton
27 April 1833 — 29 Aug 1831
9 Feb 1879 — 3 Mar 1901
Shoaly Branch
originally on farmplace moved ca 1930's

Ch:

① Delphia md. George Gilleian

② Ira Shoaly Branch r. r.

③ Adaline Shaly Branch r. r.

④ Cornelius C. r. Vicia Heffner

⑤ John Lowell Gentry m. 16 Mar 1886 Laura Hawley
Ch: Lula R.
Rufus Grover md. Adelia Tolbert d. 1935 ② Ethel George
twin sons d. at birth & next day
Cornelius Joseph Austin
John Ralph md. Martha Parker : J R Jr. Juanita & Paul
Stella Louise
Harvey Bryon

(6) Charlie m. Nancy Darnell

Rufus Grover ch: → Rose Marie m. Hoyt Harris

Mary Marie m. ① John Edgar Smith ② Chas. Clarence Thompson
R & Jr. m. Donna Mae Alrich : Gayea R G III Jason
George Lee m. Mattie Lee Johnson : D L Jr.
over

Minnie d. 1917 burned to death.

(f) DeWitt md. Charles Freeze

Pauline md. (1) Floyd Robert (2) Luther Park

Vesta Gay md. Charles Swift Jr.

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NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.
ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

# FAMILY GROUP RECORD

**HUSBAND** Gentry, Austin

Born 2 July 1827 Place

Chr. Place

Marr. 17 Sept 1847 Place

Died 29 Dec 1896 Place

Bur. Place Friendship Bap Church Hwy 268

HUSBAND'S FATHER Atha Gentry HUSBAND'S MOTHER Rachel Lyon

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

**WIFE** Crouse, Mahala

Born 30 May 1827 Place

Chr. Place

Died 30 March 1907 Place

Bur. Place Friendship Bap Church Hwy #268

WIFE'S FATHER John Crouse m 7-20-1825 WIFE'S MOTHER Nancy Burcham

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

| SEX M F | CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES | WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cyrus Jane | 3 Feb 1849 | | | | 4 Feb 1869 Fredrick Wilson Norman | 10 Dec 1936 |
| 2 | W Alexander Vaughan | 4 Jan 1855 | | | | 25 Oct 1877 Jurandy C Marshall | Mar 1937 c2 |
| 3 | Thursa Caroline | 1 May 1857 | Bur Davie Co, Salem Meth Cem | | | 13 April 1873 Wilson L Koontz | 27 Feb 1931 |
| 4 | James Morgan | 10 Sept 1860 | | | | #1 Louise Eldridge 4 children | 24 June 1936 |
| 5 | | | | | | #2 Janie Sebastian 10 Jan 1901 5 children | |
| 6 | ~~Foster Bro.~~ | | | | | | |
| 7 | ~~John Witt of Aulander~~ | | | | | | |
| 8 | ~~Foster Sister~~ | | | | | | |
| 9 | Harriett Rees of Weston, Texas | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | |
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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OTHER MARRIAGES

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794
NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

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**HUSBAND** Gentry, Nathan — father of Jonathan W.

Born 1798 Place Surry

Chr. Place

Marr. ① 4 May 1821 Place Wilkes County James Lyon Bondsman

Died 1852 Place

Bur. Place Mitchell River Primative Boptist Church *

HUSBAND'S FATHER Allen Gentry — HUSBAND'S MOTHER Elizabeth Waddell

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES * S/o Shadrack Gentry B Va ca 1759 * S/o Allen A Gentry of Halifax Co Va B ca 1730

**WIFE** Passmore, Rebecca

Born 1795 Place

Chr. Place

Died Place

Bur. Place

Rebecca had a sister Ruth 1880 Surry Co Census 93-223 B 1797

WIFE'S FATHER — WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Calvin | 1823 - 14 Feb | | | | 10 Oct 1845 Mary (Polly) Hodges | 17 Nov 1915 |
| 2 | William M | 1824 | | | | 9 Oct 1847 Martha E. Nixon | |
| 3 | Alfred | 1830 Oct | (+2) Grayson Va to M 26 Feb Margaret | 1882 South | B 1859 # ① | 17 Nov 1851 Margaret Murphy | |
| 4 | Jonathan W. | 1832 | d in Indiana | | | 12 Dec 1855 Rebecca Riggins Betty Brannock | |
| 5 | George Washington | 1836 1839 | Snow Hill Carroll Co | | * | Louzina Brannock | |
| 6 | ~~Wiley~~ Jones | ~~18~~ | dau Cassey M. to 16 Mar 1856 Levi D Burton | | | ~~Cassey~~ Matilda Sparks | |
| 7 | Rutherford | 1836 | | | | | |
| 8 | Matilda | 1838 | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Alfred's 2nd M to Margaret | South S/o Mark + Bethania South of Grayson Co. Va | | | | | |
| 11 | on 26 Feb 1882 he was 52 she was 23 in Franklin Township | | | | | | |

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Surry Co marriage Certificate Records
* The Gentry Family in America 1676-1909 by Richard Gentry
① Marriages of Wilkes Co 1778-1868

OTHER MARRIAGES
Irwins Records

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER: NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
DATES: 14 Apr 1794 PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

Born circa 1790 Place [illegible] Wilkes County, North Carolina
Chr. Place
Marr. 4 May 182[illegible] Place Wilkes County, North Carolina
Died 1852 Place Devotion Surry County North Carolina
Bur. Place possibly in the Mitchell's River Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
HUSBAND'S FATHER Allen Gentry HUSBAND'S MOTHER Elizabeth Waddell
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

GGG G SON

WIFE Rebecca Passmore
Born circa 1800 Place North Carolina
Chr. Place
Died Place
Bur. Place
WIFE'S FATHER WIFE'S MOTHER
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

| SEX M F | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth — Given Names | Surname | WHEN BORN DAY | MONTH | YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY | MONTH | YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 M | Calvin | GENTRY | | | 1823 | | Wilkes | NC | 10 October 1845 Mary ("Polly") Hodges | | | 1913 |
| 2 M | William M. | GENTRY | | | ca 1824 | | Wilkes | NC | 9 October 1847 Martha E. Nixon | | | |
| 3 M | Alfred | GENTRY | | | ca 1830 | | Wilkes | NC | 20 November 1851 Margaret Murphy (1)- Betsy Brannock | | | |
| 4 M | Jonathan James | GENTRY | | | ca 1832 | | Wilkes | NC | 12 December 1859 Rebecca M. [illegible] Riggins | | | |
| 5 M | George Washington | GENTRY | | | ca 1839 | | Surry | NC | Louizina Brannock | | | |
| 6 M | Rutherford | | | | 1836 | | | NC | | | | |
| 7 F | MATILDA | | | | 1838 | | | NC | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

HUSBAND -
- GENTRY, NATHAN
(was cut off)

OTHER MARRIAGES

Alma
b 8 Aug 1873
d 3 Mar 1900

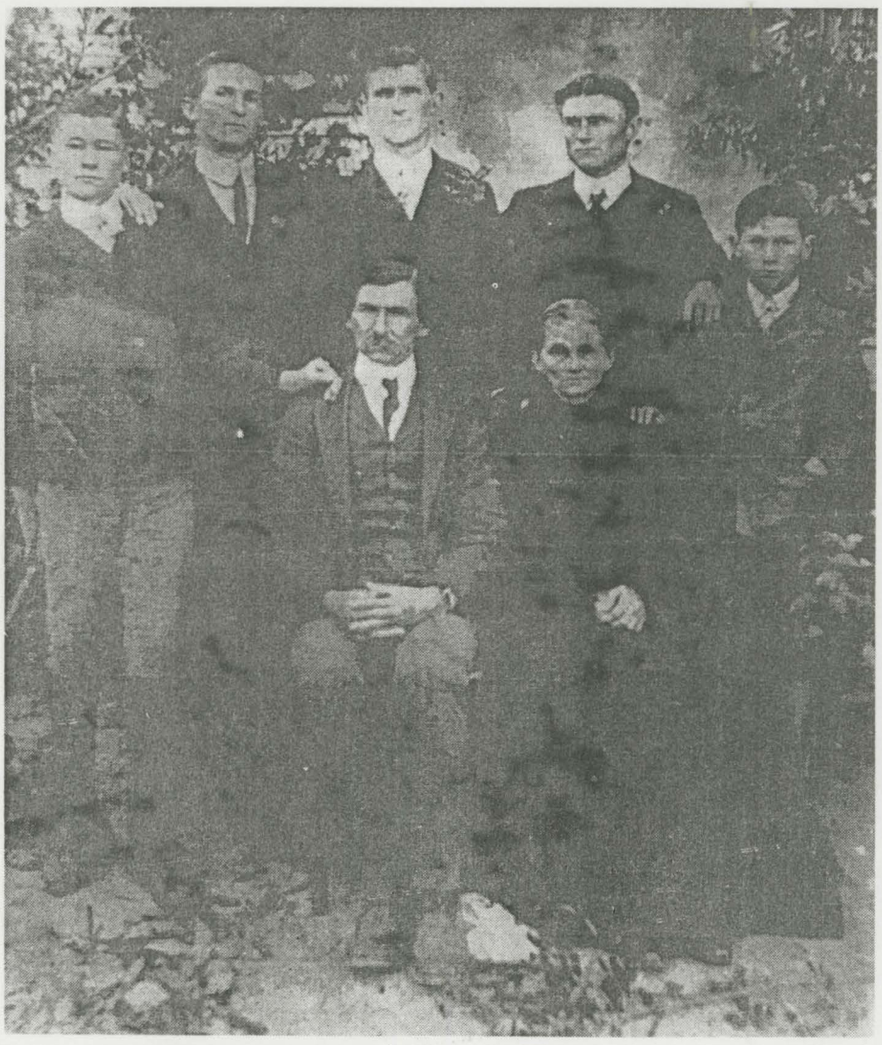
md. Charles F. Melton
11 May 1899
no kids
1 child age 2 at census

# THE SPARKS QUARTERLY

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE SPARKS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." -- An old Chinese proverb.

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THE FAMILY OF

James M. and Martha Jane (Roberts) Sparks

(See page 3050)

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Elder, continued:

We have records of three Sparks marriages in Fayette County, Georgia, in the 1820s. These may have been children of Abel and Elizabeth (Benge) Sparks:

Sarah Sparks to David L. Wilkins, May 18, 1823

Elizabeth Sparks to John Dent, July 15, 1825

Ettiene Sparks to Elizabeth Lyle, December 24, 1826

Another son of Abel Sparks, the Elder may have been named Matthew. A Matthew Sparks was listed on the 1840 census of Coweta County, Georgia, and was living very near Marberry Sparks. Born between 1800 and 1810, this Matthew Sparks headed a household consisting of a female in the same age category as himself (doubtless his wife), along with six children: 2 males under 5 years; 1 male between 5 and 10; 1 female between 10 and 15; and 2 females between 5 and 10. There was also a male between 20 and 30, perhaps he was a hired man or he may have been a relative of Matthew or his wife. (Could this have been the Matthew Sparks who married Nancy Sparks in Newton County, Georgia, on March 11, 1828?) We have not identified this Matthew Sparks on any 1850 census.

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## ABEL SPARKS, THE YOUNGER

## SON OF JOSEPH SPARKS

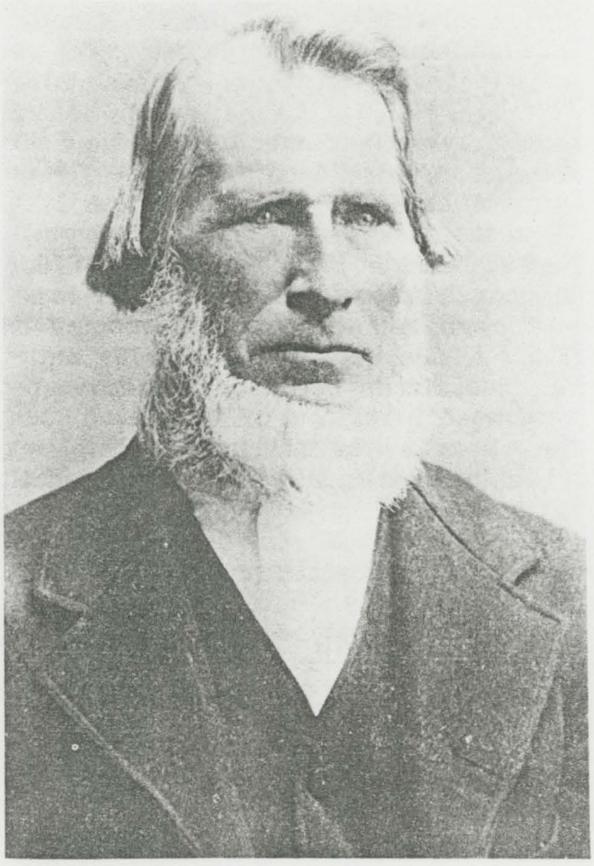
When the younger Abel Sparks died in 1872, his age, as given on his tombstone, was 94. When his wife, Sarah Sparks, died in 1853, her age was given as 74. If these ages at the times of their deaths are correct, Abel was born in 1778 (possibly 1777 or 1779) and Sarah, his wife, was born in 1779 (possibly 1778 or 1780). Census records confirm the near correctness of these dates.

As noted earlier in this article, we are quite certain that this Abel Sparks, whom we have called "the Younger" in order to distinguish him from his uncle, Abel Sparks, the Elder, was a son of Joseph Sparks, a biographical sketch of whom appears on pages 3057-60 of the present issue of the QUARTERLY. We believe this in part because the age of Abel Sparks, the Younger matches the age of a son of Joseph Sparks enumerated on the 1800 census of Surry County, North Carolina. No other man named Sparks living in Surry or Wilkes Counties of North Carolina had a son born in or about 1778 whom we cannot otherwise account for.

Abel and Sarah Sparks were married in Surry or Wilkes County, North Carolina, about 1799. While we have found no record of their marriage, there can be little doubt but that Sarah's maiden name was Cochran. Descendants have always believed that this was her name. (Cochran was spelled in a variety of ways in the Wilkes County records, including "Cockerham.") We believe that it is significant that on December 12, 1801, Abel Sparks purchased a tract of 150 acres of land in Wilkes County, North Carolina, from Humphrey Cochran. (Deed Book E, p. 703) While in this deed, Humphrey's

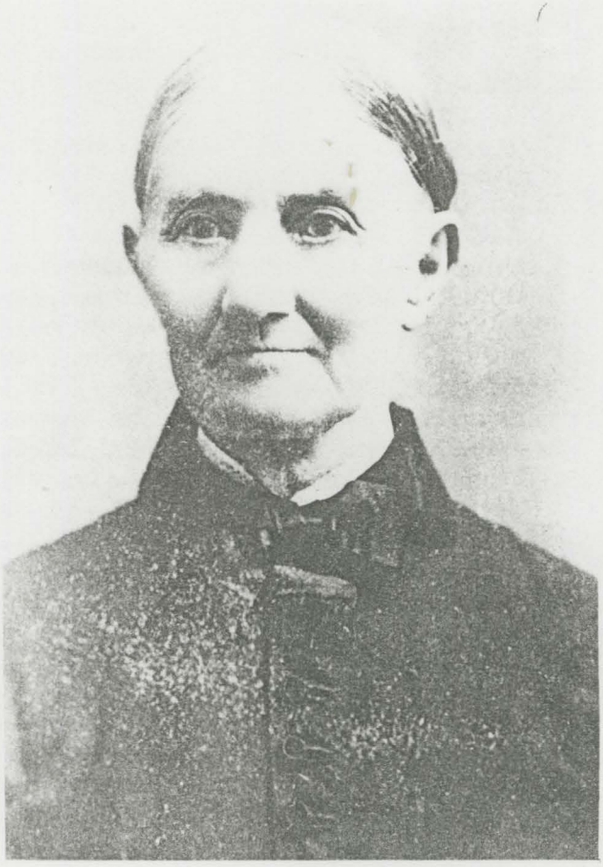
TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:



ABEL SPARKS

Born ca. 1778, Died 1872



SARAH (COCHRAN) SPARKS

Born ca. 1779, Died 1853

name was spelled "Cockerham," his name appears in some Wilkes County records as Cochran (also Cockran). A daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, Frances Sparks, who married Francis Creswell Kirkpatrick, named her first son James Cochran Kirkpatrick. This may suggest that Sarah's father was named James Cochran, though no one of that name has been found in Wilkes County records.

In the QUARTERLY of December 1958 (Whole No. 24, p. 337) we published a record of the children of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks from a family Bible then owned by the family of George William Wagner (who died in 1955). George William Wagner descended from a daughter of Abel and Sarah named Mary. This record pertains to Abel Sparks, the Younger, although at the time (1958) that we published the record we did not realize that there were two different men named Abel Sparks living in the Surry-Wilkes Counties area in the 1790s and early 1800s. In transcribing this Bible record for the QUARTERLY from a hand-copied sheet sent by a member of the Wagner family, we noted that

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

the dates of birth given for Abel and Sarah Sparks (both being 1767) seemed strange in relationship to the dates of birth of their thirteen children; if born in 1767, both Abel and Sarah would have been 33 years old when their first child was born in 1800, and both would have been 60 years old when their last child was born in 1827. Rarely, if ever, has a woman borne a child at the age of 60.

We assumed in the 1958 article that this was the same Abel Sparks known to have been a son of Solomon and Sarah, as noted earlier. Since that time, however, evidence has been found to prove that the birth date (1767) given for the younger Abel Sparks and his wife Sarah was wrong (see the records given above for their ages at their deaths appearing on their tombstones). Rather than being a son of Solomon and Sarah Sparks, Abel Sparks (whom we call "the Younger" here) was a grandson of Solomon and Sarah.

Since the publication of the 1958 article, we have obtained a photostatic copy of the family record in the Wagner Bible. From this it is clear that the names and dates of birth of Abel and Sarah Sparks, along with those of their thirteen children, were all written in the same hand and at the same time, that is, this record was copied from an earlier record. Perhaps it was taken from a family Bible once belonging to Abel Sparks, himself. What is especially interesting is the fact that the birth dates of Abel and Sarah were written originally in the Wagner Bible as follows:

"Abel Sparkes was born january 8th Anno Domini 1789
Sarah Sparkes was born May 1th Anno Domini 1789."

At a later date, in a different hand, the following was written in the Wagner Bible record above the entry for the birth of Abel Sparks: "corrected Born 1767" and above the entry for Sarah Sparkes was written simply "1767." Why was this correction made? We can speculate that someone, at some point, must have realized that if Abel and Sarah had been born in 1789, as originally written in the Wagner Bible, they would have been only 11 years old in 1800 when their first child was born. While the date "1789" was obviously wrong, subsequent events (e.g. their ages given on census records and their ages at death on their tombstones, as well as the fact that no woman could bear a child at age 60) prove that "1767" was likewise wrong.

Where did the date "1767" come from? Since this seems to be very nearly the date of birth of the elder Abel Sparks (son of Solomon and Sarah), we wonder whether the person who made the change in the Wagner Bible record may have had access to the record of the births of the children of Solomon and Sarah Sparks and assumed, as did we in 1958, that there had been but one Abel Sparks.

In our earlier discussion of the elder Abel Sparks, reference was made to the 1800 entry in the Wilkes County Court Minutes for an Abel Sparks being one of a group of men charged with laying out a road "from Brooks road at Surry County line into the road that leads down the Yadkin on the south side." While we cannot be certain, we think it probable that this referred to the younger Abel Sparks. (It is interesting that in this list of men charged with building this road, the name of Humphrey Cockerham (or Cochran) immediately precedes that of Abel Sparks.)

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

It was on December 12, 1801, that Abel Sparks purchased from Humphrey Cockerham (or Cochran) a tract of land in Wilkes County consisting of 150 acres. (Book E, p. 703) Both Humphrey Cockerham and Abel Sparks were identified in the deed as residents of Wilkes County. Abel Sparks paid Cockerham "One Hundred Pounds Courantcy." The tract was described in the deed as follows: "... lying and being in the County of Wilkes beginning on the East fork of Swan Creke on Timothy Sisks line running with the sd line South to a stake in James Foxes line then East running with sd line to a white oak on the County line thence North with the County [line] to the Long Glade Creek thence running down sd crick with the various Courses of the stream to the beginning." The witnesses to this deed were Mordecoi Samuel and James Dowell. Though signed on December 12, 1801, this deed was not recorded in the Wilkes County Courthouse until February 1805.

Unfortunately, no tax lists are available for Wilkes County between 1800 and 1805. Abel Sparks was taxed for 100 acres of land in Captain John Martin's District in Wilkes County in 1805. Since the elder Abel Sparks had been in Georgia for at least two years when this tax list was prepared, we have no doubt that this refers to Abel Sparks, the Younger.

While the Wagner Bible record quoted earlier regarding the family of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks was obviously in error regarding the dates of birth of both Abel and Sarah, the record of the births of their children seems to be accurate, according to descendants. This record reads as follows:

1. George Sparkes, born October 14, 1800
2. Hannah Sparkes, born May 9, 1802
3. Frances Sparkes, born Octobr 27, 1803
4. Elizabeth Sparkes, born April 13, 1805
5. Ann Sparkes, born June 7, 1808
6. Martha Sparkes, born April 1, 1811
7. Solomon Sparkes, born September 5, 1812
8. John Sparkes, born March 25, 1814
9. Mary Sparks, born October 25, 1815
10. Sarah Sparkes, born September 13, 1817
11. Abraham Sparkes, born July 27, 1821
12. Rebecca Sparkes, born December 27, 1825
13. Jane Sparkes, born July 19, 1827

Our last record of Abel Sparks, the Younger that we have found in North Carolina is dated 1807. The Wilkes County court records indicate that Abel served on a jury there on August 5, 1807. He again served on a jury in Wilkes County on September 21, 1807. (See the Winter 1982 issue of the quarterly publication [it has no title] of the Wilkes Genealogical Society, Vol. 16, No. 4, p. 10.)

Abel Sparks, the Younger moved with his family to Tennessee sometime after September 1807, where they remained until at least 1815. He was taxed in Franklin County, Tennessee, in 1812. (See Index to Early Tennessee Tax Records by Byron & Barbara Sistler, published in Evanston, IL in 1977.) By 1820, however, Abel Sparks had again moved his family, this time to the new state of Illinois, settling in Bond County according to the federal census of that year. Abel Sparks did not appear on the 1830 census of Illinois, however, because by that time he had taken his family to Crawford County,

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

Missouri. In fact, the move to Missouri probably came no later than the summer of 1827 because Abel's youngest daughter, Jane, who was born July 19, 1827, gave her place of birth in later years as Missouri.

Abel Sparks, the Younger made one more major move in his lifetime--sometime before 1840. In this instance, however, he may have simply accompanied a son in his attempt to better himself. Abel's son John was living in Grant County, Wisconsin Territory, when the 1840 census was taken, while his son George was in Iowa County of Wisconsin Territory. From the enumeration of the household of George Sparks on the 1840 census, it appears that his parents were then living with him.

When the 1850 census was taken of Grant County, Wisconsin, Abel and Sarah Sparks were listed (on November 2, 1850) as living with their son Solomon Sparks, near the town of Lima. (The 1850 federal census was the first to list each member of each household by name.) Solomon Sparks, son of Abel and Sarah, was identified as a farmer, 40 years old, with real estate valued at $1,200. His place of birth was given as Tennessee. Abel and Sarah, both shown as born in North Carolina, were listed as 70 years of age. Also listed in the same household of Solomon Sparks (who never married) was 23-year-old Lucinda Sparks (thus born about 1827) whose place of birth was given as Missouri. We believe that this was intended for Jane Sparks (born July 19, 1827), the youngest daughter of Abel and Sarah Sparks--perhaps her middle name was Lucinda, or the census taker may simply have misunderstood her name. Also living in the household of Solomon Sparks were three males who were probably hired men or boarders. They were: William Wagner, age 15, laborer; Jesse Crow, age 27, miner; and Jasper Wilkerl, age 20, larborer.

In 1853, Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, wife of Abel, died. She was buried in Grant County, Wisconsin, about one mile south of the hamlet called Arthur. Located on land owned by a McReynolds family today, the cemetery is called the McReynolds Cemetery. (Two daughters of Abel and Sarah Sparks married men named McReynolds, Nancy and Jane.) The inscription on Sarah's tombstone reads: "Sarah, wife of Abel Sparks, Died August 12, 1853, Aged 74 years."

When the 1860 census was taken, Abel Sparks, 82 years old, was again listed by the census taker as living with his bachelor son, Solomon Sparks, in Grant County, Wisconsin. The census taker, however, mistakenly wrote his name as "Abraham"; in the column for occupation, he wrote "Gentleman." In 1870, Abel Sparks was again listed by the census taker as living with his son Solomon; he was now 92, and under occupation this time the census taker wrote "keeping house."

According to the inscription on his tombstone in the McReynolds Cemetery, Abel Sparks died on December 27, 1872, at the age of 94. He was buried beside his wife, Sarah.

When Solomon Sparks, son of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, died in 1880 without issue and without leaving a will, his brother, Abraham Sparks, requested the county probate judge to appoint Thomas Watson as administrator of the estate. A man named George Clementson was directed to identify the heirs of Solomon Sparks. His report contains helpful data regarding the descendants of Abel and Sarah, as will be noted below.

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

1. George Washington Sparks, son of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on October 14, 1800, in North Carolina. He was still living when his brother, Solomon Sparks, died in 1880. We know that he came to Wisconsin Territory, as did his parents, and that he was living in Grant County when the 1850 census was taken. At that time, he was a miner with real estate valued at $1,500. Living with him in 1850 was Philena Sparks, age 26, whom we assume was his wife, although she was much younger that he, having been born in or about 1824 in Illinois. On the 1860 census, however, his wife's name appears as "Thelura Sparks." The one-year-old child, Albert Sparks, on the 1850 census was born in Wisconsin about 1849 and was doubtless a son. When the 1860 census was taken of Lima, Grant County, Wisconsin, George Sparks's family was listed as follows:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Sparks | | 59 | Male | (born) | North Carolina |
| Thelura | " | 35 | Female | | Illinois |
| Albert | " | 10 | Male | | Wisconsin |
| John | " | 9 | Male | | " |
| Sarah L. | " | 7 | Female | | " |
| Benity[?] | " | 3 | Male | | " |
| Mary | " | 2/12 | Female | | " |

2. Hannah Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on May 9, 1802, probably in North Carolina before the family moved to Tennessee. In the list of heirs of Solomon Sparks prepared in 1880, his sister, Hannah, was identified as being deceased, her married name having been Glenn. Her heirs (children and several grandchildren) in 1880 were identified as follows:

   a. William Carroll Glenn of Mifflin, Iowa County, Wisconsin.
   b. George W. Glenn, of Cory, Dade County, Missouri.
   c. Jonathan S. Glenn, of Cory, Dade County, Missouri.
   d. Nancy J. Glenn, married ----- Johnstone; of Cory, Dade County, Missouri.
   e. Sarah E. Glenn, married ----- Johnson; of Spring Valley, Madison County, Arkansas.
   f. Julia Ann Glenn, married ----- Harris. She had died before 1880 and her children were listed as: (1) Mahalia Epperson; (2) Andrew Jackson Harris; (3) Elkana Delanah Pemberton Harris; (4) Jonathan S. Harris; and (5) Josephine Akins. All were of Cory, Dade County, Missouri.
   g. John B. E. Glenn, deceased. His children were identified as: (1) James M. Glenn and (2) Frances M. Glenn, both of Hineville, Madison County, Arkansas.
   h. Martha A. Glenn, deceased. She married ----- Sullenger and had the following children: (1) J. M. Sullenger, and (2) J. C. Sullenger. Both were of Joplin, Missouri.
   i. James B. Glenn, deceased by 1880. He had one living son in 1880, George W. Glenn, Jr. of Cory, Dade County, Missouri.
   j. Taylor Glenn, deceased by 1880. According to the papers settling the estate of Solomon Sparks, Taylor Glenn's children "are supposed to be somewhere in Kansas," but Mr. Clementson, the administrator of Solomon Sparks's estate, could not locate them.

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

Children of Hannah (Sparks) Glenn, continued:

k. Louisa Jane Glenn, deceased by 1880. She had married ----- Harris, and they had a daughter named Lucy Ann Harris who had also died by 1880. Lucy Ann Harris had married ----- Colclasure and had three children (who were thus great-grandchildren of Hannah [Sparks] Glenn). Their names were: (a) George Washington Col-Clasure; (b) Susan Ann Colclasure; and (c) John Colclasure who was born in 1880.

3. Frances Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born October 27, 1803, probably in North Carolina before the family moved to Tennessee. (Some of Frances' descendants have long believed that she was born in Davidson County, Tennessee; we know, however, that Abel Sparks was still in Wilkes County, North Carolina, as late as 1807; furthermore, her place of birth was given as North Carolina on the 1850 and 1860 censuses.) She was married to Francis Creswell Kirkpatrick on October 10, 1822, in Jackson County, Missouri. He had been born on February 4, 1803, and died on June 3, 1877. Frances was called Frances Kirkpatrick in the papers settling the estate of her brother, Solomon Sparks, in 1880, though she is known to have married a man named Scott as her second husband. She died on January 19, 1881. The children of Frances Sparks and her husband, Francis Creswell Kirkpatrick, were:

a. George A. Kirkpatrick was born on August 18, 1823, and died on November 25, 1823.

b. James Cochran Kirkpatrick [his nickname was "Jamison"] was born in Mina Burton, Washington County, Missouri, on December 24, 1824, and died in Roberts, Wisconsin, on December 16, 1910. He married Mary Mundon on February 25, 1846. An obituary preserved by an aunt's descendant contains the following: "Mr. Kirkpatrick has been a resident of Wisconsin continuously since April 4, 1827, with the esception of one year spent in the California gold fields, to which he, in company with the late Hugh Livingston, Sam Livingston, and William Kirkpatrick, drove overland with wagon outfits in the spring of 1850, returning to Wisconsin in November, 1851. He attended the winter terms of the common schools in his early boyhood and later followed the business of lead mining to some extent. For many years he was an extensive farmer, giving much attention to the breeding of fine horses and cattle. After leaving the farm, he came to Rewey where for several years he was the popular landlord of the Kirk-patrick Hotel, which was justly famous as one of the best in south-western Wisconsin. ..."

The children of James Cochran and Mary (Mundon) Kirkpatrick were: (1) Frederick M. Kirkpatrick, born May 5, 1847; (2) Jesse Kirk-patrick, born April 1849; (3) Frances Kirkpatrick, born 1853; (4) James Dyer Kirkpatrick, born February 3, 1855; (5) Walter Kirk-patrick, born August 18, 1860; (6) George W. Kirkpatrick, born July 19, 1866; and (7) Frank Leslie Kirkpatrick, born October 19, 1868.

c. George W. Kirkpatrick was born April 5, 1826, and died June 16, 1864. He married Rachel Woodward on April 14, 1855. She was born December 2, 1834, and died September 2, 1867. They are known to

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

Children of Frances (Sparks) Kirkpatrick, continued:

to have had two sons: (1) Frank Kirkpatrick; and (2) James H. Kirkpatrick, born January 10, 1856.

d. Sarah J. Kirkpatrick was born July 10, 1828, and died June 18, 1832.

e. William Dennis Kirkpatrick was born February 22, 1830, and died April 15, 1903. He married Jeanette Bacon on May 20, 1856. She was born October 17, 1836, in Ohio; she died July 7, 1914, in Wisconsin. Their children were: (1) Jerome Kirkpatrick; (2) Frank Chrystle Kirkpatrick; (3) Fanny Kirkpatrick; (4) Cora Kirkpatrick; (5) Kitty Kirkpatrick; (6) Mary Kirkpatrick; (7) Nell Kirkpatrick; (8) Emma ["Bae"] Kirkpatrick; (9) Lottie Kirkpatrick; (10) John William Kirkpatrick; and (11) Richard Kirkpatrick.

f. Elizabeth A. Kirkpatrick was born October 18, 1831, and died March 31, 1914. She married Jesse S. Jones on October 9, 1850. He was born December 21, 1831, and died March 14, 1910.

g. Vance L. Kirkpatrick was born July 3, 1834, and died December 18, 1902. He married Mary Hannon on May 25, 1862. She was born on August 15, 1846, in Ireland; she died June 5, 1905. Their children were: (1) Susan Kirkpatrick; (2) Vance M. Kirkpatrick; and (3) Delphine [or Dalphine] Kirkpatrick.

h. Martha E. Kirkpatrick [called "Nellie") was born November 29, 1836. She married William D. Bull and they went to California in 1849.

i. Elvira ["Vie"] Kirkpatrick was born October 23, 1838. She married Harry [or Hyde] Pauley.

j. Frances Creswell ["Frankie"] Kirkpatrick was born October 22, 1840, and died June 8, 1917. She married William W. Gunsaulis on May 25, 1862. He was born August 14, 1840, and died December 11, 1880. Their children were: (1) Frances Anna Gunsaulis; (2) Frederick Alvin Gunsaulis; (3) Mary Theresa died as an infant; and (4) Sarah Ellen ["Nellie"] Gunsaulis.

k. Francis Marion Kirkpatrick was born July 4, 1843, and died October 4, 1910. He married Catherine Hannon on December 23, 1863. Their children were (order not known and not a complete list): (1) Jessie or Jesse Kirkpatrick; (2) Ella Kirkpatrick; (3) William Wesby Kirkpatrick; (4) Frank M. Kirkpatrick; (5) Catherine ["Kitty"] Kirkpatrick; (6) Ernie Kirkpatrick; and (7) John Kirkpatrick.

l. Frederick C. Kirkpatrick was born October 23, 1845, and died October 22, 1890. He married Julia A. Crosby in 1870.

(Note: The above record of the family of Frances (Sparks) Kirkpatrick has been compiled from family records supplied by two descendants: Nellie E. Heward and Mel Kirkpatrick. A list of contributors, with their addresses, appears at the end of this article.)

4. Elizabeth Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on April 13, 1805, probably in North Carolina. She married John McMannus (or McManus) in Washington County, Missouri, on April 24, 1828 [or 1829?]. The marriage was performed by a justice of the peace named Airs Hudspeth.

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

Elizabeth (Sparks) Hudspeth had died prior to the settlement of her brother's estate in 1880. Three surviving children were identified in those estate papers:

a. Charles McMannus. He was living in Lima, Grant County, Wisconsin, in 1880.

b. Ann McMannus. She was living in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1880.

c. Ellen McMannus. She married ----- Rose and was living in DeWitt, Carroll County, Missouri, in 1880.

5. Ann Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on June 7, 1808, probably in Tennessee. She was called Nancy in the estate papers of her brother, Solomon Sparks, in 1880. (Nancy may have been a nickname of Ann, or Nancy may have been her real name with Ann a nickname; the Wagner Bible record shows her as Ann.) She married Isaac W. McReynolds who moved to Freeborn County, Minnesota, settling on a farm west of Albert Lea in 1856. She was referred to as "Nancy McReynolds" in her brother's estate papers. Isaac W. McReynolds had been born in North Carolina in 1806. We have no record of their children.

6. Martha Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on April 1, 1811, in Tennessee. A great-great-grandson of Martha (Orval L. Woodard) has supplied information regarding her and her family. He reports that her tombstone in Buckwheat Ridge Cemetery in Grant County, Wisconsin, carries the inscription: "Born 1 April 1811, Died 30 June 1886." We know from the papers settling the estate of Martha's brother, Solomon Sparks, that she had married a man named Costley. Mr. Woodward informs us that his name was Pierson Costley, and that they were married in Crawford County, Missouri, in 1831. His parents were William and Margaret (Hunter) Costley who moved from Christian County, Kentucky, to Missouri, and then to Greene County, Illinois, in 1819. Pierson Costley died in 1850 in Missouri leaving Martha with a very large family. Word of his death was sent to her family in Wisconsin and a brother (probably Solomon) came for her and brought her and her children to Grant County. These children were:

a. Sarah Costley was born November 21, 1832; she died in 1886. She was married twice, first to Philip Matheson on March 2, 1851, and, second, to Nathaniel Wayne. Her residence was given as Crawford County, Wisconsin, in her uncle's estate papers in 1880. One of the four children of Sarah by her first husband was Rebecca Mattison (the name was spelled both as Matheson and Mattison). Rebecca's father died three months prior to her birth. She was Orval L. Woodard's paternal grandmother.

b. Margaret Costley is believed to have been a twin of Sarah, born November 21, 1832. She was not listed as an heir in the estate papers of Solomon Sparks in 1880.

c. Elizabeth Costley was born February 16, 1834. She married Samuel Wayne. Her residence was given as Crawford County, Wisconsin, in 1880.

d. Mary Costley was born about 1835. She married Solomon Harleoad in 1856. She was not listed as an heir in the estate papers of Solomon Sparks in 1880.

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

Children of Martha (Sparks) Costley, continued:

e. William Costley was born ca. 1837. His residence was given as Arrapahoe, Nebraska, in 1880. He married Amanda Reed.

f. Melissa A. Costley, born c. 1838. She married, first, Robert Neeley and, second, Dr. Albert Anderson. In 1880 her name was given as Melissa Henderson of Clifton, Grant County, Wisconsin.

g. Francis Costley was born ca. 1840. He was killed in the Civil War.

h. Rebecca Costley was born ca. 1841. In 1880 her name was given in the papers settling the estate of Solomon Sparks as Rebecca Kinney of Crawford County, Wisconsin.

i. Joseph D. Costley was born ca. 1842. His residence was given simply as "Nebraska" in the settlement of Solomon Sparks's estate in 1880.

j. Polk Costley [he was called "Dallas"] was born ca. 1844. He died before his uncle's estate was settled in 1880 and in the papers settling that estate, his infant children were identified as "Clara Costly who resides at Ellenboro, Wis., with John Cannon, Samuel Costly who resides at Woodman, Wis. with John MeLemans, William Jo Costly who resides at Nora Springs, Floyd Co., Iowa with R. Rowley, Mildred M. Costly and Sarah J. Costly who reside at Meroa, Mitchell Co., Iowa, with Michael Brackes."

7. Solomon Sparks, son of Abel and Sarah Sparks, was born on September 5, 1812, in Tenessee and died on March 17, 1880. He was buried in the McReynolds Cemetery near his parents. The inscription on his tombstone reads: "Solomon Sparks, son of Abel and Sarah, died March 17, 1800, aged 67 years, 6 mo., 12 das." He left an estate valued at $15,000 which was divided among his three living brothers, his five living sisters, and the heirs of his four deceased sisters. So far as we know, Solomon Sparks never married.

8. John Sparks, son of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on March 25, 1814, in Tennessee. He married Mary ["Polly"] Ann Kirkpatrick who died on September 9, 1876; she was buried in the Kirkpatrick Cemetery in Iowa County, Wisconsin, near Rewey. She was a sister of Francis C. Kirkpatrick who married Frances Sparks. He was probably the John Sparks shown on the 1830 census of Morgan County, Illinois, with a household of two males and one female. On the 1840 Territorial census of Wisconsin, he was listed as living in Grant County; in 1846, he was living in adjoining Iowa County where he was also listed in the 1850 census (in Mifflin Township). From census records, we believe that he had the following children:

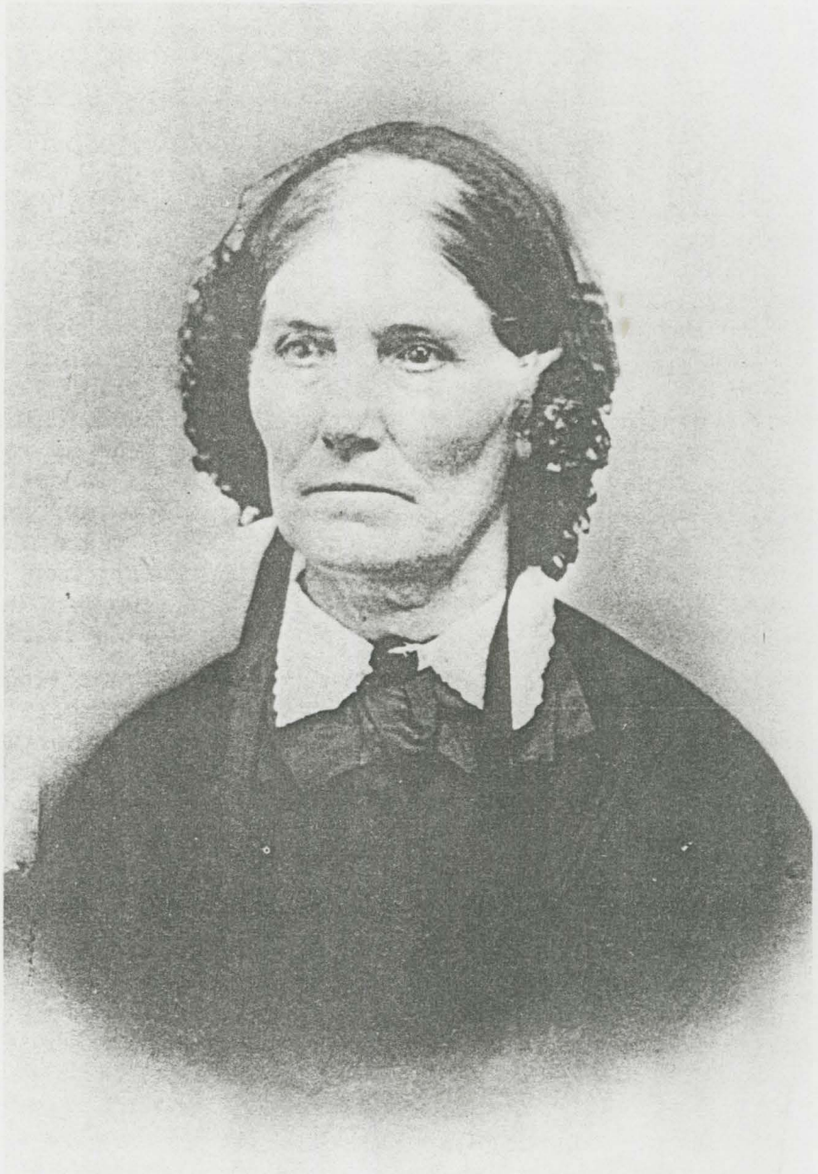
a. Sarah E. Sparks, born about 1838.

b. Columbus Sparks, born about 1841.

c. John M. Sparks, born March 11, 1843; he died on January 8, 1873, near Correctionville, Iowa, during a blizzard--he and a neighbor who had gone after wood became lost. He served in Company E of the 30th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers in the Civil War. He married Caroline Hake in Grant County, Wisconsin, on March 8, 1866. She was still living in 1929 when, at the age of 87 and a resident of Pierre, South

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:



MARY (SPARKS) WAGNER BROWN

Daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks

Born October 25, 1815, Died May 10, 1879

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

Dakota, she applied for a pension based on her husband's service in the Civil War. She identified their children as: (1) Wesley B. Sparks, born January 18, 1867; (2) William L. Sparks, born April 17, 1868; (3) Nellie E. Sparks, born November 6, 1871; and (d) John E. Sparks, born September 28, 1872.

9. Mary Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on October 25, 1815, in Tennessee. She died on May 10, 1879, in Hampton, Franklin County, Iowa. She was married twice and had children by both husbands. According to a descendant, Dorothy L. Creely, there is a marriage record on file in Cooper County, Missouri, dated September 26, 1830, for Jacob Waggoner and Polly Sparks. "Polly" was, of course, a common nickname for Mary, so this is definitely the record of marriage of Mary, daughter of Abel and Sarah Sparks, to her first husband, Jacob Wagner. According to this marriage record, Mary Sparks ("Polly") was from Callaway County, Missouri, when she was married to Jacob Wagner in Cooper County. Although the 1830 census indicates that Abel Sparks and his family were living in Crawford County, Missouri, when the federal census of 1830 was taken, the fact that Abel's daughter, Mary, was married in Missouri in September 1830 (she lacked a month of being 16 years old), provides further proof that Abel Sparks had moved to Missouri from Bond County, Illinois, sometime between 1820 and 1827. (Jane Sparks, the youngest child of Sarah and Abel, was born in Missouri on July 19, 1827.)

   Jacob Wagner, first husband of Mary Sparks, had been born in Palatine, New York, on August 24, 1807. He was a farmer living in Grant County, Wisconsin, when, about 1844, he was killed by a neighbor who struck him on the head with a fence post. It was winter and there was a great deal of snow; Jacob Wagner had taken down this man's fence in order to take a short cut home.

   Mary (Sparks) Wagner married, as her second husband, Joseph Brown who had been born about 1810 and died about 1860. He was a Quaker, born in Pennsylvania, and lived his adult life in Grant County, Wisconsin.

   A photograph of Mary (Sparks) Wagner Brown appears on page 3079. The original of this photograph was loaned to the Editor by the late Lucia A. Stephens.

   The children of Mary Sparks by her first husband, Jacob Wagner, were:

   a. Elizabeth Wagner was born January 22, 1832, and died March 17, 1923. She married Samuel Wanamaker. A photograph provided by Dorothy Creely appears on page 3081.

   b. George Wagner, born May 1, 1833, died March 9, 1863. He did not marry.

   c. Sarah Jane Wagner was born on May 22, 1834; she married Jake Wire in Platteville, Wisconsin, in 1853. They moved to Hampton, Iowa, in 1867. Sarah Jane died in Laguna Beach, California, on December 12, 1921; Jacob Wire died there on April 12, 1905. They had four children: three sons named Ira F. Wire, Venette Wire, and Frank Wire, and one daughter named Adria (Wire) Smith. A photograph of Sarah Jane (Wagner) Wire appears on page 3081 with her four children and their spouses along with a number of grandchildren. Sarah Jane is the elderly lady seated in the top row, second from the right.

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

Elizabeth (Wagner) Wanamaker

Daughter of Mary (Sparks) Wagner



Below: Family of Sarah (Wagner) Wire



TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

The family members appearing in the photograph at the bottom of page 3081 have been identified by Dorothy Creely as follows: Top row, left to right, Frank Wire, Charlotte Wire, Adria (Wire) Smith, Lucinda (Chryst) Wire, Sarah (Wagner) Wire, and Kennth Smith; middle row, left to right, Ira L. Wire, Dallas Wire, Charlie Wire, Lela Wire, Lola Wire, Marvel Wire, and Kenneth Smith; bottom row, left to right, Ira F. Wire, Harold Wire, Madge Wire, Lela Collins, Marie Wire, Musette Wire, John Collins, Blanch Collins, and Vinette Wire.

Children of Mary Sparks by her first husband, Jacob Wagner, continued:

d. Jesse William Wagner, born June 28, 1835, died June 1, 1922. He did not marry. (He appears in the photograph on page 3083 with the family of his brother, Jacob Harrison Wagner.)

e. Emdine Catherine Wagner, born January 9, 1837, died February 1, 1929. She married Scott Vincent.

f. Solomon Wagner, born August 20, 1838, died January 20, 1924. He was married five times. His first wife's name was Sullivan and his second wife's name was Pricella Ice Ward. The names of the others are not known. He was buried in or near Stockton, California.

g. Jasper Newton Wagner, born November 4, 1839. He never married. He was lost during a storm from a wagon train going west.

h. Jacob Harrison Wagner, born February 28, 1841, died February 25, 1929. He married Margaret Horning and they lived in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Their children were: (1) May Belle Wagner, born March 3, 1868; (2) Adda Blanche Wagner, born May 26, 1869; (3) Charles O. Wagner, born July 14, 1872; (4) George William Wagner, born September 18, 1874; (5) Cora E. Wagner, born October 19, 1877; (6) Nellie Vearl Wagner, born September 30, 1880; (7) Jay H. Wagner, born September 3, 1884; (8) Birdie Wagner, born November 1, 1888; and (9) Henry Ross Wagner, born December 4, 1890.

The children of Mary Sparks by her second husband, Joseph Brown, were:

j. Apame Ann Brown, born March 25, 1845; died May 1909. She married Bentley Wheeler. In 1880, according to the estate papers of her uncle, Solomon Sparks, she was living in Hampton, Iowa.

j. Minerva Brown, born November 14, 1846, died in June, 1921. She married Charles Humphrey. In 1880, according to the estate papers of her uncle, Solomon Sparks, she was living in Hampton, Iowa.

k. John Brown, born July 23, 1848; died August 24, 1920. He married Mary Ann Gullickson. In 1880, according to the estate papers of his uncle, Solomon Sparks, he was living in Yankton, South Dakota.

l. Dave Brown, born August 20, 1850; died in February 1914. He married Evelyn Medley. In 1880, according to the estate papers of his uncle, Solomon Sparks, he was living in Yankton, South Dakota.

m. Marques De Lafayette ["Mark"] Brown, was born June 14, 1852, and died December 26, 1899. He married Agnes Nowell.

n. Phoebe Brown, born July 9, 1854, died June 4, 1855.

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:



Family of Jacob Harrison & Margaret (Horning) Wagner

(Jacob and Margaret Wagner are seated; standing at the left is Jesse William Wagner, brother of Jacob. Jacob and Jesse Wagner were sons of Mary Sparks by her first husband, Jacob Wagner.)

The children of Mary Sparks by her second husband, Joseph Brown, continued:

o. Mary Idell Brown, born February 21, 1858, died December 18, 1933. She married Dr. John Pride. In 1880, according to the estate papers of her uncle, Solomon Sparks, she was living in Whittemore, Kossuth County, Iowa.

(Editor's Note: Much of the information regarding Mary [Sparks] Wagner Brown was supplied a number of years ago by Olive W. Harris of Clearfield, Utah, a great-granddaughter of Mary. Photographs of other members of this family appeared in the QUARTERLY of September 1972 [Whole No. 79], pp. 1495-97.)

10. Sarah Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on September 13, 1817, while the family was still living in Tennessee. She married William Dennis. She was still living in 1880 when she was identified in her brother's (Solomon Sparks's) estate papers as "Sarah Dennis."

TWO MEN NAMED ABEL SPARKS, continued:

Abel Sparks, the Younger, continued:

When the 1860 census was taken of Grant County, Illinois, William and Sarah (Sparks) Dennis were shown as having four children: (1) Robert Dennis, born ca. 1845; (2) Stephen Dennis, born ca. 1846; (3) Mary J. Dennis, born ca. 1847; and (4) John J. Dennis, born ca. 1850.

11. Abraham Sparks [he was also called "Abram"], son of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on July 27, 1821, in Bond County, Illinois. He married Susannah Caroline (Kirkpatrick) Mundon, widow of Frederick Mundon. (She had been born about 1811 in Georgia, according to census records.) She was some eleven years older than Abraham and had four children by her previous marriage when she and Abraham were married. Their names were William, Martha E., Hosea, and Theodosia L. Mundon (sometimes spelled Murdon). From census records, it appears that Abraham and Susannah were in Iowa County, Wisconsin, in 1850 at which time they had one child, James Sparks, born about 1849. Whether there were additional children, we do not know. Abraham was still living in 1880 when his brother's (Solomon's) estate was settled.

12. Rebecca Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on December 27, 1825. She married William Andrews. She was still living in 1880 when the estate of her brother (Solomon Sparks) was settled. We have no information regarding her family.

13. Jane Sparks, daughter of Abel and Sarah (Cochran) Sparks, was born on July 19, 1827, in Missouri. She was married to Hugh W. McReynolds and was still living at the time of the settlement of the estate of her brother, Solomon Sparks, in 1880.

    The following brief sketch appears in a History of Iowa County, Wisconsin, published by the Western Historical Company, Chicago, 1881, page 925: "H. W. McReynolds, dealer in general store; was born in Bond Co., Ill., in 1825; came to Wisconsin when quite small with his parents, who are both dead; when old enough, he worked in the mines; then went to Grant Co. in business; then to Rewey in October, 1880; he owns 160 acres of land in Sec. 31, finely improved; his wife, Jane Sparks, was born in Wisconsin, in 1845, daughter of an old settler; they married in 1861, and have five children: Celiste, Ulysses, Eva, James, Syrina; a member of I.O.O.F. and A., F. & A.M." (Editor's Note: We cannot account for the date of birth of Jane Sparks and the date of her marriage given in this sketch; these dates must be in error unless this is a different Jane Sparks.)

(Editor's Note: A number of descendants of the two men named Abel Sparks have contributed valuable data for the preparation of this article, including the following: George C. Burdette, 5243 Rockborough Trail, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; Dorothy Creely, 340 Nobel Dr., Santa Cruz, CA 95060; Ellene McKay George, 182 Dale Dr., Apt. 102, Kent, OH 44240; Olive W. Harris, 1095 S. 1000 East B, Clearfield, UT 84015; Nellie E. Heward, 2075 Potomac, Aurora, CO 80011; Mel Kirkpatrick, 10609 Upton Ave., S, Bloomington, IL 55431; Dorothy Stephens Heider, 1415 Sandpiper, Palm Desert, CA 92260; Nadine Sparks Stevenson, 345 Tulip St., Fairfield, CA 94533; and Orval L. Woodard, 20281 Panorama Lane, Colfax, CA 95713.)

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# THE FAMILY OF SAMUEL GENTRY, PART II

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As noted in a previous issue (No. 33, January 1987, pages 2-7), Samuel Gentry, son of the immigrant, sold his land in Louisa County, Virginia in 1757 and 1762 and moved to Lunenburg County in the southern part of the state. Although he appears to have been the first of the immigrant's sons to migrate, some of his own sons may have left Louisa even earlier. His wife is given in some of his land sales as "Ann." Although her maiden name is unknown, there is a possibility that it could have been Allen.

In setting forth the likely make-up of Samuel and Ann's family, at least one son, Joseph, was inadvertently omitted from the list. Joseph, born 1728, married Agness whose maiden name is thought to be Shelton.<1> Once again we are speculating, something our genial editor has wisely advised against. Our reason for doing so is that both women bore sons, whose first names may indicate their mother's maiden names. Agness' eldest son was named Shelton and Ann named one of her older sons Allen. Both names carried on for several generations, and the Allen and Shelton families were both found in Louisa and Lunenburg Counties, Virginia and also in Surry County, North Carolina where Joseph and Agness lived for many years. Although no pedigree should be built on speculation alone, there may be some Gentryologists who may wish to follow these very promising leads. The following is felt to approximate the configuration of Samuel's family as amended from Issue 33.

1. David, born 1718, married Sarah Brooks.
2. Nicholas, born 1720, married Mary Brooks.
3. Ann, born 1723, married French Haggard.
4. Allen, born 1725 married Mary -?-.
5. Joseph, born 1728, married Agness (Shelton?).
6. Richard, born 1730-1, married -?-.

7. Simon, born 1734-5, married Susanna Brown, May 1760, Cumberland County, Virginia.
8. Samuel, born 1737, married -?-.

As pointed out previously, births are approximations only. It is also noted that, as is always the case when families are reconstructed from strong evidence not backed by sources which furnish conclusive proof (marriage, death, and birth records), so is family placement. Also true is that unknown daughters may have been part of Samuel's family. The same is true for his children's families which follow.

## DAVID GENTRY and SARAH BROOKS

David and Sarah's first known appearance is found in the Louisa County deeds, Book A. page 75, where he and Sarah receive a deed of land by gift from Richard Brooks, who signed himself Richard "R" Brooks. The date of this transaction is 17 June 1743.

Five years later, this same acreage was sold to John Brooks, Book A, page 324, 22 August 1748, and said to be located on Dirty Swamp. It was likely about this time that David moved to Lunenburg County, for he is listed in the tithe book of Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County, in 1750, 1752, and 1764. This latter reference includes a note which says, "call him long David." This may have been a reference to David or his son.

Other transactions involving David are of interest. On 21 November 1757 he witnessed a land sale made by his father in Louisa signing himself David "D" Gentry, Deed Book B, page 184, and two years later he made a sale of his own in Lunenburg which was witnessed by his brothers, Joseph and Allen. In 1761, he witnessed a sale by William Allen of Lunenburg to Francis Ray of Johnston County, North Carolina. Two years earlier, 1759, David sold land with his brother Richard as a witness. He is called "of Johnson County, North Carolina." Unless the 1764 reference is to David Jr., he disappears from view after 1761. It is assumed that he died in the early 1760's because his widow, Sarah, and her brother, Elisha Brooks, received land grants in Colleton District in South Carolina in 1766.

Sarah's grant was for 450 acres, 100 acres for herself and 50 acres for each child living at home. The source for this grant is The Land Platts of South Carolina, Pre-Revolution, published by the South Carolina Historical Commission.<2> The 350 acres for Sarah's children shows that she still had seven children dependent on her at that time. The possible configuration of David and

Sarah's family, all of whom but one ended up in South Carolina, is as follows:

1. William, born 1742, married Virginia Sallie Craiggie<3>.
2. Hezekiah, born 1744, married Catherine Reynolds.<4>
3. Elisha, born 1746 married Naomi -?-.<5>
4. Elijah, born 1749, married Hannah -?-.<6>
5. Nicholas, born 1751, married Elizabeth Gibson.<7>
6. David, born 1753, married (1) Elizabeth Smith and (2) Mrs. Sarah Johnson.<8>
7. John, born 1755, married -?-.<9>
8. Simon, born 1758, married (2) Mrs. Rebecca Cobb.<10>
9. Allen Cain, born 1760, married Liddy Youngblood.<11>

## NICHOLAS GENTRY and MARY BROOKS

Where David spent his life in Virginia, and perhaps two years in North Carolina, his brother Nicholas left sometime later with his younger brothers and moved to North Carolina. Like David, Nicholas was also a son-in-law of Richard Brooks He married Richard's daughter, Mary, sometime around the marriage of David and Sarah (Brooks) Gentry.

Louisa Deed Book A, page 77, gives to "Nicholas the Younger" and his wife, Mary, land in Louisa County four days before that given to David and Sarah, 13 June 1743. However, where David did not sell out and move to Lunenburg until August 1748, Nicholas "N" Gentry sold out on 22 September 1746. This begs the unanswered question as to where Nicholas was until he appeared as witness to a land sale by his brother Joseph and wife Agness in Lunenburg County in 1756.

Again in 1759 he did the same, and then from 1762 to 1767, he participated with brothers, Richard and Allen, as witnesses to similar transactions. The following year he was taxed in Rowan, County, North Carolina, whither he and his brothers Joseph, Richard and Allen had just moved. In 1770, Surry County was formed from Rowan and the Gentry's ended up in the new county.

From 1770 until his death about 1800, Nicholas appears continuously in the Surry County tax records. He first settled near Joseph on Fishing Creek, but in 1788 he moved to Deep Creek near his brother, Richard. While the precise make-up of Nicholas' family is unknown, it is probable that a number of his children were daughters. The probable configuration of his family is as follows:

1. Samuel, born 1742, Louisa County, Virginia. He married -?- and died about 1800 in Surry County, North Carolina.<12>
2. Allen, born 1750, in Lunenburg Country, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Wadell and died in Wilkes County, North Carolina in 1825.<13>
3. Arthur, born 1756, in Lunenburg County, Virginia (age 4 in 1850 census of Anderson County, South Carolina). He married (1) -?- and (2) Rebecca -?-. He died 2 May 1851 in Alpharetts, Georgia, at the home of one of his children. <14>
4. Matthew, born 1765 (age 95 in 1860) in Lunenburg County, Virginia. He married (1) Elizabeth (Carter?) and (2) Cheruby -?-. He died in Habersham, Georgia, after 1860. He may have been named for his uncle, Matthew Brooks.<15>
5. Reuben, born 1768, married Cassandra -?-.<16> He moved from Surry to Anderson County, South Carolina, before 1790. Little else is known of him.
6. John, born 1772. Married Ruth -?-. He died in 1836 and his will was probated in Campbell County, Georgia, in Book A, page 14.<17>

## ALLEN and MARY GENTRY

Allen Gentry is one of two of Samuel's sons who remained in Virginia. The other is Simon who lived in Cumberland County. Allen always signs his name with a printed "A," thus Allen "A" Gentry. The Gentrys, like many of their day, had a penchant for Bible names. Allen is no exception. His three sons bore the names of the three young men in the Book of Daniel who were thrown by King Nebuchadnezzar into the fiery furnace: Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego. He also had at least two known daughters who are named in his will probated in Halifax County, Virginia, 26 July 1802.

Numerous land transactions in Allen's name appears in the Lunenburg County records, each of which involves a relative or a close landowner. Following a sell-out in Lunenburg in 1769, Allen moved to Casewell County, North Carolina. There in 1771-2, he, with his son Meshack and father, Samuel, signed a petition requesting a division of the county. Shortly thereafter, Person County was divided off and shortly after that Allen moved across the border to Halifax County, Virginia, and left two sons, Shadrack and Abednego in Person County. Shadrack remained where he was; Abednego eventually joined his uncles in Surry; while Meshack flitted back and forth between southern Virginia and northern North Carolina.

At least one of Allen's sons, Meshack, left an application for a pension for service in the Revolutionary War. In his application, Meshack says he was born in Louisa County, Virginia, about 1748. Gentry Family in America, page 256 gives the will of Allen Gentry who names his heirs as follows:

1. Shadrack, born 1746, Louisa County, Virginia. He married Susanna Davis, 23 August 1792. He died in the spring of 1842 and his estate was sold in Person County, North Carolina, 25 January 1843.<18>
2. Meshack, born 1748 in Louisa County, Virginia. He married Ann -?- and lived many years of his life in Surry County, North Carolina. He later moved to and died in Monroe County, Tennessee.<19>
3. Agness, born 1750, Lunenburg County, Virginia. She married a Whitmore as named in her father's will. His first name is unknown.<20>
4. Mary, born 1752-3, Lunenburg County, Virginia. She married Andrew Buchanan, also named in her father's will.<21>
5. Abednego, born 1758, Lunenburg County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth -?- and died 31 October 1844 in Surry County, North Carolina.<22>

## JOSEPH and AGNESS GENTRY

Joseph was born in Hanover County, Virginia, about 1728 and married his wife Agness (Shelton?) about 1753, probably in Louisa or Lunenburg County, Virginia. He was extremely active in land purchases and sales in both Lunenburg and Surry Counties, North Carolina. His life, for this reason, can be traced almost from its beginnings. Without doubt, births of the early children took place in Lunenburg and the later ones in Surry. Most of Joseph's land holdings in Lunenburg Country were on Reedy Creek and in Surry County on Fisher's River, a tributary of the larger Yadkin River. Quite obviously, Joseph led a very active life, and his wife Agness, who outlived him by about twelve years, was in on many of his land transactions.

Joseph and Agness' first son, William, married and died early. Apparently the couple wished to have a son by that name who lived. The second William of the couple was nicknamed Billey. He was about twenty to twenty-five years younger than the older William. In 1804, Joseph made his will which was probated nine years later, both in Surry County. Agness' will was probated in 1826. The wills, plus the marriage records of Surry County, make it

fairly easy to establish a clear picture of Joseph and Agness' family. The following demonstrates what is meant:

1. William, born 1755, Lunenburg Country, Virginia, died 1772 in Surry County. William had one daughter, Lucy.
2. Shelton, born 1747, Lunenburg County, Virginia, married Elizabeth -?-. His will was probated in 1737 and is found in Will Book 4, page 68.<23>
3. Samuel, born 1760, Lunenburg, Virginia, married (2) 24 May 1787, Sarah Brock; married (3) Elizabeth -?-. He moved to Barren County, Kentucky, where his will was dated 16 February 1816, Book 1, page 332.<24>
4. Elizabeth, born 1762, Lunenburg, Virginia, married Andrew Speere.
5. Nancy (Anne), born 1764, Lunenburg, Virginia, married John Ridens (Ridings?).
6. Agness (Aggie), born 1766, Lunenburg, Virginia, married William Hodges 28 January 1799.
7. Judith, born 1768, Rowan County, North Carolina, married Amos Hodges.
8. Sarah, born 1770-1, Rowan County, North Carolina, married Elisha Isaacs.
9. Susannah, born 1772, Surry County, North Carolina, married Joseph Ratcliff.
10. William (Billey), born 1775.

## RICHARD GENTRY and -?-

Richard Gentry, born 1730-1, was born in Hanover County, Virginia. He lived most of his life in Louisa and Lunenburg Counties in Virginia and Surry County, North Carolina. He left a will, probated on 8 January 1811, in Surry County, North Carolina, but names only an unnamed wife and one child, Mary, wife of William Ashley. The names given below are most likely his children because they owned or received land from him.

His name appears first in connection with the sale by his father, Samuel, in Louisa County, Virginia, in 1758. In 1759, 1766 and 1767 he was witness to land sales in Lunenburg. Following a brief stint with his brothers in Rowan County, North Carolina, beginning in 1768, he purchased land on the South Fork of the Yadkin River in 1778 in Surry County. He was taxed consistently with his sons in that area and on Fox Knobs Mountain from 1790 to 1800. In the 1790 census, he had four males over 16 (three sons plus himself) and two females, one apparently his wife. In November 1794, he bought 180 acres on Deep Creek, Book C, page 198 of the Deeds of Surry County.

All of his sons were gone from home by the 1800 census. His will was probated on 8 January 1811, but before his death he sold land to son, Simon, in 1794, 40 acres to John Martin in September 1801, lost 80 acres in a Sheriff's sale, probably to settle debts, in May 1799, and to William Brew, 40 acres in June 1810 -- all located on the waters of Deep Creek with William Gentry, another son, serving as a witness.

1. Richard, born 27 December 1755, Lunenburg County, Virginia. He married Jestin (Gestin) Hedgepeth (Hudspeth) on 27 October 1793. He left a Revolutionary War pension record, having moved to Kentucky.<25>
2. Nathaniel, born about 1760, Lunenburg County, Virginia. He married Ellender -?-, also served in the Revolution, moved to Greenville County, South Carolina, and later moved to Kentucky and Indiana.<26>
3. Simon, born about 1765, Lunenburg County, Virginia. He married Catherine -?-. He moved to Green County, Tennessee, and then to Kentucky.
4. Nicholas, born 12 October 1768, married Sarah Sparks on 8 July 1780 in Surry County, North Carolina. He later moved to Ashe County, North Carolina, where he raised his family.<28>
5. John, born 1770, in Rowan or Surry County, North Carolina. Nothing further is known about him.
6. Mary, born 1775 in Surry County, North Carolina, married William Ashley.
7. William, born 1780s in Surry Countys, North Carolina, married Betsey Day. Nothing more is known of him other than the record of his marriage to Betsey found in the Surry County marriage records.

## SIMON GENTRY and SUSANNAH BROWN

The first known mention of Simon is his marriage to Susannah Brown in May of 1760.<29> The second reference is when he witnessed the land sell-out of his father, Samuel, in Louisa in January of 1762. He did not follow his father and brothers to Lunenburg County. Instead, he spent the balance of his life in Cumberland County to the north and west of Lunenburg. Susanna Brown was the daughter of James and Mary Brown.<30>

Simon was born in Hanover County, Virginia, around 1734-5. It is thought that he was the next to the youngest of the children of Samuel and Ann. He was around sixty years old at his death, and his will, dated 5 November 1790, was probated 28 May 1792.<31> This followed by nearly twenty years, one of two land trans-

actions consumated in Cumberland County. On 23 August 1773 he bought 100 acres from Jeff Robinson of Chesterfield County.<32> One of his later sons-in-law, John Hatcher, is a witness to the transaction. A second purchase was made of 90 acres in 1787 from Simon Hughes. He was joined in this transaction by Thomas H. Drews and John Murry, both of Cumberland.<33> His will lists the following children, all girls:

1. Betty, born about 1761, married Neil Thompson.
2. Nancy, born about 1763, married John Hatcher.
3. Susanna, born about 1765, married Jeremiah Parker.

At least one Revolutionary War service claim was made by Simon during or after the conflict.<34>

SAMUEL GENTRY and -?-

Samuel Gentry was born about twenty years, 1737, after David, his oldest brother. His death, somewhere near the year 1800, occurred no doubt in Surry County. There, under date of 16 February 1800, Samuel gave his four sons 400 acres on Knob Mountain.<35> The land had been obtained as a land grant by Samuel earlier in December 1792.<36> It is from this deed in 1800 that we learn the names of his four sons, given below.

The 400 acres these sons were given are often confused with some 350 acres earlier obtained by Samuel, 50 acres in August 1774 on the south side of the Yadkin River from his brother, Joseph.<37> and 200 acres acquired from David Green on Beaver Dam of Forbes Creek in December 1782.<38> His four sons are said to be residents of South Carolina in the 1800 deed. We find them there in the 1790 and 1800 censuses.

1. Samuel, born 1755, in Lunenburg County, Virginia. Married Susan -?-. His estate was administered on 3 May 1819 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.<39>
2. Nicholas, born 1765, in Lunenburg County, Virginia. Married Sarah (Sally). He owned land on Ferguson's Creek of the Tyger River in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.
3. Allen, born 1767, in Lunenburg County, Virginia. Married -?-. He left South Carolina after 1800 and probably moved to Tennessee.
4. Jeremiah, born 1770, in Surry County, North Carolina. He probably moved to Georgia and then further west with his sons after 1830.

No daughters of Samuel are known to have existed, although two are listed for a Samuel in the 1790 census of North Carolina that may be his. At least three of the name, Samuel, lived in North Carolina at the same time, but it is theorized that he may have moved to South Carolina with his sons after 1792 when he received his land grant from the state of North Carolina.

Footnotes:

1. Joseph sold land in Lunenburg County, Virginia in 1756 to William Shelton in which he gives his wife's name as Agness. He did the same to Edward Drowsing in 1759 and gives his wife's name as Agness once again. His brother, Nicholas, witnessed this sale. With several of his brothers he went to Surry County, North Carolina, where he made will will on 17 November 1804. The same was probated in May 1813 and names Agness and living heirs. Their marriage appears to have lasted more than 55 years.

2. Sarah's land plat is published in the Land Plats of South Carolina, Pre-Revolutionary by the South Carolina Historical Commission. Inasmuch as the laws of South Carolina permitted women to take land in their own names, only if they were single or widows, David must have died betwen 1761 and 1766 (November 4) when this land was granted. It appears that Sarah traveled to South Carolina with her brother, Elisha, as he was granted a platt near hers at the same time. Following the grant, the land was surveyed on 7 January 1767 and said to be located on the Saluda River in Colleton District, 96 Creek. Gee Lee Hendrix, genealogist from Greenville, SC, and sometime contributor to GFG&GE suggests that the land originally was "likely in what is now Saluda or Greenwood Counties or likely Old Edgefield or Abbeville Districts, but it could be across the Saluda River in either Laurens or Newberry Counties..." Since these are preRevolutionary plats, she points out, "I saw no other Gentrys listed...save Sarah." She and her sizeable family appear to be the first of the Gentry name in South Carolina.

3. Gentry Family in America, page 324, speaks of William as owning land in Lunenburg County, North Carolina, along the Roanoke River. William's wife's name is found in the pre-1942 Patron's Section of the genealogical library in Salt Lake City on a family group sheet. No evidence is supplied to support the claim, but it should be noted that the patron either had access to special information in a family Bible or was in contact with someone of an even older generation whose memory or information spanned many years. Surely the name Virginia Sarah Craiggie is unusual enough that some relative could be motivated to follow its lead. The first mention in the Lunenburg Tithes for William

is 1750 through 1752. Once or twice he is listed with or next to his father, David.

4. Catherine is mentioned as Hezekiah's wife in the Union County, South Carolina Deed Book B, page 14. The year is given as 1787. The writer has long suspected that Catherine's maiden name was Reynolds. Their oldest son, often spelled Runnels, also named a son the same. Reynolds does indeed prove to be her maiden name as she has been shown to be the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Lewis) Reynolds. The Reynolds line has been traced back for several generations into England. Hezekiah's will is given in the Edgefield, South Carolina Will Book C, page 152 and probate occurred on 12 April 1824 and his estate sold on 19 May 1824. Clyde Hooks of Georgia is the source for the above information.

5. Elisha's will is found in Clark County and is recorded in Georgia Wills, Book A, page 9. His wife Neomy -?- and heirs are given also. This couple had a son named Martin, so her maiden name may have been that. Should it be uncovered by any would-be researcher, please share it with us all in GFG&GE.

6. Elijah's will was dated 9 August 1817 and was submitted for probate in Monroe County, Mississippi Territory. It gives only his wife Hannah as an heir, but at least three sons settled in this area of Mississippi about the time he did.

7. Nicholas is believed to be the one who met his death in 1782 at the hands of Indians. He and his son, John, according to tradition, had ventured outside the fort at Nashboro (now Nashville), Tennessee (then part of North Carolina). His heirs, including his widow, received 200 acres from North Carolina. The grant is recorded in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Grants, later to become Williamson County, Tennessee. Following her husband's death, Elizabeth married Isaac Mayfield from the same area. Her maiden name is supposed to be Gibson and is reported to be recorded in the Elias Mayfield family Bible in the possession of Mary Maude Carter of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. This clan of Gentrys moved from Williamson County, Tennessee to Texas by way of Gibson County, Tennessee, probably named for relatives. The 1850 census of Texas has a known son of Nicholas, George, as having been born in South Carolina. This gives us our strongest evidence that the Nicholas killed by Indians at Fort Nashboro, Tennessee, was indeed from South Carolina. Also, he is on the jury lists of district 96 in 1778-80, shortly before his move.

8. This is most likely the David of GFA, page 66, who is assigned to Nicholas III. We know this is wrong because David, son of Nicholas III, is definitely the one who married Elizabeth Whitlock and raised a family in Carolina, just across the line

from his father's place in Louisa County, Virginia. The David listed in GFA, page 66, was also born in Louisa County it is said, although his father ostensibly lived in Lunenburg County at the time. The David listed here married twice, first in South Carolina where his daughter Lucinda, born in 1792, reported her origin. The 1790 census credits David with three sons under 16 and one above plus three females. His second marriage took place, as given in his widow's pension application, in Anson County, North Carolina. He died 16 July 1847 in Jackson County, Tennessee.

9. The name John is fairly common for the Gentrys of South Carolina. The most that can be said is that this John is likely one of those in northwestern South Carolina in the 1790 census and likely he who, with his brother Nicholas, appears in the South Carolina jury lists for 1778-80. It is strongly believed that his immediate children moved west, probably into Georgia.

10. Simon was in court in 96 District Court (Edgefield area) in 1786 and 1787. The 1790 census of South Carolina shows him with five sons: two may be his wife's by a former marriage. She, Rebecca, appears in 1810 with three sons and is living next door to Sanders Cobb, believed to be her son by a former marriage. This family moved to Alabama Territory after the War of 1812 in which all served.

11. Allen Cain appears in the South Carolina census from 1790 through 1820. A deed made in Georgia by his father-in-law, Peter Youngblood, gives us his full name. He was primarily known throughout his life as Cain. His children moved to Alabama, Mississippi, and points west.

12. He is the Samuel whose four sons, Allen, Nicholas, Jeremiah, and Samuel moved to South Carolina prior to 1790 and are found there in the census for that year. When Samuel divested himself of his 400 acres on Fox Knobs Mountain in Surry County, he bequeathed it to his sons who lived in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. See Surry County Deed Book 1, page 147. Samuel obtained the land by grant from North Carolina in December 1792, Deed Book E, page 295.

13. Allen is partially misidentified, it is believed, in Gentry Family in America at page 258. His father is given as Shadrack and his birthplace as Halifax County, Virginia. The Allen, son of Shadrack and Susanna Davis of Halifax County, is of a different line as will later appear. The Allen here is assuredly the son of Nicholas. His will, dated 16 October 1824, was probated in Wilkes County, North Carolina. See Wilkes County Book 4, page 59.

14. Arthur was taxed in Surry County, North Carolina, from 1783 to 1799. In 1805, Arthur moved to the Pendleton District in South Carolina. He appears there in the 1820 and 1830 Pendelton census and in 1840 in Anderson County, South Carolina, where Arthur is given between 80 and 90. He owned land in South Carolina on 26 Mile Creek where he had transactions galore, a few with his brother John who also moved to South Carolina after 1800. He is buried in the Old Salem Cemetery in Anderson County, South Carolina. Arthur's estate was probated on 5 May 1851, three days after it was dated. A copy may be found in the will books of Anderson County.

15. The 1860 census of Habersham County, Georgia, has Matthew born in Virginia and age 95. He was probably named for his mother's brother, Matthew Brooks. He appeared first in the 1800 census of Edgefield County, South Carolina, and in the 1820 census of Pendleton County with his brother, Arthur. After 1820, he moved to Franklin County, Georgia, where he received land by lottery in the Wilkes District and the 1830 census. Matthew's first wife, Elizabeth, is thought to be a daughter of Dudley Carter because Dudley gave his heirs land in Edgefield County, Deed Book 29, page 475. Matthew later sells this land, and Elizabeth yielded all title to the land, but this may be only dower by right of marriage.

16. Reuben is something of a mystery. His assignment to this family is based upon his age and his presence in the census records of South Carolina and his close association with Arthur in South Carolina. In the Anderson County Court on 21 December 1848, Cassandra (some census have Cassa) appeared at the proceedings in Reuben's estate. John Gentry, a probably son, witnessed the estate document. In the 1840 Anderson County census, Reuben is between 60-70 (if we allow him as of age 65-70) making him born about 1770-plus. He may not belong to Nicholas' family but rather Arthur's. The latter is possible.

17. John received land from Nicholas Gentry "for love and affection" on 22 July 1800. This was on the South Fork of Deep Creek. On 1 November 1803 he witnessed Artha's purchase. This purchase was not acknowledged in court in 1829. He, like his brother Arthur, also made several purchases on 26 Mile Creek in Anderson County, South Carolina, Book S of Deeds, page 400. His brother, Samuel, witnessed John's purchase of a slave in 1807, Book N, page 259. In 1833, John was of Columbia County, Georgia and died there in 1836. See Will Book, A, page 14, for a list of his heirs. His wife, Ruth, may be the daughter of his uncle, Matthew Brooks.

18. Shadrack appears to have spent most of his adult life in Person County, North Carolina where he raised a medium-sized family. He left a family Bible containing the names of his children. The Bible is in possession of Gwendolyn Smith, a descendant. Mrs. Smith lives in Abilene, Texas. All of Shadrack's children married in Person County and their marriages are on record there.

19. Meshack's travels can be traced through Halifax County, Virginia through Surry County, North Carolina and on to Monroe County, Tennessee. He owned land at each place. It is suspected, but not known, that his wife may have been a Holcomb by birth.

20. Agness was likely named for her aunt, wife of Joseph. Although her husband's first name is unknown, it may be found by a search of the Whitmore deeds of Halifax County, Virginia.

21. Mary also likely married in Halifax County, Virginia, since no known reference to it is given in the Casewell County, North Carolina records. Those interested in tracing this family further is urged to commence their search there.

22. Abednego's death date can be found in the Allen D. and Nancy (Gentry) Gentry's divorce papers housed in the Monroe County, Tennessee courthouse. Nancy learned of her father's death through a letter received from his sister, Elizabeth Sparks, in 1845. Reference to the letter and its contents is found in the same divorce papers.

23. Shelton was taxed in Surry County, North Carolina in 1774 through 1830. He is found in Will Book 4, page 67 of Surry County. An account of his famnily will be given later on.

24. Samuel left Surry County and moved to Barren County, Kentucky where he raised his rather large family, most of whom moved to Indiana. He died in Barren County where his will is recorded. His personal family account will also appear later.

25. Richard died in Rockcastle County, Kentucky and his widow and children survived him. His military record in the National Archives is Number W8844, See Gentry Family in America, page 277.

26. Nathaniel moved from Greenville County, South Carolina with wife Ellender and a large family. They lived in Clay, Madison, and Lincoln Counties, Kentucky following which they moved about 1820 to Posey County, Indiana.

27. Simon eventually ended up in Monroe County, Kentucky where his children also lived nearby. He is age 50 in the Greene County, Tennessee census in 1830 with all children raised. A few of them at least appear to have married there prior to the Kentucky move.

28. Nicholas died in Ashe County, North Carolina in 1858. He had a family of nine children, most of whom also lived in Ashe County for a time. Information on him may be obtained from his family Bible in possession of Mrs. Carol Hopkins of Port Angeles, Wisconsin.

29. Cumberland County, Virginia marriage records, date as given.
30. The Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. James and Mary Brown file sheet, patron records.
31. Cumberland County Will Books, Book 2, page 524.
32. Cumberland County Deed Books, Book 5, page 184.
33. Ibid., Book 6, page 438.
34. Cumberland County, Revolutionary Service Claim Book, Court Book, page 20.
35. Surry County Deeds, Book I, page 147.
36. Ibid., Book E, page 195.
37. Ibid., Book A, page 76, 134-135.
38. Ibid., Book B, page 225.
39. Spartanburg Estate Record Index, File #12-23.

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## ON "PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE"

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"Handsome genealogical compilations with impressive charts and coats-of-arms continue to be produced by individuals and family associations. For the most part, their documentation of descendants of progenitors appears to be impeccable. A general weakness of many, however, reveals itself in their initial claims of descent regarding immigrant ancestors.

"Far too many amateur historians, once a statement has appeared in print, it is accepted as fact and cited as such." (emphasis added; Editor) These 'proofs' become established as 'prima facie evidence,' that is, accepted as true unless rebutted. Too frequently rebuttals do not find their way into print, and in time the 'statement' becomes accepted on faith as a matter of 'fact.' As George Harrison Sanford King's remarks below indicate, this is not a new problem in genealogical publications. But one aspect of the problem is new: the proliferation of reprints of older publications. Publishing companies are profiting from scouring the shelves of older genealogical works, especially those no longer covered by copyright and which are therefore 'free,' and presenting these works as definitive genealogical bibles. Through the years knowledgeable genealogiest have noted numerous errors in these 'bibles' and so marked their copies. The Virginia State Library is full of these older works with penciled-in corrections, but the heralded new editions are reprinted intact, warts and all. Patriotic societies are certainly justified in requiring documentation based on evidence other than that given in these older compilations, especially those relying on the sanctified statements of 19th century romantics.

"Writing in the Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly Bulletin (VI, No. 3, July 1968), George King observed in review The Balls of Fairfax & Stafford in Virginia (Provo, Utah, 1961):

> 'It is not my intention to criticize the published genealonealogical works of others, but I should like to make a few observations which may prove helpful to genealogists.
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> 'It appears to me, as well as some others with whom I have discussed the matter, that, unfortunately, the evidence is prima facie; in the last twenty five years far too many genealogies have been published without sufficient research. Compilers, either far removed from Virginia source material or who do not avail themselves of it, are publishing genealogies of Virginia families ladened with errors. They are very apt to depend on data easily found be reference to Dr. Swem's Virginia Historical Index (Roanoke, VA., 1934), Dr. Stewart's Index to Printed Virginia Genealogies (Richmond, VA., 1930) and other like works and completely neglect the great amount of material which has been published in the last thirty-odd years to which there is, unfortunately, no comprehensive index. Oftentimes this later published material substantially corrects and enlarges upon that which has hitherto appeared. These genealogical publishers are also proned to neglect the various manuscript sources.

'I have also observed that many compilers of genealogies in their prefaces, introductions, forwards and/or acknowledgements, mislead their readers by profusely expressing their gratitude to various libraries, historical institutions, court clerks, librarians, curators, &c., for the valuable assistance rendered in compiling the volume. By this indefensible flattery the reader is oftentimes left with the impression that the several repositories mentioned have received exhaustive examination by the curators thereof, when unfortunately this seldom occurs.'

"Every printed work is subject to some error. Adventures of Purse & Person is undergoing revision for its third appearance, and many await with bated breath the latest pronouncements on what families will be dropped from the elect and what new discoveries will ennoble others by inclusion. A dedicated seeker of the truth should always be wary of the claim made on the basis of prima facie evidence. Historical evidence unearthed by the dispassionate researcher comes to light and illustrates once again that the easy acceptance of apocrypha may sooth the ego but will not lead to one meeting one's ancestors in heaven. Many a celibate saint, seated on his throne, must be mystified by the strangers embracing his feet, claiming to be his progeny, while some other lonely patriarch wanders the elysian fields, wondering what ever became of his numerous offspring."

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From Gwyndolyn Smith
of Blytheville, Arkansas

I am very interested in Nicholas Gentry of Nashboro and his wife Elizabeth. They were my great-great-great-great grandparents. I cannot find anything but confusion in all the suppositions regarding generations further back. A. Denny Ellerman stated that Gibson was a good possibility for the name of the wife of Nicholas Gentry of Nashboro. I consider that Gibson was definitely her name. She married Isaac Mayfield after Nicholas Gentry was killed and was the mother of several Mayfield children. I have a photocopy of a sheet out of the Bible of one her Mayfield sons that bears the record of the death of his mother in May 1830, and her name is listed as Elizabeth Gibson. I do not know if she has the Bible in her possession or not, but Mary Maud Carter in Ten-

nessee, who is descended from Isaac Mayfield and Elizabeth is the source of my photo copy.

< See footnote number 7 in the article by Leland; Editor >.

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From Enyard Gentry
of Modesto, California

Members of my family would like to know more about John Gentry of Botetourt County, Virginia. John Gentry made his last will on 20 October 1773. The will was probated in the Botetourt County Court in 1779. John's wife Mary and Cormick McCafferty were the executors of the Will. The will was signed by Cormick McCafferty, Jean Gentry and Jonathon McNeil. These individuals appear to be close relatives of John and Mary Gentry.

Mary Gentry was the daugther of Hugh Green who in his will left each of Mary's sons one dollar, but failed to list them. From information in GFG&GE (citation not given), I have learned two of John's sons were Joseph Gentry, my great-great grandfather, and Hugh Gentry. These two sons moved to Tennessee and Hugh later moved to Alabama where he died and was buried. The name Green continued to be a given name for the sons in this Gentry family. Both my great grandfather and grandfather had Green for a middle name.

If anyone knows the forebearers of the John Gentry family, please respond through GFG&GE.

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From Merrill Drury Reich
of Crofton, Maryland

My great-grandfather, John Nelson Gentry, is as far as I have been able to trace my Gentry line. He was born in Virginia as were his parents. After his death in 1924, he was buried at Thornrose Cemetary in Staunton, Virginia. He had a brother, William R. Gentry who was shown in the 1880 census living in Staunton, with his wife Henrietta and children, Myrtle-5, Pearl-3, Grace-2, and John-½.

John Nelson Gentry had another daughter (besides my grandmother), Nell, who married Albert Flint and resided in Hopewell, Virginia. Both John and his brother were railroad conductors. They had a

cousin named Walter F. Powell. Known residences of John N. Gentry were Staunton, Clifton Forge and Lynchburg, Virginia. Any assistance will be appreciated.

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From James E. Gentry, Jr.
of Norwood, Missouri

Looking for information on the family of John and Nancy (McCollum) Gentry, second son of David (#267, GFA, page 298). I am certain my great grandfather, Lafayette Gentry who married Doshey Abner in Chariton County, Missouri 19 May 1846 is the oldest son of John and Nancy, yet I need some proof to substantiate my claim. I can find no record of John or Nancy after 1840 and none at all for Lafayette and Doshey except for a marriage record in 1846.

Through family legend and other gleanings, I offer the following family group of Lafayette and Doshey (Abner) Gentry:

1. Nancy J. Gentry, born 23 April 1847, married W. S. Wooldridge.
2. Mary E. Gentry, birthdate unknown, married Elihu Luallen, 24 November 1867.
3. John M. Gentry, born 1 January 1853, married (1) E. Cousins and (2) M. Wooldridge, and (3) M. Bowler.
4. Thomas Lafayette Gentry, born 20 May 1861, married S. E. Spangler, 11 August 1887.

I am a direct descendant of Thomas Lafayette Gentry. Any information or dialogue will be greatly appreciated.

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From O. B. Gentry
of Nashville, Tennessee

I have been looking for Henry A. Petty who married Lucinda Gentry in Dickson County, Tennessee, 19 November 1847. He seems to have disappeared after that. I found a Henry A. Petty in the Arkansas census of 1860, Pulaski County. The microfilm at the archives in Nashville was so dim I could not read it. Lucinda was the granddaughter of Benajah Gentry who died in December 1831 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

< You mentioned having copies of very old wills. Yes, we would like to have copies, with the view to publishing same in GFG&GE. Editor. >

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From Joyce Gentry Davis
of Lexington, Kentucky

Need any help with Staunton Gentry (other than GFA), son of John P. Gentry. Believe Staunton's son David to be my great grandfather. David died in 1926 in Madison County, Kentucky.

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To Leland Homer Gentry from Dorothy Gibson
of Boonsboro, Maryland

Imagine my surprise and excitement over your response to my query re. Johnathan Randal Gentry! Incidentally, the source of his middle name comes from a Masonic record. My information on the Rutherford County birthplace also came from the Masonic records of his funeral so I would appreciate knowing the source of the data you furnished.

Of course, the first thing I did was pull out all of my copies of GFG&GE to see if there had been clues that fit in and found several. One of the most surprising were those with the Hembree-Gentry connections from my father's tree that contains James H. Hembree, two of whose children married Gentrys in South Carolina. After learning of the Georgia residences of the parents and grandparents of Johnathan, I can almost see the eventual connection with the South Carolina clan. Best yet, Hembree descendants still live around Columbia and have invited us to visit to show us where our ancestors lived and worked. Naturally, you shall be the first to hear of any Gentry discoveries.

I do have William L. Gentry's Bible. It does not Xerox well but I am having a notarized copy of the data it contains made and will send a copy which you may publish if you wish. I am canvassing the descendants of Gilbert Lafayette Gentry, another son of Jonathan Randal Gentry, for Bible records. To date, no luck - only the offer of some precious pictures.

Some wonderful lucky things have happened to me in other lines of research during the past two years. Now I am confident that my

Gentrys will be found, thanks to the large extended family we have out there helping us.

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From Jenniev Gentry McCamish
of Carterville, Illinois

Have delayed this long enough waiting for more documentation, but wanted to share a Tennessee-Alabama-Illinois connection. The following Gentrys are listed in an Illinois census:

1. John Gentry (my great great grandfather), age c.50, born in Tennessee in 1850, Williamson County, Illinois census. Listed with him are children born in Alabama in 1825 and 1828 and children born in Illinois as early as 1833. There is a John Gentry listed in Union County census of 1835 and William- son County census of 1840. The ages all match.

2. Katherine (Gentry) Collins, wife of Martin Collins, born in Tennessee with a son born in Alabama in 1828 and a daughter born in Illinois in 1842 in the census of Williamson County, Illinois of 1860.

3. William Gentry, listed in Jackson County, Illinois census of 1850. He was born in Tennessee on 18 September 1808 and died 2 December 1878 as per his tombstone. The following is taken from The History of Jackson County, Illinois (citations not given):

"William Gentry, this aged citizen was born in the State of Tennessee in September 1808. His parents moved to Alabama when he was eight years old. He was married in 1826 and became the father on nine children, four of whom survive. He came to the county and township in the year of 1832."

John Gentry and Katherine Collins are listed as living next to each other in Grassey Township, Williamson County, which is located next to Jackson County. The 1830 index of the census of Jackson County, Alabama list the following:

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| John Gentry | Jackson County | 118 E of 4T |
| Martin Collins | Jackson County | 118 E of 4T |
| William Gentry | Jackson County | 118 E of 4T |

Was delighted with the information of Virginia Jernigan Murphy of Manchester, Tennessee sent to Enyard Walter Gentry of Modesto, California (GFG&GE, No. 31), concerning the children of Joseph Gentry, to wit:

#4, John Gentry, born 29 January 1801
#6, Cathern Gentry, born 22 December 1805
#8, William Gentry, born 18 September 1808 (the exact date as previously stated)

I know proof cannot be made manifest without documentation, but the names, including the names of children, and dates seem closely connected to the Illinois Gentrys. Will appreciate any information on these families. My husband is tracing the Brooks family and we are intrigued by the early Brooks-Gentry marriages.

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From Kathy Patterson
of Mexico City, Mexico

Looking for parents and descendants of Joseph Gentry, born 1748, Carter County, Tennessee, married Winifred Oliver, 1760 (age 12?). See GFG&GE, Volume VI, page 85.

Are all or some of the Winnys and Winneys in GFG&GE, volume VI, page 50, descendants of the same Winifred Oliver Gentry?

Searching for children of Nicholas Gentry who married Barbara Hall, 1810, in Bullitt County, Kentucky.

And, can anyone add details concerning George Alvis, neighbor of Nicholas, the Immigrant, mentioned frequently in GFG&GE, Number 19? My grandmother, who was a Gentry descendant, married George Alvis, my grandfather. We could use clues to the sons (as yet all names unknown) of our immigrant George.

< And, if that immigrant could be traced, perhaps we would gain clues to our immigrant, Nicholas I, and his origins. Editor. >

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From Krystyna Murphy
of Toledo, Ohio

Is Nancy Gentry, daughter of Abednego Gentry and wife of Allen D. Gentry of Monroe County, Tennessee, one-half Indian? Family members insist that she was part Indian. What ever happend to David Gentry who disappeared after 1850, who was the son of Allen D. and Nancy Gentry? This Daivd married Mary Ann Mullins 22 December 1840, Monroe County, Tennessee.

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From Gertrude Harter Hammons
of Stanwood, Washington

Clipping from Rockport Democrat, of Spencer County, Indiana, 30 April 1937:

"Former Resident dies in Pueblo, Colorado ---- Alice Gentry Wilkinson, youngest of a family of eleven children born to Allen and Anna Roby Gentry, was born at the old Gentry homestead in south Rockport, December 20, 1851, and died in Pueblo, Colorado, April 24, 1937, aged 85 years, 4 months and four days. Mrs. Wilkinson was the last of the family of whose father made the famous flat-boat trip to New Orleans with Abraham Lincoln. She was married to Willis Wilkinson in 1871 and to this union three children were born, one died in infancy, and a daughter, Mrs. Anna Wright, died in 1920. One son, Clarence Wilkinson, three great-grandchildren survive her.

"She spent all of her married life in Rockport, leaving in 1902 to make her home with her daughter in Colorado. She leaves a host of friends besides many relatives here to mourn their loss."
< Emphasis added; Editor. >

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May 15, 1969.

The youngest of Mama and Papa Garwood's children, Joseph Lemuel, was born May 28, 1935. Joe was an outstanding athlete at Wilkesboro and Wilkes Central High Schools and at A.S.T.C., and he later joined Lineberry Foundry & Machine Company. Joe possessed a very gifted voice, and for years he sang in the choir of the Wilksboro United Methodist Church. On August 10, 1968, he was married to Wanda Hincher, and they resided together in Wilkesboro until Joe's sudden and unexpected death on February 20, 1982, at the age of 46. This, and Wanda's sudden and unexpected death on March 11, 1986, were very sad and tragic events for all of us.

Sources: Family records and remembrances, Wilkes County *Journal-Patriot*, personal diary.

—Tony Triplett

## EMMA TRANSOU GENTLE

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"Emma" Emaline Transou, b. 8 Oct 1908, is the daughter of Sidney Oliver (20 May 1870-21 Dec 1929) and Della Parker Transou, of Wilkes, Sidney and Dela were married 18 Nov 1906, and they had seven additional children after Emma: Jackson; Grace; Rufus; Mary; Elijah, died young; twins, Simon and Jemima.

Emma married Charlie Gentle, (12 Nov 1907-12 Jul 1976), the son of Joe and Annie Anderson Gentle, of Wilkes. Joe and Annie's other children were: Ed; Robert; Mary Lindsey; Kate; Syble.

Emma and Charlie had no children, but they were loved and respected by all of their family, relatives, neighbors, and their many friends. For many years they ran the Brushy Mountain General Store "on the ridge" overlooking the Yadkin Valley and the Wilkesboros. Their store was the place where young and old stopped to talk and catch up on the local news and gossip while they enjoyed a cold drink and a snack. Emma had a great knowledge of the area, what grew where and who lived where. She knew about the people and the animals native to the area. She was a good neighbor to all lending a hand where needed, helping the sick and looking in on the lonely, adding a bright spot to their day.




Emma Gentle at Brushy Mt. General Store

Sources: Personal knowledge, *1987 Brushy Mountain Apple Festival program.*

—Ann Transou Ball

## JORDAN ALLEN GENTRY AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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Jordan Allen Gentry was born on April 27, 1823, in Surry County, N.C. He was the son of Atha Gentry and Rachael Lyon Gentry. Jordan's first wife's name is unknown; he and his first wife had a daughter named Rachael, whose husband's name was Jimmy Byrd.

Jordan's second wife was Nancy Adaline Barker. She was born on August 29, 1831, in the Roaring River area of Wilkes County. Nancy was the daughter of Nathaniel Barker and his wife, Amelia Cockerham Barker.

Jordan and Nancy lived in what is today known as the Pleasant Ridge area in eastern Wilkes County. Jordan was a farmer; he also did carpentry work. He was known to be a good manager; he provided well for his family.

Jordan Allen Gentry died on February 9, 1879. Nancy Adaline Barker Gentry died on March 3, 1901. They were buried in the Shoaly Branch Baptist Church Cemetery which is located in eastern Wilkes County.

The children of Jordan Allen Gentry and Nancy Adaline Barker Gentry are listed as follows: Delphia Gentry, married George Billiam, and is buried in the Shoaly Branch Baptist Church Cemetery in eastern Wilkes County; Tyre Gentry and his sister, Adaline "Addie" Gentry both died young and are buried in the Shoaly Branch Baptist Church Cemetery; Cornelius Cleveland Gentry, born on August 3, 1855, married Vickie Lucindie Luffman on March 5, 1882, died on December 19, 1926 and they are buried in the Shoaly Branch Baptist Church Cemetery; John Sowell Gentry, born on March 6, 1886, married Laura Hamby on March 16, 1886 and they are buried in the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery in State Road, N.C.; Charlie Gentry married Nancy Darnell and they lived in the Mt. Airy area of Surry County, N.C.

The above-said Cornelius Cleveland Gentry and Vicie Lucindie Luffman Gentry lived in the Pleasant Ridge Community in eastern Wilkes County.

Vicie Lucindie Luffman Gentry was born on October 31, 1863; she was the daughter of John Luffman and Lucindie Simmons Luffman of the Little Elkin community in Wilkes County. Vicie died on September 1, 1912.

Cornelius was a farmer. He had health problems for much of his adult life.

The children of Cornelius Cleveland Gentry and Vicie Lucindie Luffman Gentry are listed as follows: Rowan McClellan Gentry, both on April 6, 1883, married Mae Ewing, and moved to California as a young man. He was killed in an automobile accident on October 1, 1923. He and Mae are buried in Modesto, California.

John Cornelius Gentry, born on March 6, 1886, married Hazel Marie Owens. He next married Loyd Gentry (Loyd Gentry remarried later in life and died in the late 1980's). John died in 1945 in an explosion while working for Shell Oil Co., in the Los Angeles area, and is buried in Olive Lawn Cemetery, Los Angeles.

Allen Thurmond Gentry, born on April 22, 1888, married Mary Ennice Carter in 1912. He was employed by the Chatham Mfg. Co. of Elkin, N.C., until his retirement (Mary Ennice died on October 13, 1963), and they are buried in the Elkin Valley Baptist Church Cemetery in North Elkin, N.C.

Fanny L. Gentry, born on May 9, 1890, moved to California when she was a young woman. She married Ivy Monroe Lyon, an Elkin, N.C. native, November 8, 1908, moving to California. She died on September 21, 1961, in Modesto, California, and is buried in Olive Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Amy Paul "A.P." Gentry, born on February 14, 1895, married Leona Pardue on February 14, 1914. (Leona is a native of the Ronda area in Wilkes County). They moved to southern California shortly after their marriage where he was employed by Shell Oil Company for most of his working life. He retired from Shell Oil Co. and died on June 5, 1965, and is buried in Olive Lawn Cemetery, Los Angeles. Leona Pardue Gentry is, at the time of this writing, living in Llano, California, with her daughter, Ruby Evelyn Gentry Bills, having reached the age of ninety-two.

Oddie Henry "Bill" Gentry, born on July 27, 1901, moved to California around the year 1913 to pursue employment opportuniites in the Golden State. He lived with relatives and eventually worked in the oil fields for Shell Oil Co. at one time working in South America. Bill returned to Wilkes County in the early 1930s, where he met Mary Gladys Carter of the Benham community, whom he married on October 10, 1936. Bill and Mary are the parents of this writer. They built a home in the Benham community. Bill worked in the well-drilling business all of his work life in N.C. and also had his own part-time business. He was very well-known, and people had a great deal of confidence in his word and his work. Bill and Mary were active, dedicated church members in the Shoaly Branch Baptist Church in eastern Wilkes County. Bill died on August 30, 1972 and was buried in the Shoaly Branch Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bibles, interviews, correspondence, personal knowledge.

—Rebekah Gentry

## WILLIAM WAYNE AND WILDA ETTIS HOLDER GENTRY

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William Wayne was born in Yadkin County to Sneed Franklin and Eliza Cordelia "Delia" Sebastian Gentry November 14, 1925, the eighth of their ten children. His brothers and sisters are: Herman Rester (b December 3, 1908), Bessie Emma (b January 16, 1912, d June 23, 1986), Clyde (b March 18, 1914), Ophe Jane (b March 18, 1916), Mary Ethel (b December 24, 1918, d November 19, 1978), Bonnie Bernice (b March 12, 1921), Charles Lonnie (b May 10, 1923), Virginia Eloise (b February 16, 1928) and Archie Coy (b June 23, 1930). Archie was killed in the Korean War at Seoul, Korea April 25, 1951. Archie, Ethel and Bessie are buried at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes County, located between Benham and Austin.

Sneed Franklin Gentry (b April 27, 1883, d July 18, 1960) and Eliza Cordelia "Delia" Sebastian (b September 17, 1889, d November 9, 1961) were married December 28, 1905. Sneed was well-known throughout Wilkes and Surry Counties for his carpentry and masonry work. The rock wall on the south side of First Baptist Church in Elkin was laid by Sneed with the help of his son, Clyde, and Jim Martin. Tom Poplin and Walker Settle hauled rock from as far away as Preacher Lum Field's farm, near Carter Falls on the Big Elkin Creek and from Brushy Mountain. An unusual feature of the wall is that no mortar was used except for the top run. It was built about 1934 and 1935. He also built the circular rock wall in front of the old Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital on Hawthorne Road in Elkin. A young pine tree was inside the circle when he built the wall — now it is a huge tree! He also helped lay the rock and flagstone at Grey Stone Inn at Roaring Gap on the Blue Ridge Mountain. Many houses and Flagstone walks in the Elkin and Jonesville area were built by him. We are proud to have in our home a fireplace hearth of broken tile that he laid about 1955. Sneed also worked and retired from Chatham Mfg. Co. Delia was a very industrious housewife and worked on the farm also. Both are buried at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes County.

Wayne's paternal grandparents were John P. (b January 1, 1850, d July 13, 1917) and Jane Hughes Gentry (b 1847 d 1941). John was a blacksmith, carpenter and farmer. He shod horses and mules, made plow points and repaired wagons. Their home and blacksmith shop were located between Benham and Austin. Jane carded and spun the thread and knit her family's stockings. She made willow baskets and tufted bedspreads to sell. Both are buried at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes County.

His maternal grandparents were the Rev. Eli Sebastian (b February 21, 1852, d April 4, 1919) and Mary Cornelia "Neeley" Wood Sebastian (b August 1, 1857, d May 15, 1919). Eli was a Primitive Baptist preacher and a skilled potter. His pottery was made with clay from clay pits in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee and was finished with a salt glaze. Neeley was a midwife. Both are buried at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes County.

Wayne was inducted into the Army May 15, 1944, when he was 18 years old. His basic training was at Camp Hood and Camp Houze, Texas. He served in Germany during World War II in the 638th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to the 84th Infantry Division of the 9th Army. His battalion was at the Elbe River when the war ended in Germany on May 8, 1945. While home on furlough, awaiting reassignment to Japan, the Japanese surrendered on August 14, 1945, ending World War II. He was then sent to Fort Benning, Georgia to await his discharge by the point system. His brother Lonnie also served in Germany.

On November 24, 1945, Wayne married Wilda Ettis Holder at Friendship Baptist Church in Surry County by Rev. Scales Draughn. Wilda was born in Surry County to William Verlin and Martha Ettis "Bessie" Tucker Holder December 9, 1924, the seventh of their ten children. They made their first home in Columbus, Georgia, near Fort Benning, until Wayne was honorably discharged April 8, 1946. After returning to Wilkes Conty, they built a home on Hwy. 268 W. in the Maple Springs community. A son, Granville Wayne, was born June 12, 1947 and a daughter, Wilda Elaine, was born December 6, 1949.

Granville married Patricia Ann Thomasson May 1, 1976. Patricia was born November 15, 1943 to James and Jettie Thomasson, Danville, Va. They have a son, Joshua Wayne, born April 22, 1981. They live in Walkertown, N.C.

Elaine married Micheal Lewis Norris December 16, 1972. Micheal was born January 20, 1949 to Bernard and Mary Dean Norris, Lenoir, N.C. They have two sons and two daughters: Thaddeus Eli (b May 22, 1975), Jennifer Emma Leigh (b October 2, 1978), Amy Gabrielle (b April 17, 1984) and Seth Zackery (b July 1, 1986). They live in Boone, N.C.

In 1953 we bought a farm that had been in the Darnell family for three generations, first, Wade, second, George, and third, Roy. The land was purchased from Roy's heirs and the deed dates back to 1848. This tract of land joins the Big Elkin Creek just south of the old Carter Mill site. We restored the house to the original style as much as possible. The framework of the house and the doors are mortised and pegged. The ceilings are made of hand dressed lumber.

On April 30, 1988, Wayne retired from Chatham Mgf. Co. in Elkin, after 40 years with the company. He and his brother Clyde enjoy restoring old John Deere tractors and other old farm equipment. I did custom sewing for several years while the children were small. Later I worked at Sunbeam Corp. for 17 years, until the plant was moved from Elkin. I enjoy quilting, basketmaking and teaching basketry. I also enjoy painting and am a member of the Elkin League of Artists. We enjoy having time for gardening, visiting our children and grandchildren and doing some traveling.

Sources: Death certificate records, tombstones, deeds, relatives and personal knowledge.

—Wilda Holder Gentry



Sneed Gentry Family Seated L-R: Eloise, Bonnie, Delia, Sneed, Bessi. Standing L-R: Ophe, Lonnie, Clyde, Wayne, Herman, Archie, Ethel.

## JOHN AND JOHANNAH GILREATH

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John Gilreath, believed to be the eldest son of William Gilreath, Sr. and Mary Gilreath, was born in Granville/Bute County area of North Carolina. He first appears in the 1771 tax list for Bute County. He, along with his father and brother James signed a petition to divide Bute County into what later became Warren and Vance Counties. This petition was submitted to the state Legislature in January 1779. Although no marriage bond is recorded for John, his wife, Johannah, is most

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Hello Bill:
I hope that you got my e-mail of yesterday re: Matthew's proposed daughter Sarah who md. Rufus H. Thompson. I have been meaning to get this information to you as well, and I apologize for not doing so sooner. But, before I do I would like to know if you can identify Ephraim Gentry [1804-1866] of Grayson Co., VA, who supposedly was a son of William "of Surry." Who is William? Furthermore, who was the Polly Gentry who wed Valentine Lyon [Jr.] in Wilkes County per bond of 4 Oct. 1806?
Now for the family of Jonathan [25 Nov. 1778-15 April 1852] and Sarah ("Sally") Fender [ca1781 Surry- 7 Feb. 1870], daughter of Christian Fender and wife Mary. Jonathan and "Sally" had these ten [10] children:
1) Mary ("Polly") b. ca 1796 md. 21 March 1821 [MB] in Wilkes to James Lyon.
2) John [ Oct 1801- Sep. 1875], buried Roaring River Primitive Baptist Church, Wilkes, md. 17 Dec. 1821 to Elizabeth Lyon.
3) Elizabeth [18 April 1803-??], buried on farm in Wilkes, md. 8 Jan. 1827 [MB] in Wilkes to William M. ("Fat Billy") Darnell.
4) Wiley [10 March 1805-27 May 1878], buried on farm in Wilkes, md. 12 Oct. 1825 in Wilkes to Matilda Sparks.
5) Permelia ("Milly") b. ca 1807, d. in Floyd County, VA, md. William Russell Sparks.
6) Anna b. ca 1809 md. William Johnson.
7) Allen Jonathan [ca 1809-1856], died in Wilkes, md. 3 Jan. 1831 [MB] Surry to Lucinda Wilbourn [or Welborn]. **Note: Could Allen and Anna be twins?**
8) Jonathan H. [ca1812-1871] md. 1 March 1832 [MB] Wilkes to Jemima Spicer.
9) Catharine [ca1813-28 Dec. 1853 Wilkes] md. James Caudell/Caudle/Caudill.
10) Sarah ("Sallyware") b. ca 1815, md. Mr. Darnell. Hope this gives you some new information! --Jim Cockerham

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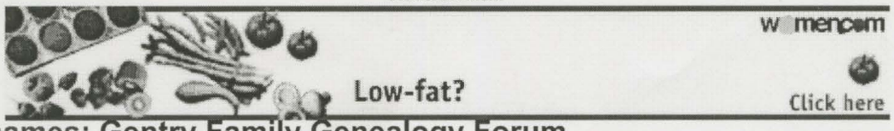
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1 Children per 1820

I have the following children for Jonathan and Sarah (Sally):
1) Polly, b. abt.1796, Surry, NC, m. 21 Mar 1821, Wilkes, NC to James Lyon.
2) John, b. Oct 1801, Surry, NC, m. 17 Dec 1821, Wilkes, NC to Elizabeth Lyon.
3) Elizabeth, b. abt.1803, Wilkes, NC, m. 8 Jan 1827, Wilkes, NC to William Darnell.
4) Wiley, b. abt.1805, Wilkes, NC, m. 12 Dec 1825, Wilkes, NC to Matilda Sparks.
5) Parmelia (Milly), b. abt.1806, Wilkes, NC, m. William Sparks.
6) Anna, b. abt.1809, Wilkes, NC, m. William Johnson.
7) Allen Jonathan, b. abt.1809, Wilkes, NC, m. 3 Jan 1831, Surry, NC to Lucinda Wilbourn.
8) Jonathan H., b. abt.1812, Wilkes, NC, m. 1 Mar 1832, Wilkes, NC to Gemima Spisa.
9) Catherine, b. 1813/15, Wilkes, NC, m. ____ Caudle.
10) Sally, b. 1815/20, Wilkes, NC, m. ____ Darnall.
Bill.

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**Posted by:** Bill Gentry

**Date:** August 06, 2000 at 15:05:13

**In Reply to:** Re: Jonathan Gentry & wife Sarah Wilkes NC by Jim Cockerham

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Besides census and marriage bond records for Surry and Wilkes Co., NC, I corresponded a dozen or more years ago with Mrs. Ellen Money, at that time living in Wilmington, NC who provided additional information about the family of Jonathan Gentry and Sarah Fender. This includes a citation for Jonathan's will, dated 31 Mar 1852, Wilkes Co. Willbook 5, p.66, in which he lists 10 children including Allen Jonathan and Jonathan H. Gentry. There is confusion between these two brothers because Allen was listed under the name Jonathan in the 1860 census. I have not seen the Jonathan Sr. will myself, but have confidence in any information Ellen Money would provide.
Bill

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| William M. Darnell<br>m. 8 Jan 1827<br>Elizabeth Gentry | 19 Feb 1803<br>Wilkes County, NC<br>18 Apr 1803<br>Surry County, NC | | s/o John Darnell &<br>Nancy Parks<br>d/o Jonathan Gentry &<br>Sarah ("Sally") Fender |
| Children: | | | |
| 1. Mary ("Polly") | 23 July 1829<br>~~ca 1829~~<br>Wilkes County, NC | 25 Mar 1853<br>Cool Spgs. | b. 19 June 1818<br>m.<br>Washington Tucker<br>d. 29 June 1867<br>49y 10d. |
| 2. James | 3 Nov 1831<br>~~ca 1832~~<br>Wilkes County, NC | 25 June 1856<br>Cool Spgs | Mary Walls<br>12 Dec 1859<br>b. 23 Aug 1837<br>d. 14 Sept 1883 |
| 3. Raleigh | 20 Nov 1833<br>Wilkes County, NC | 20 Jan 1913<br>Cool Spgs. | Martha Ann Tucker<br>17 Jan 1854 |
| 4. Toliver | ca 1836<br>Wilkes County, NC | | Martha Emmaline Durham |
| 5. Elizabeth | ca 1838<br>Wilkes County, NC | | |
| 6. Jonathan | ca 1840<br>Wilkes County, NC | | 1)- Mary Williams (1)<br>2)- Betty Anthony |
| 7. Sally | ca 1840<br>Wilkes County, NC | | Rev. William Byrd |
| 8. Nancy | 11 May 1841<br>~~ca 1842~~<br>Wilkes County, NC | 11 Oct 1920 | Joseph Marion Darnell s/o W.P. |
| 9. John A. | 2 Oct 1848<br>Wilkes County, NC | 20 Jul 1886<br>Cool Spgs. | Laura A. Tucker |
| 10. Evaline | Wilkes County, NC | Tennessee | Jerry Pardue |
| 11. Amy | Wilkes County, NC | Tennessee | Thomas Pardue |

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(1) Jonathan Darnell's marriages were as follows: Del
Mary ("Polly") Williams = 23 ~~Nov~~ 1873 Surry Co., NC
Betty Anthony =

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**SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in** _____ **in the County of** Grayson **State of** Virginia **enumerated by me, on the** 20th **day of** August **1860.** Wm McDickenson **Ass't Marshal.**

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Hello Bill: Thanks for explaining who Ephraim and William were, and I am glad that the information on Jonathan and Sarah's family was of some use to you. As for the Mary/Polley marriages to James and Valentine Lyon, there are two different marriages in Wilkes County. The earliest one, Valentine and Mary, was on 4 Oct. 1816 with Artha Gentry bondsman. The other one was James and Polley on 21 March 1821 with Jonathan Gentry bondsman.

You may be interested to know that letters of administration were granted to Joseph Gentry for Lucinda Gentry in August 1856 in Wilkes County. Now, the question arises is it Allen or Lucinda who has died? If it is Allen then we know Lucinda died after this date; if it is Lucinda then we know that Allen died before this date but after his father wrote his will. Your ideas on this? Allen and Lucinda had seven (7) children, all born in Wilkes County:

1) Paulina [ca1831-bef1858] md. 11 July 1854 [MB], Wilkes, to David A, Edwards who married wife #2 Elizabeth J. Caudill on 20 May 1858, Wilkes.

2) Lettie Ann [?? Apr 1833-aft 1900], on 1900 Carroll Co., VA, census, md. #1 date unknown to Jefferson L. Galyean and #2 2 April 1870, Surry, to Moses Edward Creed [10 May 1849-13 Feb 1903].

3) Mahulda [ 5 Oct 1835-24 Oct 1901], died and buried in Watauga County, NC, md. 26 March 1856, Wilkes, to James Walls [ 7 April 1829- 11 Apr 1865].

4) Sarah Welborn [ 5 Sep 1837-13 Feb 1933], buried in Cool Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in Wilkes, md. 31 March 1857, Wilkes, to Peter Walls [30 Sep 1835-20 Aug 1909], brother of James.

5) Richard "Horton" [25 Aug 1839-19 Nov 1921], buried in Crab Tree Prim Bapt Ch Cem in Alleghany Co., NC, md. 24 Dec 1867, Surry, to Effie Lavinia Collins [30 Dec 1835- 5 July 1905/9].

6) Catherine [22 Sept 1842-??], died in Memphis, TN, md. 5 Feb. 1862, Wilkes, to John D. Burcham [29 Aug. 1842-17 Nov. 1929].

7) Martha, born circa 1844, and no further information.

Hope this is of interest to you!

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Chart

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Mary Helen Gentry Blackburn
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ABBREVIATIONS:
b-birthdate
w-where
m-married
d-died

Claud Henry Blackburn
b-
w-
m-
d-
w-

Claude Odean Blackburn Jr.
name of husband or wife

Cornelius Joseph Austin Gentry
b- 5-19-1897
w-
m- 9-24-1921
d- 7-13-1976
w- W-Salem, N.C. Forsyth Co.

Eva Daisy Bumgardner
b- 11-17-1895
w- Forsyth County
d- 2.9.1973
w- Forsyth County

John Sowell Gentry
b- 6-14-1861
w-
m- 3-16-1886
d- 7-18-1942
w- Yadkin County

Laura Bell Hamby
b- 8-9-1866
w- Wilkes County
d- 11.20.1960
w- Surry County

Joseph Franklin Bumgardner
b- 9-10-1850
w-
m- 9-11-1887
d- 8-8-1929
w-

(Carrie) Louise Carolina Grubbs
b- 3-31-1869
w-
d- 11-6-1957
w-

Jordain Gentry
b- 4-27-1823
w-
m-
d- 2-9-1899
w-

2nd Wife - Nancy Adaline Barker
b- 8-29-1831
w-
d- 3-3-1901
w-

Athia Gentry - # 2
name born/died

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Rufus Calvin Hamby
b- 3-5-1833
w-
m-
d- 6-22-1899
w-

Nancy Susan Swink
b- 6-17-1834
w-
d- 12-27-1884
w-

Ephram Hamby
name born/died

Elizabeth Money
name born/died

Mike Swink
name born/died

Polly Went
name born/died

Ed Bumgardner
b-
w-
m-
d-
w-

b-
w-
d-
w- Betty

name born/died

name born/died

name born/died

name born/died

Daniel Grubbs Jr
b-
w-
m- 9-1-1861
d- 8-12-1910
w-

b-
w-
d- 2.25-1902
w- Mary Jane Hendrix

Daniel Grubbs Sr
name born/died
1827-

name born/died

name born/died

## WILLIAM WAYNE AND WILDA ETTIS HOLDER GENTRY

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William Wayne was born in Yadkin County to Sneed Franklin and Eliza Cordelia "Delia" Sebastian Gentry November 14, 1925, the eighth of their ten children. His brothers and sisters are: Herman Rester (b December 3, 1908), Bessie Emma (b January 16, 1912, d June 23, 1986), Clyde (b March 18, 1914), Ophe Jane (b March 18, 1916), Mary Ethel (b December 24, 1918, d November 19, 1978), Bonnie Bernice (b March 12, 1921), Charles Lonnie (b May 10, 1923), Virginia Eloise (b February 16, 1928) and Archie Coy (b June 23, 1930). Archie was killed in the Korean War at Seoul, Korea April 25, 1951. Archie, Ethel and Bessie are buried at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes County, located between Benham and Austin.

Sneed Franklin Gentry (b April 27, 1883, d July 18, 1960) and Eliza Cordelia "Delia" Sebastian (b September 17, 1889, d November 9, 1961) were married December 28, 1905. Sneed was well-known throughout Wilkes and Surry Counties for his carpentry and masonry work. The rock wall on the south side of First Baptist Church in Elkin was laid by Sneed with the help of his son, Clyde, and Jim Martin. Tom Poplin and Walker Settle hauled rock from as far away as Preacher Lum Field's farm, near Carter Falls on the Big Elkin Creek and from Brushy Mountain. An unusual feature of the wall is that no mortar was used except for the top run. It was built about 1934 and 1935. He also built the circular rock wall in front of the old Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital on Hawthorne Road in Elkin. A young pine tree was inside the circle when he built the wall — now it is a huge tree! He also helped lay the rock and flagstone at Grey Stone Inn at Roaring Gap on the Blue Ridge Mountain. Many houses and Flagstone walks in the Elkin and Jonesville area were built by him. We are proud to have in our home a fireplace hearth of broken tile that he laid about 1955. Sneed also worked and retired from Chatham Mfg. Co. Delia was a very industrious housewife and worked on the farm also. Both are buried at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes County.

Wayne's paternal grandparents were John P. (b January 1, 1850, d July 13, 1917) and Jane Hughes Gentry (b 1847 d 1941). John was a blacksmith, carpenter and farmer. He shod horses and mules, made plow points and repaired wagons. Their home and blacksmith shop were located between Benham and Austin. Jane carded and spun the thread and knit her family's stockings. She made willow baskets and tufted bedspreads to sell. Both are buried at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes County.

His maternal grandparents were the Rev. Eli Sebastian (b February 21, 1852, d April 4, 1919) and Mary Cornelia "Neeley" Wood Sebastian (b August 1, 1857, d May 15, 1919). Eli was a Primitive Baptist preacher and a skilled potter. His pottery was made with clay from clay pits in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee and was finished with a salt glaze. Neeley was a midwife. Both are buried at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes County.

Wayne was inducted into the Army May 15, 1944, when he was 18 years old. His basic training was at Camp Hood and Camp Houze, Texas. He served in Germany during World War II in the 638th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to the 84th Infantry Division of the 9th Army. His battalion was at the Elbe River when the war ended in Germany on May 8, 1945. While home on furlough, awaiting reassignment to Japan, the Japanese surrendered on August 14, 1945, ending World War II. He was then sent to Fort Benning, Georgia to await his discharge by the point system. His brother Lonnie also served in Germany.

On November 24, 1945, Wayne married Wilda Ettis Holder at Friendship Baptist Church in Surry County by Rev. Scales Draughn. Wilda was born in Surry County to William Verlin and Martha Ettis "Bessie" Tucker Holder December 9, 1924, the seventh of their ten children. They made their first home in Columbus, Georgia, near Fort Benning, until Wayne was honorably discharged April 8, 1946. After returning to Wilkes Conty, they built a home on Hwy. 268 W. in the Maple Springs community. A son, Granville Wayne, was born June 12, 1947 and a daughter, Wilda Elaine, was born December 6, 1949.

Granville married Patricia Ann Thomasson May 1, 1976. Patricia was born November 15, 1943 to James and Jettie Thomasson, Danville, Va. They have a son, Joshua Wayne, born April 22, 1981. They live in Walkertown, N.C.

Elaine married Micheal Lewis Norris December 16, 1972. Micheal was born January 20, 1949 to Bernard and Mary Dean Norris, Lenoir, N.C. They have two sons and two daughters: Thaddeus Eli (b May 22, 1975), Jennifer Emma Leigh (b October 2, 1978), Amy Gabrielle (b April 17, 1984) and Seth Zackery (b July 1, 1986). They live in Boone, N.C.

In 1953 we bought a farm that had been in the Darnell family for three generations, first, Wade, second, George, and third, Roy. The land was purchased from Roy's heirs and the deed dates back to 1848. This tract of land joins the Big Elkin Creek just south of the old Carter Mill site. We restored the house to the original style as much as possible. The framework of the house and the doors are mortised and pegged. The ceilings are made of hand dressed lumber.

On April 30, 1988, Wayne retired from Chatham Mgf. Co. in Elkin, after 40 years with the company. He and his brother Clyde enjoy restoring old John Deere tractors and other old farm equipment. I did custom sewing for several years while the children were small. Later I worked at Sunbeam Corp. for 17 years, until the plant was moved from Elkin. I enjoy quilting, basketmaking and teaching basketry. I also enjoy painting and am a member of the Elkin League of Artists. We enjoy having time for gardening, visiting our children and grandchildren and doing some traveling.

Sources: Death certificate records, tombstones, deeds, relatives and personal knowledge.

—Wilda Holder Gentry



Sneed Gentry Family Seated L-R: Eloise, Bonnie, Delia, Sneed, Bessi. Standing L-R: Ophe, Lonnie, Clyde, Wayne, Herman, Archie, Ethel.

## JOHN AND JOHANNAH GILREATH

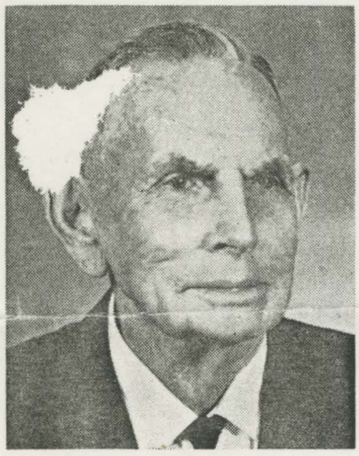
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John Gilreath, believed to be the eldest son of William Gilreath, Sr. and Mary Gilreath, was born in Granville/Bute County area of North Carolina. He first appears in the 1771 tax list for Bute County. He, along with his father and brother James signed a petition to divide Bute County into what later became Warren and Vance Counties. This petition was submitted to the state Legislature in January 1779. Although no marriage bond is recorded for John, his wife, Johannah, is most

## James Franklin Miller, Pioneer Methodist, Died April 28

Mr. James Franklin Miller, 88, near Elkin, died unexpectedly at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Drivers License Bureau as he was preparing to renew his driver's license.

He was born in Surry County, April 29, 1877, the son of James Harvey and Mary Lou Hester Miller. He was married to Verlie Gentry, 66 years ago. She survives. In



JAMES FRANKLIN MILLER

the minds and hearts of Elkin area residents, "Uncle Frank" Miller and the Grassy Creek Methodist Church are synonomous.

The beautiful new edifice which now houses the congregation of the Grassy Creek Methodist Church serves as a tribute to a determined man who loved his church and community.

Grassy Creek Church was actually organized in 1877 with no denominational affiliation, but joined the Methodist denomination in 1877, deeding the land to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and was placed on the Jonesville Circuit of churches, later being moved to the Elkin circuit and is at present in the Mountain Park-Grassy Creek Charge.

The congregation first met in a frame building which in 1901 gave way to a second one-room frame building. They were using the same building 35 years later, when it was replaced with another building with Sunday school rooms in the back.

The interesting part of this church's history is the rapidity with which the third church was built under the direction of Uncle Frank Miller.

It was in 1935 that the minister told Miller that he wanted a new church, but as with many churches at that time there was no money.

On a Sunday morning soon thereafter, Uncle Frank appeared before the little congregation and asked if they wanted a new church. Of course the answer was a resounding "Yes." Then they were told to be on hand the next morning with tools, trucks and wagons to tear down and haul away the rubbish of the building which they occupied at that time. The whole idea was unbelievable to most folk, but bright and early on the appointed day, 10 families of the church were present and the work of tearing down the church began.

One big question loomed in the minds of everyone present, "Where is the material for a new building?" But Uncle Frank had provided the answer. At his lumber yard, one half mile down the road, lay all the lumber, already cut and ready to nail up.

The following Sunday morning Sunday School was held in the partially completed building. One week later preaching was held in a building that lacked only the overhead ceiling and new pews—an unheard of feat in a week's time—and not a Sunday or a regular service was missed.

On Easter Sunday, 1960 the ocngregation of Grassy Creek Methodist Church moved into a fourth building, a new brick veneer building valued at more than $100,000. The building is of the "Old Homestead" design.

Each of the four buildings has stood on the same site, a tract of land on Klondike Road, a lovely spot where a person may see many miles in almost any direction—and only a short walk from the home of Uncle Frank, who made the trip often.

Mr. Miller owned and operated Grassy Creek Farm and Dairy until retiring approximately 14 years ago.

He was active in the civic affairs of the community and until his retirement was an active member of several farm organizations.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Mrs. Conrad Gentry and Mrs. H. F. Cochrane; three sons, Junius Miller, Mason Miller and Franklin Miller, Jr., all of Elkin; 23 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by the church pastor, the Rev. Dewey Griffin and the Rev. Gayle Ford. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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**A man is surely sick somewhere else besides in body, when he takes a "snort" of whiskey for medicine.**


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## Husband's Full Name NICHOLAS GENTRY

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Military Rec. | Additional Information and Sources |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | CA 1655 | | Essex shire | ENG. | BACON'S | ARRIVED IN JAMESTOWN 1677 |
| Mar. | | | | | REBELLION | ENTERED LAND NEW KENT |
| Death | | | NEW KENT | VA | RED COAT | COUNTY VA 1684 |
| Burial | (Cem. & location) | | | | | HAD BROTHER SAMUEL |

Places of Residence ENGLAND & HANOVER CO & NEW KENT CO.

Occupation — Church Affiliation CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. — (2) Lucy Cornelius

His Father — Mother's Maiden Name

## Wife's Full Maiden Name (1) MABLE WOOD

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | | | | VA |
| Death | | | NEW KENT | VA |
| Burial | (Cem. & location) | | | |

Places of Residence

Occupation — Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father PETER WOOD — Mother's Maiden Name

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City, State

Date

| | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | | Date Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Additional Information |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F | 1 ✓ ELIZABETH<br>Full Name of Spouse<br>James Haggard | Birth | ~~30~~ AUG 1689 | | NEW KENT | VA | BAPTISED |
| | | Mar. | 29 | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| M | 2 ✓ JOSEPH<br>Full Name of Spouse | Birth | CA 1690 | | NEW KENT | VA | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | 1750s | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| M | 3 5 DAVID<br>Full Name of Spouse | Birth | CA 1699 | | NEW KENT | VA | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| M | 4 4 NICHOLAS, JR.<br>Full Name of Spouse<br>JANE | Birth | 30 MAY 1697 | | NEW KENT | VA | BAPTISED |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | 20 FEB 1777/8 | | ALBEMARLE | VA | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| M | 5 3 SAMUEL II<br>Full Name of Spouse<br>ANN ALLEN | Birth | CA ~~1702~~ | 1695 | NEW KENT | VA | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | CASWELL | NC | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| F | 6 6 MABLE<br>Full Name of Spouse<br>~~PETER WOOD~~ | Birth | 13 DEC 1702 | | NEW KENT | VA | BAPTISED |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| M | 7 7 NATHANIEL HAGGARD<br>Full Name of Spouse | Birth | CA 1704 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 8 8 John<br>Full Name of Spouse | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 9<br>Full Name of Spouse | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 10<br>Full Name of Spouse | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 11<br>Full Name of Spouse | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 12<br>Full Name of Spouse | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |

## Husband's Full Name SAMUEL GENTRY II

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Military Rec. | Additional Information and Sources |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | ~~1702~~ | 1695 | NEW KENT | VA | | BOUGHT LAND 1742 LOUISA. |
| Mar. | | | | | | ON TAX LIST CASWELL CO., |
| Death | | 1799-89 | CASWELL | NC | | NC 1777 |
| Burial | (Cem. & location) | | | | | |

Places of Residence

Occupation — Church Affiliation

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Nicholas — Mother's Maiden Name Lucy Cornelius

## Wife's Full Maiden Name Ann Allen

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | | | | |
| Death | | | | |
| Burial | (Cem. & location) | | | |

Places of Residence

Occupation — Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father — Mother's Maiden Name

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Date

| | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | | Date Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Additional Information |
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| | 1. ALLEN A. | Birth | ca 1725 | | LOUISA | VA | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| M | Full Name of Spouse MARY | Death | 1802 | | SURRY | NC | NOW YADKIN |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 2. JOSEPH | Birth | ca ~~1720~~ | 28 | LOUISA | VA | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| M | Full Name of Spouse AGNES SHELTON | Death | 1813 | | SURRY | NC | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 3. SAMUEL III | Birth | ca 1735 | -7 | LOUISA | VA | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| M | Full Name of Spouse | Death | 1799 | | LOUISA | ~~VA~~ | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 4. NICHOLAS | Birth | ca ~~1700~~ | 1720 | LOUISA | VA | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| M | Full Name of Spouse MARY BROOKS | Death | 1797 | | SURRY | NC | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 5. RICHARD | Birth | ca 1730 | -1 | LOUISA | VA | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| M | Full Name of Spouse | Death | 1811 | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 6. SIMON | Birth | ca 1740 | 33 | LOUISA | VA | |
| | | Mar. | May 1760 | | | | |
| M | Full Name of Spouse SUSANNAH BROWN | Death | 1792 | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 7. DAVID | Birth | ca 1742 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse SARAH BROOKS/BROCK | Death | ~~1818~~ | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 8. ANN | Birth | ca 1723 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse French Haggard | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 9. JEREMIAH | Birth | ca 1740 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 10. | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 11. | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 12. | Birth | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |

NOTE:
X = Direct Ancestor
✓ = LDS Temple Ord. Compl.

# FAMILY UNIT CHART

PREPARED BY _____ DATE _____

HUSBAND Samuel Gentry III

OCCUPATION _____ ANCESTRAL CHART # _____ FAMILY UNIT # _____

| | DATE – DAY, MONTH, YEAR | CITY | COUNTY | STATE or COUNTRY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Born | ca 1732 | | | |
| Christened | | | | |
| Married | | | | |
| Died | 1799 | | Louisa | VA |
| Buried | | | | |

FATHER Samuel Gentry II
MOTHER

OTHER WIVES:

**WIFE** maiden name

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Born | | | | |
| Christened | | | | |
| Died | | | | |
| Buried | | | | |

FATHER
MOTHER

OTHER HUSBANDS:

| X ✓ | SEX M/F | CHILDREN Living, Adopted, Dead—In Order of Birth | BIRTH Day Month Year | BIRTHPLACE City | County | St./Cty. | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE Name of Spouse | DATE OF DEATH City | County | State/Country |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 Allen | ca 1750 | | Louisa | VA | Elizabeth Waddell | | Wilkes County | 1824 NC |
| | | 2 Samuel | ca 1755 | | Louisa | VA | | | | |
| | | 3 Jeremiah | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4 Nicholas | 2 Oct 1768 | | | | | | | |
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794
NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

**HUSBAND** Gentry, Allen

Born 1750 Place * Born Halifax Co Va Cartwright & farmer

Chr. Place

Marr. Place

Died 1824 Place * Wilkes County NC

Bur. Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER Samuel HUSBAND'S MOTHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

**WIFE** * Waddell, Elizabeth

Born Place

Chr. Place

Died Place

Bur. Place

WIFE'S FATHER WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

| SEX M F | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth — Given Names | Surname | WHEN BORN DAY | MONTH | YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY | MONTH | YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jonathan | | 25 | NOV | 1778 | Yard "Selly" Ford | | | 4 May 1801 Rebecca Tarmon | 15 | Mar | 1852 |
| 2 | Anges | | | | 1780 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Matthew | | | | 1782 | *Granville, Wm A, James | Wilkes Co. | | | | | |
| 4 | Arthur (Atha)? | | | | 1794 | * 3 sons 2 dougters | | | Rachel Lyon | | | |
| 5 | Macy | | | | 1796 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Nathan | | | | 1798 | | | | 4 May 1821 Rebecca Tarmon | | | 1852 |
| 7 | * Eliza | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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**Husband's Full Name** JONATHAN GENTRY

| Husband's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | 25 Nov 1778 | | WILKES | NC | |
| Chr'nd | | | | | |
| Mar. | | | | | |
| Death | 15 Apr 1852 | | WILKES | NC | JERRY GENTRY HIS TB |
| Burial | | | | | |

Places of Residence

Occupation FARMER Church Affiliation Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father ALLEN Mother's Maiden Name ELIZABETH WADDELL

**Wife's Full Maiden Name** SARAH ("SALLY") FENDER

| Wife's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | ca 1781 | | SURRY | NC | |
| Chr'nd | | | | | |
| Death | 7 FEB 1870 | | WILKES | NC | |
| Burial | | | | | |

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Address

City, State

Date

Places of Residence

Occupation if other than housewife Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father CHRISTIAN FENDER Mother's Maiden Name MARY ?

| Sex | Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Data | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 MARY (POLLY) | Birth | 1796 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | 21 MCH 1821 | | WILKES | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | | | | | |
| F | JAMES LYON | Burial | | | | | |
| | 2 JOHN | Birth | Oct 1801 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | 17 DEC 1821 | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | 21 Sept 1875 | | | | |
| M | ELIZABETH LYON | Burial | | ROARING RIVER PRIM BAPT. | | | |
| | 3 ELIZABETH | Birth | 18 Apr 1803 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | 8 JAN 1827 (M3) | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | | | | | |
| F | WILLIAM M. DARNELL | Burial | | ON FARM | | | |
| | 4 WILEY | Birth | 10 MCH 1805 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | 12 Oct 1825 | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | 27 MAY 1878 | | | | |
| M | MATILDA SPARKS | Burial | | WILEY GENTRY FARM | | | |
| | 5 PERMELIA ("MILLY") | Birth | ca 1807 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | | FLOYD → | | VA | |
| F | WM. RUSSELL SPARKS | Burial | | | | | |
| | 6 ANNA | Birth | ca 1809 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | | | | | |
| F | WILLIAM JOHNSON | Burial | | | | | |
| | 7 ALLEN JONATHAN | Birth | ca 1809 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | 3 JAN 1831 (M0) | | SURRY | NC | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | ~~bef 1850~~ | 1856 | | | |
| M | LUCINDA WILBOURN | Burial | | | | | |
| | 8 JONATHAN H. | Birth | 1812 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | 1 MCH 1832 | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | 1871 | | | | |
| M | JEMIMA SPICER | Burial | | | | | |
| | 9 CATHERINE | Birth | ca 1813 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | 28 DEC 1853 | | | | |
| F | JAMES CAUDELL | Burial | | | | | |
| | 10 SARAH (SALLY) WARE | Birth | ca 1815 | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | | ~~unknown~~ | | | |
| F | DARNELL | Burial | | | | | |

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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**No. 1 of January 1979.** Dear 'Cousin' Gentry. Introduction to the Newsletter. 1909 book on the family. Why the newsletter approach? What is a family history? Some guidelines for your study. *Hezikiah Gentry of Edgefield District, South Carolina and his Descendants* by Ge Le Corley Hendrix. Gentry Placenames.

**No. 2 of January 1980.** About the artist, A.C. Gentry. *Gentry Land Transfer Records, Old Surry County, North Carolina, 1774-1850 by Willard Max Gentry. A Wiles-Gentry Connection. Albert Gentry, Engineer.* Ancestors charts of George Vane Gentry, WIllian Wayne Gentry, Joan Elizabeth Hawkins Seevers. Gentry searches.

**No. 3 of 10 February 1980.** *Martin W. Gentry, 1832-1890* by James Bryant Gentry. Text of the will of Martin W. Gentry. Ancestor chart of Willard Max Gentry.

**No. 4 of 20 February 1980.** The Gazette: Births and birthdays, Marriages, Engagements, Anniversaries, Deaths and Obituaries.

**No. 5 of 10 March 1980.** *A Brief History of Nicholas Gentry's Early Years in Virginia* by Leland Homer Gentry. Ancestor charts of Leland Homer Gentry, Daniel Robert Gentry, Jessie Dean Gentry, William Ross Wineinger. Miscellaneous queries from subscribers.

**No. 6 of 5 December 1980.** *A Report on English Research* by Michael Ray Gentry. *Gentry (the name) Origins* by Leland Homer Gentry. Ancestor charts of Ruby Ellen Lowman, James Randolph Carico, Michael Ray Gentry.

**No. 7 of 12 December 1980.** Ancestor charts of James Reynold Hurst, John Henry Walker, Shirley Thompson Spuhler, Verle Gene (Fuqua) Reed, Evanne Wheeler, Rawdy W. Gentry, Alma Blake (Lott) Fricke, Gerald D. Gentry, Gwyndolyn Golden Smith, Arthur Alden Gentry, Ida Helen (Gentry) Bretz, Katherine (Gentry) Bushman, Lucy Paralee (Gentry) Dunn, Robert E. Brown, Harold Jesse Gentry, Jr.

**No. 8 of 19 December 1980.** *The Will of Simon Gentry* by Emma Gene (Seale) Gentry. The Will of Simon Gentry Transcribed and Genealogical Questions Raised by the Will of Simon Gentry." Ancestor charts of Emma Gene (Seale) Gentry, Elva L. (Bartlett) Boyle, Wilma Jean Jackson.

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**No. 9, Part 2 of 20 February 1981.** *The Bostick Family of San Antonio, Texas* and ancestor charts, plus continuation of the family of John Witt.

**No. 10 of 10 December 1981.** Correspondence, questions or responses to or from: Dorothy M. Alexander, Alice M. Banner, Ida Helen Bretz, James Randolph Carico, Shirley Carter, Mary Callan Charlesworth, Neva Sturgill Clark, Bill Ed Davis, Jean Davis, Mary F. Dunn, L.G. Ely, Jessie Dean (Gentry) Gannon, Paul E. Garland, A.A. Gentry, David Gentry, James Calvin Gentry, Herbert M. Gentry, Melvin R. Gentry, Oscar B. Gentry, Robert F. Gentry, Thomas W. Gentry, William Frederick Gentry, Mildred Haas, Ruth Gentry Hall, Ethel E. Hembree, Jo Hendrix, Sue Jentry, Wanda J. Karnes, Julia V. Maxwell, J.C. McAlexander, Miriam Catherine McClure, Larry W. Parr, Avis Gentry Pearce, Mary Loren (Gentry) Pirkle, Sarah M. Potter, Bonnie Reach, Constance R. Rogers, Violet Rogers, Joan Seevers, Suzanne Gentry Simon, Gwyndolyn Smith, Shirley Spuhler, Margaret Stanke, Opal Gentry Sutherland, Annette Sebastian Swenson, Jane Gentry Vance, John Henry Walker, Isabel Willetts, William Ross Wineinger, George Wylder.

**No. 11, Part 1 of December 1981.** *Gentry-Harris Intermarriages (plus chart)* by A. Denny Ellerman. "All About Allen Gentry" by Gwendolyn Gentry. "Gentry-Slaughter Connection," letter from John Frederick Dorman.

**No. 11, Part 2 of 16 January 1982.** Correspondence and query responses to or from: Ellen Money, Willard Max Gentry, Dorothy F. Gibson, Melvin Gentry, Constance R. Rogers, George Wylder.

**No. 12 of April 1982.** *Gentry Family Working File* by Ge Le Corley Hendrix.

**No. 13 of May 1982.** *Some Gentry-related Marriage Records from North Carolina* (earliest, 1787) by Ellen Lowman Money.

**No. 14 of June 1982.** Some questions answered, plus commentary by Leland Homer Gentry for Wanda J. Karnes, Gwendolyn Smith, Dorothy Alexander, Jean Davis, Larry W. Parr, Alice M. Banner, Ida Helen Bretz, Miriam C. McClure, George Wylder, Opal Gentry Sutherland, W.R. Wineinger, Joan Seevers, Julia Maxwell, David Gentry, J.C. McAlexander, Ethel E. Hembree, Jo Hendrix,

Thomas W. Gentry, Mary F. Dunn, Sarah M. Potter, Suzanne Gentry Simon, Margaret Stanke, Annette S. Swenson, John Walker. *Comments on Questions Raised in Issue 10* by Willard Max Gentry regarding James Gentry, John Walker, Paul Garland, Thomas Gentry, James Gentry.

### *Volume III of 1982 - 1983*

**No. 15 of August 1982.** *Proposal for the Assignment of Early North Carolina Gentrys to Families, Abednego Gentry of Old Surry County, North Carolina* by Willard Max Gentry.

**No. 16, Part 1 of October 1982.** Questions and correspondence to or from: Herbert Clarke Gentry, Eva Gentry, Elizabeth M. Gentry, Clinton H. Henry, Helen Voiles Davis, Phyllis Kort, Grace Benedict Paine, Lorraine Gill Crosswell, Cora Gentry, Ann Damron, Edith Buckner Edwards, Cleve P. Garvin.

**No. 16, Part 2 of November 1982.** Ancestor charts of: James Henry Farr, Violet Lorraine (Gill) Crosswell, Leota (Bland) Ruder, Charlotte (Woolfolk) Nelson, Helen (Voiles) Davis, Dorothy Mae (Powers) Elliott, Isophene (Gentry) Powers, Anna Belle (Gentry) Damron, Walter L. Deal, Gwendolyn (Hagler) Lawrence, Mickie Frances (O'Neal) Ayres, Lester Mack Gentry, Andrew Gentry.

**No. 17 of December 1982.** *Notes and Hypotheses about the Early Gentry Family in America* by A. Denny Ellerman. *Retraction* by Leland Homer Gentry. *Correction - Early North Carolina Gentrys* by Willard Max Gentry. Preserving the Past with a Tape Recorder.

**No. 18 of February 1983.** Gentry 'Kissin' Cousins Gather in Canada. Another Gentry Gathering in Tennessee. Query responses by Leland Homer Gentry for: Ann Damron, Phyllis Kort, Lorraine Gill Crosswell, Clinton H. Henry. Correspondence and questions to or from: Mickie Ayers, Grace Benedict Paine, Glenna L. Deal, Jerry Gentry. More on Hannah Cox Gentry. A Gentry "Gazette" item of note.

**No. 19 of April 1983.** *Nicholas Gentry, I and II: The Immigrant and the Namesake Son* by A. Denny Ellerman.

**No. 20 of June 1983.** *The Gentry Brothers Circus* by Richard Gentry Paxton. *Gentry Brothers Famous Shows: Season of 1922* by Joseph T. Bradbury.

### *Volume IV of 1983 - 1984*

**No. 21, Part 1 of August 1983.** *Addenda* compiled by William Richard Gentry, Jr. of Saint Louis, Missouri, in 1937, to The Gentry Family in America, 1676-1909 by Richard Gentry.

**No. 21, Part 2 of September 1983.** The Bayley Book Question. Ancestor charts of: Martha Louise Gentry, Malcolm Henry Gentry, Edward Crawford Gentry, Sr., Florence Isabelle Gideon.

**No. 22 of October 1983.** *Was Nicholas Gentry a Redcoat?* by A. Denny Ellerman. [Of this essay, genealogy columnist Damon Veach wrote in 1984. "...(it) offers one of the best studies of an ancestor that has every appeared in print in a surname publication. It's simply good reading, and it shows what can be done if research is carried out properly..."]

**No. 23 of December 1983.** Correspondence and questions to or from: Margie J. Gentry, Eloise Breashears, Mary F. Dunn, Charles Baggett Gentry, Rosemary (Gentry) Evans, Ellen Money, Mary C. Duzan, Vivianne Gentry Driskell, Richard Gentry Paxton, Ronald L. Gentry, Richard S. Shrout, Pamela Geisler Smith, Carol (Gentry) Zirkle, Alice M. Banner, William F. McCollum.

**No. 24 of February 1984.** Query assistance from Leland Homer Gentry for : Margie J. Gentry, Mary F. Dunn, Charles Baggett Gentry, Rosemary (Gentry) Evans, Ronald L. Gentry, Richard S. Shrout, Carol (Gentry) Zirkle, Alice M. Banner, William F. McCollum. Query responses for Pamela Geisler Smith from Violet Rogers. Correspondence and questions to or from: Arvle Gentry, Dorothy Elliott, Vicki Jo Gentry, John Richard Gentry, Mary Anne Murray, Lehmon N. Gentry, JoAnn R. Gentry, Gary E. Young, Charles W. Gentry, Louisa Joan Moyer, Sharon Johnson.

**No. 25 of August 1984.** Ancestor charts of: Alvis Clyde Wilkerson, John Richard Gentry, Helen Maxine (Wilson) Gentry, Charles W. Gentry, William McCollum, William Adam Owens, Janice Marie (Gentry) Smith, Lehmon Nelson Gentry, Martha Hulse, Albert Henry Johnson, Elizabeth McClellan, Grace Josephine (Gentry) Blissitte, Shirley Quinon Gentry, William Dale Gentry.

**No. 26, Part 1 of September 1984.** *Gentry Family Research Discoveries Plus Notes*, (and) *Allen D. and Nancy Gentry of Monroe County, Tennessee* (and) *Notes on the David Gentrys of Louisa and Lunenburg Counties, Virginia* by Willard Max Gentry. Questions and correspondence to or from: Enyard Walter Gentry, Janice Marie (Gentry) Smith, Christine Gentry, H. Maxine (Wilson) Smith.

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**No. 26, Part 2 of October 1984.** Query assistance from A. Denny Ellerman for Gary E. Young. Query assistance from Leland Homer Gentry for: Arvle Gentry, Dorothy Elliott, Vicki Jo Gentry, Lehmon N. Gentry, Gary E. Young. Question and correspondence to or from: William F. McCollum, A. Maxim Coppage, Rosemary (Gentry) Evans.

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**No. 27 of December 1984.** Correspondence and question to or from: M.H. [Eva] Gentry, H.B. Brehm, Enyard Walter Gentry, Peg Hoffman, Mildred Haas, Christine Gentry, Leland Homer Gentry, Wesley P. Ayers, Ronald L. Gentry, Kathleen Bachtold, Thomas L. Parnell, James William Tackitt, Robert A. Gentry, Martha Gentry, Herbert Clarke Gentry, Paul E. Garland, Julia V. Maxwell, Ronald L. Gentry, Charles David Gentry, John H. Walker, Rosemary (Gentry) Evans.

**No. 28 of September 1985.** Correspondence and question to or from: Paul F. Dietz, JoAnn R. Gentry, Retha Joanne Orr Friend, Charles B. Gentry, Helen Voiles Davis, H.M. (Mickey) Gentry, Eulen (Ginger) Gentry Seago, Kathleen Bachtold, Mary F. Dunn, Arlene Gentry Dague, Lehmon N. Gentry, Arthur Newton Gentry, Constance R. Rogers.

**No. 29 of November 1985.** *The David and Nicholas Gentrys of Louisa, Lunenburg and Albemarle Counties, Virginia in the Mid-1770s* by A. Denny Ellerman

**No. 30 of January 1986.** *The Reverend Robert Daniel Gentry, 18945-1916* from Charles Baggett Gentry. *Building a Pedigree* by Leland Homer Gentry. Query assistance for: H.M. Gentry, Eulen Gentry Seago, Lehmon N. Gentry, Kathleen Bachtold, Arlene Gentry Dague, Constance R. Rogers, Arthur Newton Gentry, Christine Gentry. Data from Christine Gentry. The Leland Factor. Soundex Records Coming. The Hoarding Syndrome.

**No. 31 of July 1986.** Correspondence and questions to or from: Christine Gentry, Alice Wineinger, Charles Baggett Gentry, Helen V. Davis, Willis Edward Gentry, M. Lee Gentry, Virginia Jernigan Murphy, Enyard Walter Gentry, Cara Virginia Musser, Arthur Newton Gentry, Cleve Patrick Garvin, Dorothy Gibson, Mary Louise Tindall Tietjen.

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**No. 34 of March 1987.** *L.D.S. 'Soundex' Record as of April 1984*, including 2,080 Gentry events with approximately 6,300 names including 836 surnames. Copying by JoAnn R. Gentry; compilation by Richard Hayden Gentry and Jean Blair Gentry.

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**No. 37 of September 1987.** *A Collection of Research Notes on the Descendants of Robert Gentry in the Knoxville, Tennessee Area* by Amos Leo Gentry.

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**No. 43 of September 1989.** From Leland Homer Gentry to: Enyard Gentry, Merrill Drury Reich, Oscar B. Gentry, Joyce Gentry Davis, Dorothy Gibson, Jenniev Gentry McCamish, Amos Leo Gentry, Gertrude Harter Hammons, Mickey Ayers, Helen L.E. Hays, Carolyn Brown, Ronald R. Lampe, Betty L. Fisher, Jo Beth Stutts, Chris H. Bailey, James Calvin Gentry, Clifford E. Wilson, Kenneth C. Wilde, James E. Gentry, Jr., Krystyna Murphy, James Bryant Gentry, Willard Max Gentry, Dearl T. Mills, Ruth Gentry Weaver, Carol Zirkle, Virginia Jernigan Murphy, Kathy Patterson. From A. Denny Ellerman to Kathy Patterson. From: Tiny Forrester, Mrs. Warren D. Travis, Leland Stanford Beeler, Margie Ann (Austin) Gentry, Doris Gentry Bias. From Mickie Ayers to Ruth Gentry. From: Oscar B. Gentry, Mildred Gentry Jones. Library listings for the 1909 Book.

**No. 44 of October 1989.** *A Preliminary Hypothesis about John Gentry of Botetourt County, Virginia* by A. Denny Ellerman. Ahnentafel charts replace ancestor charts. Ahnentafel charts of: Dorothy Dolores (Aldridge) Forrester, Wanda Lou (Capps) Craig, Kenneth Charles Wilde, Larry W. Parr, Herbert Richard Gentry, Charles Baggett Gentry, Katherine (Gentry) Bushman, Raymond E. Gentry, Donald Max Gentry, Alice Mary (Gentry) Kenitz, George Taylor Gentry, Jr., Mary Lee (Wheeler) Tharp, Theora Virginia (Jernigan) Murphy, James Edward Gentry, Jr., Enyard Walter Gentry, Leland Stanford Beeler, Blythe Gentry, Donald Ray Murphy, Sr., Charles Wayne Gentry.

**No. 45 of December 1989.** To Carol Zirkle from Willard Max Gentry. *Gentry References in Caswell and Person Counties, North Carolina Records* by Willard Max Gentry. *Gentry References in Records of Halifax County, Virginia* by Willard Max Gentry. From Ernest H. Wallace. Ahnentafel chart of Gladys Altha (Davis) Wallace. List of Ancestor or ahnentafel charts appearing in Gentry Family Gazette & Genealogy Exchange, 1979-present. Newspapers and genealogy: A recommendation.

**No. 46 of April 1990.** *A Convergence of Gentry Lines* by Charles David Gentry. *Gentry Surname in Selected U.S. Census Records, 1800 - 1880, North Carolina, Kentucky and Indiana* by Charles David Gentry. Five generation ahnentafel chart of Charles David Gentry.

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**No. 47 of September 1991.** Frontispiece: Saint Peter's Parish Church of New Kent County, Virginia. *David Gentry of Hanover County: A Third, Early, David Gentry* by A. Denny Ellerman. From Retha Joanne Friend (Vaughn & Gentry Families: A 1932 Letter). To Merrill Drury Reich from Virginia J. Murphy. To Jenniev McCamish from Virginia J. Murphy. From: Avalee Tucker Philhours, Kathleen Clinhens Bachtold, Patricia A. Schiro, Sherry Gentry Combs, Opal Gladys (Gillispie) Sutherland, Christine Gentry. Ahnentafels of: Opal Gladys (Gillispie) Sutherland, Margaret Louise (Ely) Davis. Re-starting the Gazette. Volunteers needed for Indexing Project. Results of Summer Computer Survey. National Park Service and Civil War Records. Identifying Numbers for Earliest Family Members? Gazette Found at Yard Sale. 30th Annual Maupin Family Reunion. Congratulations to Ge Le Corley Hendrix.

**No. 48 of December 1991.** *Proposals for Additions to the Family of Nicholas-I Gentry* by Willard Max Gentry. From Gary E. Young to Kathleen Clinehens Bachtold (including "Revolutionary War Pension Record of Thomas Bailey"). *The Family of Nicholas-III Gentry and his Wife Sarah (Dicken) Gentry* by Gary E. Young. From Joyce Lindtrom re. descendants of Nicholas-III Gentry and Sarah Dicken. Frontispiece: Gentry Methodist Church, Albemarle County, Virginia. Thank you Volunteers. *Caveat Emptor, Caveat Lector* by Edgar MacDonald from the Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter.

**No. 49 of March 1992.** Publication of Katherine Gentry Bushman Book. *Gentry Marriage Records in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia* and *Abstracts of Marriage Licenses, Augusta County, Virginia, 1854-1866* by Katherine Gentry Bushman. "American heritage: Tombstones tell the story of a nation, It's soldiers" by Heidi White from Southwest County Journal of Saint Louis, Missouri. From: David C. Allegretti, Barbara R. Gentry-Daniels, Doris Gentry Bias, James Gentry Overpeck, Elwood M. Gentry. Ancestor Chart-to-Ahnentafel Chart. Ahnentafel chart of Harold Wayne Gentry. *Gentry and Tharp Family Research* by Cheryl Ann (Gentry) Combs. "Ideas for Preserving Family History Records" by Earl Richard Smith from the SAR Magazine. Congratulations to Dr. Ellerman. Status of the Listing/Indexing Project. Regarding preservation of records.

**No. 50 of October 1992.** *Samuel Gentry of Surry County, North Carolina: Progenitor of the Gentrys of Southern Indiana* by Willard Max Gentry. *Setting the Richard Record Straight* by Willard Max Gentry. *Untangling the Early James Gentrys* by A. Denny Ellerman. The Passing Parade: Births, Marriages, Deaths.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Old Town Township, in the County of Grayson, State of Virginia, enumerated by me on the 11 day of August, 1870.

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John Walsh, Ass't Marshal.

| Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation. | Families, numbered in the order of visitation. | The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family. | Description: Age at last birth-day. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus, 2/12. | Description: Sex—Males (M.), Females (F.) | Description: Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.) | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female. | Value of Real Estate Owned: Value of Real Estate. | Value of Real Estate Owned: Value of Personal Estate. | Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth. | Parentage: Father of foreign birth. | Parentage: Mother of foreign birth. | If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.) | If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.) | Attended school within the year. | Education: Cannot read. | Education: Cannot write. | Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic. | Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards. | Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime. |
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| 1 | | Celia | 1 | F | W | | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | | John M | 2/12 | M | W | | | | Va | | | Sept | | | | | | | | 2 |
| 3 | | Mahlon | 14 | F | W | | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| 4 | | Vanavant Jas | 34 | M | W | Farm Laborer | | | Va | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 4 |
| 5 | 151 | 151 Gentry R. H. | 29 | M | W | Farmer | 850 | 480 | N.C. ✓ | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 5 |
| 6 | | Levina | 30 | F | W | Keeping house | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| 7 | | Martin | 1 | M | W | | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| 8 | | Collins Effy | 6/12 | F | W | no Occupation | | | Va | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 8 |
| 9 | | Rector Phoebe | 15 | F | W | Domestic | | | Va | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 9 |
| 10 | 157 | 151 Collins John C | 39 | M | W | Farm Laborer | | 240 | Va | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 10 |
| 11 | | Caroline | 32 | F | W | Keeping house | | | N.C. ✓ | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 11 |
| 12 | | Wm L | 15 | M | W | At Home | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 12 |
| 13 | | Franklin | 13 | M | W | " | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| 14 | | Isaac R | 1 | M | W | | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 14 |
| 15 | | Wood Ruff Nancy | 16 | F | W | Domestic | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 15 |
| 16 | 152 | 152 Collins Alex | 33 | M | W | Farmer | 750 | 350 | Va | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 16 |
| 17 | | Martha | 25 | F | W | Keeping house | | | N.C. ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | 17 |
| 18 | | Robt M | 3 | M | W | | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 18 |
| 19 | | Lindy R | 1 | F | W | | | | Va | | | | | | | | | | | 19 |
| 20 | 153 | 153 Hatcher Abraham | 38 | M | W | Farm Labor | 300 | 120 | Va | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 20 |
| 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 21 |

WILLIAMS,

# Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Betty Steele

Address 4433 Juno Way

City, State Sacramento, CA

Date _____

Telephone No. _____

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

Chart No. 1

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

1 STEELE, Betty Burchardt
b. 25 Apr. 1926
p.b. Philadelphia, PA
m. 25 Apr. 1957
d.
p.d.

2 STEELE, Brady Gratis (Father of No. 1)
b. 28, Sept,
p.b. Surry Co., N.C.
m. 17 Nov. 1923
d. 27 Apr. 1972
p.d Elkin, N. C.

4 STEELE, Joseph Columbur (Father of No. 2)
b. 11 SEP. 1857
p.b.
m.
d. 27-APR 1939
p.d Surry Co.,N.C.

5 FULK, Julina Betty (Mother of No. 2)
b. 4 JUNE 1873
p.b.
d. 2 SEP. 1930
p.d. Surry Co. NC

8 _____ (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 STEELE, LUCENA (Mother of No. 4) (ZENIE)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 Fulk, Joseph H. (Father of No. 5)
b. 23-04-1849
p.b.
m.
d. 19-04-1935
p.d Franklin, NC

11 Gentry, Sarah Allen (Mother of No. 5)
b. 01-10-1848
p.b.
d. 26-06-1937
p.d. Galax, VA

16 _____ (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _)
b.
m.
d.

17 _____ (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _)
b.
d.

18 _____ (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _)
b.
m. NOT
d.

19 _____ (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _)
b.
d.

20 Fulk, Samuel L. (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 2)
b.
m. 12 Dec 1835
d.

21 Roberson, Eliz. (Bett (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _)
b.
d.

22 Gentry, Allen (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 5)
b.
m. NC 21 Nov 1847
d.

23 Southard, Mahala (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _)
b. 29 Dec 1827
d.

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# Ancestor Chart

Chart No. 2

Name of Compiler: Betty S. Williams
4433 Juno Way
Sacramento, CA 95864-1730

City, State: _____

Date: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 20 on chart No. 1.

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

1 Fulk, Samuel L.
b. 1819
p.b.
m.
d. 1859
p.d

2 Fulk, William E. (Father of No. 1)
b. 1781
p.b.
m. 1800
d. 1856
p.d

3 Rebecca (Mother of No. 1)
b. 10 Nov 1781
p.b.
d.
p.d.

4 Fulks, John (Father of No. 2)
b. 1755
p.b.
m. 1787
d. 1808
p.d

5 Newby, Nancy? (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

6 (Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

7 (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
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(Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No.

31 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No.
b.

Roberson, Elizabeth (Betty)

Administrators of Wills Co.

Jan 1853 John Gentry for Sarah Gentry

Aug 1856 Joseph Gentry for Lucinda Gentry

Oct 1860 Norwood Kennedy for William Kennedy

May 1866 R B Phillips for James Greenwood

31 May 1870 Mary Thompson (sale held by Absalom Gentry)

(#1) 23 Jan 1851 (MS)
Elizabeth Brannock "Betsy"
ca 1833 NC
CA 1858

d/o William Brannock &
Catharine Frye
Ch: (Bryan TS)
(1) William A. ~~not born~~ 1853
CA 1853

(2) Calvin P. ① 14 Apr 1874
1900= Sept 1853 Malalda Hodges
~~Mar~~ 1857 ② 29 Dec 1893
Nancy A. (Richardson) Macemore

(3) Martha A. md. Wm P. Doby
17 Feb 1858 31 Aug 1875
23 Apr 1949
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Chart No. 3

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

1 Gentry, Allen
b.
p.b.
m.
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p.d

2 (Father of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

3 (Mother of No. 1)
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d.
p.d.

4 (Father of No. 2)
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5 (Mother of No. 2)
b.
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d.
p.d.

6 (Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

7 (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
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10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
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p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
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p.d.

12 (Father of No. 6)
b.
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m.
d.
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13 (Mother of No. 6)
b.
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p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
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15 (Mother of No. 7)
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16 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No.
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# THE LINE OF SAMUEL GENTRY - PART I

by
LELAND HOMER GENTRY
of
Salt Lake City, Utah

Now that Denny Ellerman has laid to rest some of our most perplexing Gentry problems in early Virginia - and most adroitly - it may not be amiss to attempt to extend the line of Samuel Gentry, son of Nicholas Gentry I.

At least two sons of Samuel Gentry and wife Ann <note 1> have been identified by Denny: Nicholas Gentry and David Gentry, both of whom married daughters of Richard Brooks. <2> As clearly shown by Denny's research, Samuel lived in Hanover County (later Louisa), Virginia from 1723 until the 1750's when he began to divest himself of his lands in Louisa and moved to Lunenburg County, Virginia. It is believed that Samuel is the only son of Nicholas to move to Lunenburg County.

Identifying the several sons and one known daughter of Samuel is relatively easy if we follow this assumption. The absence of a family Bible or of birth records does not prove helpful in making positive identifications, but the fact that Samuel did move to Lunenburg <3> and that the younger Gentrys there were likewise associated with Samuel in Louisa County on Dirty Swamp strengthens the possibility that they are Samuel's sons as well as Nicholas and David are.

At least three of Samuel's supposed sons are witnesses to a deed by him in 1762. <4> These sons are Joseph, Simon, Richard and a known son-in-law, French Haggard. <5> Each of these names appears in Lunenburg County in abundance. The configuration of the family at this point appears to be:

David, born 1718, married Sarah Brooks;
Nicholas, born 1720, married Mary Brooks;
Ann, born 1723, married French Haggard;
Allen, born 1725, married Mary -?-;
Richard, born 1730, married -?-;
Simon, born 1733, married Susannah Brown, May 1760, Cumberland County, VA;
Samuel, born 1735.

All birth years are approximations.

David may have moved to Johnston County, North Carolina since one of his Lunenburg deeds in 1764 calls him "of" that location. He

died shortly after the move and his widow moved to South Carolina.

Nicholas left Lunenburg County between 1767 when he sells to Thomas Muary (Richard and Allen Gentry are witnesses) and 1770 when he is on the tax list of Surry County, North Carolina for the rest of his life. <6> He lived on Fishing Creek.

Allen left Lunenburg after 1769 and settled in Halifax County, Virginia and in Casewell County, North Carolina, just across the state line. His son, Meshach Gentry, left a Revolutionary pension record in which he states that he was born in Louisa County, Virginia in 1748 and moved to Lunenburg with his parents four years later. <7> He is on a tax list with his father and grandfather (Samuel) in the late 1770's in Casewell County, North Carolina.

Joseph sold his land in Lunenburg County in 1768 with his brother Allen and is found in the deeds and tax lists of Surry County in the 1770's and from then until his death in 1813. <8>

Richard moved to Surry County also about 1770. His will was probated there on 8 January 1811 <9> and names but one heir, Mary Ashley, although he undoubtedly had other children.

Simon left Louisa and moved to Cumberland County where he married Susannah Brown in May 1760 <10> and had three daughters. His will was probated there on 28 May 1792. <11>

Samuel, the last son, moved to Surry County, North Carolina where he was taxed with his brothers in 1770-1771. He owned 400 acres on Fox Knobs Mountain which his four heirs sold in February of 1800. <12>

Each of these men's families will be detailed at a later date. Much more information exists on each, but it is sometimes necessary to draw conclusions by inference from known facts. It is strongly believed, though not beyond question, that these sons of Samuel primarily remained in southern Virginia and northwestern North Carolina until their deaths. David's widow, Sarah Brooks, moved to South Carolina following her husband's death. She received 350 acres from that state in 1765, indicating (based on the allottment of 50 acres per child and 100 for head of household) that she still had five sons under legal age.

This completes the approximate view of Samuel's family. Information respecting his children and grandchildren will appear in a later issue.

Notes:

1. Ann's first name is given in a deed made by her husband; Louisa County Deed Book A, page 276. Her maiden name might be Allen as that is the name of one of her sons and the name carried down for generations. The Allens were close neighbors to the Gentrys in Louisa and Lunenburg counties.
2. GFG&GE, Volume V, page 36 (No. 29).
3. Louisa County Deed Book B, page 184 & Book C, page 151.
4. Louisa County Deed Book C, page 151.
5. Louisa County Deed Book A, page 398.
6. See Deed and Tax Lists for Lunenburg County, Virginia and Surry County, North Carolina for these years.
7. Gentry Family in America, page 256 and 260 and his actual pension on file in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.
8. See Surry County Will Book 17 November 1804 at which time Joseph's will was drawn up. Probate will be found under date of May 1813. Joseph sold his land in Lunenburg on Reedy Creek in 1770 and bought in Surry county on both sides of the Yadkin River in December 1774. Deed Book A, page 76 and 91.
9. See Surry County Will Books, 8 January 1811.
10. Marriage Records of Cumberland County. See also William and Mary Quarterly Series, Volume 20, index.
11. Wills of Cumberland County, Virginia, Book B-2, p. 524.
12. See Deed Book I, page 147s, of Surry County. These four sons, all named, moved prior to the sale to Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

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To **A. Denny Ellerman**
of McLean, Virginia
From **Robert Harrison Whitlock** (7 October 1986)
of Bay Village, Ohio

Denny said he never came across any connection between the Gentrys and Whitlocks such as the witnessing of a will (see **GFGG**, Vol. V, page 90), so I am enclosing a page out of my family history book for him. It mentions both Elizabeth (Whitlock) Gentry and her husband David, as a witness to her brothers's will.

<Unfortunately, the book was not identified. The punctuation and-or paragraphing of the will is reproduced as received. Editor>

"(17)

"Later we find another will that gives us further information: the will of Thomas, brother of George, Achilles, William, etc., that is entered in Louisa County, Virginia, Will Book 2, page 277, as follows:

"Dated March 20, 1776, Probated March 10, 1778

'In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Whitlock of Louisa County being in Health of Body and of sound Memory do make this my last Will & Testament in manner following Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my beloved brother John Whitlock all my whole estate both real and personal on proviso he should survive me and live to return from this our present Expedition but if not Item my will and desire is that my said Estate be Equally divided amongst my other brothers and sisters (viz) William and Euclid Whitlock, Frances Dicken and Elizabeth Gentry Item Excepting Ten pounds which I give unto my Sister Molley Dickens. And I do hereby constitute and ordain my Brother in Law Joseph Dicken whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testement Revoking all other Wills and Testament by me heretofore made. Given under my hand and seal this Twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand and seven hundred and seventy six.

'(s) Thomas Whitlock

'(seal)

'Signed in presence of us
'Richd Bloxsom
'Joseph Dicken
'David Gentry

'At a Court Contd and held for Louisa County March 10th 1778 this will was this day Exhibited in Court and proved by the oath of Joseph Dicken and by the affirmation of Richard Bloxsom two of the witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be Recorded.'

"It would appear that this will was written by a single man, about to go to war, and that he did not come back. But his brother John, who had the will executed, did return."

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To **Gordon Carvill**
of Englewood, Colorado
From **Christine E. Gentry** (15 September 1986)
of Long Beach, California

Thank you for your prompt reply. I received a second letter from Alice Wineinger the same day. You must be on the same wavelength or something. In studying the information you sent, I couldn't figure out where she (Alice Wineinger) fit into the picture. Is she the wife of one of the male descendents of the male cousins of John Lloyd Gentry?

I agree that Gentry materials to this point are a bit unreliable. the Gentry Family in America (GFA) has quite a few holes. I hope some day someone will undertake a revision. Leland Gentry in Salt Lake City would be a logical candidate. Meanwhile, the GFG&GE has been very helpful. The people who contribute research are serious about their work as well as thorough and logical. And new information keeps turning up, so hopefully one day all the puzzle pieces will fit.

There was no information given as to the preachers involved in Jefferson's and Clifton's marriages, so far as I know.

I am enclosing a copy of the tax records from Madison County. I'm sorry about the poor quality. The original was in pencil and I didn't have time to recopy it. The numbers in circles refer to individuals in GFA that I believe I have identified. I intend to go back and finish 1844-52 when I get a chance, and also check the acreage, titheables, etc. for Thomas. When I first did this, I was just trying to establish a pattern. As you can see, there are a few unidentifiable males who were there early enough to be Jefferson, Clifton, and William's father. Thomas does seem a logical choice.

The question remains in my mind, however, what about Samuel Gentry (#82 in GFA) in Bullitt County who had a son Clifton born about 1822? This Clifton would have been fourth cousin (going back to Nicholas II) to Thomas' offspring. He had a brother named William but no Jefferson.

Yes, I have found that late-in-life statements tend to be vague, and Jefferson's statement about his parents being born in Virginia might just refer to general family origins. Clifton's census listing in 1900 (Brown County, ED 32) shows his parents born in Kentucky. Same in 1880.

I am trying to get a response from Brown County, Kansas as to Clifton's death. Padonia was a township not a town. I'll suggest a cemetery trip to Alice. 1830 Census shows only one son for Thomas under five. We'd need at least three. The six sons of Thomas in 1840 aren't old enough and Clifton and Jefferson aren't listed separately. Where were they? I also can't find Clifton anywhere in 1850. Maybe I should check Illinois and Ohio.

**To Alice Wineinger**
of Haddam, Kansas
**From Christine E. Gentry** (15 September 1986)
of Long Beach, California

I got a letter from Gordon the same day I got yours. He sent me a lot of his family's information which was very interesting (including Wineinger cousins - how do you connect?). Maybe I've jogged him into working on it. The more the merrier.

When did Jefferson die, and how did you find his obituary? I think Clifton died in Padonia Township, Brown County, Kansas between 1900 and 1910. If you ever have occasion to go to Brown County, maybe you can find where he's buried. This wife Eliza Jane (Lousa), too. His son William Jefferson is also there, in or around Reserve. He died 25 July 1917. I don't know about his wife, Martha, who died about 1930.

I just wrote my second letter to Brown County. I'm trying to locate obituaries, cemetery records, land records, etc. that might give a clue to Clifton's parents or his connection to Jefferson and William Gentry. By the way, my husband's father was born in Rulo, Richardson County, Nebraska, so I know the families must have criss-crossed back and forth across the Kansas - Nebraska border.

Martin Gentry (#8 in GFA), Josiah's father, came to Kentucky about 1789 at age 42. His brother David (#4 in GFA) lived nearly his whole life in Virginia but is buried in Richmond, Kentucky. GFA says he followed his children to Kentucky in his old age. That must be the passage you're thinking of.

Martin's children were Betsie (1766), Josiah (1768), Bartlett (1770), Patsie (1774), Sukey (1776), John (1789). I have carefully scoured the GFA to trace all of these childrens to determine if any of them could be the progenitor of Clifton, and have eliminated nearly all of them for one reason or another.

Bartlett lived in Missouri. Nothing is said about Richard.

John had a son named Oliver Perry born about 1800 who may be the Oliver Perry who appears on the tax lists briefly in 1841-2, and whose descendents of Richard, Oliver Perry, and Josiah's son Thomas.

My analysis of the Madison County tax list yields only one additional male who was in the county early enough, and that was Wilson. According to GFA, he went to Missouri in 1830 and then to California. The tax lists agree with the GFA in every detail that I have been able to check, such as the time of departure from the country, so I tend to think that the number and names of the males involved in that country are fairly accurately listed in GFA.

However, there are a number of holes in GFA's treatment of Martin's descendents, so complete accuracy is in question. In 1844 when Jefferson appears for the first time on the tax lists, he is listed right next to Thomas, which to me is evidence of a close relationship.

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To Gordon Carvill
of Englewood, Colorado
From Christine E. Gentry (24 October 1986)
of Long Beach, California

Thank you for yours of 19 September which arrived the same time as a letter from Alice. Am enclosing a copy of my letter to her which I thought might interest you and keep me from repeating myself.

I was interested in your analysis of the census. Using proximity to establish connections has a certain validity, but must be taken with a grain of salt, as who is close to whom may be valid for one route of travel but not another.

By the way, I just discovered that I had mistakenly identified Benajah Gentry on the tax lists as Martin's brother (#7 in GFA) when he should be Martin's nephew (#12 in GFA), father of the Claybourn (#48 not #18) that shows up on the lists in 1841 and Benjamin and Nelson (#49, #50) who show up in 1843 and 1844.

On the 1820 census, Joseph (#61), James (#59) and Christopher (#58) were all sons of Richard (#15); Pleasant must be (#71), the son of David (#16).

Martin, Sr. (#9), and his sons Martin, Jr. (#37), Josiah (#34) and Richard seem to be scattered around, and one of the Benajahs is the one discussed above.

I think the Joseph in this census that you believe to be a possibility for Jefferson's father was (#61) the son of Richard (#15) who had ten children, not including a Jefferson.

Going to the 1830 census, you seem to feel that John Gentry on page 141 could be Jefferson's father. Question is, which John is he? There are no sons in that family young enough to be Clifton.

By similar arguments of proximity, Thomas Gentry and Nathanaiel Guthrie are only a page apart, and thus could be the parents of Clifton and Louisa Jane, but as you can see from my letter to Alice, the probability seems to be dimming that this is so. I keep going back to Samuel Gentry in Bullitt County because the marriage record states that Samuel posted bond, but it doesn't say Samuel who (Gentry, Guthrie, ?). If Clifton was his son, what brought him to Madison County from Bullitt County?

I wonder if the Eli Cornelison in the 1850 census of Andrew County, Missouri could be related to Martin's granddaughter who marries a Cornelison?

...I'll send a copy of both these letters to GFG&GE.

To Alice Weininger
of Haddam, Kansas
From Christine E. Gentry (24 October 1986)
of Long Beach, California

I have your letters of 18 September and 9 October in front of me, and the copies of the estate settlements for Thomas Gentry, Jr. and Josiah Gentry. These documents would tend to disprove that your Jefferson, Thomas, and my Clifton were sons of Thomas Jefferson Gentry, Sr. because they state that Thomas Jefferson Gentry Jr., Josiah, and Curran were all brothers and no other brothers are named, and Curran was described as the only living heir.

Granted, GFA does say that Thomas Jefferson Gentry, Sr. had five children, but I expect the other two died very young or were female...

GFA shows that Martin Gentry, born 1747, had eleven children but details only two of them Josiah and Bartlett. On page 46 is a statement that the will of Martin names his wife Mary (Timberlake), grandson Thomas J., sons Bartlett, Josiah, John, and Martin, daughters Patsie Maupin, Susana Jones, Nancy Lipscomb, and granddaughters Patsie Dinwiddie, Susana Gentry, Pollie Corneilson, Bettie Crews and Sallie Dulaney.

Bartlett apparently went to Missouri. Josiah had four children: William went to Missouri, Joel died young, Martin had only one son named Josiah, and Thomas Jefferson who had five children who all died without issue.

I have not heard from Leland Gentry as to why he thinks Thomas is Clifton's father, but these documents you sent fortify my doubts. I still believe Clifton and Jefferson and William were brothers, primarily because of their parallel movements and the names of their children.

I received an exciting letter from the Library in Hiawatha, Kansas in which was enclosed the obituaries for Clifton and his wife Louisa Jane. He died in Hiawatha 24 August 1901 and she died 26 March 1903 in Geary, Oklahoma. Now I at least know when and where they died, though there was no real genealogical information in the articles, except the dates and that they came to Kansas in 1856 and Louisa's body was brought back to Kansas for burial by J. O. Rynearson, who I suspect may have been a son-in-law. I'm hoping to locate the tombstones in the Hart Cemetery in Hiawatha to see if they might give dates of birth. Louisa was a Guthrie, and I believe the daughter of Nathaniel Guthrie who died 14 January 1846 in Madison County, Kentucky.

I am building up quite a store of Gentry information. Have you sent this to the Gazette? I'm sure the editor would like to share it with everybody.

I would say the Richard Timberlake might have been a brother of Mary Timberlake who married Martin Gentry. Her father was Phillip, but I don't know who her siblings were. She was born in 1748. If Richard died in 1795, he would have been a contemporary. Since Martin Gentry signed his will, that would establish a close connection.

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From James Calvin Gentry
of Tabor City, North Carolina

Enclosed is a copy of an early map of Virginia that I bought at the Virginia Archives Building in Richmond, Virginia this summer showing Totopotomoy's Creek. As you know, the description of Samuel Gentry's land as stated in the St. Peter's Parrish Land Book is:

> "Oct. 21, 1684: On the South side of York River, Between the heads of the branches of the said river and the heads of the branches of Totopotomoy Creek, adjoing the lands of Col. John Page, Edwin Hardin and Nicholas Gentry. (The lands of the Gentrys were also adjacent to those of Indian Chief Totopotomoy."

This is the first time I have seen the Totopotomoy Creek on any of the old maps I have looked at. As the people at the Archives said, "Creeks come and go and are often renamed."

The map was drawn in 1775 by Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson and is one of series of about ten early maps reproduced in a folder. I had been looking for Totopotomoy's Creek on maps in the Williamburg, Virginia area, but it seems Samuel and Nicholas went far up river to buy their land. On modern maps, it is close to where Route 360 crosses the Pamunkey River, northeast of Richmond. The Pamunkey River becomes the York River as it winds down to the sea...

<Unfortunately, the copy of the map sent could not reproduced very well. Editor.>

If anyone finds out anything more about the mysterious William Gentry (#14 in GFA) who is the ancestor of hundreds of us Virginia/North Carolina Gentrys, please report it in GFG&GE.

<Jim -- I still plan to use part of the mountain of computerized data you sent to me some time ago. By the way, how about sending a description of the hardware and software you are using to compile and record your data? I'm sure that would be of interest to those thinking about a personal computer, or those, like me, who want to upgrade their systems. Editor>

To W. D. Gentry
of Jermyn, Texas
From A. Denny Ellerman (18 March 1986)
of McLean, Virginia

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your letter of last December; however, the question you pose concerning the parents of the Nicholas Gentry who was killed at Fort Nashboro is not an easy one to answer. Indeed, if we knew the answer, I believe that many of the uncertain relations among the early Gentrys would be answered.

I think it reasonably certain that this Nicholas is not a son of either Nicholas II or his brother Samuel. Both of these second generation Gentrys had sons named Nicholas, but both of these sons can be traced to different places and times. Nicholas III, the son of Nicholas II, appears to have lived until the late 1780's in Louisa County, Virginia, and then to have moved to Kentucky where he died around 1809 in Adair County. His first wife was named Elizabeth Stringer, but by the 1780's she had died and he married again to Sarah Dickens. He can be positively identified as being in Lousia County after the death of Nicholas of Nashboro.

The Nicholas who was a son of Samuel married a Mary Brooks in Louisa County, but moved to Lunenberg County, Virginia in the late 1740's and from there apparently to Surry County, North Carolina where he is believed to have died. I have not done any research on this Nicholas, but other Gentry family genealogists have and their tracking of his movements and of his children indicate a Nicholas other than the Nicholas of Nashboro. For instance, this Nicholas can be definitively located in Surry County after the death of the Nicholas of Nashboro.

The Nicholas of Nashboro was an early Gentry. On the assumption that he was old enough to have a married son (say at least 20 years of age) who was killed with him at Fort Nashboro in 1782, then we would have to place his birthdate in the early 1740's at the latest. This early Gentry birthdate does not leave many other possibilities as Nicholas of Nashboro's father. These possibilities are: (1) Joseph Gentry, eldest son of the Immigrant; (2) one of the older sons of Joseph Gentry, perhaps James; and (3) John Gentry, the possible fourth son of Nicholas I.

Joseph Gentry appears to be the eldest son of Nicholas the Immigrant and as such he was probably born in the mid or late 1680's. He first appears in the St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book in a road order dated 1708 where he is ordered to help Nicholas Gentry. He appears fairly regularly from then on into the 1750's which is the approximate time of his death in my view.

There are three other early Gentry males which appear in the St. Paul's Parish records who are probable sons of this Joseph. They

are James, Joseph, Jr. and William. Given the dates of first appearance of these names in the records, the birth years for these three range between 1710 (the usual date assumed for James) and 1725. It is quite possible that Joseph had children as late as the 1740's, but, if he did, it is not possible to distinguish them from the children of James who appear to have been born starting in the 1730's.

In the 1730's and 1740's, there were a number of Gentry males born, who were not sons of Nicholas II or his brother Samuel, and who were generally located in Hanover County, Virginia and in the St. Martin's Parish part of Louisa County. The only one who can be definitively linked with one of the probable sons of Joseph is the James of Louisa and later Guilford County, North Carolina, who was executor of the elder James' estate as evidenced by some Lousia County court orders.

Several of these unattached, mid-18th century, Hanover County Gentrys can be well identified by existing records of the mid and late 18th century. They are: (1) The above-mentioned James Gentry of Louisa County, Virginia and Guilford County, North Carolina; (2) George Gentry of Albemarle County, Virginia (died 1810); and (3) David Gentry of Hanover County, Virginia (died ca. 1815). In addition, there are some less well defined references to Gentry males which suggest birthdates prior to 1750 and either other grandsons or younger sons of Joseph Gentry. These names are John, Joseph, Jr., and Aaron.

Both the George and David Gentrys cited above were wealthy men when they died in the early 19th century. James, the son of James I, died accidentally in the 1780's but he appears also to have been a man of some property when he died. His father James I appears to have been a man of considerable property as evidenced by the 1763 Quit Rent Roll for Hanover County and by what appears from the records to have been the considerable time it took to settle his estate. I tend to the belief that the James, George and David cited above were all sons of James I, based on their apparent greater degree of prosperity as compared with the other Gentrys who appear to have been decidedly poorer, and they each named a son, James.

Nicholas Gentry of Nashboro would have been of the age to have been a son of James I and a brother to these other three. Both George and James II lived for a time in Louisa County before moving on to Albemarle County, Virginia and Guilford County, North Carolina respectively. These are the only Gentrys other than the descendants of Nicholas II and Samuel who appear to have lived in Louisa County. Thus, if there is any proof that Nicholas of Nashboro did at one time live in Louisa County and have sons born there as your records indicate, it would tend to identify him more strongly with this set of Gentrys.

On the other hand, the name Nicholas simply does not appear among these Gentrys, nor does the name Samuel. The names George and William do, but these were sufficiently common Christian names that I do not think we can base a family grouping on this similarity alone.

I have enclosed a family chart on the Nicholas of Nashboro <Not available here. Editor> which I received from Leland Gentry. You will notice that he has the same children, wife and remarriage. The notes on the back of this family chart place this Nicholas as going to Tennessee from South Carolina. There is also a note and an address concerning the maiden name of his wife, Elizabeth. A Gibson family did exist in Hanover and Louisa Counties, so that on the assumption that this Nicholas is from these counties and that he married there, Gibson is a good possibility for the wife's name.

The parents of Nicholas, as given there, are wrong. The David Gentry who married Sarah Brooks was a son of Samuel. However, this David Gentry has served as a surrogate for what may be another son of Nicholas the Immigrant. If there was another son and he had children then his name was probably John. There is a John Gentry appearing in the St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book associated with Joseph Gentry in 1720. The name next appears in the 1740's in a few scattered references in Louisa County. The 1720 John could only be a son of Nicholas I; the 1740's John could be the same person or he could also be a son of Joseph.

By the late 18th century there are several John Gentrys in Hanover County. The elusive John of early Hanover and Louisa Counties (assuming the 1720 and 1740 Johns are the same person) may have had children. If so he either moved away from the Hanover-Louisa area in the mid-18th century, although to my knowledge there is no record of an older John Gentry anywhere else, or he died around mid-century and his children were either raised by other Gentrys or more probably by a step-father.

It would be instructive to know what other early Gentrys were in South Carolina, when they came, where they came from and who they came with. Such answers, especially if other Gentrys were associated with this Nicholas, might give some good leads to his parents and Virginia beginnings. I have done nothing with the Gentrys of South Carolina, so that I could not start to answer any of these questions.

I should also note that a third possibility exists and that is that your Nicholas is a son of the William or Joseph, Jr. who appear in the early St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book and who I believe to be sons of the first Joseph Gentry and brothers of James I. One or both of these early Gentrys was the patriarch of the several poorer Gentrys who lived in Hanover and Henrico Counties in the late 18th century. I think there is every reason to believe that there were other sons than those who stayed in the

area and thus got picked up in the Hanover County tax lists which begin in the 1780s. Your Nicholas may be one of these, having left Hanover County perhaps in the early 1770's and ending up in South Carolina from whence he went to Tennessee.

I hope this is helpful to you. I suspect the lead to this Nicholas's parents lies in the South Carolina records, although even with additional leads there, the records of Hanover County are missing for this critical period and therefore not such as to permit of definitive genealogical placements.

I am sending a copy of this letter to GFG&GE with the hope for its publication to spur some additional research on the question of Nicholas of Nashboro's parents.

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To **Christine E. Gentry**
of Long Beach, California
From **Leland Homer Gentry** (20 August 1986)
of Salt Lake City, Utah

If Jefferson and Clifton are indeed brothers and also sons of Thomas Jefferson Gentry of Madison County, Kentucky (and I firmly believe they are), evidence for the same may be found in the estate records of that county. Thomas Jefferson Gentry and wife Betsey Mullins appear to have stayed in Kentucky since he is said, in the GFA, to have served in the state legislature. I notice that GFA, page 138, also credits him with only one son who lived and had issue, Curran, of Hobart, Oklahoma. I feel he had several more. The 1840 census of Madison Country certainly indicates it. It gives him six sons and one daughter. No other Thomas or Thomas J. known to have lived in Madison County fits the bill. He had, I feel, Curran, Josiah, Thomas J., Jr. (yours), Nancy, Clifton, and William. This much I have gleaned from a cursory study of the deeds of Madison County for the period. Incidentally, according to the tax lists, Captain John Tillett and wife Sally Bratton lived near Thomas, Jr.

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To **Willis Edward Gentry, III**
of Laredo, Texas
From **Leland Homer Gentry** (20 August 1986)
of Salt Lake City, Utah

My research shows that Fountain was the son of Samuel Gentry and Elizabeth Newkirk as GFA suggests. Fountain was born in Bullitt County but raised in nearby Henderson County. He married Olla

Caroline Mooney on 2 April 1857 in that same county. Samuel, Fountain's father, was the son of Blackston (Blaxton) and Mary (Bunch) Gentry, page 129 of GFA. This family is found in the 1850 census of Bullitt County, Kentucky and in the 1860 census of nearby Webster County. The Fountain, page 132 of GFA, indeed appears, then, to be your connection. Note that he also had a brother Clifton N. (probably Newkirk for his mother) who may have married Elizabeth Guthrie 23 September 1830 in Henderson County, Kentucky. Do you know where the Culberson, Fountain's middle name comes from? Fountain's family is found in the 1860 census. He has one son, Adolphus, age 1, born in Kentucky. The family must have left the state shortly after.

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To **M. Lee Gentry**
of Alabaster, Alabama
From **Leland Homer Gentry** (20 August 1986)
of Salt Lake City, Utah

James K. is very likely the son of Richard Gentry, age 49, born North Carolina, and his wife Margaret, age 34, born Georgia, listed in the 1850 census of Carroll County, Georgia. James K. was likely named for James Knox Polk, President of the United States from 1844 to 1848. He (Polk) was born in North Carolina and lived in Tennessee and so, perhaps popular with the Gentrys. A number of Gentrys bear the middle initial "K" after the first name James. Sometime in the 1850's, Richard and Margaret left Georgia and moved across the state line into Cherokee County, Alabama. When the family is found as you have it in 1860, Richard's age is given as 48 and Margarett's as 46 with James K. P., age 13, born Georgia, and Permelia, age 10, born Georgia.

Do not concern yourself with the discrepancies in the dates betwen 1850 and 1860. Mistakes are common in the censuses. In 1870, only Margarett is still alive in Cherokee County. John W. and an apparent daughter-in-law, Amanda and their families also appear.

NOW, for the real question you pose as to your Richard's parentage. You wonder if William of Chattanooga, Hamilton County, could be his father. I think not. I think it is the Richard to whom he lives next door in the 1850 census of Carroll County. The time is right. So are the ages. Notice that Richard the elder was born in Virginia while the younger was born in North Carolina. Apparently the older Richard came through South Carolina where some of his last few children were born according to the census. If you wish to know my suppositions on the elder Richard's possible origins, parentage, etc., a request through GFG&GE will get my answer.

If I were you, I would forget about Allen and Amanda (Lindsay) Gentry being related to you. They are in Cherokee in the 1870 census but relate on a different line. Allen is the son of Shadrack and Rebecca Ballard Gentry and although Shadrack has a North Carolina connection (as almost all Southern Gentrys eventually do), he is not your ancestor.

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To **Cara Virginia Musser**
of Baker, Montana
From **Leland Homer Gentry** (20 August 1986)
of Salt Lake City, Utah

You ask why Reuben referred to Alzira and Joel as "sisters" since they were not his real sisters. The family was very religious and close and Richard Gentry, one of Reuben's older brothers, had married Alzira Miller 18 August 1836 in Madison County, KY. Joel Woods Hocker was also an older brother's wife whom he married in 1849, probably in Pettis County, MO. His name was Joel White Gentry. When he died about three years later, his widow married Richard, the older brother, as his second wife.

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To **Arthur Newton Gentry**
of Yazoo City, Mississippi
From **Leland Homer Gentry** (20 August 1986)
of Salt Lake City, Utah

Thank you for the information you sent to Cleve Garvin in Issue-30. I had never seen it before. If I may be so bold, this, I believe, is what our editor is talking about. Had you sent that to Cleve directly (certainly much faster) I could likely never have profited. It is a good example of things, hidden from all but a very few of us, now being in the hands of many. Slow, yes, but greatly needed for the Gentry Family to gradually assume its total state.

<Thank you, thank you. Editor.>

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To Dorothy Gibson
of Boonsboro, Maryland
From Leland Homer Gentry (20 August 1986)
of Salt Lake City, Utah

Jonathan Randal Gentry (another example - I never knew his middle name, only the initial) was not born in Rutherford County, Tennessee. He was born 7/8 April 1805 in Georgia and moved to Tennessee about 1820 with his parents Elijah and Margarett Gentry. Elijah in turn was the son of Elisha and Naomi Gentry of Clarke County, Georgia. This latter place is also likely Jonathan's birthplace. He did move, as you stated, to Greene County, Arkansas but only after marrying Sarah J. Nance, probably in Tennessee. (See the 1850 census of Weakley County, Tennessee.) In any case, chances are good that your visit to Tennessee will reveal more about this family, particularly if you can uncover an old family Bible or find something of value in the civil records (deeds, wills, divorce records, custodies, etc.). The family moved from Tennessee to Green County, Arkansas about 1858 and are there in the 1860 and 1870 censuses.

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From David R. Davis (25 March 1986)
of Lincoln City, Oregon

Enclosed you will find a transcript of information written in a family Bible. The Bible is at my cousin's (Mrs. Lena Gross). I copied this information over 10 years ago.

My dad is Edward Erwin Davis. My ancestor, Ida Burch came to Oregon about 1890 on the train from Stanford/Bloomfield, Indiana. She was a school teacher in the Cottage Grove, Oregon area.

My dad and I have been in contact with several people over the past several years who have been studying the Gentry Family. Mrs. Lola Evans of Warren, Michigan is related to Jame(?) Gentry whose daughter, Louisa Harriet Gentry married Crampton Harris Jones. This family was in Cottage Grove/Eugene, Oregon area about the same time as my grandmother, Ida. We have found several relatives of these people. Mrs. Mary C. Duzan of Bloomington, Indiana was a big help especially regarding the Burch bunch. She is related to Henry Burch and Rebecca Gentry and their son Thomas Bradford Burch.

My late aunt Frances (Davis) Knox was studying the family tree back in the 40's and 50's. She lived in Richmond, Virginia and Salt Lake City, Utah at different times so she was able to visit genealogical societies. Tom Davis' dad, David D. Davis: remarried after his first wife died. David's second wife was Sarah (Kindred) Bowman - she had been previously married. Sarah's aunt,

Jane Kindred, married a Mabel Gentry (born 1702), probably in Kentucky. Sarah's grandmother was Mary O. (Haggard) Kindred. Mary Haggard's parents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Gentry) Haggard. Mary was born 5 March 1757 in Albemarle County, Virginia.

<The following information is transcribed as best as possible from the data provided. Editor.>

Richard Gentry (born 30 April 1773) married Rebecca --?-- (born 8 March 1779). Their children were:

1. William B. Gentry, born 20 March 1797.
2. Nancy Gentry, born 5 October 1798
3. Ebenezer Gentry, born 20 September 1800
4. Janas (James?) Gentry, born 2(?) September 1802
5. J. E. Gentry, born 1804
6. Harriet Gentry, born 20 December 1806
7. Richard Gentry, born 3 December 1808
8. Fany Gentry, born 16 February 1810(?)
9. Joel Gentry, born 10 June 1810(?)
10. Thomas P. Gentry, born 30 October 1815
11. Rebecca Gentry, born 26 April 1820 <see "A" below>
12. John P.(?) Gentry, born 26 October 1821

A. Rebecca Gentry, born 26 April 1820; died 12 January 1908; married Henry Burch, born 24 July 1813; died 16 May 1884. Henry Burch was from Bloomfield, Indiana or Green County, Indiana. Their child:

Gilbert Lafayette Burch, born 14 September 1845, married Nancy Ferguson, born 11 February 1843 <see "B" below>

B. The children of Gilbert Lafayette Burch and Nancy Ferguson, born 11 February 1843 <see "D" below> were:

1. Ida G. Burch, born 2 January 1870 <see "C" below>
2. Henderson R. Burch, born 4 April 1873
3. Orin E. Burch, born 27 September 1876

C. Ida G. Burch married Chester Davis. Chester Davis was the son of Missouri Hall Davis Alexander (her mother was Lucinda Hall) and Tom Davis. Their children:

Chester, Opal, Vivian, Ruth, Fannie, Carl, Marion, Gilbert, and Erwin Davis.

D. Nancy Ferguson was the daughter of Augustin S. Ferguson, born 11 November 1815 and Nancy S. Foddfill, born 16 May 1812. Their children were:

1. Amanda Ferguson, born 28 October 1837
2. Elizabeth Ferguson, born 11 March 1839
3. Emerine Ferguson, born 24 February 1841

4. Nancy Ferguson, born 11 February 1843
5. Mary F. Ferguson, born 3 March 1845
6. John W. Ferguson, born 23 July 1847
7. Sarh M. Ferguson, born 17 April 1850
8. Samuel S. Ferguson, born 4 November 1852
9. Margaret E. (Ferguson) Rader, born 25 September 1854.

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From **Booth Eddy Gentry**
of Sharpsburg, Georgia

Here are some tidbits that I came across pertaining to Allen D. and Nancy Gentry from Monroe County, Tennessee history books on wills, marriages, and deeds. The books are in the Chattanooga Public Library and also at the Monroe County deed office in Madisonville, Tennessee.

<I have reproduced the listings below, even though the citations are not complete. This type of information can be very valuable, but without citations - volumes, dates, pages, etc. - it makes it difficult to conduct searches. Editor.>

**Deed Books:**
19 September 1827, Meshac and Allen D. Gentry of Monroe County to Jacob F. Foute of Maryville for John McGhee of Monroe County; at court in Salisbury, North Carolina in March decree in favor of Samuel Edwards against said Meshac Gentry.

20 July 1827, Allen D. and Meshack Gentry of Monroe County to William Blair for Thomas L. Williams of Knox County.

20 January 1835, Meshack Gentry to son Allen D. Gentry; wit. Pleasent and James R. Gentry.

14 September 1839, Allen D. Gentry to John F. Gillespie, both of Monroe County, for Samuel Henry of Blount County.

10 September 1849, Allen D. Gentry of Monroe Co. to Samuel Henry of Blount Co., land adjoining that of Nancy Gentry.

20 September 1859, John A. Gentry of Monroe County to E. C. Hawkins of same; power of attorney to receive his part of estate of Allen D. Gentry deceased.

May 1860, J. R. Gentry, P. W. Gentry, E. C. Hawkins and wife Polly formerly Gentry, and John A. Gentry to Berry L. White; their 4/8 interest as heirs of Allen D. Gentry deceased.

25 December 1860, Chancery Court Decree 3 January 2857; Benjamin C. Pettitt, administrator of Allen D. Gentry, deceased vs. Samuel Henry and others, heirs of Allen D. Gentry, deceased, title divested out of John A., Polly, James R., Margaret, Nancy, and Susan Gentry, Richard Hawkins and wife, Mary Gentry, and B. F. Gentry, heirs of Allen D. Gentry and vested in Samuel Henry, the purchaser.

9 September 1866, John A. Gentry and Plesant M. Gentry and James R. Gentry, and Jinsey Hawkins and Nancy Mullins, Franklin Gentry and the heirs of David Gentry, Adalaine McDonnell and Andrew McDonnell and Margaret White and Wm. White, and Nancy Mullins and Asas Mullins, A. J. Mullins, all of Monroe County to Ephraim C. Hawkins; heirs of Nancy Gentry, deceased.

**Chancery Court:**
December 1857, Adm of A. D. Gentry vs. heirs and creditors; James R. Gentry appointed Gdn ad litem of Adaline, Margaret, and Nancy Ann Gentry, minor defendats.

**Administrators and Executors Settlements:**
Allen D. Gentry, October 1853, Invt and sale and add. sale by G.G. Glenn, Adm. 4 December 1854. Note coming into hands from Geo. T. Glenn deceased by B. C. Pettitt. Adm de bonis non.

**Circuit Court - January 1846:**
Nancy Gentry granted divorce from Allen D. Gentry, adultery.

**Will Book:**
Nancy Gentry, exec. 27 Jun 1861. Land to daughter Mary Hawkins and her husband E. C. Hawkins who have cared for me; they must pay to remainder of heirs; to granddaughter Jane Gentry; to Nancy Mullins, Signed by mark.

**Chancery Court - 25 November 1833.:**
William A. Cook presided and the first case was John McGhee vs. Meshac and Allen Gentry and Jacob F. Foute.

**On a Petition:**
Bold Hunter Reservation - Allen D. Gentry complained that he was being sued by Bold Hunter for recovery of his reservation for the land he had purchased at the land sales in Knoxville in 1820, after making much improvement and moving his family there.

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James Bodenheimer.

2-12. Samuel Spicer - b Dec 5, 1848. NFI

2-13. Joseph F. Spicer - b Feb 6, 1850. NFI

2-14. Hardin Spicer - b Jan 27, 1852. NFI

2-15. Nancy R. Spicer - b Feb 19, 1854, d Aug 30, 1893. Not married.

1-3. Jemima Spicer - b Mar 1813, d 1906, m Mar 1, 1832, to Jonathan Gentry, b 1812, d 1876. 6 children are:

2-16. Joseph Finley Gentry - b Dec 25, 1832, d Aug 5, 1917, m to Rhoda Caroline Thompson, b Oct 1835, 5 children are:

b. 16 Dec 1859 d. 24 Nov 1947 Felts Mem Ch Cem = Carol

3-34. Augustin Monroe Gentry - b 1860. NFI

3-35. Sarah Jane Gentry - b Sep 28, 1861, d Mar 31, 1932, m Dec 15, 1889, to John Richard Dejournette, b Sep 3, 1848, son of William C. & Huldah Dejournette, d Feb 6, 1903. 3 children, Revada Jane, Joseph Edwin who m Ethel Ruby Lewis, & William Raymond who m Ima Mae Joines.

3-36. Jemima Olivia Gentry - b abt 1864. NFI m. A.L. Thomp

3-37. Joseph Findley Gentry Jr. - b abt 1866. NFI

3-38. Jonathan Newton Gentry - b Aug 1868, m to Sallie B. Dejournette, b Oct 14, 1878, d May 15, 1962. 5 children, Nancy who m (unk) Gambill, Glyde Bryan who m Ina Dell Woodruff 3-27, Chapter 2, Alton Dejournette, Joseph Samuel who m Minnie Ruth McNeil, & Richard Finley.

3-39. Cora A. Gentry - b abt 1874. NFI

3-40. Cline D. Gentry - b abt 1877. NFI

2-17. Sarah Gentry - b 1835, m to John William Woodruff, b Jan 1831. Known children are:

3-41. Joseph G. Woodruff - b Jan 1856, m to Mary (unk),



b May 1872. 1 known child, Sallie J.

3-42. Jonathan Woodruff - b 1858. NFI

3-43. Caroline "Callie" Woodruff - b Jan 1866, m to William Horton Woodruff, b Sep 1867, son of John & Bettie Carter Woodruff. 3 known children are, Amy who m Clarence Thompson, Sallie, & Alma.

2-18. Newton A. Gentry - b Apr 22, 1838, d Sep 24, 1923, m to Rosa Ann Gentry, b Jan 1855. 3 children are:

3-44. Carrie M. Gentry - b abt 1879. NFI

3-45. Jemima De Ette Gentry - b Jul 25, 1887, d Jul 3, 1948, m to Charlie Monroe Spicer, b Jan 1, 1882, son of Zachariah & Pauline Hall Spicer, d May 3, 1953. 6 children, Alton, Carrie Mae who m Walter Brooks, Roby, John Walter who m Helen Hemric, Alice who m Walter Harris, & Bert Oliver.

3-46. Daisy Madley Gentry - b Apr 1890. Not married.

2-19. Hardin S. Gentry - b 1846, m to Nancy Lucinda Parks, b Aug 1846. 2 children are:

3-47. Charles C. Gentry - b Oct 1871, d Aug 12, 1928, m Dec 23, 1891, to Martha Eddie Spicer 3-14, b Sep 1872, dau of Hardin C. & Elvira Jane Boyer Spicer 2-7. 2 children, Maude L. & Luther Carl.

3-48. Arcil Cleveland Gentry - b Nov 1876. NFI

2-20. Martha Gentry - b 1850. NFI

2-21. Jonathan Gentry - b 1851. NFI

1-4. Nancy Spicer - b Oct 11, 1815, d Jan 9, 1910, m Feb 13, 1834, to Ralph Holbrook Jr., b Oct 3, 1808, son of Ralph & Jane Winfrey Holbrook, d Apr 30, 1883, both bur Old Roaring River Bapt Ch, Traphill, Wilkes Co, N.C.

Brides — Marriages of Wilkes Co.

| Brides | | |
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| Gates, Libby | Senter, Roy | 1/5/1971 |
| Gates, Lizzie | Pack, Willie | 10/17/1936 |
| Gates, Margie | Love, Garnie | 8/18/1940 |
| Gates, Mary Ida | Scales, G. S. | 9/12/1915 |
| Gates, Ruth Mildred | Holder, Otis | 3/16/1940 |
| Gates, Sarah J. | Whitaker, Wm. | 5/14/1882 |
| Gates, Susan | Arnder, Robert | 11/13/1927 |
| Gates, Verlie | Head, William | 8/23/1946 |
| Gates, Virginia | Kirkman, Elbert | 10/23/1940 |
| Gatling, Mildred Marie (C) | Williams, Pleasant M.(C) | 9/21/1961 |
| Gatterer, Edith Christa B. | Morgan, Luther Steven | 11/2/1963 |
| Gauther, Bonnie Jean | Stegath, Murry Charles | 8/1/1959 |
| Gautil, Ruth E. T. C. | Nelson, Arkal | 7/20/1961 |
| Gay, Brenda | Mitchell, Kent | 10/24/1966 |
| Gebhart, Ann S. | Lane, Robert Lee | 8/1/1967 |
| Gebo, Gail Elizabeth | Lawrence, James M. | 3/17/1964 |
| Geiger, Allean | Hudak, Elmer | 8/7/1967 |
| Gentry, A. E. | Galyean, Jerry A. | 12/25/1902 |
| Gentry, Alma | Melton, C. R. | 5/4/1899 |
| Gentry, Aly | Ellis, Henderson | 5/6/1855 |
| Gentry, Andrea Sue | Dobbins, Stephen Glenn | 8/31/1968 |
| Gentry, Anna J. | Norman, F. W. | 2/4/1869 |
| Gentry, Annie Geneva | Woodle, Clyde Ransom | 6/16/1954 |
| Gentry, Annie Pearl | Greenwood, Andy Whitaker | 4/9/1938 |
| Gentry, Arlie L. | Collins, Raymond Wade | 12/11/1940 |
| Gentry, Augusta | Alderman, Eli | 2/17/1909 |
| Gentry, Belva Mae | Moncus, Winnie Wayne | 6/28/1959 |
| Gentry, Bertha D. | Ray, Noah A. | 8/17/1919 |
| Gentry, Bettie | Wood, Ranson | 3/12/1911 |
| Gentry, Betty | Wilmoth, Junior Charles | 1/20/1964 |
| Gentry, Betty June | Collins, Billy Joe | 7/17/1954 |
| Gentry, Billie | Marion, Robert H. | 7/1/1950 |
| Gentry, Callie | Marion, Ernest | 1/8/1917 |
| Gentry, Casey | Burcham, Levi D. | 3/16/1856 |
| Gentry, Cassie (C) | Manns, Tommie (C) | 5/19/1934 |
| Gentry, Colleen | Kennedy, Van W. | 7/5/1947 |
| Gentry, Cora (C) | Woodruff, Elihu (C) | 10/12/1900 |
| Gentry, Dewitt | Freeman, Charlie | 12/22/1947 |
| Gentry, Dinzilla C. | Woodruff, Jas. D. | 2/11/1900 |
| Gentry, Dora | Lawson, A. R. | 2/4/1912 |
| Gentry, Dorothy | Wilson, Hurley H. | 6/3/1944 |
| Gentry, Eara | Scott, Terry R. | 6/18/1947 |
| Gentry, Edna | Guyer, D. G. | 2/22/1917 |
| Gentry, Eliza J. | Lions, Levi | 5/25/1873 |
| Gentry, Eliza J. | Lyons, Levi | 5/25/1873 |
| Gentry, Emma | Nicks, Tom | 8/11/1929 |
| Gentry, Emma E. | Haynes, Thos. | 11/6/1913 |
| Gentry, Emma L. | Hurt, Wm. V. | 8/20/1914 |
| Gentry, Emma V. | Martin, Edward | 3/2/1935 |
| Gentry, Etta | Wagoner, Everett | 12/21/1919 |
| Gentry, Etta Claudine | Nixon, Thomas E. | 10/8/1944 |
| Gentry, Evelyn | Osborne, Wayne | 3/15/1958 |
| Gentry, Evelyn (C) | Howie, Sanford Delaney (C) | 12/26/1968 |
| Gentry, Fannie | Lions, Ivery | 11/8/1908 |
| Gentry, Fannie | Lyons, Ivery | 11/8/1908 |
| Gentry, Fannie Carrol | Phillips, Willie A. | 11/26/1921 |
| Gentry, Faye | Harris, David | 11/2/1962 |
| Gentry, Flossie | Smith, Everett | 11/22/1908 |

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| Gentry, Frances | Burcham, Norris Paul | 4/22/1950 |
| Gentry, Gertha | Harmon, T. L. | 11/23/1929 |
| Gentry, Gloria (C) | Allen, John K. (C) | 7/29/1956 |
| Gentry, Grace | Poplin, Denver | 5/6/1935 |
| Gentry, Gracie (C) | Cockerham, Enoch (C) | 6/7/1936 |
| Gentry, Hattie | Greenwood, Luther | 5/29/1910 |
| Gentry, Hughsy (C) | Cundiff, Mahlon (C) | 5/9/1904 |
| Gentry, Ida (C) | Glenn, G. G. (C) | 1/7/1941 |
| Gentry, Imogene Rachel | Myers, Robert Leo | 1/12/1946 |
| Gentry, J. Grace (C) | Cloud, J. S. (C) | 2/17/1914 |
| Gentry, Jane | Calloway, James R. | 7/25/1886 |
| Gentry, Jennette (C) | Bunker, Sherman, Jr. (C) | 9/12/1899 |
| Gentry, Jewel | Hiatt, Willie | 2/28/1945 |
| Gentry, Jo Anne | Vernon, Jack Scales | 10/31/1953 |
| Gentry, Juanita | Willey, George | 3/7/1942 |
| Gentry, Laura | Park, L. C. | 3/10/1904 |
| Gentry, Leota | Crouse, Duffie | 12/31/1912 |
| Gentry, Lestene | Shumate, Charles Edward | 12/17/1954 |
| Gentry, Linda Jane | Southard, Dickie Don | 12/22/1956 |
| Gentry, Litha | Smith, W. M. | 1/15/1882 |
| Gentry, Lois | Cheek, Earl M. | 3/22/1946 |
| Gentry, Lou | Frazier, Julius | 10/27/1892 |
| Gentry, Louise | Royall, Edward | 8/2/1947 |
| Gentry, Louise C. | Dobbins, Porter W. | 6/12/1921 |
| Gentry, Lula | Lowe, Walter | 12/30/1915 |
| Gentry, Lyda | Harris, J. I. | 12/23/1883 |
| Gentry, Lynne | Neaves, Michael | 5/8/1965 |
| Gentry, M. | Melton, Wm. R. | 3/30/1890 |
| Gentry, M. A. | Tilley, W. W. | 11/24/1898 |
| Gentry, M. M. | Butner, A. | 1/21/1883 |
| Gentry, M. M. | Butcher, A. | 1/21/1883 |
| Gentry, Macy | Money, Edwarth | 7/24/1948 |
| Gentry, Madealine | Evans, Toby | 4/2/1938 |
| Gentry, Magaline | Cain, Larn Wesley | 11/12/1954 |
| Gentry, Mahaly | Bridchl, Joel | 2/10/1855 |
| Gentry, Margaret | Haynes, Vess | 8/2/1958 |
| Gentry, Marie | Whitaker, Paul | 9/13/1941 |
| Gentry, Martha | Doby, Wm. | 8/31/1875 |
| Gentry, Martha | Newsom, E. A. | 11/16/1902 |
| Gentry, Martha J. (C) | Tatem, Wm. G. (C) | 8/8/1892 |
| Gentry, Mary | Monkus, J. C. | 9/21/1907 |
| Gentry, Mary | Morrison, Arthur R. | 12/30/1923 |
| Gentry, Mary E. | Evans, Berry S. | 10/11/1891 |
| Gentry, Mary Joe (C) | Roach, Willis (C) | 1/11/1891 |
| Gentry, Mary S. | Mayse, John Jackson | 9/30/1877 |
| Gentry, Margret | Harmon, Abram Kent | 10/15/1924 |
| Gentry, Matilda J. | Swift, Isham | 5/3/1876 |
| Gentry, Maxine | Wagoner, Taylor | 6/22/1946 |
| Gentry, May E. | Mays, Wm. M. | 11/9/1893 |
| Gentry, Mildred | Dobson, Richard | 3/9/1949 |
| Gentry, Mildred | Hicks, June | 4/15/1960 |
| Gentry, Minnie Lee | Cheek, Clarence Wesley | 8/31/1965 |
| Gentry, Myrtle | Testerman, Jerry Lee | 9/21/1966 |
| Gentry, Nancy | Hodges, Drury | 1/26/1863 |
| Gentry, Nancy | Adkins, Jarrell | 10/25/1946 |
| Gentry, Nancy C. | Hodges, Joseph | 9/18/1882 |
| Gentry, Nancy Lou | Wagoner, William Larry | 4/20/1968 |
| Gentry, Norma Jean | Vestal, K. M. | 8/16/1958 |

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| Gentry, Olivia | Thompson, A. J. | 9/7/1884 |
| Gentry, Opal | Henson, Sheely | 9/3/1927 |
| Gentry, Peggy | Comer, Porter | 6/2/1951 |
| Gentry, Philena | Jervis, Samuel | 11/30/1880 |
| Gentry, Polly | Jervis, Geo. A. | 11/7/1870 |
| Gentry, Polly Sue | Vestal, James K. | 12/22/1963 |
| Gentry, Rita Gaye | Johnson, Archie M. | 5/30/1970 |
| Gentry, Rosa Lee (C) | Webster, James (C) | 12/20/1941 |
| Gentry, Rosa M. | Isaacks, G. E. | 12/30/1902 |
| Gentry, Rosey B. | Minter, James J. | 12/29/1892 |
| Gentry, Rubia A. J. | Sloop, Aubery Lee | 12/21/1929 |
| Gentry, Sadie (C) | Martin, J. H. (C) | 8/4/1934 |
| Gentry, Sarah | Fulks, Joseph H. | 1/23/1969 |
| Gentry, Stella | Blevins, Freeley | 6/9/1928 |
| Gentry, Stella | Tuell, H. W. | 12/14/1946 |
| Gentry, Susan | Kerner, Rober B. | 10/8/1924 |
| Gentry, Thursy | Koonts, Wilson | 4/16/1873 |
| Gentry, Toledo | Shore, Clyde William | 6/7/1952 |
| Gentry, Vanice M. | Carswell, C. E.,Jr. | 1/10/1953 |
| Gentry, Vena | Goings, Boyd | 5/7/1935 |
| Gentry, Verlie | Miller, J. F. | 12/1/1898 |
| Gentry, Viola (C) | Williams, Stanford (C) | 9/17/1947 |
| Gentry, Willie | Wilson, Elbert | 4/28/1934 |
| Gentry, Willie Carolyn | Stockton, Ray Guy, Jr. | 8/26/1956 |
| Gentry, Zelphia | VanAuken, Richard Lyle | 11/3/1962 |
| George, Anna (C) | Brown, Calvin (C) | 5/29/1881 |
| George, Annie | Christian, Fred | 11/7/1905 |
| George, Bertie | Lawrence, Samuel | 10/3/1915 |
| George, Betty Ellen | Matthews, Charles F. | 4/10/1955 |
| George, Billie Jo | Stanley, Kenneth W. | 1/16/1960 |
| George, Bonnie Sue | McCraw, Phillip | 10/15/1965 |
| George, Carma | Sydnor, W. L. | 7/4/1922 |
| George, Celeste D. | Boyden, N. A. | 11/3/1883 |
| George, Christina (C) | Reynolds, Rufus (C) | 3/5/1893 |
| George, Daisy | Cook, Alonzo | 2/3/1909 |
| George, Deborah Kaye | Mills, Phillip Lee | 5/9/1970 |
| George, Earlene K. (C) | Robinson, Clarence L. (C) | 11/19/1955 |
| George, Eddie | Atkins, Milton | 1/3/1917 |
| George, Edith | Epperson, Hobert | 6/15/1946 |
| George, Emily | Gilispie, Benj. T. | 1/21/1885 |
| George, Francis Belle | Geiger, John Frank | 12/22/1934 |
| George, Jane | Cox, John H. | 9/16/1855 |
| George, Jo Ann | Bennett, Charles Wayne | 1/9/1964 |
| George, Joyce Anne | Braden, Howard Wesley | 5/23/1960 |
| George, Judy (C) | McArthur, Henry (C) | 2/17/1917 |
| George, Laenora (C) | Moore, W. W. (C) | 12/11/1898 |
| George, Lillian | Cooper, Benjamin H. | 7/10/1920 |
| George, Lillie May | East, Howard | 7/23/1922 |
| George, Lynda | Snow, Patrick J.; Jr. | 12/20/1953 |
| George, Martha | Monroe, John Kenneth | 12/7/1935 |
| George, Mary E. | Haynes, James A. | 2/11/1877 |
| George, Nola | Ward, Roy | 12/5/1915 |
| George, Pearl | Handy, Delmar | 8/8/1936 |
| George, Peggy Lee | Isaacs, Richard Allen | 6/5/1959 |
| George, Rachel | Dawson, W. M. | 9/6/1947 |
| George, Sophie C. | Galispie, George L. | 3/14/1886 |
| George, Sue Anne | Hunter, Romey W., Jr. | 6/11/1966 |
| George, Sybil Ann | Inman, Daymor Reid | 1/31/1964 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry, Abe | TH331 14 17.0 | 24May1867<br>23Jun1923 | | Thompson, Laura | T |
| Gentry, Adaline 'Addie' | Ed731 06 25.0 | 9Mar1867<br>14May1867 | Gentry, Jordan Allen<br>Barker, Nancy Adaline | | TH |
| Gentry, Alton DeJournette<br>d Fairfax Cnty, VA | TH360 18 10.0 | 6Aug1904<br>24Jul1980 | Gentry, Jonathan Newton<br>DeJournette, Sallie | , Mary Elizabeth | TO |
| Gentry, Alva J | TH331 19 26.0 | 25Jul1906 | | Gentry, Tyra Arvil | T |
| Gentry, Annie Tharpe | Ed011 07 19.0 | 12Dec1878<br>15Dec1944 | Tharpe, | Gentry, Rabron Treely | T |
| Gentry, Archie Coy | TH331 15 34.0 | 23Jun1930<br>25Apr1951 | Gentry, Sneed Franklin<br>Sebastian, Delia | | Kor TP |
| Gentry, Arlie Rayvaughn | Wi661 01 12.0 | 23Jun1910<br>9Jan1981 | Gentry, John Andrew<br>Caudill, Margaret | Brown, Sarah Emma | TO<br>10Aug1936 |
| Gentry, Artis | NC311 02 9.0 | 23Mar1912<br>28Jul1971 | Gentry, Lonnie P<br>Parks, Flossie | Martin, Toy Lee | TO |
| Gentry, Arvil McClelland | Ed731 06 19.0 | 5Mar1916<br>11Aug1978 | Gentry, A Thurmon<br>Carter, M E | Moody, Savannah | TP |
| Gentry, Beatrice G | TH331 14 15.1 | 1900<br>1960 | | Gentry, Manleth Dalin Sr | T |
| Gentry, Bernice Lois | TH131 07 3.0 | 24Jul1923 | Luffman, Trealy Eli<br>Gentry, Maude Viola | Gentry, Quincy James | TF |
| Gentry, Berry Ring | TH131 07 15.0 | 12Sep1898<br>19Jun1970 | Gentry, Madison<br>Sparks, Martha Ann | Marshall, Jocie | TP |
| Gentry, Bertie R | TH331 15 38.0 | 15Apr1911<br>3Nov1985 | Rose, James Benjamin<br>Sheppard, Martha Jane | Gentry, Herman R | TO |
| Gentry, Bessie Ester | TH931 04 0.9 | 15Oct1898<br>26Jun1990 | Bauguess, Lewis Horton<br>Pruitt, Sallie Jane | | TP |
| Gentry, Betsy Jane<br>dc DOB=27May1861, DOD=1Dec1948 | Ed061 11 21.0 | 7May1864<br>2Feb1949 | Parks, Larkin<br>, Lucy | | TP |
| Gentry, Blanch S | TH331 01 5.0 | 11Feb1918 | Snow, | Gentry, Paul McKinley | T<br>9Apr1938 |
| Gentry, Callie B | Ed011 10 64.0 | 14Aug1885<br>26Jan1983 | Byrd, Jessie | Gentry, Leonard L | OT |
| Gentry, Carmel Ernest | Ed011 07 8.0 | 10Oct1908<br>11Jul1967 | Gentry, Thomas Dart<br>Jolly, Mary Olivia | Sparks, Vallie | TP |
| Gentry, Carrie M | Ed901 19 5.0 | 1896<br>1970 | | Gentry, Robert F | T |
| Gentry, Charity B | Ed011 07 18.0 | 21Oct1860<br>22Apr1937 | Burcham, | Gentry, William M | T |
| Gentry, Charles Clinton | TH360 02 12.0 | 16Apr1931<br>1950 | Gentry, Luther Carl<br>Cox, Florence Flora | | Kor TP |
| Gentry, Charles M | Ed901 45 6.0 | 26Aug1868<br>28Jun1936 | | Darnell, Nancy J | T |
| Gentry, Clara | NW821 | 8Jul1902<br>8Jul1991 | Gentry, Cornelius B Sr<br>Caffey, Willie | | O |
| Gentry, Cleveland C | Ed731 08 15.0 | 3Aug1855<br>19Dec1926 | Gentry, Jordan Allen<br>Barker, Nancy Adaline | Luffman, Vicie Lucindie | TH |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry, Clyde | TH331 | | | 18Apr1914<br>10Jun1992 | Gentry, Sneed Franklin<br>Sebastian, Delia | Billings, Marie | O |
| Gentry, Clyde Reece | TH131 | 07 | 8.0 | | | | T |
| Gentry, Cornelious B Sr<br>w was from Kernersville. | NW821 | 17 | 13.0 | 25Oct1861<br>2Jan1916 | Gentry, J W<br>Kerner, Cornelia | Caffey, Willie | TP |
| Gentry, Cyntha Marget<br>dc DOB=2Feb1872; DOD=01Jan1918 | RC361 | 09 | 14.0 | 2Feb1871<br>1Jan1917 | Caudill, Thomas B<br>Joines, Martha M 'Patsy' | Gentry, J A | TP |
| Gentry, David Clense | TH131 | 07 | 5.0 | 8Jun1885<br>6Jun1966 | Gentry, Madison L<br>Sparks, Martha Ann | Morrison, Mary Jane<br>Johnson, Mollie | TP |
| Gentry, David Wayne | TH331 | 14 | 13.0 | Jun1941<br>2Aug1941 | Gentry, Motson J<br>Hanes, Mamie Frances | | T |
| Gentry, Dearis Abram | TH331 | 14 | 14.0 | Sep1922<br>17Dec1974 | Gentry, Motson J<br>Hanes, Mamie Frances | | T |
| Gentry, Delia S | TH331 | 15 | 33.0 | 17Sep1889<br>9Nov1961 | Sebastian, | Gentry, Sneed Franklin | T |
| Gentry, Dicie L | TH331 | 07 | 33.0 | 1Jun1913 | | Gentry, Martin Eli | T |
| Gentry, Dossie Ann | Ed011 | 07 | 23.0 | 29Dec1891<br>21Feb1977 | Sebastian, Eli (Rev)<br>Wood, Mary Cordelia | Gentry, Shirley D | TO |
| Gentry, Ebert Reece | Ed011 | 03 | 9.0 | 21Apr1910<br>10Jul1965 | | | T |
| Gentry, Edmond | Wi521 | 02 | 9.0 | 22Jun1851<br>3Jun1944 | Gentry, Emanuel | Parks, Luella | TP |
| Gentry, Elizabeth<br>Handcarved rock. | TH561 | 07 | 2.0 | 1802<br>1868 | Lyon, | Gentry, John | T<br>17Dec1821 |
| Gentry, Elizabeth 'Lizzie'<br>A 77y. | TH131 | 10 | 3.0 | | Bauguess, | Gentry, Irdell | T |
| Gentry, Eloise Tugman<br>Metal mrkr. | Wi662 | 07 | 1.0 | 11Feb1927<br>26Jan1986 | Tugman, Arthur<br>Horton, Lillie | | TO |
| Gentry, Elsie Fay | Un132 | 02 | 3.0 | 24Aug1927<br>22Apr1950 | Woodie, Hamp M<br>Phillips, Martha | Gentry, Robert | TP |
| Gentry, Elsie S | TH131 | 08 | 4.0 | 4Mar1931 | | Gentry, Pervis J | T<br>30Sep1949 |
| Gentry, Eulah | Wi521 | 03 | 9.0 | 28Feb1910<br>13Feb1933 | | | T |
| Gentry, Eunice Faye | Ed741 | 06 | 4.0 | 24Nov1917<br>24Apr1985 | Gambill, | Gentry, George McKinley | T |
| Gentry, Florence Flora | TH360 | 04 | 17.0 | 1Apr1904<br>3Jul1949 | Cox, John H<br>Simmons, Mary Emma | Gentry, Luther Carl | TP |
| Gentry, Flossie Lou Jane<br>d Elkin | Ed061 | | | 5Oct1903<br>18May1994 | Carter, David Andrew<br>Luffman, Etta | Gentry, Roscoe Worth | O |
| Gentry, Frances | TH301 | 05 | 3.0 | 8Nov1815<br>22Dec1893 | | Gentry, George W | T |
| Gentry, George McKinley | Ed741 | 06 | 3.0 | 19Dec1916<br>3Dec1977 | Gentry, John I<br>Simmons, Nancy Ann | Gambill, Eunice Faye | TO |
| Gentry, George W | TH301 | 05 | 2.0 | 5Mar1811<br>9Feb1879 | | , Frances | T |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry, H Dowe | TH850 05 5.0 | 1935<br>1974 | | , Norma B | T<br>7Apr1955 |
| Gentry, Harvey B | Ed901 24 5.0 | 18Jan1908<br>20Jan1983 | | | T |
| Gentry, Helen Louise | RC061 | 17May1954<br>10Jul1992 | Miller, Herbert<br>Kilby, Lucy | Gentry, Kenneth Lee | O |
| Gentry, Herman Rester | TH331 15 37.0 | 3Dec1908 | Gentry, Sneed Franklin<br>Sebastian, Delia | Rose, Bertie | TP |
| Gentry, Howard C<br>Handcarved mrkr. | Ed011 12 9.0 | 8Sep1892<br>10Jul1893 | | | T |
| Gentry, Infant dau | Ed011 12 5.0 | 10Apr1913 | Gentry, Irdell Finley<br>McCann, Lavauda | | T |
| Gentry, Infant dau<br>DOD impossible. | Ed011 12 15.0 | 29Feb1909 | Gentry, Shirley Douthard<br>Sebastian, Dossie Ann | | T |
| Gentry, Infants (2)<br>Both died in infancy. 1930 and 1932 | TH360 20 10.0 | | Gentry, A C | | T |
| Gentry, Irdell<br>A 75y. | TH131 10 2.0 | 19Apr1826<br>29Dec1902 | | Bauguess, Elizabeth 'Lizzie' | TO |
| Gentry, Irdell Finley<br>d Elkin | Ed011 12 1.0 | 29Jul1889<br>6Apr1982 | Gentry, William Martin<br>Burcham, Charity | McCann, Lavauda<br>Johnson, Ida | TO |
| Gentry, James M | TH331 19 27.0 | 27Jan1880<br>19Jun1950 | | Cockerham, Laura E | T |
| Gentry, James Oscar | Ed901 26 1.0 | 8Nov1909<br>18Feb1978 | Gentry, John I<br>Simmons, Nancy Ann | Alexander, Rose Mae | WW2 TP |
| Gentry, Jane Alice | TH631 14 6.0 | 23Oct1834<br>20May1896 | Burcham, | Gentry, Stanley | TO |
| Gentry, Jane H | TH331 19 18.0 | 19Apr1847<br>13Apr1941 | Hughes, John (Rev)<br>, Sarah | Gentry, John P | TF |
| Gentry, Jemima Spicer | TH360 14 11.0 | 1814<br>1906 | Spicer, | Gentry, Jonathan | T |
| Gentry, Jocie M | TH131 07 16.0 | 8Jan1898<br>13Dec1983 | Marshall, | Gentry, Berry Ring | T |
| Gentry, John<br>Handcarved rock. | TH561 07 3.0 | Oct1801<br>Sep1875 | | Lyon, Elizabeth | T<br>17Dec1821 |
| Gentry, John Andrew | Ed011 15 8.0 | 28Dec1856<br>25Feb1942 | Gentry, Stanley<br>Burcham, Jane Alice | Waddell, Sallie G | TP |
| Gentry, John I | TH331 08 25.0 | 20Apr1875<br>11May1958 | | Simmons, Nancy Ann | T |
| Gentry, John Maclease | TH501 06 2.0 | 23Apr1940<br>23Apr1940 | Gentry, R V<br>, Emma B | | T |
| Gentry, John Newton | TH360 20 3.7 | 16May1930<br>27Jan1989 | | | Kor T |
| Gentry, John P | TH331 19 17.0 | 1Jan1850<br>13Jul1917 | Gentry, Irdell<br>Bauguss, Elizabeth 'Lizzie' | Hughes, Jane | TP |
| Gentry, Jonah Lee | TH131 07 1.0 | 23Feb1946<br>15Jul1988 | Gentry, Quincy James<br>Luffman, Bernice Lois | | TF |
| Gentry, Jonathan Newton | TH360 18 8.0 | 23Aug1868<br>20Jan1966 | | DeJournette, Sallie | T |

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| Gentry, Jordan Allen | Ed731 06 22.0 | 27Apr1823<br>9Feb1879 | Gentry, Atha<br>Lyon, Rachael | Barker, Nancy Adaline | TH |
| Gentry, Joseph A | TH360 12 4.0 | 2Nov1936<br>28Dec1936 | | | T |
| Gentry, Joseph Finley | TH360 14 17.0 | 25Dec1832<br>5Aug1917 | Gentry, J H<br>Spicer, Geneva | Thompson, Rhoda C | TP |
| Gentry, Joseph Samuel | TH360 20 3.4 | 29Sep1913<br>7Aug1990 | | | T |
| Gentry, Junior | TH631 12 6.0 | 2Mar1933<br>2Mar1933 | Gentry, Walter W<br>Wiles, Viola | | TP |
| Gentry, Justice Aldean | Ed011 02 8.0 | 29Aug1923<br>15May1960 | Gentry, Walter W<br>Wiles, Viola | | TP |
| Gentry, Justine | TH631 12 7.0 | 16Jul1922<br>6Jul1923 | Gentry, Walter W<br>Wiles, Viola | | TP |
| Gentry, Kathleen | NW821 17 15.0 | 19Jun1896<br>27Oct1918 | Gentry, Cornelious B<br>Caffey, Willie | | TP |
| Gentry, Laura E | TH331 19 28.0 | 15Jan1879<br>17Oct1946 | Cockerham, | Gentry, James M | T |
| Gentry, Laura T | TH331 14 16.0 | 18Apr1870<br>12Mar1926 | Thompson, | Gentry, Abe | T |
| Gentry, Lavauda M | Ed011 12 2.0 | 21Jun1894<br>5May1937 | McCann, | Gentry, Irdell Finley | T |
| Gentry, Leonard L | Ed011 10 63.0 | 2May1885<br>11Nov1965 | | Byrd, Callie | T |
| Gentry, Lester Ceward II | An832 | 10Jan1928<br>4Feb1992 | Gentry, Lester Ceward Sr<br>Martin, Julia Ann | Barber, Mildred | O |
| Gentry, Lexie May | TH331 19 16.0 | 8Jan1913<br>12Jul1915 | Gentry, Grant<br>, Bell | | T |
| Gentry, Lillie Belle | Wi521 01 3.0 | 25May1884<br>17Apr1970 | Gentry, Edmond<br>Parks, Luella | | TP |
| Gentry, Lillie M | TH131 07 11.0 | | | | T |
| Gentry, Lonnie P | Wi521 03 8.0 | 20Apr1878<br>19Mar1928 | Gentry, Edmond<br>Parks, Luella | Parks, Flossie | TP |
| Gentry, Lonnie Spurgeon | Ed521 | 19Nov1912<br>1Jan1994 | Gentry, Shirley<br>Sebastian, Dossie | Walters, Ruby | O |
| Gentry, Lou Stanley | TH850 05 4.0 | 3Jan1918 | Stanley, | Gentry, Willie Horton | T |
| Gentry, Luella | Wi521 02 8.0 | 2Jun1860<br>10Feb1947 | Parks, Young<br>, Elizabeth | Gentry, Edmond | TP |
| Gentry, Luther Carl | TH360 04 16.0 | 13Nov1897<br>16Mar1965 | Gentry, Charlie<br>Spicer, Martha Edith | Cox, Florence Flora | TP |
| Gentry, Madison L | TH131 07 12.0 | 1Aug1863<br>25Aug1905 | Gentry, Irdell<br>Bauguess, Elizabeth 'Lizzie' | Sparks, Martha Ann | TO |
| Gentry, Madla | TH360 14 6.0 | 19Apr1890<br>11Mar1950 | | | T |
| Gentry, Mamie Frances<br>b Patrick Cnty VA, d Winston-Salem | TH331 14 12.0 | 29Aug1898<br>24Dec1983 | Hanes, Martin E<br>Boyd, Frances | Gentry, Motson J | TO |

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| Gentry, Manleth Dalin Sr | TH331 14 15.0 | 23May1897<br>1979 | Gentry, John I<br>Simmons, Nancy Ann | , Beatrice G | WW1 TP |
| Gentry, Martha Alice H | TH331 19 24.0 | 17Feb1898<br>21Mar1973 | Hutchison, James M<br>Brooks, Rhoda L | Gentry, Tyra Motson | TO<br>12Nov1914 |
| Gentry, Martha Ann S | TH131 07 13.0 | 19Sep1853<br>16Apr1947 | Sparks, D<br>Durham, Charlotte | Gentry, Madison L | TP |
| Gentry, Martin Eli | TH331 07 32.0 | 28Sep1915<br>29Oct1978 | Gentry, Shirley Douthard<br>Sebastian, Dossie Ann | , Dicie L | TO |
| Gentry, Marvin W | Ed011 10 62.0 | 10Oct1916<br>24Jul1926 | Gentry, Leonard L<br>Byrd, Callie | | TP |
| Gentry, Mary Ethel | TH331 10 4.0 | 14Nov1915<br>22May1987 | Tucker, Watson<br>Settle, Elmah | Gentry, Newton E | TO |
| Gentry, Mary Gladys Carter | Ed731 19 3.0 | 31Oct1911 | Carter, Littleton Calhoun<br>Phillips, Martha Elizabeth | Gentry, Oddie Henry | TH |
| Gentry, Mary Jane Morrison | TH131 07 6.0 | 24Jan1887<br>29Jul1955 | Morrison, | Gentry, David Clense | T |
| Gentry, Mary M | TH301 05 1.0 | 11Jun1854<br>15Nov1913 | Gentry, George W<br>, Frances | | TC |
| Gentry, Mary Olivia | Ed011 07 11.0 | 18Oct1885<br>29Jun1982 | Jolly, W M<br>Hoots, Louise | Gentry, Thomas Dart | TO |
| Gentry, Mildred Loraine | Ed901 24 6.0 | 11Nov1934<br>29Sep1938 | | | T |
| Gentry, Millard | Wi521 01 2.0 | 15Oct1915<br>23Feb1983 | Gentry, Lonnie P<br>Parks, Flossie | | TO |
| Gentry, Molly J | TH131 07 4.0 | | | | T |
| Gentry, Motson J | TH331 14 11.0 | 1893<br>1952 | | Hanes, Mamie Frances | T |
| Gentry, Nancy Adaline<br>Top of headstone gone. | Ed731 06 23.0 | 29Aug1831<br>3Mar1901 | Barker, Nathaniel<br>Cockerham, Amelia | Gentry, Jordan Allen | TH |
| Gentry, Nancy Ann | TH331 08 26.0 | 30Nov1878<br>9Jan1969 | Simmons, | Gentry, John I | T |
| Gentry, Nancy J Darnell | Ed901 45 7.0 | 19Nov1853<br>21Nov1932 | Darnell, | Gentry, Charles M | T |
| Gentry, Nannie Sophronia | NW822 20 14.0 | 18Mar1878<br>2Mar1909 | Absher, William Matthew<br>Reynolds, Nancy Jane | Ward, William Thomas Pasiley<br>Gentry, Claud B | TH |
| Gentry, Nellie R | Ed901 46 2.0 | 14Sep1926<br>21Dec1987 | | | T |
| Gentry, Newton A | TH360 14 9.0 | 22Apr1839<br>24Sep1923 | | Gentry, Rosa A | T |
| Gentry, Newton E | TH331 10 3.0 | 13Feb1904<br>26Mar1977 | Gentry, Abe<br>Thompson, Laura | Tucker, Mary Ethel | TO |
| Gentry, Norma B | TH850 05 6.0 | 1937 | | Gentry, H Dowe | T<br>7Apr1955 |
| Gentry, Obediah | Wi521 | 14Jul1914<br>4Jul1991 | Gentry, Lonnie P<br>Parks, Flossie | , Ruth Ella | O |
| Gentry, Oddie Henry | Ed731 19 2.0 | 27Jul1901<br>30Aug1972 | Gentry, Cleveland C<br>Luffman, Vicie Lucindie | Carter, Mary Gladys | TPH |

| Name<br>Comments | Cem | Ro | Grve | Birth Dt<br>Death Dt | Father's Name<br>Mother's Name | Spouse #1<br>Spouse #2 | War Srce<br>Marr Dt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry, Opal M | Ed731 | 08 | 18.0 | 18Nov1913<br>7Jun1915 | | | T |
| Gentry, Paul | TH360 | 14 | 7.0 | 25Feb1925 | | | T |
| Gentry, Paul McKinley | TH331 | 01 | 4.0 | 14Apr1920<br>15Apr1979 | Gentry, Tyra Motson<br>Hutchison, Martha Alice | Snow, Blanch | WW2 TO<br>9Apr1938 |
| Gentry, Pearl I | Ed011 | 12 | 4.0 | 1921<br>8Jan1924 | Gentry, Irdell Finley<br>McCann, Lavauda | | TP |
| Gentry, Pervis J | TH131 | 08 | 3.0 | 15Aug1928<br>27Nov1982 | Gentry, Shirley Douthard<br>Sebastian, Dossie Ann | , Elsie S | TP<br>30Sep1949 |
| Gentry, Quincy James | TH131 | 07 | 2.0 | 23Jul1916<br>15Apr1974 | Gentry, Irdell Finley<br>McCann, Lavauda Josephine | Luffman, Bernice Lois | TOP |
| Gentry, Rabron Treely | Ed011 | 07 | 20.0 | 25Nov1879<br>11Jan1956 | | Tharpe, Annie | T |
| Gentry, Rhoda C | TH360 | 14 | 18.0 | 9Oct1834<br>10Oct1910 | Thompson, | Gentry, Joseph Finley | T |
| Gentry, Richard Finley | TH360 | 18 | 7.0 | 20Oct1915<br>8Aug1985 | Gentry, Jonathan Newton<br>DeJournette, Sallie | Shumate, Nancy | WW1 TO |
| Gentry, Richard Paul | TH331 | 01 | 1.0 | 8Feb1923<br>5Jun1981 | Gentry, Motson J<br>Hanes, Mamie Frances | | TP |
| Gentry, Robert | TH631 | 12 | 8.0 | 5Sep1908<br>5May1909 | Gentry, Walter W<br>Wiles, Viola | | T |
| Gentry, Robert F | Ed901 | 19 | 4.0 | 1891<br>1943 | | , Carrie M | T |
| Gentry, Robert J | Ed901 | 19 | 3.0 | 18Mar1914<br>28Jul1933 | | | T |
| Gentry, Rosa A | TH360 | 14 | 10.0 | 14Mar1853<br>7Jan1923 | Gentry, Jonathan<br>Gentry Rosa A | Gentry, Newton A | TP |
| Gentry, Rosa Lee | Ed011 | 12 | 3.0 | 1923<br>20Jan1924 | Gentry, Irdell Finley<br>McCann, Lavauda | | TP |
| Gentry, Rose A | Ed901 | 26 | 2.0 | 25Apr1907 | Alexander, | Gentry, James Oscar | T |
| Gentry, Rosie E<br>A 23y. | TH131 | 10 | 4.0 | | | | T |
| Gentry, Sallie Bell C | Ed821 | 07 | 3.0 | 18Oct1884<br>13Apr1949 | Carter, William<br>Burcham, Annie | | TP |
| Gentry, Sallie G<br>A about 52y | Ed011 | 15 | 9.0 | <br>27Dec1897 | Waddell, | Gentry, John Andrew | T |
| Gentry, Sallie Hanks | TH631 | 11 | 16.0 | 30Sep1833<br>20Oct1925 | Hanks, Jacob<br>Richardson, Mary | Gentry, Daniel | TP |
| Gentry, Sally DeJournette | TH360 | 18 | 9.0 | 14Oct1878<br>15May1962 | DeJournette, | Gentry, Jonathan Newton | T |
| Gentry, Sarah Emma | Wi661 | 01 | 13.0 | 1Apr1906<br>7Aug1981 | Brown, James W<br>Holbrook, Martha | Gentry, Arlie Rayvaughn | TOP<br>10Aug1936 |
| Gentry, Savannah M | Ed731 | 06 | 20.0 | 11Oct1912 | Moody, | Gentry, Arvil McClelland | T |
| Gentry, Shirley Douthard | Ed011 | 07 | 22.0 | 18May1888<br>20Dec1971 | Gentry, William Martin<br>Burcham, Charity | Sebastian, Dossie Ann | TP |

| Name<br>Comments | Cem Ro Grve | Birth Dt<br>Death Dt | Father's Name<br>Mother's Name | Spouse #1<br>Spouse #2 | War Srce<br>Marr Dt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry, Sneed Franklin | TH331 15 32.0 | 27Apr1883<br>18Jul1960 | Gentry, John P<br>Hughes, Jane | Sebastian, Delia | TP |
| Gentry, Stanley | TH631 14 5.0 | 28May1828<br>6Nov1909 | | Burcham, Jane Alice | T |
| Gentry, Thomas Dart | Ed011 07 10.0 | 28Oct1881<br>7Jan1956 | Gentry, William Martin<br>Burcham, Charity | Jolly, Mary Olivia | TP |
| Gentry, Tony David | Ed731 19 1.0 | 27Aug1947<br>6May1984 | Gentry, Oddie Henry<br>Carter, Mary Gladys | | TO |
| Gentry, Toy Lee | NC311 02 10.0 | 17Dec1917<br>14Aug1985 | Martin, James<br>Parks, Clara Bell | Gentry, Artis | TO |
| Gentry, Tyra Arvil | TH331 19 25.0 | 14Jun1905<br>11Feb1971 | Gentry, James M<br>Cockerham, Laura E | , Alva J | TP |
| Gentry, Tyra Motson | TH331 19 23.0 | 16Jan1887<br>11Mar1975 | Gentry, John<br>Smoot, Jane | Hutchison, Martha Alice | TO<br>12Nov1914 |
| Gentry, Tyre H | Ed731 06 24.0 | 14May1872<br>5Jul1875 | Gentry, Jordan Allen<br>Barker, Nancy Adaline | | TH |
| Gentry, Vallie S<br>d Elkin | Ed011 07 9.0 | 9Dec1908<br>13Dec1990 | Sparks, Wiley Marshall 'Bud'<br>Harris, Lillie Cora | Gentry, Carmel Ernest | TO |
| Gentry, Vicie Lucindie | Ed731 08 16.0 | 31Oct1863<br>1Sep1912 | Luffman, John<br>Simmons, Lucindie | Gentry, Cleveland C | TH |
| Gentry, Viola W | Ed011 02 7.0 | 10Oct1888<br>16Oct1963 | Wiles, | Gentry, Walter W | T |
| Gentry, Walter W | Ed011 02 6.0 | 5Nov1882<br>3Mar1960 | | Wiles, Viola | T |
| Gentry, Wayne Rondle | Ed901 19 6.0 | 26May1928<br>5Dec1949 | | | T |
| Gentry, William Joseph | Ed731 06 21.0 | 17Nov1934<br>8Mar1959 | Gentry, Arvil McClelland<br>Moody, Savannah | | TP |
| Gentry, William Martin | Ed011 07 17.0 | 14Feb1853<br>28Jul1935 | Gentry, Irdell<br>Bauguss, Elizabeth 'Lizzie' | Burcham, Charity | TP |
| Gentry, Willie Daniel Lee | NW821 17 14.0 | 16Sep1864<br>15Mar1947 | Caffey, W S<br>Ireland, Caroline | Gentry, Cornelious B Sr | TP |
| Gentry, Willie Horton | TH850 05 3.0 | 13Feb1913<br>22Apr1991 | | Stanley, Lou | T |

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| MARRIAGE DATE DA MO YEAR | GROOM'S NAME<br>AGE RESIDENCE<br>GROOM'S FATHER<br>GROOM'S MOTHER<br>REMARKS | BRIDE'S NAME<br>AGE RESIDENCE<br>BRIDE'S FATHER<br>BRIDE'S MOTHER |
|---|---|---|
| 27 DEC 1888 | GENTRY, A. M.<br>28 WILKES CO, NC<br>GENTRY, J. F.<br>RHODA C. | COX, SALLIE F.<br>21 GRAYSON CO, VA<br>COX, JOHN D.<br>RUTHA |
| 16 SEP 1866 | GENTRY, ANER<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R<br>CLERK OF COURT | HAMPTON, CATHARINE<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R |
| 8 AUG 1900 | GENTRY, ETHER<br>25 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>GENTRY, JAMES<br>MATILDA M. | CHEEK, PHEBE<br>18 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>CHEEK, HENDERSON<br>MILLY HIGGINS |
| 30 NOV 1866 | GENTRY, GEORGE W.<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R | BRANNOCK, ELIZABETH<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R |
| 18 APR 1868 | GENTRY, GRANVILLE A.<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R<br>CLERK OF COURT | WOODRUFF, SARAH<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R |
| 3 JUL 1880 | GENTRY, JAMES L.<br>21 GRAYSON CO, VA<br>GENTRY, EPHRAIM<br>NANCY | AUSTIN, MINIE E.<br>18 GRAYSON CO, VA<br>AUSTIN, WILLIAM C.<br>ELIZABETH |
| 21 DEC 1892 | GENTRY, MARTIN LUTHER<br>24 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>GENTRY, RICHARD H.<br>EFFIE LAVINA COLLINS | TRUITT, ROVIA ETTA<br>18 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>TRUITT, JOHN H.<br>SARAH JANE CHOATE |
| 18 DEC 1867 | GENTRY, QUILLER<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R<br>CLERK OF COURT | WOODRUFF, MOLLIE<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R |
| 20 APR 1889 | GENTRY, ROBERT<br>21 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>N/R<br>JAMIAH C. GENTRY | SOUTH, ROSE<br>19 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>SOUTH, CARREL<br>JEALIE |

| MARRIAGE DATE DA MO YEAR | GROOM'S NAME<br>AGE RESIDENCE<br>GROOM'S FATHER<br>GROOM'S MOTHER<br>REMARKS | BRIDE'S NAME<br>AGE RESIDENCE<br>BRIDE'S FATHER<br>BRIDE'S MOTHER |
|---|---|---|
| 23 DEC 1890 | GENTRY, WILLIAM R.<br>24 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>GENTRY, JOHAS<br>REBECCA | EDWARDS, LENA R.<br>17 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>EDWARDS, MORGAN<br>ELIZABETH HAGAR |
| 22 AUG 1878 | GILBERT, WINTON E.<br>24 GRAYSON CO, VA<br>GILBERT, JOHN<br>MORNING | CAPLEN, VIRGINIA<br>18 GRAYSON CO, VA<br>CAPLEN, ISAAC<br>BETSY |
| 1 JAN 1900 | GILHAM, DAVID R.<br>28 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>GILHAM, WESLEY<br>EMILINE DIXON | MOXLEY, F. J.<br>16 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>MOXLEY, J. E.<br>M. T. |
| 14 APR 1867 | GILHAM, GEORGE W.<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R<br>CLERK OF COURT | DIXON, LYDIA J.<br>N/R N/R<br>N/R<br>N/R |
| 4 SEP 1870 | GILHAM, WESLEY<br>N/R ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>GILHAM, DAVID<br>MARY (POLLY) | PARSONS, EMELINE DIXON<br>N/R ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>DIXON, ALVIN<br>REBECCA PARSONS |
| AUG 1877 | GILHAM, WESLEY<br>41 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>GILHAM, DAVID<br>MARY (POLLY) | JOHNSTON, SALLIE<br>40 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>N/R<br>N/R |
| 23 AUG 1874 | GILLESPIE, JAMES<br>22 SURRY CO, NC<br>GILLESPIE, LEVI<br>MARY W. BRYAN | HARRIS, FANNY<br>21 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>HARRIS, HENDERSON<br>RHODA SIMMONS |
| 7 FEB 1898 | GILLESPIE, THOMAS G.<br>22 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>GILLISPIE, LEVI<br>MARY W. BRYAN | WAGONER, LAURA<br>17 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>WAGONER, J. D.<br>MARGARET |
| 13 MAY 1875 | GILLESPIE, WICK W.<br>26 WILKES CO, NC<br>GILLESPIE, LEVI<br>MARY W. BRYAN | NAYLOR, OLIVIA J.<br>21 ALLEGHANY CO, NC<br>NAYLOR, WESLEY W.<br>ROSE ANN CARSON |

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| YEAR | BRIDE'S NAME | GROOM'S NAME | DA | MO | YEAR | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1876 | GALYEAN, LARTHENA | COOMBS, JOHN | 2 | FEB | 1884 | |
| 1892 | GALYEAN, MARGIE | MOONEY, GEORGE | 26 | MAR | 1892 | |
| 1894 | GALYEAN, MARY 'POLLY' LOW | HAMPTON, WADE | 30 | MAY | 1883 | |
| 1867 | GALYEAN, MARY A. | DAVIS, SID | 18 | DEC | 1892 | |
| 1897 | GALYEAN, REBECCA | KIRBY, ELMORE C. | 1 | NOV | 1891 | |
| 1890 | GALYEAN, RHODA LOWE | HUTCHENS, W. H. | 2 | FEB | 1891 | |
| 1900 | GALYEAN, SOPHINIA | WILSON, WILLIAM N. | 24 | FEB | 1887 | |
| 1890 | GALYEAN, SUFFINA | STAMPER, WILLIAM PRESTON | 25 | NOV | 1889 | |
| 1880 | GALYEAN, T. A. | BROOKS, C. W. | 24 | DEC | 1899 | |
| 1897 | GAMBILL, ANN CAUDILL | BRYSON, ALEX | 18 | SEP | 1893 | |
| 1881 | GAMBILL, CAROLINE | BOYER, A. G. | 3 | JUN | 1866 | |
| 1880 | GAMBILL, CAROLINE | MCMILLAN, GEORGE | 28 | SEP | 1886 | |
| 1894 | GAMBILL, CORA ELLEN | HALSEY, JOHN HAMILTON | 9 | NOV | 1889 | |
| 1874 | GAMBILL, CYNTHIA E. | MCMILLIAN, JOHN ANDER | 10 | AUG | 1873 | |
| 1878 | GAMBILL, EASTER | MAXWELL, ALLEN | 12 | JAN | 1883 | |
| 1879 | GAMBILL, ETTIE MAE | REEVES, VAN WORTH | 30 | NOV | 1890 | |
| 1896 | GAMBILL, JUDY | SCOOT, PORTER | 9 | JUL | 1873 | |
| 1880 | GAMBILL, LINDA (MCMILLAN) | EDWARDS, JACK | 26 | JUL | 1889 | |
| 1894 | GAMBILL, LYDIA | PIERCE, JOHN M. | 9 | NOV | 1873 | |
| 1880 | GAMBILL, MAHALA CAROLINE | JONES, NORMAN HAYWOOD | 18 | MAY | 1881 | |
| 1880 | GAMBILL, MARY CALAWAY | RICHARDSON, BENJAMIN | 13 | OCT | 1873 | |
| 1896 | GAMBILL, MATTIE ENDORA | EDWARDS, JOHN ROBERT | 1 | FEB | 1899 | |
| 1895 | GAMBILL, MINERVA (HORTON) | WADDLE, ALLRED | 23 | OCT | 1872 | |
| 1880 | GAMBILL, MINNIE | YOUNG, REUBIN | 22 | MAR | 1894 | |
| 1894 | GAMBILL, PHEBA | MCMILLIAN, JAMES M. | 25 | AUG | 1873 | |
| 1875 | GAMBILL, REBECCA | HIGGINS, ROBERT L. | 31 | MAR | 1898 | |
| 1889 | GAMBILL, RENA | MCMILLAN, LOGAN | 3 | MAR | 1888 | |
| 1865 | GARDNER, LAURA G. | COX, WILEY H. | 2 | JAN | 1887 | |
| 1865 | GARVY, LAURA ETTA | MCMILLAN, CHARLES C. | 25 | AUG | 1900 | |
| 1876 | GATHER, SUSAN | BRYAN, GRANT | 20 | SEP | 1891 | |
| 1868 | GENNINGS, FRANCES | BARTLY, FELIX (2d) Asbury + Judy | 20 | APR | 1866 | BLEVINS |
| 1883 | GENTRY, ADA 23 James + Matilda M. | SMITH, WILLIAM ROBERT + Ann | 10 | OCT | 1898 | |
| 1891 | GENTRY, ANN (PARKS) 18 Wm. Henley + Selva | PARKS, YOUNG 20 Richmond + Milly | 8 | APR | 1876 | |
| 1897 | GENTRY, CEANY 19 Nathan. + Nancy | CHEEK, ENOCH 35 Wiley + Lucinda | 23 | JUL | 1892 | |
| 1895 | GENTRY, CELIA - Manuel + Viney | SMITH, JESSE - Roland + Mary | 11 | MAR | 1873 | |
| 1892 | GENTRY, DELIA 21 George + Lucinda | WINSETTE, ROBERT 19 Lemuel | 14 | JAN | 1892 | + Frances |
| 1863 | GENTRY, JANE — | MCMILLAN, NELSON — | | | 1852 | |
| 1874 | GENTRY, LURA ELLA - | MILES, GEORGE WILSON - | 17 | APR | 1892 | |
| 1887 | GENTRY, MARGRET M. — | CAUDLE, MATHIAS F. — | 3 | JAN | 1867 | |
| 1890 | GENTRY, MARY C. — | ALEXANDER, M. G. Clerk of Court | 11 | NOV | 1866 | |
| 1871 | GENTRY, MARY ELLEN Allen + Rebecca | HARDIN, WILLIAM E. James L. | 2 | NOV | 1872 | + Sabra |
| 1864 | GENTRY, MATILDA 21 Alfred + Peggy | MURPHY, T. M (2d) Franklin + | 13 | MAR | 1892 | Jane |
| 1894 | GENTRY, MATTIE Allen + Rebecca | DOUGHTON, JOSEPH B. Charles H | 9 | APR | 1865 | & Mary |
| 1877 | GENTRY, MOLLIE 21 James + Matilda | BAUGUS, ROBERT H. 22 Thomas | 1 | OCT | 1899 | + Susan |
| 1883 | GENTRY, MOLLY P. WOODRUFF | BALL, BINHORN B. John + Lucky | 4 | OCT | 1885 | Ann Vaugh |
| 1890 | GENTRY, N. C. — | GREER, JOHN F. Clerk of Court | 1 | OCT | 1865 | |
| 1892 | GENTRY, RUTH (CROUSE) 62 John + Elizabeth | ESTEP, BERRY G (72) Jacob + | 4 | OCT | 1893 | → Nancy Moore |
| 1884 | GENTRY, SALLIE J. — | CORNETT, G. W. — | 1 | SEP | 1864 | |
| 1881 | GENTRY, SUE THOMPSON | KANADY, EDMON | 5 | APR | 1877 | |
| 1887 | GILLESPIE, CARRIE VICTORIA | HIGGINS, OSCAR | 7 | JUL | 1900 | |



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| NAME and RESIDENCE of MAN | | NAME and RESIDENCE of WOMAN | | Age of Man / Age of Woman | W White C Col'd Man Woman | LICENSE ISSUED DATE OF MARRIAGE | | | By Whom Married and Title / Place of Marriage | WITNESSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SURNAME Enter on Blue Lines | GIVEN NAME Residence | SURNAME Enter on Blue Lines | GIVEN NAME Residence | | | Month | Day | Year | | |
| Gentry | James L. | Hodges | Sarah | | | | | 1853 | Geo. A. Dennis J.P. | |
| | | | | | | 11 | 13 | 1853 | | |
| Gentry | James | Fulks | Rebecca M. | | | | | 1855 | B. F. Scott J.P. | |
| | | | | | | 12 | 12 | 1855 | | |
| Gentry | J. F. | Thompson | Rhody | | | | | 1858 | Reuben Sparks D.C. | |
| | | | | | | 12 | 16 | 1858 | | |
| Gentry | Wiley M. | Hodges | Susannah | | | | | 1863 | T. J. Lawson | |
| | | | | | | 2 | 9 | 1863 | | |
| Gentry | R. F. | Collins | Serina | | | | | 1867 | E. E. Dickens J.P. | |
| | | | | | | 2 | 22 | 1867 | | |
| Gentry | Wilburn | Williams | Margaret | | | | | 1870 | L. Lowe J.P. | |
| | | | | | | 3 | 20 | 1870 | | |
| Gentry | Wiley | Lyon | Catherine | | | | | 1870 | L. W. Thompson J.P. | |
| | | | | | | 12 | 25 | 1870 | Surry Co | |
| Gentry | Wilkes | Johnson | Fannie | 1 | C | | | 1871 | W. L. Travis J.P. | |
| | | | | | C | 2 | 2 | 1871 | Surry Co. | |
| Gentry | James | Creed | Mary M. | | | | | 1871 | Geo. W. Thompson | |
| | | | | | | 4 | 11 | 1871 | Bride's Home | |
| Gentry | Wm | Lowe | Margaret | | | 1 | 30 | 1874 | Jas. A. Hodges J.P. | |
| | | | | | | 1 | 30 | 1874 | Surry Co. | |
| Gentry | Wm. M. | Hammock | Nancy | | | 2 | 28 | 1874 | Columbus Thompson | Calvin Gentry<br>M. Thompson |
| | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 1874 | Bryan Twp. | |
| Gentry | Calvin | Isaacs | Matilda | | | 4 | 14 | 1874 | L. L. Lawson Min. | Richard Freeman<br>Richard Hooper |
| | | | | | | 4 | 12 | 1874 | Johnson Twp. | Rebecca Freeman |
| Gentry | Lemmon P.<br>Surry Co | Tilpman | Sarah P.<br>Surry Co. | 23<br>20 | W<br>C | 6<br>6 | 9<br>15 | 1875 | Stephen Donaldson<br>Old Hop. P.C. | D. Eldridge<br>Wm. M. Hood. |
| Gentry | J. M.<br>Surry Co | Eldridge | L. E.<br>Surry Co | 21<br>21 | | 7<br>7 | 24<br>20 | 1880 | Solon C. Clark<br>Wiley M. Lee | L. D. Woodruff<br>L. E. Eldridge<br>W. A. Gentry |
| Gentry | Edred<br>Surry Co. | Lowe | Margaret<br>Surry Co. | 50<br>— | C<br>— | 2<br>2 | 14<br>14 | 1882 | Jack Lowe J.P.<br>Jack Lowe | Ned Lowe<br>Ned Lowe |
| Gentry | Robert<br>Surry Co. | Faye | Senita<br>Surry Co. | 22<br>22 | W<br>W | 1 | 5 | 1886 | L. Thompson J.P.<br>L. Thompson | Lee L. Crews<br>Rose D. Hayes |
| Gentry | Lucas<br>Surry Co. | Alberta | Laura E.<br>Surry Co. | 20<br>18 | W<br>W | 2 | 17 | 1888 | W. L. Snow J.P.<br>Wm. Liberty | Lee Hardy<br>C. C. Selvey Asst.<br>W. Liberty |

Wm M Gentry
Calvin
Jonathan
Bro?

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gentry | James | Creed | Mary Ell | | | | | | 82 | Lee S Thompson | | |
| | | | | | | 2 | 11 | | 82 | Creed's farm | | |
| Gentry | Wm | Lowe | Margaret | | | | | 52 | 874 | Jas L Hodges J P | | |
| | | | | | | | | 30 | 874 | Surry Co. | | |
| Gentry | Wm N | Bramlock | Nancy | | | 2 | 28 | | 874 | Simmons Thompson | Calvin Gentry | |
| | | | | | | 3 | | | 874 | Bryan Twp. | W. Thompson | |
| Gentry | Calvin | Hodges | Matilda | | | 4 | 7 | | 874 | J. Simpson, Minr. | Richard Freeman | |
| | | | | | | 7 | | | 874 | Elkin Twp. | Richard Beamer | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Rebecca Freeman | |
| Gentry | Summers E. | Chipman | Wenith P | 14 | W | 7 | 5 | | 878 | Stephen Venables | D.T. Hendrix | |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 20 | C | 7 | 12 | | 878 | Elkin Twp. N.C. | Thos. M. Wood | |
| Gentry | J. M. | E. Eldridge | T. L. | | | 7 | 14 | | 880 | John A. Parks | D. N. Woodruff | |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 9 | W | 7 | 25 | | 880 | Mary Eldridge | J. J. Eldridge | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | W. H. Gentry | |
| Gentry | Alfred | Smith | Margret C. | 50 | W | 2 | 26 | | 882 | Jack Lowe J.P. | Reed Lowe | |
| | Surry Co. N.C. | | Wrapper No. | - | W | 2 | 26 | | 882 | Jack Lowe | Wade Lowe | |
| Gentry | Robert | Hays | Valinta | 22 | W | 1 | 5 | | 886 | C. Thompson J.P. | Jas. R. Lowe | |
| | Surry Co. N.C. | | Surry Co. | 36 | W | | 7 | | 886 | C. Thompson | Wade D. Hayes | |
| Gentry | Joseph | Elberly | Laura E. | 20 | W | 2 | 27 | | 888 | W. J. Snow J.P. | J. J. Hardy | |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. N.C. | 21 | W | 3 | 4 | | 888 | Sam Elberly | G. P. Holyfield | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | W. M. Elberly | |
| Gentry | Francis M. | Mayo | Augusta | 21 | W | 3 | 28 | | 1889 | C. Thompson J. P. | T. B. Gentry | |
| | Surry Co. N.C. | | Surry Co. N.C. | 22 | W | 3 | 25 | | 889 | C. P. Mayo | W. H. Gentry | |
| Gentry | George W | Snow | Sarah Ann | 24 | W | 9 | 18 | | 889 | C. Thompson J.P. | W. C. Snow | |
| | Surry Co. N.C. | | Surry Co. N.C. | 18 | W | 9 | 19 | | 889 | Edward Lewis | A. B. Gentry | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Boley Snow | |
| Gentry | Samuel W. | Moore | Willie M. | 28 | W | 2 | 24 | | 890 | James E. Gay Minr. | W. H. Crowder | |
| | Surry Co N.C. | | Surry Co. N.C. | 20 | W | 2 | 25 | | 890 | Presbyterian Church | Vernie Lewis | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Isaac L. Brown | |
| Gentry | D. Abram | Thomas | Laura A. | 21 | W | 4 | 11 | | 1890 | John Hughs | Harrison Haynes | |
| | Wilkes Co N.C. | | Wilkes Co. N.C. | 19 | W | 4 | 11 | | 1890 | Harrison Haynes | C. R. Thomas | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | W. W. Thomas | |
| Gentry | Alfred B. | Thompson | Margret | 22 | W | 11 | 29 | | 1893 | T. J. Williams, Minr. | L. E. Gentry | |
| | Surry Co. N.C. | | Surry Co N.C. | 23 | W | 12 | 11 | | 1890 | T. J. Wilson's | B. J. Williams | |
| Gentry | John W | Davis | Lenora | 23 | W | 1 | 1 | | 1892 | John Wilkes, Minr. | W. T. Gentry | |
| | Surry Co. N.C. | | Surry Co. N.C. | 17 | W | 1 | 5 | | 1892 | Thomas Davis | P. Gentry | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Wiley Davis | |
| Gentry | Levin P. | Macemore | Nancy J | 36 | W | 12 | 7 | | 1893 | L. A. Martin, J.P. | L. L. Vestal | |
| | Surry Co. N.C. | | Surry Co. N.C. | 24 | W | 12 | 7 | | 1893 | L. L. Vestal | Jesse B. Martin | |
| Gentry | R. T. | Sundy | Daisy L. | 21 | W | 8 | 29 | | 1898 | Geo. Hodges J.P. | T. J. Thompson | |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 18 | W | 8 | 28 | | 898 | Franklin Twp. | C. Hodges | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Walter Hodges | |
| Gentry | L. C. | Adams | Elbert | 39 | W | 12 | 10 | | 1898 | J. H. Stone, Minr. | J. T. Adams | |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co | 27 | W | 12 | 18 | | 898 | Elkin Twp. | J. M. Key | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | C. W. Hall | |
| Gentry | J. M. | Dejournette | Sallie | 30 | W | 7 | 1 | | 1899 | J. W. Wiles, J.P. | W. B. Herman | |
| | Wilkes Co. | | Wilkes Co. | 20 | W | 7 | 1 | | 1899 | Dobson Twp | H. G. Lemon | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | J. P. Llewellyn | |

# INDEXED REGISTER OF MARRIAGES — INDEXED IN NAME OF MAN — Surry County, N. C.

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| NAME and RESIDENCE of MAN | | NAME and RESIDENCE of WOMAN | | Age of Man / Age of Woman | W White C Col'd Man / Woman | LICENSE ISSUED DATE OF MARRIAGE Month | Day | Year | By Whom Married and Title / Place of Marriage | WITNESSES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SURNAME Enter on Blue Lines | GIVEN NAME Residence | SURNAME Enter on Blue Lines | GIVEN NAME Residence | | | | | | | |
| Hentry | W. A. | Jones | Ida L. | 24 | W | 7 | 26 | 1899 | R. Thompson, Min. | J. F. Armfield |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 22 | W | 8 | 2 | 1899 | Franklin Twp. | Ella Greenwood |
| | | | | | | | | | | J. J. Armfield |
| Hentry | T. A | Carter | Rettie | 20 | W | 2 | 27 | 1900 | J. A. Eldridge, J.P. | F. L. Adams |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 19 | W | 2 | 27 | 1900 | Elkin Twp. | A. W. Hentry |
| | | | | | | | | | | W. W. Tilley |
| Hentry | Chas. | Dobson | Mattie | 25 | C | 4 | 5 | 1900 | L. M. Burrus, J.P. | Mary E. Burrus |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 21 | C | 4 | 5 | 1900 | Pinehurst Twp. | Amanda Crawford |
| Hentry | Lee R. | Lundy | Matinda | 21 | W | 7 | 15 | 1901 | Enoch Hodges J.P. | W. E. Hentry |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 18 | W | 7 | 16 | 1901 | Franklin Twp. | R. M. Hentry |
| | | | | | | | | | | J. A. Todd |
| Hentry | A. F. | Darnell | Tina | 17 | W | 9 | 16 | 1901 | W. H. Leith, Min. | F. F. Miller |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 19 | W | 9 | 19 | 1901 | Elkin Twp. | F. F. Darnell |
| | | | | | | | | | | J. E. Crosble |
| Hentry | Wm. | Kramer | Nelma | 56 | W | 10 | 20 | 902 | Joseph Hodges, J.P. | J. M. White |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 36 | W | 10 | 21 | 902 | Stewarts Creek Twp. | John Marshall |
| Hentry | J. W. | Cummings | Hazel M. | 2 | W | 2 | 25 | 913 | J. A. Eldridge J.P. | C. N. Cummings |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 22 | W | 2 | 26 | 1903 | Elkin Twp. | T. H. Eldridge |
| | | | | | | | | | | W. W. Tilley |
| Hentry | A. H. | Lowe | S. V. | 21 | W | 3 | 23 | 1906 | M. F. Kramer J.P. | F. A. Halycon |
| | Surry Co. | | Iredell Co. | 21 | W | 3 | 24 | 1906 | Franklin Twp. | M. J. Cockerham |
| | | | | | | | | | | J. E. Armfield |
| Hentry | Carlton | Ray | Fanny L. | 21 | W | 4 | 4 | 1907 | J. A. Eldridge J.P. | M. E. Parks |
| | Surry Co. | | | 17 | W | 4 | 5 | 1907 | | A. A. Hayes |
| | | | | | | | | | J. A. Eldridge | J. F. Cummings |
| Hentry | Lee | Dobson | Nettie E. | 21 | W | 4 | 23 | 1907 | J. T. Pack, Min. | J. M. Pack |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 18 | W | 4 | 24 | 1907 | Grace Reade Church | Charley Banner |
| | | | | | | | | | | Leon Bowles |
| Hentry | H. W. | Talbert | L. V. | 21 | W | | 11 | 1907 | J. F. Talley, Min. | James Dixon |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 22 | W | | 11 | 1907 | Elkin Twp. | Leon Dixon |
| | | | | | | | | | | Nellie Collins |
| Hentry | G. W. | Ray | Mary | 23 | W | 5 | 23 | 1907 | L. E. Spence J.P. | Calvin Sparger |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 21 | W | 5 | 23 | 1907 | Franklin Twp. | Jack Hentry |
| | | | | | | | | | | Lisa Hentry |
| Hentry | J. T. | Carter | Emmie | 24 | W | 5 | 11 | 912 | L. M. Burcham Dun | W. E. Harman |
| | Wilkes Co. | | Wilkes Co. | 20 | W | 9 | 15 | 912 | Valley Dun Church | R. N. Adams |
| | | | | | | | | | | E. W. Hentry |
| Hentry | R. C. | Jones | Linda | 22 | W | 12 | 6 | 913 | J. F. Stone, Min. | E. W. Neal |
| | Surry Co. | | | 22 | W | 12 | 7 | 913 | J. F. Stone's | [illegible] |
| | | | | | | | | | | [illegible] |
| Hentry | Jack | Fender | Tillie | 21 | C | 2 | 10 | 914 | J. F. Simmons Min. | Stella Simmons |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 22 | C | 2 | 10 | 914 | Elkin Twp. | Susan May |
| | | | | | | | | | | Nettie Hentry |
| Hentry | Peter | Boles | Ida | 21 | C | | 20 | 1914 | Ira R. Hodges J.P. | J. J. Dixon |
| | Surry Co. | | Surry Co. | 21 | C | | 21 | 1914 | Elkin Twp. | M. P. Hodges |
| | | | | | | | | | | J. M. Dixon |
| Hentry | C. B. | Eastmond | Estella | 19 | C | 2 | 5 | 916 | J. F. Broughton Min. | [illegible] |
| | | | | 17 | C | 2 | 22 | 916 | Elkin Twp. | [illegible] |

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| | Surry Co. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gentry | J. H. Surry Co. | Isaac | S. C. Wayne Co. Va. | 22 | W | 5 | 23 | 1906 | W. E. Cramer J. P. | Eric Taylor, Wm. Scherbaum, C. H. Armfield |
| | | | | | W | | 24 | 1906 | Iron Mine Twp | |
| Gentry | Luther Surry Co. | Ray | Nancy E. | 22 | W | 2 | 4 | 1907 | D. T. Eldridge J. P. | M. E. Parks, G. L. Hayes, J. C. Comman |
| | | | | 5 | W | 2 | 9 | 1907 | D. T. Eldridge's | |
| Gentry | Lee Surry Co. | Dobson | Nettie E. | 20 | C | 5 | 22 | 1907 | J. T. York, Minn. | J. M. Pace, Charley Bannis, Leon Bowles |
| | | | Surry Co. | 18 | C | | 27 | 1907 | Iron Mine Church | |
| Gentry | R. G. Surry Co. | Tilbert | L. M. Surry Co. | 2 | W | | 11 | 1907 | L. E. Isley, Minn. | James Lyon, Ira Lyon, Nellie Williams |
| | | | | 22 | W | | 1 | 1907 | Elkin Twp. | |
| Gentry | G. W. Surry Co. | Ray | Mary Surry Co. | 21 | W | 2 | 23 | 1907 | L. E. Isaacs J. P. | Calvin Sparger, Jack Gentry, Miss Gabel |
| | | | | 21 | W | 2 | 20 | 1907 | Franklin Twp | |
| Gentry | J. T. Wilkes Co. | Carter | Ennie Wilkes Co | 24 | W | 9 | 11 | 1912 | L. M. Burcham Minn | W. A. Vermon, R. N. Adams, J. M. Gentry |
| | | | | 22 | W | 9 | 15 | 1912 | Valley View Church | |
| Gentry | J. C. Surry Co. | Jones | Linda Surry Co. | 21 | W | 2 | 6 | 1912 | C. H. Stone Minn | A. W. Neal, L. C. Park, C. A. Park |
| | | | | 23 | W | 2 | 3 | 1912 | C. H. Stone's | |
| Gentry | Isaac Surry Co. | Fender | Nettie Surry Co. | 18 | C | 7 | 10 | 1914 | J. P. Simmons Minn | Stella Simmons, Susan Hay, Nettie Gentry |
| | | | | 22 | C | 7 | 13 | 1914 | Dobson Twp | |
| Gentry | Peter Surry Co. | Bates | Ider Surry Co. | 21 | C | 3 | 22 | 1914 | Ira W. Hodges J. P. | L. A. Mixon, M. P. Hodges, C. M. Dobson, L. C. Park |
| | | | | 17 | C | 12 | 22 | 1914 | Dobson Twp. | |
| Gentry | J. B. | Newman | Stella | 19 | W | 2 | 16 | 1916 | T. E. Draughn Minn | J. G. Greenwood, J. C. Park |
| | | | | 17 | W | 12 | 24 | 1916 | Elkin N. C. | |
| Gentry | Leroy (Roy) | Mixon | Jane | 21 | W | 2 | 19 | 1916 | W. H. Atkinson, Minn | W. H. Gilley, Georgie Gilley, Joe Isaacs |
| | | | | 19 | W | 12 | 25 | 1916 | Stewart Creek Twp | |
| Gentry | J. W. | Pell | Bettie | 24 | W | 6 | 18 | 1917 | L. L. Hiatt J. P. | Leland Johnson, Walter Wright, W. C. Hiatt |
| | | | | 21 | W | 6 | 28 | 1917 | Mt. Airy, N. C. | |
| Gentry | Yarl L. Surry Co. | Lawrence | Alpha J. Surry Co. | 26 | W | 3 | 7 | 1920 | Walter Calloway, Minn | R. L. Thore, D. C. Lawrence Jr., Early Gentry |
| | | | | 18 | W | 4 | 4 | 1920 | Stewarts Creek Twp | |
| Gentry | Wesley A. Elkin N. C. | Mounce | Rosa A. Elkin N. C. | 56 | W. | 7 | 8 | 1921 | L. B. Murray | W. B. Jones, G. A. Burch, Brady Worsnup |
| | | | | 27 | W | 7 | 10 | 1921 | Roark Twp | |
| Gentry | Roy. Mt. Airy, N. C. | Smith | Viola Mt. Airy, N. C. | 48 | C | 6 | 19 | 1922 | A. M. Ervin Minn | Ila Hugh, Ella Benner, Laonie Cox |
| | | | | 21 | C | 6 | 19 | 1922 | Mt. Airy Twp. | |
| Gentry | Early Dobson, N. C. | Steele | Zephyr C. | 26 | W | 1 | 29 | 1923 | A. G. Williams, Minn | Isaac Mixon, G. W. Reavis, Bettie Reavis |
| | | | | 21 | W | 1 | 27 | 1923 | Salem Fork | |
| Gentry | ~~Frank~~ Llewellyn Mt. Airy, N. C. | Boyd | Verna Mt. Airy, N. C. | 22 | W | 1 | 30 | 1924 | R. A. Jarvis J. P. | Vesa Lowry, Earl Gentry, Josephine Boyd |
| | | | | 9 | W | 2 | - | 924 | Mt. Airy, N. C. | |
| Gentry | Nelson Dobson, N. C. | Bates | Jemmie Dobson, N. C. Rt. 2 | 19 | W | 3 | 16 | 1924 | Rev. Walter Calloway | J. M. Gentry, Ernest White, Bertha Bryant |
| | | | | 6 | W | 3 | 16 | 1924 | Pilot Mtn. N. C. | |
| Gentry | Dennis V. Welch W. Va. (Flexny W.) | Isaacs | Margaret W. Dobson N. C. | 23 | W | 4 | 4 | 1924 | M. P. Merritt, Minn | Edward Matthews, Laura C. Matthews, Rev. M. P. Merritt |
| | | | | 20 | W. | 4 | 4 | 1924 | Dobson | |
| | | ~~Hoff~~ Steele | Sarah Ponnie | 24 | W | 3 | 5 | 1925 | A. G. Williams, Minn | C. E. Williams, Rena Williams |

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Dear Jim,

Hoping you will not mind, I am addressing you informally. I have always been "Nancy" to everyone -- except students. I am a very casual-type of person. I see by your age listed in your last letter that I am a contemporary of your father as I was born in 1933. Age has never been a problem for me, fortunately, as I have always had good friends in all age groups. Celebrating my sixtieth next week, I cannot say that I feel "old," just experienced.

By this time, my roommate/housemate Joan and I should have been well on the road toward the cooler areas of Oregon and Washington. However, things have not worked as we had desired; we are still waiting to leave and may not drive off in the RV until after Aug. 6. At least, I have some extra time to work on correspondence and a few pet projects.

I have enclosed copies of FGS of 6 generations of my Williams line, as well as what I have of the Gentry and Ridings lines. This seems to be the best way to show you what I have and still need. YES! I would like very much to have a photocopy of Tim. Williams' Bible record. A friend/cousin RomaWilliams from TN sent me a hand-copied record of it many years ago. As you can see, I do not have all of John, Sr.'s children's marriages nor all of John, Jr.'s children. I do have a copy of John, Sr.'s will but not his death date.

<u>The Gentry Family Gazette and Genealogy Exchange</u> is a "quarterly" that comes out quite irregularly now whenever Richard Gentry has gathered enough info to make the publication worth-while. It has been an excellent publication over the years. I need to copy the most pertinent info from the issues. Actually, a few months ago I pulled out all the periodicals and marked those pages to be copied from each issue. It was an attempt to locate extra shelf-space by donating these publications to the local genealogical society library. All I need to do now is go to the copy center and start the process. I hope to do this soon.

Genealogical experts, Richard G. and others, have expressed many times that the 1909 Gentry book is an excellent place to start Gentry research; however, there are many, many errors in it. (I still haven't seen it.) They have attempted to correct some of its holes and errors over the years in their publication. The GFGGE format is interesting with the experts answering the correspondence of various writers. They never had answered the Nancy Anne/Polly Eliz. question.

That is another item on my "DO IT" list. Truly, at this point, I do not recall if I ever wrote to them about the problem. Probably not. Your remarks on this, certainly, make Nancy Anne sound logical. Anyway, here is the GFGGE address:

Richard Hayden Gentry, Editor & Publisher
6151 Tompkins Drive
McLean, Virginia 22101

I do not have a recent price list handy. Not all of the issues, naturally, have info related to our research nor did I receive a copy of every issue published. Nevertheless, I did write for old ones that seemed to be the best on our lines. I have recorded the info on the FGS enclosed.

On the Ridings line I have gathered bits and pieces over the years. I know that the articles in the Yadkin County Heritage are only partially accurate. I have no proof of any of the Riding info. Much of it I took from VA records about the Yeardleys. Yet the info I have may eventually lead to bigger and better items of research. I am ever optimistic!

The Jarvis/Jervis and Thompson lines? This is what I have:

Daniel Jarvis m. Nancy Anderson
Elizabeth Jarvis ( - 1832) m. John Davis, Jr. (1767-1850) This was his second marriage.
Nancy Ann Davis (1811-1887) m. Daniel Vestal (1805-1877)
***John D. Vestal (1829-1884) m. Sarah Ann Wooten (1832-1892)
Ailsey Virginia Vestal (1858-1929) m. Gideon Franklin Williams (1853-1929) See below.
Nancy Elmina Williams (1885-1961) m. Clarence Depuy (1882-1964) Divorced
Katherine Depuy (1913- ) m. Delbert Wilkison (1911-1967) Divorced
Nancy Wilkison (1933- ), myself

***I would give much to find proof that John D. Vestal is truly the son of Daniel and Nancy Davis Vestal. The will of Daniel does not mention him. Thus, a number of Vestal researchers have not included John D. Yet I have read that at the time the oldest son was often omitted from NC wills because he was obviously getting the property or had already received it from the father. This research I hope to take on most seriously within the next year. I am SURE he is the oldest son!!! Back to the subject:

John Davis, Jr., (above) m. 3) Rebecca Thompson (1792-1892) When John died, Rebecca then m.
Benjamin Hutchins (1779-1830) parents of
Sarah Hutchins (1817-1872) m. Joshua Lace Williams

(1811-1896) He was son of John Williams, Jr. Gideon Franklin Williams (above) m. Ailsey Virginia Vestal (above)

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Sincerely,

Nancy

Nancy Wilkison

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**HUSBAND** (full name) JOSEPH GENTRY

SOLD LUNENBURG CO., VA, LAND IN 1768; IN NC TAX LISTS 1770's ON TIL DEATH — SURRY CO.

Born (date) ca 1728 Place VA

Chr. (date) Place

Marr. (date) 1753 Place PROB. LOUISA OR LUNENBURG CO, VA

WILL: 17 NOV 1804 " " ; PROB. MAY, 1813

Died (date) 1813 Place SURRY CO., NC

Bur. (date) Place

MAR. MORE THAN 55 YRS.!

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) SAMUEL GENTRY

HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name) ANN (ALLEN?)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

**WIFE** (full maiden name) AGNESS (SHELTON?)

Born (date) Place

Chr. (date) Place

Died (date) Place SURRY CO., NC

WILL PROB. 1826

Bur. (date) Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name)

WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

| SEX M F | full names CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) (NOT) in Order of Birth — SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES | WHEN BORN DAY | MONTH | YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | WILLIAM | | | 1755 | | LUNENBURG | VA | | 1772 |
| 5 ☆ | NANCY ANNE | | | 1764 | | " | VA | JOHN RIDINGS | |
| 10 | WILLIAM ("BILLEY") | | | 1775 | | | NC | | |
| 2 | SHELTON | ca | | 1757 | | LUNENBURG | VA | ELIZABETH ? | WILL PROB. 1737 |
| 3 | SAMUEL | | | 1760 | | " | VA | 2) SARAH BROCK 3) ELIZABETH ? | WILL PROB. 1816 |
| 4 | ELIZABETH | | | 1762 | | " | VA | ANDREW SPEERE | |
| 6 | AGNESS (AGGIE) | | | 1766 | | " | VA | 28 JAN 1799 WILLIAM HODGES | |
| 7 | JUDITH | | | 1768 | | ROWAN | NC | AMOS HODGES | |
| 8 | SARAH | | | 1770-71 | | ROWAN | NC | ELISHA ISAACS | |
| 9 | SUSANNAH | | | 1772 | | SURRY | NC | JOSEPH RATCLIFF | |
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794
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NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt

#460

**HUSBAND** (full name) SAMUEL GENTRY

Born (date) CA 1695 Place

Chr. (date) Place

Marr. (date) Place

Died (date) CA 1779-1789 Place PERSON CO., NC

Bur. (date) Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) NICHOLAS GENTRY I.

HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

ALL SONS MOVED FR. VA TO VARIOUS NC COUNTIES.
RLV LOUISA & LUNENBURG CO., VA;
SOLD LAND IN LOUISA CO. 1757 & 1762;
MOVED TO LUNENBURG CO., VA

#461

**WIFE** (full maiden name) ANN (?ALLEN)

Born (date) Place

Chr. (date) Place

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name)

WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

ALLENS WERE NEIGHBORS IN LOUISA & LUNENBURG CO., VA

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 A | JOSEPH | ca 1728 | | | VA | AGNESS (SHELTON?) | 1813 |
| 1 | DAVID | " 1718 | | | VA | SARAH BROOKS / BROCK (?) | AFTER 1864 |
| 2 | NICHOLAS | " 1720 | | | VA | MARY BROOKS | |
| 3 | ANN | " 1723 | | | VA | FRENCH HAGGARD | |
| 4 | ALLEN | " 1725 | | | VA | MARY ? | |
| 6 | RICHARD | " 1730-31 | | | VA | | |
| 7 | SIMON | " 1733 | | | VA | MAY 1760 SUSANNAH BROWN | WILL PROB.-1792 |
| 8 | SAMUEL | " 1735-37 | | SURRY OR LUNENBURG, VA | NC | | ca 1800 |
| 9 | JEREMIAH ?? | " 1770 | | SURRY | NC | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | |

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PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt

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Vestal (above)

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**HUSBAND** (full name) NICHOLAS GENTRY I — EMIGRÉ — WAS IN VA IN 1680

Born (date) CA 1655 Place ESSEXSHIRE, ENGL. — POSSIBLY FR. KENT; CAME W/ BROTHER SAMUEL TO JAMESTOWN CA 1677 | AS SOLDIER AT MATTAPONI GARRISON; ... LAND IN NEW KENT CO., VA (NOW IN HANOVER CO.)

Chr. (date) Place

Marr. (date) (2) 1690 Place

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name)

HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES (1) ca 1684-85

**WIFE** (full maiden name) (2) LUCY CORNELIUS

Born (date) Place

Chr. (date) Place

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name)

WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

| SEX M F | full names CHILDREN — List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth — SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES | WHEN BORN — DAY MONTH YEAR | WHERE BORN — TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE — TO WHOM | WHEN DIED — DAY MONTH YEAR |
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| 3 M | SAMUEL | CA 1695 | | | | ANN ? | |
| 4 M | NICHOLAS II | CH. 30 MAY 1697 | | | | JANE ROBERT | |
| 2 M | JOSEPH | CA 1690 | | | | | ca 1750? |
| ? M | JOHN (?) | | | | | | |
| 1 F | ELIZABETH | CH. 29 AUG. 1689 | | | | JAMES HAGGARD | |
| 5 M | DAVID | CA 1699 | | | | | |
| 7 M | JAMES | CA 1704 | | | | | |
| 6 F | MABEL | CH 13 DEC 1701 | | | | NATHANIEL HAGGARD | |
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt

#14

**HUSBAND** (full name) GIDEON FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

TOBACCO FARMER, EAST BEND, YADKIN CO., NC. TALL, FULL BEARD, HUGE HANDS AND FEET, STAY AT HOME TYPE

Born (date) 17 JAN. 1853 Place

Chr. (date) Place

Marr. (date) 1874 Place

Died (date) 22 AUG. 1929 Place

Bur. (date) Place FORBUSH CEM., EAST BEND, YADKIN CO.

1880 Census Fall Creek Twp

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name)

HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

#15

**WIFE** (full maiden name) AILSEY VIRGINIA VESTAL (JENNY)

SHORT, FAT, PROVIDED MANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR NEIGHBORS: NURSING, FEEDING, COMFORT. PRACTICED FRIENDS (QUAKER) RELIGION

Born (date) 11 NOV. 1858 Place

Chr. (date) Place

Died (date) ?, 80 OR 28 FEB. 1929 Place

Bur. (date) Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name)

WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | SARAH ANNE | 6 MAY 1876 | | YADKIN | NC | | 3 NOV. 1884 |
| 2 | CORA BELLE | 4 JUNE 1878 | | | | | 17 AUG 1887 |
| 3 | JULIA R. | 3 OCT. 1880 | | | | | 12 AUG 1887 |
| 4 | JOHN HAMPTON JOSHUA | 15 JAN. 1883 | | | | ①MELISSA UNMARRIED ②MYRTLE? | 1948 |
| 5 | NANCY ELMINA | 24 DEC. 1885 | | | | 4 OCT. 1905 CLARENCE | 23 SEPT. 1961 DEPUY |
| 6 | PERMELIA VIRGINIA | 17 JAN 1887 | | | | JOHN HUTCHENS | 19 MAR 1962 |
| 7 | GURNEY RADFORD | 9 DEC. 1888-9 | | | | ROSIE DAVIS | 13 SEPT 1973 |
| 8 | BESSIE LUZENA | 31 MAY 1891 | | | | CARL LICHT | 22 SEPT 1969 |
| 9 | NORA EVA | 27 JULY 1893 | | | | WILL CARTER | 26 MAR. 1972 |
| 10 | PERNEY ETHEL | 15 NOV. 1895 | | | | WALTER STYERS | 1986 |
| 11 | ⊙LUNFORD WINFIELD | 31 AUG. 1898 | | | | MILLIE HOBSON | 29 SEPT. 1940 |

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
WILLIAM CHESTER 17(8) OCT. 1903?
CALLED "DOOLIN"

OTHER MARRIAGES
CONNIE MONEY

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

#28

HUSBAND JOSHUA LACE WILLIAMS of SURRY CO., N C
Birth 15 JULY, 1811 Place
Chr Place
Death 6 7 1896 Place YADKIN CO., NC.
Burial Place
Mar 1 Oct., 1836 Place SURRY CO., N.C.
Father JOHN WILLIAMS Mother AGGA RIDINGS

#29

WIFE SARAH HUTCHENS of SURRY CO., NC
Birth 19 May, 1817 Place SURRY (NOW YADKIN) CO.
Chr Place
Death 11 Oct., 1872 Place YADKIN CO., N.C.
Burial Place
Father BENJAMIN HUTCHENS Mother REBECCA THOMPSON

DOCUMENT DATED: ..... RECORDED: .....

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| .....Pedigree | .....Probate | .....Church | .....Researcher |
| .....History | .....Court | .....Employment | .....Original |
| .....Biography | .....Tax | X..Cemetery | .....Trans. Copy |
| .....MSS Colls | .....Military | .....School | .....Photo Copy |
| .....Coat of Arms | .....Poor Relief | .....Newspaper | .....Manuscript |
| X.Oral History | .....Birth | .....Profession | .....Printed |
| .....Periodical | .....Marriage | .....Estate | .....Extract |
| .....Membership | .....Death | .....Insurance | .....Legible |
| .....Other | .....Election | .....Shipping | .....Foreign Lang. |

MORMAN C.I.F.
HUTCHINS-HUTCHENS — DESCEND. of STRANGEMA. HUTCHINS

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| Male or Female | | CHILDREN | WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town County | State or Country | DIED Day Mo. Yr. Place | MARRIED Date Place To |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | AGGA PAULINE called Roline | 17 Oct. 1837 | | | | DAVID F. HOBSON, JR. |
| | 2 | REBECCA ELMIRA | 23 Oct., 1839 | | | | WM. J. DIXON |
| | 3 | MARY JANE | 31 Oct., 1841 | | | | JAMES LOGAN HOBSON |
| | 4 | WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER | 27 Oct. 1843 | | | | |
| | 5 | JOSHUA WADE | 25 Oct. 1845 | | | 10 5 1925 | SARA DIXON |
| * | 6 | SARAH ANN "SALLY" | ca 1847-8? | | | | JESSE MONROE VESTAL |
| | 7 | JAMES B. "JEEMS" | 10 Feb., 1850 | | | 4 MAR. 1921 | LUDY BOVENDER |
| | 8 | MARTHA S. | 12 JAN., 1852 | | | | 22 Oct., 1870 GEORGE W. HOBSON * |
| * | 9 | GIDEON FRANKLIN | 17 JAN., 1853 | | | 22 Aug. 1929 EAST BEND | 1874 VIRGINIA VESTAL |
| | 10 | LENA ↔ PARMELIA (or REVERSE) | ca. 1857 | | | | 5 JAN. 1872 WM. BOVENDER |
| | 11 | MANDY/AMANDA | ca 1859 | | | | EVAN REECE * |
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* NO CHILDREN

#556

#557

HUSBAND (full name) JOHN WILLIAMS JR. OF SURRY CO., N.C.

Born (date) 30 MARCH 1779 Place

Chr. (date) Place

MAR. 1 OCT. 1806 Place SURRY CO., N.C.

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) JOHN WILLIAMS, SR. HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

WIFE (full maiden name) AGGA/AGNESS RIDING(S)

Born (date) Place SURRY CO., N.C. probably

Chr. (date) Place

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name) JOHN RIDINGS WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name) NANCY ANNE ~~RIDING~~ GENTRY

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

| REC. NO. | full names CHILDREN Use black Child (Deceased Living or Dead) to Order of Birth HUSBANDS (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES | WHEN BORN DAY | MONTH | YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY | MONTH | YR |
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| 1 | JOSHUA LACE | 15 | JULY | 1811 | | | ? NC | 6 OCT. 1836 SARAH HUTCHENS | 6 | JULY | 1896 |
| 2 | PLEASANT | 18 | JULY | 1823 | | | ? NC | 3 8MO 1839 PHEBE HUTCHENS | 21 | SEPT. | 1905 |
| 3 | MILOS | | | | | | ? NC | | | | |
| 4 | BETSY | | | | | | ? NC | | | | |
| 5 | "ZIFFY" OR ZILPHA | 6 | JAN | 1818 | | | ? NC | GEORGE HOBSON | | | |
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

? John L. B

OTHER MARRIAGES

MARRIAGE, BIRTH, DEATH RECORDS
PLACES: Surry, Grayson, VA
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

#112

#113

HUSBAND JOHN WILLIAMS, SR.

Born 4 FEB. 1747 Place

Chr. Place

Died bef. MAR + MAY 1818 Place SURRY CO., N.C. PROVED MAY 1818 WILL BK 3, 132a

Bur. Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) TIMOTHY WILLIAMS HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name) ELIZABETH

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

WIFE (full maiden name) ELIZABETH

Born Place

Chr. Place

Died Place

Bur. Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name) WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

| SEX M / F | All Persons CHILDREN Last Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth (SURNAME (CAPITAL LETTERS) GIVEN NAMES) | WHEN BORN DAY | MONTH | YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY | MONTH | YR |
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| 1 | THOMAS | 15 | SEPT. | 1772 | | | | 24 NOV. 1893 ELIZ. HARDING | 19 | NOV. | 1857 |
| 5 | MARY | 8 | SEPT. | 1781 | | | | abt. 20 OCT. 1799 JOSIAH HUTCHENS | BETW. 1811-44 | | |
| 4 | JOHN | 30 | MAR. | 1779 | | | | 1 OCT. 1806 AGNESS RIDINGS | | | |
| 2 | NANCY | 4 | NOV. | 1774 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | EPHRAM | 8 | NOV. | 1776 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | SARAH | | | 1784 | | | | PHILIP MILLER | | | |
| 7 | JESSE | | | 1789 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | ZACHARIAH | | | 1792 | | | | | | | |
| 9 | JOEL | | | 1794 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | ELIZABETH | | | 1797 | | | | PLEASANT COCKERHAM | | | |
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10 children

WHICH ELIZABETH?

John m. Eliz. Williamson
b. c1745
d. p. 1810
Gr. Col., N.C.

OR?

John A. b. 6 JAN. 1763 m. Eliz. Clealand

John m. c1751 Eliz. Tolson 1802 Granville

OTHER MARRIAGES

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

KANSAS, WARSONS, Salina, Kans.
MACH: Elmore, Wheeler, W
Be sure to check a child is an ancestor of the family
DATES: 1st Apr 1946
Be sure to check a child is an ancestor of the family, record it "F" in the number pertaining to that child.

#224

**HUSBAND** (full name) TIMOTHY WILLIAMS EMIGREE 173?

Born (date) 5 FEB. 1721 Place WALES

Chr. (date) _____ Place _____

Marr. (date) _____ Place _____

Died (date) _____ Place _____

Bur. (date) _____ Place _____

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) _____ HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name) _____

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

#225

**WIFE** (full maiden name) ?

Born (date) _____ Place _____

Chr. (date) _____ Place _____

Died (date) _____ Place _____

Bur. (date) _____ Place _____

WIFE'S FATHER (full name) _____ WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name) _____

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

| SEX M F | full names CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES | WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR |
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| 1 | ELIZABETH | 16 DEC. 1742 | | | | | |
| 2 | ANN | 13 NOV. 1745 | | | | | |
| 3 | JOHN | 4 FEB. 1747 | | | | ELIZABETH | |
| 4 | MARY | 27 MAY 1750 | | | | | |
| 5 | THOMAS | 13 DEC. 1753 | | | | | |
| 6 | BETTIE | 6 JULY 1756 | | | | | |
| 7 | SUSANNAH | 22 DEC. 1758 | | | | | |
| 8 | NATHANIEL | 12 APR. 1761 | | | | | |
| 9 | SARAH | 26 JULY 1764 | | | | | |
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

#114

**HUSBAND** (full name) JOHN RIDINGS

DEEDS: DOBSON CO. BEF. 1811

Born (date) 1737 Place ROWAN CO., NC

Chr. (date) Place

Marr. (date) 1757 Place ROWAN CO., NC

Died (date) 1811 Place SURRY CO., NC

PVT IN REVOL. WAR, PAY FR. N.C.

Bur. (date) Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) WILLIAM RIDINGS, JR. HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name) RUTH PARSONS (PEARSON)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

#115

**WIFE** (full maiden name) NANCY ANNE GENTRY

SOME SOURCES SAY "POLLY ELIZABETH" GENTRY.

Born (date) Place

Chr. (date) Place

Died (date) 1800 Place

Bur. (date) Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name) JOSEPH GENTRY WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name) Agness Shelton (?)

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

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| 6 ☆ | AGNES | | | | | 1 OCT. 1806 JOHN WILLIAMS, JR. | |
| 7 | DICEY (DICIE) | | | | | 24 AUG. 1812 ISAAC WILLIAMS | |
| 1 | JESSIE | 1777 | | SURRY | NC | 16 DEC 1804 MARY WENTWORTH POINDEXTER | 1 JUN 1863 |
| 2 | DAVID | | | | | | |
| 3 | ISAAC | 27 OCT. 1795 | | SURRY | NC | 1 JUL 1818? SUSANNA CHINN | 1 JUL 1843 |
| 4 | JOHN, JR. | 1779 | | " | NC | 17 SEPT 1811 NANCY HUNTER | |
| 5 | SARA SALLIE CAROLINE | 13 SEP 1776 | | | | 1799 WM. ABRAHAM PHILLIPS | 1818 CHILD BIRTH |
| 8 | JUDEAH (JUDITH) | | | | | 28 MAR 1809 FREDERICK MILLER | |
| 9 | JENNIE | | | | | WILLIAM PETTIT | |
| 10 | PATSY | | | | | SMITH | |
| 11 | SUSANNAH (SUCKY) | | | | | WILLIAM SPEAKS | |

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OTHER MARRIAGES
BENJAMIN MATTHEWS

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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#229

**HUSBAND** (full name) WILLIAM RIDINGS, JR. PVT. IN REVOL. WAR

Born (date) _____ Place ? NC

Chr. (date) _____ Place _____

Marr. (date) 1735 Place ROWAN CO., N.C.

Died (date) 1782 Place SURRY CO, NC

Bur. (date) _____ Place _____

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) WILLIAM RIDINGS, SR. HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name) SARAH "SALLIE" ?

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

**WIFE** (full maiden name) RUTH PARSONS (PEARSON) FROM GUILFORD CO., NC

Born (date) 1715 Place NC

Chr. (date) _____ Place _____

Died (date) 1782 Place SURRY CO., NC

Bur. (date) _____ Place _____

WIFE'S FATHER (full name) JOHN ~~PARSONS~~ PEARSON WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

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| 1 M | JOHN | | | | NC | POLLY GENTRY | |
| 2 | WILLIAM JR (III) | | | | NC | 15 MAR 1769 MILLIE REED | |
| 3 | JAMES | | | | NC | 12 MAY 1768 SUSANNAH GRIGGS | |
| 4 | ISAAC | | | | NC | | |
| 5 | THOMAS (?) | | | | NC | | |
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OTHER MARRIAGES

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**HUSBAND** (full name) WILLIAM RIDINGS, SR. — MOVED TO NC BY YADKIN RIVER AFT 1700 (?)

Born (date) 1680 Place

Chr. (date) Place

Marr. (date) Place

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) ① THOMAS RYDING/RYDEING HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full maiden name) ROSE ANN YEARDLE(Y)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

**WIFE** (full maiden name) SARAH "SALLIE"

Born (date) Place

Chr. (date) Place

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name) WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name)

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

| | SEX M F | full names CHILDREN — List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth — SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES | WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR |
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| 1 | ★ | WILLIAM, JR. | | | | | RUTH PARSONS (PEARSON) | |
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PLACES: Sharon, Windsr, Vt

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#912

**HUSBAND** (full name) ① THOMAS RYDING/RYDEING — PAT. 1,000 Ac. 1666, for transp. 20 people OR 18?

Born (date) 1640 Place ACCOMMACK CO., VA

Chr. (date) Place

Marr. (date) 4 JAN. 1662 Place HUNGARS PARISH, NORTHAMPTON CO., VA

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER (full name) JAMES RYDEING — HUSBAND'S MOTHER (full name)

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

#913

**WIFE** (full maiden name) ROSE ANN YEARDLEY

Born (date) 1650 Place VA

Chr. (date) Place

Died (date) Place

Bur. (date) Place

WIFE'S FATHER (full name) ARGOLL YEARDLEY, SR. — WIFE'S MOTHER (full maiden name) FRANCES CUSTIS

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS ②

| SEX M F | full names CHILDREN — List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth — SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES | WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR | WHERE BORN TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM | WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR |
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| 1 | WILLIAM, SR. | | | | | SARAH | |
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Husband JAMES RIDINGS. EMIGRÉ

Birth 1615 Place LONDON

Chr. Place

Death Place

Burial Place

Mar. 1634 Place VA.

Father Mother

CAME TO VA., 1634; ACCOMACK CO., VA

#1825

Wife of

Birth Place

Chr. Place

Death Place

Burial Place

Father Mother

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| .....Coat of Arms | .....Poor Relief | .....Newspaper | .....Manuscript |
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| .....Periodical | .....Marriage | .....Estate | .....Extract |
| .....Membership | .....Death | .....Insurance | .....Legible |
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| * | 1 | THOMAS RIDINGS | 1640 | ACCOMACK | VA | | 4 JAN. 1662 VA ROSE ANN YEARDLY |
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That is another item on my "DO IT" list. Truly, at this point, I do not recall if I ever wrote to them about the problem. Probably not. Your remarks on this, certainly, make Nancy Anne sound logical. Anyway, here is the GFGGE address:

Richard Hayden Gentry, Editor & Publisher
6151 Tompkins Drive
McLean, Virginia 22101

I do not have a recent price list handy. Not all of the issues, naturally, have info related to our research nor did I receive a copy of every issue published. Nevertheless, I did write for old ones that seemed to be the best on our lines. I have recorded the info on the FGS enclosed.

On the Ridings line I have gathered bits and pieces over the years. I know that the articles in the Yadkin County Heritage are only partially accurate. I have no proof of any of the Riding info. Much of it I took from VA records about the Yeardleys. Yet the info I have may eventually lead to bigger and better items of research. I am ever optimistic!

The Jarvis/Jervis and Thompson lines? This is what I have:

Daniel Jarvis m. Nancy Anderson
Elizabeth Jarvis ( - 1832) m. John Davis, Jr. (1767-1850) This was his second marriage.
Nancy Ann Davis (1811-1887) m. Daniel Vestal (1805-1877)
***John D. Vestal (1829-1884) m. Sarah Ann Wooten (1832-1892)
Ailsey Virginia Vestal (1858-1929) m. Gideon Franklin Williams (1853-1929) See below.
Nancy Elmina Williams (1885-1961) m. Clarence Depuy (1882-1964) Divorced
Katherine Depuy (1913- ) m. Delbert Wilkison (1911-1967) Divorced
Nancy Wilkison (1933- ), myself

***I would give much to find proof that John D. Vestal is truly the son of Daniel and Nancy Davis Vestal. The will of Daniel does not mention him. Thus, a number of Vestal researchers have not included John D. Yet I have read that at the time the oldest son was often omitted from NC wills because he was obviously getting the property or had already received it from the father. This research I hope to take on most seriously within the next year. I am SURE he is the oldest son!!! Back to the subject:

John Davis, Jr., (above) m. 3) Rebecca Thompson (1792-1892) When John died, Rebecca then m.
Benjamin Hutchins (1779-1830) parents of
Sarah Hutchins (1817-1872) m. Joshua Lace Williams

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Dear Jim,

Hoping you will not mind, I am addressing you informally. I have always been "Nancy" to everyone -- except students. I am a very casual-type of person. I see by your age listed in your last letter that I am a contemporary of your father as I was born in 1933. Age has never been a problem for me, fortunately, as I have always had good friends in all age groups. Celebrating my sixtieth next week, I cannot say that I feel "old," just experienced.

By this time, my roommate/housemate Joan and I should have been well on the road toward the cooler areas of Oregon and Washington. However, things have not worked as we had desired; we are still waiting to leave and may not drive off in the RV until after Aug. 6. At least, I have some extra time to work on correspondence and a few pet projects.

I have enclosed copies of FGS of 6 generations of my Williams line, as well as what I have of the Gentry and Ridings lines. This seems to be the best way to show you what I have and still need. YES! I would like very much to have a photocopy of Tim. Williams' Bible record. A friend/cousin RomaWilliams from TN sent me a hand-copied record of it many years ago. As you can see, I do not have all of John, Sr.'s children's marriages nor all of John, Jr.'s children. I do have a copy of John, Sr.'s will but not his death date.

The Gentry Family Gazette and Genealogy Exchange is a "quarterly" that comes out quite irregularly now whenever Richard Gentry has gathered enough info to make the publication worth-while. It has been an excellent publication over the years. I need to copy the most pertinent info from the issues. Actually, a few months ago I pulled out all the periodicals and marked those pages to be copied from each issue. It was an attempt to locate extra shelf-space by donating these publications to the local genealogical society library. All I need to do now is go to the copy center and start the process. I hope to do this soon.

Genealogical experts, Richard G. and others, have expressed many times that the 1909 Gentry book is an excellent place to start Gentry research; however, there are many, many errors in it. (I still haven't seen it.) They have attempted to correct some of its holes and errors over the years in their publication. The GFGGE format is interesting with the experts answering the correspondence of various writers. They never had answered the Nancy Anne/Polly Eliz. question.

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# THE GENTRY FAMILY IN AMERICA

1676 to 1909

INCLUDING NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES RELATED TO THE GENTRYS: CLAIBORNE, HARRIS, HAWKINS, ROBINSON, SMITH, WYATT, SHARP, FULKERSON, BUTLER, BUSH, BLYTHE, PABODY, NOBLE, HAGGARD, AND TINDALL

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CHILDREN:

1. William.
2. Mary.
3. Hyannis Newton. Resides at Norton, Kan.
4. Mack. Resides at Hyannes, Neb.
5. Annie.
6. Fannie.
7. Jane. Resides at Carthage, Ill..

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**202.** RICHARD HENRY GENTRY, of Bloomington, Ind.
(197) James V, Richard IV, William III.

Born in Stokes Co., N. C., Sept. 23, 1825; moved to Indiana with his father when a child; married Frances Umbarger. His sons became famous as the proprietors of the "Gentry Dog and Pony Shows." They were very successful and made a large amount of money.

CHILDREN:

1. Wallace.
2. Henry.
3. William.
4. Frank.
5. Lillie J., born Oct. 22, 1865.
6. Jesse, born Sept. 21, 1880.

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**203.** RICHARD GENTRY, of Surry Co., N. C.

His will was probated in Surry Co., N. C., in 1811. He gave his property to his wife and daughter, Mary Ashley.

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**204.** JOSEPH GENTRY, of Surry Co., N. C.

He was probably the Joseph Gentry who bought land in Lunenburg Co., Va., in 1752, 1760 and 1761. All we know of him is from his will, which is on record in Surry Co., N. C., and

bears date Nov. 11, 1804. His services as a revolutionary soldier can be found in records of the Auditor's Office of the State of North Carolina. His legatees were named as his wife and the following sons and daughters: Shelton, Lemuel, Anne, Judith, Sarah and Lausana.

The records of Lunenburg Co., Va., show that the following Gentrys purchased and sold lands in said county as follows:

Brooks to Nicholas Gentry, June 4th, 1748; Minor to Joseph Gentry, Dec. 5, 1752; Embry to Hezekiah Gentry, July 6, 1757; Embry to David Gentry, July 6, 1757; Ray to William Gentry, July 12, 1760; Hezekiah Gentry to Allen Gentry, Apl. 6, 1761; William Gentry to Allen Gentry, Dec. 8, 1763; William Gentry to Atkinson, Dec. 5, 1763; Hanna to Joseph Gentry, 1760; Mason to Joseph Gentry, May 5, 1761; Nicholas Gentry to Drummond, Oct. 9, 1766.

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**205.** ALLEN A. GENTRY, of Halifax Co., Va.

Born about 1730. His son, Meshack, made application for a pension in 1833 for services in Revolutionary War and stated in his application to the War Department that he was born in Louisa Co., Va. This statement is confirmatory of the author's opinion that the Gentrys of Lunenburg Co., Va., were young men from Louisa and Hanover counties.

The vestry book of Cumberland Parish in Lunenburg Co., Va., mentions several Gentrys and among them Allen Gentry. The returns of the processioners of Precinct No. 14, March 1, 1760, mentions the lands of Allen Gentry, and as present William and David Gentry; and on March 4, 1760, in Precinct No. 16, that Joseph and William were present at all three lines. Nicholas Gentry's lands are also mentioned. Allen and Joseph Gentry were housekeepers, for the Vestry credits Allen Gentry with 200 lbs. tobacco, on Oct. 30, 1761, for keeping Ann Nobles 3 months, and in 1763, 600 lbs. tobacco for caring for Ann Nobles, and credits Joseph Gentry with 800 lbs. tobacco for keeping Stephen Crump.

Halifax Co. was cut off from Lunenburg Co., and we find the will of Allen Gentry probated in Halifax Co., July 26, 1802. His wife was named Mary.

CHILDREN:*

1. SHADRACK (206).
2. MESHACK (211).
3. Obednigo. Resided in Yadkin Co.
4. Agnes, married Whitmore.
5. Mary, married Andrew Buchanan.

WILL OF ALLEN A. GENTRY.

In name of God amen. I, Allen Gentry of Halifax Co., and State of Virginia, and in perfect health, and in good memory, thanks be to God. Knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this my last will and testament, that is to say; amply and first of all I give my soul to God who gave it hoping at the last day of judgment to receive the same in glory, and my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in Christian like and decent manner, at the discretion of my executors, and as touching my worldly goods, wherewith God has blessed me, I leave and bequeath in the following manner and form to wit:

I give to my wife, Mary Gentry, during her natural life or widowhood, all and singular my estate, real and personal, with all my household goods, and moveable effects, and after her decease or marriage in the manner following: Item: I give to my eldest son, Shadrack Gentry, of my estate one negro man named Jack to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son, Meshack Gentry, one negro man named Toney, to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Buchanan one negro woman, Lucky, to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give to my grandson, Shadrack Gentry, Obednigo's son, one negro man, named Toby, and two negro women named Hanna and Amy, and two negro children, named Hanna and Enos, to him and his heirs forever, and it is my will and desire that Andrew Buchanan, should keep these five negroes with him at his own house, and that he will pay the earnings that they earn to Shadrack, my grandson, and keep them together, after my decease, and my wife Mary's decease, until the heir comes of age and then deliver them and the earnings or the hire they have earned to the said heir. Item: I give to my daughter Agnes Whitmore, ten pounds of current money to be raised out of my estate. Item: I give and bequeath to my son Obednigo Gentry, ten pounds current money to be raised out of my estate. Item. It is my will and desire, and I do leave the rest of my movable property

* Allen A. Gentry and the various county clerks and recorders, seem to have adopted a spelling of their own for the names of his sons; calling them, Shadrack, Meshack and Obednigo; instead of following the Bible spelling of the names of the three friends of Daniel: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, whom Nebuchadnezzar threw into the fiery furnace.

to be equally divided amongst my children—namely, Shadrack, Buchanan. Item. Andrew Buchanan and Shadrack Gentry executors.

ALLEN A. GENTRY. [SEAL.]

Dated, December 21, 1801.

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The three sons of Allen A. Gentry, Shadrack, Meshack and Obednigo, probably all remained in Halifax Co., Va., until about 1797, when Meshack bought 270 acres of land on Hunting Creek, formerly in Surry Co., having sold out several hundred acres of land in Halifax Co. Their father, Allen A. Gentry, died in 1802, and Shadrack was made one of his administrators, and therefore remained in Virginia until after this time. In 1807 Obednigo bought 152½ acres of land located on the south waters of Deep Creek, formerly Surry Co., now Yadkin Co., and in 1836 he sold to Obednigo Gentry this same 152½ acres, and to William Gentry 100 acres on the same creek. These two were probably his sons. From 1792 to 1807 ten Gentrys settled in old Surry Co., and most of them on the south side of the Yadkin River, in what is now Yadkin Co., and most of these are probably sons of Shadrack and Obednigo. Meshack and his sons moved from North Carolina to Monroe Co., Tenn. There are a great many Gentrys living in North Carolina and scattered all over the country, who are descended from one or the other of these three brothers. No trace has been found of Shadrack, the grandson of Allen A. Gentry, mentioned in his will.

Nearly all of these North Carolina Gentrys were Baptists, and quite a number of them were preachers.

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**206.** SHADRACK GENTRY, of Halifax Co., Va.

(205) Allen A.

Born in Virginia about 1759. He was raised in Halifax Co., Va., and probably remained there until after his father's death in 1802, as he was one of his administrators. Only one of his children is known: Allen (207.)

**207.** ALLEN GENTRY, of Wilkes Co., N. C.
(206) Shadrack, Allen A.

He was born in Halifax Co., Va; bought lands in Yadkin Co., N. C., in 1799, but finally settled in Wilkes Co. and died there in 1824, as evidenced by his will, which was dated Oct. 16, 1824, and witnessed by William Douglas and Arthur Gentry. His wife was Elizabeth Waddell. He was a farmer and manufacturer, and lived near Park's Post Office, N. C.

CHILDREN:

1. Mathew. His grandsons, Grandville, William A. and James, live in Wilkes Co., N. C.
2. JONATHAN (208).
3. NATHAN (209).
4. Arthur. Had three sons and two daughters, who lived in Surry Co., N. C.
5. Mary.
6. Eliza.

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**208.** JONATHAN GENTRY, of Wilkes Co., N. C.
(207) Allen, Shadrack, Allen A.

Born about 1778, and died near Elkin, N. C., in 1852. He was a farmer and stock man, much noted for his fine horses. Married Sally Fender; his will dated March 31, 1852.

CHILDREN:

1. John.
2. Wiley. His son, Allen, lives near Elkin, N. C., and W. R. Gentry, a grandson, lives in Wilkes Co., N. C.
3. Allen. Has six daughters and three sons. One of them, Richard H. Gentry, lives at Hooker, N. C.
4. JONATHAN H. (210).
5. Polly, married Lyon.
6. Anna, married Johnson.
7. Elizabeth, married Darnall.
8. Katherine, married Candee.

**209.** NATHAN GENTRY, of North Carolina.
(207) Allen, Shadrack, Allen A.

He lived in North Carolina. His wife was named Rebecca.

CHILDREN:

1. Calvin; wife named Mary. They lived at Good-Spring, N. C.

CHILDREN:

*a.* U. M., Long Gap, N. C.
*b.* Wiley, Long Gap, N. C.
*c.* Joseph, Good Spring, N. C.
*d.* Bryant.
*e.* Eliza Jane Lyon, Hooker, N. C.
*f.* Nancy E. Hodges, Hooker, N. C.
*g.* Lydia Harris.
*h.* Rebecca.

2. U. M., Rocky Mount, Va.
3. Jonathan, Tennessee.
4. Alfred, married first, Betsey Branock; second, Rebecca Rigons.
5. G. W., Mt. Ary, N. C.; married Louzina Branock.

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**210.** JONATHAN H. GENTRY, of Parks, N. C.
(208) Jonathan, Allen, Shadrack, Allen A.

Born in Wilkes Co., N. C., August, 1812 and died at his residence at Parks Post Office November, 1876. He was a farmer, a very devoted Baptist, and spent much time in church work. Married Jemima Spisa in 1831, a daughter of William Spisa, a Revolutionary soldier.

CHILDREN:

1. Joseph Findley, born Dec. 5, 1822; lived near Parks Post Office, where he was born; married Rhoda Caroline, Dec. 16, 1858. He was a farmer. He served three years in the Confederate Army.

CHILDREN:

*a.* Monroe.
*b.* Jorah Jane.
*c.* Olivia.
*d.* Joseph Finley.
*e.* Jones N.

2. Sarah.
3. Newton.
4. Hardin.

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**211.** MESHACK GENTRY, of Monroe Co., Tenn.
(205) Allen A. III.

Born in Louisa Co., Va., 1761; died in Monroe Co., Tenn., 1833. He bought land in Surry Co., N. C., but soon after moved to Tennessee.

He made application for a pension Aug. 29, 1836, in which he stated that he lived in Monroe Co., Tenn.; that he was born in Louisa Co., Va.; that he was appointed Captain of a company of mounted riflemen at Caswell Court House, in North Carolina, November, 1779, under Colonel Fifer; that he was in the battles of 'Rugley's Mill,' 'Hanging Rock,' and 'Eutau Springs,' and that he served two years. His application was rejected for want of sufficient proof.

CHILDREN:

1. Allen D.
2. Jourdan.
3. PLEASANT F. (212).
4. Francis.
5. Susan.
6. Nancy.

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**212.** PLEASANT F. GENTRY, of Owen Co., Ky.
(211) Meshack, Allen A.

Born in Lunenburg Co., Va., in 1782; died June 10, 1859; married Lucy Almitt. He went to Tennessee as a young man with his father, but in 1809 moved to Owen Co., Ky., near New Liberty, and settled on a farm. He served as a soldier in

280 - 23 Oct 1782 Grant Henry Gambill 150 ac Bledsoe Ridge, S side Bledsoe Ck

281 - 23 Oct 1782 Grant Wm. Scott 300 ac adj land granted Wm. Humphries & Colvard

281 - 23 Oct 1782 Grant Nathaniel Vannoy 200 ac S side Beaver Creek, branch S fork New River Adj Land granted Wm. Humphries

282 - 23 Oct 1782 Grant James Love 198 ac Hunting Creek, foot Lazy Hill

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## GENTRY FAMILY BIBLE

(Owned by Maud R. Gentry of Crumpler, NC; contributed by Mrs. Florence D. Jones, 117 El Dorado Way, Vacaville, Calif. 95688)

### BIRTHS

Nicholas Gentry b Oct 2, 1768

Levi Gentry b Mar 19, 1798
Nancy, his wife, b Dec 25, 1797
- Alpha Gentry, dau b Jan 13, 1821
- Polly, dau b Dec 4, 1822
- Betsy, dau b June 11, 1824
- Alson, son b Mar 15, 1826
- James, son b Feb 24, 1828
- Caroline, dau b Nov 24, 1829
- Andrew, son b Feb 2, 1832
- John, son b Sep 19, 1833
- Sarah Ann, dau b Aug 10, 1836
- Joseph Allen, son b Nov 2, 1838
- Amanda Jane, dau b Mar 22, 1841
- Levi R., son b Apr 9, 1844

Mary Reeves Gentry, wife of John Gentry, born Jan 19, 1846
- James C. b. Mar 19, 1873
- Lynda Caroline b. Dec 13, 1874
- Thomas b. Jan 23, 1877
- Jess b. Aug 26, 1881
- Letcher b. Aug 10, 1883

### MARRIAGES

Levi Gentry m Nancy Plummer Feb 19, 1820
Polly Gentry m Aaron Senter Mar 28, 1839
Betsy Gentry, m D. R. Duvall Jun 15, 1840
Caroline Gentry m Clark Porter Dec 10, 1846
Andrew Gentry M Martha Howell Mar 4, 1857
Sarah Ann Gentry m Joseph B. Duvall, Jan 10, 1867
Amanda Jane Duvall, m Joseph B. Duvall Jan 10, 1867 ?
John Gentry m Mary Reeves Jun 18, 1871
Lydia Caroline Gentry m Prof. R. B. L. Plummer Nov 17, 1897

### DEATHS

James, s Levi & Nancy d Nov 28, 1828
Alpha, dau Levi & Nancy d Jan 19, 1830
Andrew Gentry, Killed at Fredricksburg Va. Dec 13, 1862
Levi R. Gentry wounded May 3, 1863, d May 20, 1863 Howards Grove Hosp. Richmond Va.
Levi Gentry d. June 29, 1865
Nancy Gentry d. Mar 5, 1884
Jos. B. Duvall, d. May 31, 1867
Polly Senter d. Sept 13, 1893

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## FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN ENGER GENTRY & CELIA ELLEN GREEN GENTRY

Rufus Lee Gentry b April 24, 1882
Henry Milton Gentry b Jan 18, 1884
Jennita Gentry b Oct 20, 1885
William Arly Gentry b Jun 17, 1888
Ira Thomas Gentry b Jan 1, 1890
Frank N. Gentry b Jan 1, 1892
Avery Andrew Gentry b Jun 6, 1894
Martha A. Gentry b April 17, 1896
Joseph Marion Gentry b Feb 1899
Andrew C. Gentry b 19 (blank) 1862

FILE : GENTRY

Plainview, Texas 79072
April 12,1971
2200 West 11th. St.

Mrs. R. K. Hayes Sr
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QUERY IN May 1971 Bulletin

Dear Mrs. Hayes:

This will reply to your letter of recent date and in which you enclosed my 1971 membership card to the "GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE "ORIGINAL" WILKES COUNTY". My five Generation family chart is enclosed as complete as I can get it at this time.

My First GENTRY ancestor that I have records on was ARTHUR GENTRY, also known as Atha GENTRY, was born 1756 in Surry Co., N. C.-- It is my opinion that ATHA GENTRY, listed on the 1790 Census, Salisbury District, Surry Co., N. C. with 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16, and 3 females is this same Arthur Gentry. The two sons were ALLEN & DANIEL, and 2 daughters were Rebecca & Tabitha, and his wife, her name is unknown.

It is also my opinon that ARTHUR GENTRY, Also known as Arthur Gentry, listed on the 1800 Census of Surry County, N.C. with 2 males to 10 years, 1 male of 16 & under 26, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 2 females to 10 years, 1 female 10 to 26, and 1 female of 26 & under 45 is this same Arthur GENTRY. 1 male name unknown, 1 male Daniel, b 1789, a son, Allen, b ca 1783-84, 2 daughters Rebecca, b. 1786, Tabitha, Winnifred, and his wife, name unknown.

By 1810 I find ARTHUR GENTRY in Pendleton District, Anderson Co., S.C., where he remained the rest of his life, the last census he was listed on was the 1850 Census of Anderson County, S. C., which shows him to be 94 years of age, born in N.C.. His will is on file and was probated in 1851.

It is interesting to note that on the 1790 Census of the Salisbury District, Surry Co., N.C. the following GENTRYS WERE LISTED:

Richard Gentry -- 4 free white males over 17 and 2 free white females.
Allen Gentry -- 1 male over 16, 3 under 16, and 5 females. (This appears to be Jerry Gentry's, one of your Society Members decendant)
Richard Gentry - 2 males over 16, 1 under 16 & 3 females.
Lucy Gentry - 2 females
Claburn Gentry - 1 male over 16, 1 under 16, and 3 females.
Samuel Gentry - 2 males over 16, 5 under 16, and 3 females, plus 1 slave.
Joseph Gentry - 2 males over 16, 1 under 16 & 4 females, plus 3 slaves. This Joseph Gentry had the following children: Shelton, Lemuel, Anne, Judith, Sarah, and Lousana.
Shelton Gentry - 1 male over 16, 2 under 16, and 3 females.
Atha Gentry - mentioned above.....

No doubt ATHA (ARTHUR) GENTRY was related to some of these Gentry's, which one is any one's guess. There was a SAMUEL GENTRY IN SURRY COUNTY, prior to 1809, was married 3 times, and had the following children: James, Mathew, Joseph, Agnas, George, Arthur, Thomas, Shelton, who was a baptist preacher, had a son Jesse, & Samuel, who had a son, Allen. Samuel Gentry, the Father, was also a baptist preacher. This Samuel died in Kentucky.

The 1800 Census of Surry Co., N. C. list the following Gentry's:

Meshack Gentry, his father was Allen A. Gentry, b. Halifax Co., Va. ca 1730. Meshack was born ca 1761 in Va. This family lived on South Side of the Yadkin river, now yadkin County.

John Gentry - 1 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 and under 45, 2 females to 10 years and 1 female of 26 & under 45.

William Gentry - 1 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 and under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 1 female of 26 and under 45.

Nicholas Gentry - 4 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 1female

of 26 & under 45.

Richard Gentry, b 12-27-1755 - 1 male over 45, 1 female of 26 & under 45, and 1 female ove 45.

Simon Gentry - 2 males to 10 years, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 1 female of 26 & under 45.

Samuel Gentry - 4 males to 10 years, 1 male of 10 and under 16, 1 male over 45, 3 females to 10 years, 2 females of 10 years and under 16, 2 females of 26 and under 45. (this appears to bxe the same SAMUEL GENTRY, THE PREACHER, in the 1790 Census)

Arthie GENTRY.....one previously mentioned in this letter.

Shelton Gentry - 2 males to 10 years, 1 male of 10 & under 16, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 2 females of 10 and under 16, & 1 female of 26 & under 45.

Joseph Gentry - 1 male of 10 years & under 16, 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45.

Matthew Gentry - 2 males of 10 years, 1 male of 26 and under 45, 1 female of 26 and under 45.

In the 1810 Census of Surry Co., I find:

Shelton Gentry - 2 males under 10, 2 males of 10 and under 16, 1 male of 16 and under 26, 1x male of 45 and upward, 2 females under 10, 1 female of 10 to 16, 1 female of 16 and under 26, 1 female over 45.

Joseph Gentry - 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45, and 2 slaves.

I would hope that some of the decendants of these family who no doubt are still in North Carolina could and would enlighten me on who is who.

I have no doubt that my GENTRY line of decent was from either of the two immigrant Brothers, NICHOLAS OR SAMUEL, who first settled in New Kent County, Va. in 1683. I don't know which one. Nicholas children were: Joseph, b. 1685, Elizabeth, b. 1687, Nicholas Gentry II, b. 1697, Mabel Gentry, b. 1702, Samuel Gentry, b. 1704, James, b.1706, had sons John,William,Joseph George, & David. David, b. 1708 Va., m. Sarah Brooks.

Samuel Gentry's children were: Peter --, perhaps James.

My ARTHUR GENTRY appears to have been of the 4th Generation from the Immigrants.

If there are any part of this you wish to publish in the Publication, you may do so.... Some one might give me a clue....

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Walker

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I concur on Jonathan and Sarah's children. You have some information, especially on their burials and deaths that I did not have. I do not think Anna and Allen were twins. Anna and Parmelia were listed in the 1810 census as being born 1800-1810, and in 1820 census as being born 1804-1810. Allen Jonathan on the otherhand appears to be listed in the 1820 census as born 1810-1820 and again in the 1830 census as born 1810-1815. From this I take it that he was born probably some time in the year 1810 in spite of the 1850 report that he was 41 at that time.

Ephraim was a son of William-IV, son of Richard-III, both living in Surry, NC through 1810. William was Richard's youngest son, the older ones being Richard Jr, Nicholas, and Simon. Richard died in about 1811 based upon the date of his will, William left for Tennessee about the same time. Ephraim married Nancy Greer. I have had a communication from a Phillip Duke whose mother-in-law (a Gentry) had a letter from earlier relatives that very clearly substantiates the relationship of Ephraim.

As to the identification of the Polly Gentry who married Valentine Lyon, I have 1816 for the date. Am I wrong? Is she not a sister of Jonathan and Matthew, a daughter of Allen Gentry? I have her listed with Allen Sr in the 1800 and 1810 census, and with Valentine Lyon in Wilkes, NC in 1830 and 1840.
I haven't looked for her in the 1850 census.

I received your e-mail about Matthew's daughter Sarah, but have been busy and haven't had a chance to digest it yet.

Bill

At 04:25 PM 9/8/00 +0000, you wrote:

> Hello Bill:
> I hope that you got my e-mail of yesterday re: Matthew's proposed daughter Sarah who md. Rufus H. Thompson. I have been meaning to get this information to you as well, and I apologize for not doing so sooner. But, before I do I would like to know if you can identify Ephraim Gentry [1804-1866] of Grayson Co., VA, who supposedly was a son of William "of Surry." Who is William? Furthermore, who was the Polly Gentry who wed Valentine Lyon [Jr.] in Wilkes County per bond of 4 Oct. 1806?
> Now for the family of Jonathan [25 Nov. 1778-15 April 1852] and Sarah ("Sally") Fender [ca1781 Surry- 7 Feb. 1870], daughter of Christian Fender and wife Mary. Jonathan and "Sally" had these ten [10] children:
> 1) Mary ("Polly") b. ca 1796 md. 21 March 1821 [MB] in Wilkes to James Lyon.
> 2) John [ Oct 1801- Sep. 1875], buried Roaring River Primitive Baptist Church, Wilkes, md. 17 Dec. 1821 to Elizabeth Lyon.
> 3) Elizabeth [18 April 1803-??], buried on farm in Wilkes, md. 8 Jan. 1827 [MB] in Wilkes to William M. ("Fat Billy") Darnell.
> 4) Wiley [10 March 1805-27 May 1878], buried on farm in Wilkes, md. 12

**No. 26, Part 2 of October 1984.** Query assistance from A. Denny Ellerman for Gary E. Young. Query assistance from Leland Homer Gentry for: Arvle Gentry, Dorothy Elliott, Vicki Jo Gentry, Lehmon N. Gentry, Gary E. Young. Question and correspondence to or from: William F. McCollum, A. Maxim Coppage, Rosemary (Gentry) Evans.

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**No. 27 of December 1984.** Correspondence and question to or from: M.H. [Eva] Gentry, H.B. Brehm, Enyard Walter Gentry, Peg Hoffman, Mildred Haas, Christine Gentry, Leland Homer Gentry, Wesley P. Ayers, Ronald L. Gentry, Kathleen Bachtold, Thomas L. Parnell, James William Tackitt, Robert A. Gentry, Martha Gentry, Herbert Clarke Gentry, Paul E. Garland, Julia V. Maxwell, Ronald L. Gentry, Charles David Gentry, John H. Walker, Rosemary (Gentry) Evans.

**No. 28 of September 1985.** Correspondence and question to or from: Paul F. Dietz, JoAnn R. Gentry, Retha Joanne Orr Friend, Charles B. Gentry, Helen Voiles Davis, H.M. (Mickey) Gentry, Eulen (Ginger) Gentry Seago, Kathleen Bachtold, Mary F. Dunn, Arlene Gentry Dague, Lehmon N. Gentry, Arthur Newton Gentry, Constance R. Rogers.

**No. 29 of November 1985.** *The David and Nicholas Gentrys of Louisa, Lunenburg and Albemarle Counties, Virginia in the Mid-1770s* by A. Denny Ellerman

**No. 30 of January 1986.** *The Reverend Robert Daniel Gentry, 18945-1916* from Charles Baggett Gentry. *Building a Pedigree* by Leland Homer Gentry. Query assistance for: H.M. Gentry, Eulen Gentry Seago, Lehmon N. Gentry, Kathleen Bachtold, Arlene Gentry Dague, Constance R. Rogers, Arthur Newton Gentry, Christine Gentry. Data from Christine Gentry. The Leland Factor. Soundex Records Coming. The Hoarding Syndrome.

**No. 31 of July 1986.** Correspondence and questions to or from: Christine Gentry, Alice Wineinger, Charles Baggett Gentry, Helen V. Davis, Willis Edward Gentry, M. Lee Gentry, Virginia Jernigan Murphy, Enyard Walter Gentry, Cara Virginia Musser, Arthur Newton Gentry, Cleve Patrick Garvin, Dorothy Gibson, Mary Louise Tindall Tietjen.

**No. 32 of August 1986.** Correspondence - The Way it Ought to Be: Gentry ancestor letter exchange between A. Denny Ellerman and Robert Harrison Whitlock and Lucy Whitlock Atkins.

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**No. 33 of January 1987.** *The Line of Samuel Gentry, Part 1* by Leland Homer Gentry. Correspondence of: A. Denny Ellerman, Robert Harrison Whitlock, Gordon Carvill, Christine E. Gentry, Alice Weininger, James Calvin Gentry, W.D. Gentry, W. Edward Gentry, III, M. Lee Gentry, Cara Virginia Musser, Arthur Newton Gentry, Dorothy Gibson, David R. Davis, Booth Eddy Gentry.

**No. 34 of March 1987.** *L.D.S. 'Soundex' Record as of April 1984*, including 2,080 Gentry events with approximately 6,300 names including 836 surnames. Copying by JoAnn R. Gentry; compilation by Richard Hayden Gentry and Jean Blair Gentry.

**No. 35 of May 1987.** *Getting Hooked on Genealogy* by Rebecca Correll Cauble. *Charles Salathiel Gentry* by Rebecca Correll Cauble. *An Elizabeth Ross for all Families* from the NGS Newsletter. *The Hunt for the Missing Link: Research in England* by Mrs. Herbert R. Gentry.

**No. 36 of July 1987.** *The Family of Samuel Gentry, Part II* by Leland Homer Gentry. "On 'Prima Facie' Evidence" by Edgar MacDonald. Correspondence of: Gwyndolyn Smith, Enyard Gentry, Merrill Drury Reich, James E. Gentry, Joyce Gentry Davis, Jenniev Gentry McCamish, Katherine Patterson, Krystyna Murphy, Gertrude Harter Hammons.

**No. 37 of September 1987.** *A Collection of Research Notes on the Descendants of Robert Gentry in the Knoxville, Tennessee Area* by Amos Leo Gentry.

**No. 38 of August 1988.** Correspondence of: Mickie Ayers, Helen L.E. Hayes, Carolyn Brown, Betty L. Fisher, Ronald R. Lampe, Jo Beth Stutts, John H. Walker for Dorothy Gibson. Ancestor charts of: Joseph George Wylder, Jr., Julia Ann Ring, Jasper Lawrence Hays, Sara/Sallee Jane Anderson, William Ronald Sutton, Merrill Drury Reich, Opal Eulene Gentry, Mary Lee Wheeler.

**No. 39 of December 1988.** Questions, replies, correspondence of: Chris H. Bailey, James Calvin Gentry, Clifford E. Wilson, Kenneth C. Wilde. To A. Denny Ellerman from Kathy Patterson. The Vital Records Handbook. The "Mountain of Names" article from the New Yorker.

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**No. 40 of January 1989 and No. 41 of March 1989.** *A Gentry Tree* by James Bryant Gentry of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**No. 42 of May 1989.** Correspondence to or from: Willard Max Gentry, Kenneth C. Wilde from Derrl T. Mills, Kenneth C. Wilde from Charles Baggett Jr., Betty L. Fisher from Helen L.E. Hays, and Constance R. Rogers, Ruth Gentry Weaver, Carol (Gentry) Zirkle, Mary D. McMillan, Oscar B. Gentry, Virginia Jernigan Murphy. Editor's notes on first name numbering.

**No. 43 of September 1989.** From Leland Homer Gentry to: Enyard Gentry, Merrill Drury Reich, Oscar B. Gentry, Joyce Gentry Davis, Dorothy Gibson, Jenniev Gentry McCamish, Amos Leo Gentry, Gertrude Harter Hammons, Mickey Ayers, Helen L.E. Hays, Carolyn Brown, Ronald R. Lampe, Betty L. Fisher, Jo Beth Stutts, Chris H. Bailey, James Calvin Gentry, Clifford E. Wilson, Kenneth C. Wilde, James E. Gentry, Jr., Krystyna Murphy, James Bryant Gentry, Willard Max Gentry, Dearl T. Mills, Ruth Gentry Weaver, Carol Zirkle, Virginia Jernigan Murphy, Kathy Patterson. From A. Denny Ellerman to Kathy Patterson. From: Tiny Forrester, Mrs. Warren D. Travis, Leland Stanford Beeler, Margie Ann (Austin) Gentry, Doris Gentry Bias. From Mickie Ayers to Ruth Gentry. From: Oscar B. Gentry, Mildred Gentry Jones. Library listings for the 1909 Book.

**No. 44 of October 1989.** *A Preliminary Hypothesis about John Gentry of Botetourt County, Virginia* by A. Denny Ellerman. Ahnentafel charts replace ancestor charts. Ahnentafel charts of: Dorothy Dolores (Aldridge) Forrester, Wanda Lou (Capps) Craig, Kenneth Charles Wilde, Larry W. Parr, Herbert Richard Gentry, Charles Baggett Gentry, Katherine (Gentry) Bushman, Raymond E. Gentry, Donald Max Gentry, Alice Mary (Gentry) Kenitz, George Taylor Gentry, Jr., Mary Lee (Wheeler) Tharp, Theora Virginia (Jernigan) Murphy, James Edward Gentry, Jr., Enyard Walter Gentry, Leland Stanford Beeler, Blythe Gentry, Donald Ray Murphy, Sr., Charles Wayne Gentry.

**No. 45 of December 1989.** To Carol Zirkle from Willard Max Gentry. *Gentry References in Caswell and Person Counties, North Carolina Records* by Willard Max Gentry. *Gentry References in Records of Halifax County, Virginia* by Willard Max Gentry. From Ernest H. Wallace. Ahnentafel chart of Gladys Altha (Davis) Wallace. List of Ancestor or ahnentafel charts appearing in Gentry Family Gazette & Genealogy Exchange, 1979-present. Newspapers and genealogy: A recommendation.

**No. 46 of April 1990.** *A Convergence of Gentry Lines* by Charles David Gentry. *Gentry Surname in Selected U.S. Census Records, 1800 - 1880, North Carolina, Kentucky and Indiana* by Charles David Gentry. Five generation ahnentafel chart of Charles David Gentry.

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**No. 47 of September 1991.** Frontispiece: Saint Peter's Parish Church of New Kent County, Virginia. *David Gentry of Hanover County: A Third, Early, David Gentry* by A. Denny Ellerman. From Retha Joanne Friend (Vaughn & Gentry Families: A 1932 Letter). To Merrill Drury Reich from Virginia J. Murphy. To Jenniev McCamish from Virginia J. Murphy. From: Avalee Tucker Philhours, Kathleen Clinhens Bachtold, Patricia A. Schiro, Sherry Gentry Combs, Opal Gladys (Gillispie) Sutherland, Christine Gentry. Ahnentafels of: Opal Gladys (Gillispie) Sutherland, Margaret Louise (Ely) Davis. Re-starting the Gazette. Volunteers needed for Indexing Project. Results of Summer Computer Survey. National Park Service and Civil War Records. Identifying Numbers for Earliest Family Members? Gazette Found at Yard Sale. 30th Annual Maupin Family Reunion. Congratulations to Ge Le Corley Hendrix.

**No. 48 of December 1991.** *Proposals for Additions to the Family of Nicholas-I Gentry* by Willard Max Gentry. From Gary E. Young to Kathleen Clinehens Bachtold (including "Revolutionary War Pension Record of Thomas Bailey"). *The Family of Nicholas-III Gentry and his Wife Sarah (Dicken) Gentry* by Gary E. Young. From Joyce Lindtrom re. descendants of Nicholas-III Gentry and Sarah Dicken. Frontispiece: Gentry Methodist Church, Albemarle County, Virginia. Thank you Volunteers. *Caveat Emptor, Caveat Lector* by Edgar MacDonald from the Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter.

**No. 49 of March 1992.** Publication of Katherine Gentry Bushman Book. *Gentry Marriage Records in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia* and *Abstracts of Marriage Licenses, Augusta County, Virginia, 1854-1866* by Katherine Gentry Bushman. "American heritage: Tombstones tell the story of a nation, It's soldiers" by Heidi White from Southwest County Journal of Saint Louis, Missouri. From: David C. Allegretti, Barbara R. Gentry-Daniels, Doris Gentry Bias, James Gentry Overpeck, Elwood M. Gentry. Ancestor Chart-to-Ahnentafel Chart. Ahnentafel chart of Harold Wayne Gentry. *Gentry and Tharp Family Research* by Cheryl Ann (Gentry) Combs. "Ideas for Preserving Family History Records" by Earl Richard Smith from the SAR Magazine. Congratulations to Dr. Ellerman. Status of the Listing/Indexing Project. Regarding preservation of records.

**No. 50 of October 1992.** *Samuel Gentry of Surry County, North Carolina: Progenitor of the Gentrys of Southern Indiana* by Willard Max Gentry. *Setting the Richard Record Straight* by Willard Max Gentry. *Untangling the Early James Gentrys* by A. Denny Ellerman. The Passing Parade: Births, Marriages, Deaths.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1375

22 Aug 1993 

HUSBAND Samuel GENTRY-3794 — LDS ORDINANCE DATA

BORN: Abt 1742 PLACE: ,Surry,NC — B: 16 May 1953 ARIZO
CHR.: PLACE: — E: 14 Jan 1954 ARIZO
DIED: Bef 16 Jan 1810 PLACE: — SP: Bef 1970
BUR.: PLACE: — SS: Submitted
MARR: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Fanny PADGETT-3795

BORN: 1746 PLACE: ,of Surry,NC — B: 16 May 1953 ARIZO
CHR.: PLACE: — E: 20 Jan 1954 ARIZO
DIED: PLACE: — SP: Bef 1970
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Nicholas GENTRY-3750
—— BORN: 12 Oct 1768 PLACE: ,Surry,NC — B: 17 Dec 1927 ARIZO
M CHR.: PLACE: — E: Bef 1970
X DIED: 1859 PLACE: ,Ashe,NC — SP: Bef 1970
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Sarah SPARKS-3751 — MRIN: 1357
MARR: 8 Jul 1790 PLACE: ,Surry,NC — SS: Submitted

2. NAME:
—— BORN: PLACE: — B:
CHR.: PLACE: — E:
DIED: PLACE: — SP:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE: — SS:

3. NAME:
—— BORN: PLACE: — B:
CHR.: PLACE: — E:
DIED: PLACE: — SP:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE: — SS:

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Relationship to
Husband_____
Wife_____

HUSBAND Samuel GENTRY-3794 Yr of Birth 1742
WIFE Fanny PADGETT-3795 Yr of Birth 1746

HUSBAND - Samuel GENTRY-3794

BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
DEATH: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

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The Gentrys have a family history dating back to William the Conqueror. The first two Gentrys in America were Nicholas and Samuel who came to Jamestown, VA and patented some land there in New Kent in 1684. From these two brothers sprang the Gentrys of nearly every state in the Union.

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It is thought that the Gentrys of Ashe County, NC are from Samuel Gentry.
source ... The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233

WIFE - Fanny PADGETT-3795

BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
LDS IGI File (as Mrs. Samuel Gentry)
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 1 - Nicholas GENTRY-3750

BIRTH: Wade Eller File
The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File
The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
DEATH: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

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Source ... The Heritage of Surry County - North Carolina;article 257

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1357

22 Aug 1993 

HUSBAND Nicholas GENTRY-3750

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | 12 Oct 1768 | PLACE: ,Surry,NC | LDS ORDINANCE DATA |
| CHR.: | | PLACE: | B: 17 Dec 1927 ARIZO |
| DIED: | 1859 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | E: Bef 1970 |
| BUR.: | | PLACE: | SP: Bef 1970 |
| MARR: | 8 Jul 1790 | PLACE: ,Surry,NC | SS: Submitted |
| FATHER: | Samuel GENTRY-3794 | | PARENTS' MRIN: 1375 |
| MOTHER: | Fanny PADGETT-3795 | | |

WIFE Sarah SPARKS-3751

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | 27 Feb 1790 | PLACE: ,Surry,NC | B: 3 Nov 1928 ARIZO |
| CHR.: | | PLACE: | E: Bef 1970 |
| DIED: | 1807/1808 | PLACE: | SP: Bef 1970 |
| BUR.: | | PLACE: | |
| FATHER: | | | |
| MOTHER: | | | |

CHILDREN

1. NAME: James GENTRY-3793

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | 28 Nov 1792 | PLACE: ,Surry,NC | B: 17 Dec 1927 |
| M CHR.: | | PLACE: | E: 10 May 1928 ARIZO |
| DIED: | | PLACE: | SP: 15 Jun 1985 JRIVE |
| BUR.: | | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: | Mary SMITH-3802 | | MRIN: 1377 |
| MARR: | | PLACE: | SS: |

2. NAME: Richard GENTRY Reverend-3797

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | 29 Sep 1794 | PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC | B: 17 Dec 1927 |
| M CHR.: | | PLACE: | E: 12 Apr 1929 ARIZO |
| DIED: | | PLACE: | SP: 15 Jun 1985 JRIVE |
| BUR.: | | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: | Elizabeth HERBERT-3803 | | MRIN: 1378 |
| MARR: | | PLACE: | SS: |

3. NAME: Andrew GENTRY-3796

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | 26 May 1796 | PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC | B: 3 Dec 1932 |
| M CHR.: | | PLACE: | E: 26 May 1933 ARIZO |
| DIED: | | PLACE: | SP: 15 Jun 1985 JRIVE |
| BUR.: | | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: | | | |
| MARR: | | PLACE: | SS: |

4. NAME: Levi GENTRY-3792

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | 19 Mar 1798 | PLACE: ,Surry,NC | B: 17 Dec 1927 ARIZO |
| M CHR.: | | PLACE: | E: 12 Apr 1928 ARIZO |
| DIED: | 29 Jun 1865 | PLACE: | SP: 15 Jun 1985 JRIVE |
| BUR.: | | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: | Nancy PLUMMER-3805 | | MRIN: 1380 |
| MARR: | 19 Feb 1820 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | SS: 16 Aug 1978 PROVO |

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Relationship to
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Wife_____

HUSBAND Nicholas GENTRY-3750 Yr of Birth 1768
WIFE Sarah SPARKS-3751 Yr of Birth 1790

CHILDREN (continued)

5. NAME: Elizabeth GENTRY-3798
—— BORN: 11 Mar 1801 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: 20 Jun 1985 JRIVE
F CHR.: PLACE: E: 16 Jul 1985 JRIVE
DIED: PLACE: SP: 27 Jul 1985 JRIVE
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: James SMITH-3804 MRIN: 1379
MARR: PLACE: SS:

6. NAME: Mary GENTRY-3800
—— BORN: 13 Apr 1804 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: 20 Jun 1985 JRIVE
F CHR.: PLACE: E: 16 Jul 1985 JRIVE
DIED: PLACE: SP: 27 Jul 1985 JRIVE
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: James RICHARDSON-3801 MRIN: 1376
MARR: PLACE: SS:

7. NAME: Sarah GENTRY-3519
—— BORN: 2 Mar 1806 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: 20 Jun 1985 JRIVE
F CHR.: PLACE: E: 16 Jul 1985 JRIVE
X DIED: PLACE: SP: 27 Jul 1985 JRIVE
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: William TURNER-3518 MRIN: 154
MARR: Abt 1837 PLACE: ,Ashe,NC SS: Submitted

8. NAME: Allen GENTRY Colonel-3799
—— BORN: 21 Oct 1807 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: 2 Jul 1985 JRIVE
M CHR.: PLACE: E: 20 Jul 1985 JRIVE
DIED: 8 Oct 1862 PLACE: SP: 23 Aug 1985 JRIVE
BUR.: PLACE: Shiloh Church,,Alleghany,NC
SPOUSE: Rebecca REEVES-3806 MRIN: 1381
MARR: PLACE: SS:

HUSBAND Nicholas GENTRY-3750 Yr of Birth 1768
WIFE Sarah SPARKS-3751 Yr of Birth 1790

HUSBAND - Nicholas GENTRY-3750

BIRTH: Wade Eller File
The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File
The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
DEATH: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

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Source ... The Heritage of Surry County - North Carolina;article 257

WIFE - Sarah SPARKS-3751

BIRTH: Wade Eller File
The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File
The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
DEATH: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 1 - James GENTRY-3793

BIRTH: Wade Eller File
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File
CENSUS: 1850;NC;Ashe

#403 Gentry, James 59
Polly 60
Nancy 21
Nicholas 19
Rich'd 17
Calloway, Hiram 6
Reynolds, Thos. 24
Emaly 29

CHILD 2 - Richard GENTRY Reverend-3797

BIRTH: Wade Eller File
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File

HUSBAND Nicholas GENTRY-3750 Yr of Birth 1768
WIFE Sarah SPARKS-3751 Yr of Birth 1790

TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 3 - Andrew GENTRY-3796
BIRTH: Wade Eller File
LDS IGI File
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 4 - Levi GENTRY-3792
BIRTH: Wade Eller File
The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File
The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
LDS IGI File
DEATH: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 233
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 5 - Elizabeth GENTRY-3798
BIRTH: Wade Eller File
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 6 - Mary GENTRY-3800
BIRTH: Wade Eller File
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 7 - Sarah GENTRY-3519
BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Sarah (Wife)
Wade Eller File
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 616
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 8 - Allen GENTRY Colonel-3799
BIRTH: Wade Eller File
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File
DEATH: Wade Eller File
BURIAL: Wade Eller File
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

HUSBAND William TURNER-3518 LDS ORDINANCE DATA

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|---|---|---|
| BORN: Abt 1811 | PLACE: ,of Ashe,NC | B: 3 Feb 1958 LOGAN |
| CHR.: | PLACE: | E: 22 Feb 1958 LOGAN |
| DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Bef 1970 |
| BUR.: | PLACE: | SS: Submitted |
| MARR: Abt 1837 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | |
| FATHER: Andrew TURNER-3752 | | PARENTS' MRIN: 1360 |
| MOTHER: unknown-3765 | | |

WIFE Sarah GENTRY-3519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| BORN: 2 Mar 1806 | PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC | B: 20 Jun 1985 JRIVE |
| CHR.: | PLACE: | E: 16 Jul 1985 JRIVE |
| DIED: | PLACE: | SP: 27 Jul 1985 JRIVE |
| BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| FATHER: Nicholas GENTRY-3750 | | PARENTS' MRIN: 1357 |
| MOTHER: Sarah SPARKS-3751 | | |

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Nancy TURNER-1552

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| —— BORN: 5 Jan 1838 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| DIED: 23 Jul 1902 | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| BUR.: | PLACE: Turner-Vonny Cem,Walnut Hill,Ashe,NC | |
| SPOUSE: David COX (Sergeant)-1551 | | MRIN: 567 |
| MARR: Abt 1861 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | SS: Submitted |

2. NAME: Emely TURNER-3600

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| —— BORN: 1842 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: | | |
| MARR: | PLACE: | SS: |

3. NAME: Amanda TURNER-3601

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|---|---|---|
| —— BORN: 1844 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: | | |
| MARR: | PLACE: | SS: |

4. NAME: Polly TURNER-3602

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| —— BORN: 1846 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| BUR.: | PLACE: | |
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HUSBAND William TURNER-3518 Yr of Birth 1811
WIFE Sarah GENTRY-3519 Yr of Birth 1806

CHILDREN (continued)

5. NAME: Charity TURNER-3603

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: 1848 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F | CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| | DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| | BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: Peter BOWERS-3755 | | MRIN: 1359 |
| | MARR: 5 Sep 1887 | PLACE: Crumpler,Ashe,NC | SS: Submitted |

6. NAME: Ellen TURNER-3604

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|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: 1848 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F | CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| | DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| | BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: | | |
| | MARR: | PLACE: | SS: |

7. NAME: Elizabeth TURNER-3605

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: 1851 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F | CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| | DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| | BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: | | |
| | MARR: | PLACE: | SS: |

8. NAME: Cinthia TURNER-3606

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| —— | BORN: 1853 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F | CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| | DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| | BUR.: | PLACE: | |
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| | MARR: | PLACE: | SS: |

HUSBAND William TURNER-3518 Yr of Birth 1811
WIFE Sarah GENTRY-3519 Yr of Birth 1806

HUSBAND - William TURNER-3518

BIRTH: The Heirtage of Ashe County - North Carolina;artcile 616
LDS IGI File (sealed to wrong mother)
MARRIAGE: The Heirtage of Ashe County - North Carolina;artcile 616
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File
CENSUS: 1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| #1057 | Turner, William | 49 |
| | Sarah | 45 |
| | Nancy | 22 |
| | Emely | 18 |
| | Amanda | 16 |
| | Polly | 14 |
| | Charity | 12 |
| | Ellen | 10 |
| | Elizabeth | 9 |
| | Cinthia | 7 |

WIFE - Sarah GENTRY-3519

BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Sarah (Wife)
Wade Eller File
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County - North Carolina;article 616
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 1 - Nancy TURNER-1552

BIRTH: NC;Ashe:Cemetery Records
Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Nancy (Daughter)
DEATH: NC;Ashe:Cemetery Records;Specifies ...
Cox, Nancy Turner B: 05 Jan 1838 D: 23 Jul 1902 #1W/David D/WM
BURIED: NC;Ashe:Cemetery Records;Specifies ...
CENSUS: 1880;NC;Ashe;Helton Twp

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| #280 | Cox, Nancy | 42 | | NC NC NC |
| | William | 18 | Son | NC NC NC |

I don't have any firm proof that the Nancy Turner Cox mentioned in the cemetery record is the mother of William David Cox. I feel fairly confident that she is because:

1) The year of birth is the same
   a. 1880 census would have W.D.'s mother born around 1838,
   b. The cemetery record has her born in 1838
2) The only David Cox that I have found, married to a Nancy is David Cox is W.D.'s father

CHILD 2 - Emely TURNER-3600

BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Emely (Daughter)

CHILD 3 - Amanda TURNER-3601

BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Amanda (Daughter)

CHILD 4 - Polly TURNER-3602

HUSBAND William TURNER-3518 Yr of Birth 1811
WIFE Sarah GENTRY-3519 Yr of Birth 1806

BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Polly (Daughter)

CHILD 5 - Charity TURNER-3603
BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;AsheChestnut Hill;#1057;Charity (Daughter)
Wade Eller File
MARRIAGE: Wade Eller File

CHILD 6 - Ellen TURNER-3604
BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Ellen (Daughter)

CHILD 7 - Elizabeth TURNER-3605
BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Elizabeth (Daughter)

CHILD 8 - Cinthia TURNER-3606
BIRTH: Census;1860;NC;Ashe;Chestnut Hill;#1057;Cinthia (Daughter)

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-532

22 Aug 1993 

HUSBAND Hugh SMITH Carolina Planter-1475 LDS ORDINANCE DATA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | PLACE: | B: Submitted |
| CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| DIED: Bef Jun 1782 | PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC | SP: |
| BUR.: | PLACE: | SS: Submitted |
| MARR: | PLACE: | |
| FATHER: | | |
| MOTHER: | | |

WIFE Jane-1480

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| BORN: | PLACE: | B: Submitted |
| CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| DIED: | PLACE: | SP: |
| BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| FATHER: | | |
| MOTHER: | | |

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Jonathan SMITH-1481

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: | PLACE: | B: Submitted |
| M | CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| | DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| | BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: | | |
| | MARR: | PLACE: | SS: |

2. NAME: Alexander SMITH-1482

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: | PLACE: | B: Submitted |
| M | CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| | DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| | BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: | | |
| | MARR: | PLACE: | SS: |

3. NAME: David SMITH-1483

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: 1765/1766 | PLACE: ,,TN | B: Submitted |
| M | CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| | DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| | BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: Elizabeth-1484 | | MRIN: 533 |
| | MARR: 1792 | PLACE: | SS: |

4. NAME: Jane SMITH-1470

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: Abt 1746 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| F | CHR.: | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| X | DIED: | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| | BUR.: | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: Morris BAKER-1469 | | MRIN: 530 |
| | MARR: Abt 1774 | PLACE: ,of Wilkes,NC | SS: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |

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Wife_____

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-532
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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| HUSBAND | Hugh SMITH Carolina Planter-1475 | Yr of Birth |
| WIFE | Jane-1480 | Yr of Birth |

HUSBAND - Hugh SMITH Carolina Planter-1475
BIRTH: Family Portraits - The Roops, The Stuarts, and Their Kin;page 97
MARRIAGE: Family Portraits - The Roops, The Stuarts, and Their Kin;page 97
DEATH: Family Portraits - The Roops, The Stuarts, and Their Kin;page 97
ugh died between Dec 1781 and June 1782

WIFE - Jane-1480
BIRTH: Family Portraits - The Roops, The Stuarts, and Their Kin;page 97

CHILD 1 - Jonathan SMITH-1481

CHILD 2 - Alexander SMITH-1482

CHILD 3 - David SMITH-1483
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123

CHILD 4 - Jane SMITH-1470

HUSBAND Morris BAKER-1469 LDS ORDINANCE DATA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | 1750 | PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC | B: Submitted |
| CHR.: | | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| DIED: | 1818 | PLACE: ,Grayson,VA | SP: Submitted |
| BUR.: | | PLACE: | SS: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| MARR: | Abt 1774 | PLACE: ,of Wilkes,NC | |

FATHER: James BAKER-1471 PARENTS' MRIN: 495

MOTHER:

WIFE Jane SMITH-1470

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BORN: | Abt 1746 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | B: Submitted |
| CHR.: | | PLACE: | E: Submitted |
| DIED: | | PLACE: | SP: Submitted |
| BUR.: | | PLACE: | |

FATHER: Hugh SMITH Carolina Planter-1475 PARENTS' MRIN: 532

MOTHER: Jane-1480

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Esther BAKER-1488

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: | Abt 1786 | PLACE: ,of Wilkes,NC | B: 14 Jul 1989 ARIZO |
| F | CHR.: | | PLACE: | B: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| | DIED: | | PLACE: | SP: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| | BUR.: | | PLACE: | has other marriages |
| | SPOUSE: | BALDWIN-1507 | | MRIN: 544 |
| | MARR: | | PLACE: | SS: |

2. NAME: Jane BAKER-1489

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: | 12 Sep 1781/1782 | PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC | B: 14 Jul 1989 ARIZO |
| F | CHR.: | | PLACE: | B: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| | DIED: | 30 Apr 1862 | PLACE: | SP: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| | BUR.: | | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: | John B. WILLIAMS-1491 | | MRIN: 543 |
| | MARR: | | PLACE: | SS: |

3. NAME: Jeremiah BAKER-1490

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: | Abt 1788 | PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC | B: 14 Jul 1989 ARIZO |
| M | CHR.: | | PLACE: | B: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| | DIED: | | PLACE: | SP: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| | BUR.: | | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: | | | |
| | MARR: | | PLACE: | SS: |

4. NAME: James H. BAKER-952

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| —— | BORN: | Abt 1773 | PLACE: ,Wilkes/Ashe,NC | B: 14 Jul 1989 ARIZO |
| M | CHR.: | | PLACE: | B: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| | DIED: | 24 May 1843 | PLACE: ,Ashe,NC | SP: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO |
| | BUR.: | | PLACE: | |
| | SPOUSE: | Annie COX-953 | | MRIN: 295 |
| | MARR: | 1800 | PLACE: ,of Ashe,NC | SS: 28 Apr 1949 ARIZO |

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HUSBAND Morris BAKER-1469 Yr of Birth 1750
WIFE Jane SMITH-1470 Yr of Birth 1746

CHILDREN (continued)

5. NAME: Zachariah BAKER-1083
—— BORN: 1774 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: 14 Jul 1989 ARIZO
M CHR.: PLACE: E: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO
DIED: 1843 PLACE: SP: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Sarah COX-1072 MRIN: 347
MARR: PLACE: SS:

6. NAME: Nancy BAKER-1492
—— BORN: 1784 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: 14 Jul 1989 ARIZO
F CHR.: PLACE: E: 21 Oct 1989 ARIZO
DIED: PLACE: SP: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Edward HART-1506 MRIN: 542
MARR: PLACE: SS:

7. NAME: Mary Polly BAKER-1493
—— BORN: 3 May 1780 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: Submitted
F CHR.: PLACE: E: Submitted
DIED: 12 Jun 1831 PLACE: ,,NC SP: Submitted
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Owen Meredith BALLOW-1505 MRIN: 541
MARR: 1795 PLACE: SS:

8. NAME: Jonathan BAKER-1494
—— BORN: Abt 1778 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: 14 Jul 1989 ARIZO
M CHR.: PLACE: E: 21 Oct 1989 ARIZO
DIED: 1850 PLACE: SP: 21 Jun 1990 ARIZO
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Mary KOONTZ-1502 MRIN: 539
MARR: PLACE: SS:

9. NAME: Robert BAKER-1495
—— BORN: 1776 PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC B: Submitted
M CHR.: PLACE: E: Submitted
DIED: PLACE: SP: Submitted
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Jane REEVES-1499 MRIN: 536
MARR: PLACE: SS:

10. NAME: Susannah BAKER-1496
—— BORN: 1786 PLACE: ,Wilkes/Ashe,NC B: Submitted
F CHR.: PLACE: E: Submitted
DIED: PLACE: SP: Submitted
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: John STRINGER-1497 MRIN: 534
MARR: PLACE: SS:

HUSBAND Morris BAKER-1469 Yr of Birth 1750
WIFE Jane SMITH-1470 Yr of Birth 1746

HUSBAND - Morris BAKER-1469
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
LDS IGI File
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

WIFE - Jane SMITH-1470

CHILD 1 - Esther BAKER-1488
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

Verl Weight has Esther married to William Richardson

Other marriages:
William COWELL-1508 MRIN: 545

CHILD 2 - Jane BAKER-1489
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
DEATH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 3 - Jeremiah BAKER-1490
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 123
LDS IGI File
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 4 - James H. BAKER-952
BIRTH: Ashe County Heritage - North Carolina;article 24
Wade Eller File;For Morris Baker (Father)
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: Ashe County Heritage - North Carolina;article 24;156
Wade Eller File;For Morris Baker (Father)
LDS IGI File
DEATH: Ashe County Heritage - North Carolina;article 24;156
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

He had at least 10 children ( 5 boys and 5 girls). There may have been 2 other children

CHILD 5 - Zachariah BAKER-1083
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124;205
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 6 - Nancy BAKER-1492

HUSBAND Morris BAKER-1469 Yr of Birth 1750
WIFE Jane SMITH-1470 Yr of Birth 1746

BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 7 - Mary Polly BAKER-1493
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124
DEATH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124

CHILD 8 - Jonathan BAKER-1494
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;article 24;25
LDS IGI File
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;article 24;25
Wade Eller File
DEATH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;article 25
TEMPLE: LDS IGI File

CHILD 9 - Robert BAKER-1495
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124

CHILD 10 - Susannah BAKER-1496
BIRTH: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124
MARRIAGE: The Heritage of Ashe County, North Carolina;page 124

# PEDIGREE CHART

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Ordinance Codes:
B=Baptized
E=Endowed
P=Sealed to parents
S=Sealed to spouse
C=Children's ordinances

1 Kathie Blaine COX-2
- BORN: 10 Jan 1959 — BE S
- PLACE: Jefferson,Ashe,NC
- MARR: 19 Dec 1980 --1
- PLACE: Oakland,Alameda,CA
- DIED:
- PLACE:

Stanley Joseph WILDE-1
Spouse

2 Harold Dean COX-7
- BORN: 12 Dec 1929 — BEP
- PLACE: Walnut Hill,Ashe,NC
- MARR: 2 Nov 1950 --2
- PLACE: Jefferson,Ashe,NC
- DIED: 12 Aug 1972
- PLACE: Jefferson,Ashe,NC

3 Billie SEXTON (Ruth)-8
- BORN: 20 Sep 1934
- PLACE: Volney,Grayson,VA
- DIED:
- PLACE:

4 William Emmett COX-917
- BORN: 12 Sep 1906 — P
- PLACE: Statesville,Iredell,NC
- MARR: 1929 --277
- PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
- DIED: 21 Oct 1980
- PLACE: Jefferson,Ashe,NC

5 Bertice Hazeline BLEVINS-918
- BORN: 12 Sep 1909 — P
- PLACE: Troutdale,Grayson,VA
- DIED: 18 Jun 1978
- PLACE: Jefferson,Ashe,NC

6 Earl Robert SEXTON-15
- BORN: Abt 1902 — P
- PLACE: Volney,Grayson,VA
- MARR: 26 Jun 1926 --209
- PLACE: Troutdale,Grayson,VA
- DIED: Bef 21 Mar 1944
- PLACE:

7 Eva Mae HALL-773
- BORN: 6 Dec 1905 — P
- PLACE: Little Helton,Ashe,NC
- DIED: Jul 1991
- PLACE: Galax,Carroll,VA

8 William David COX-919
- BORN: 26 Sep 1861 — P
- PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
- MARR: 5 Sep 1887 --278
- PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
- DIED: 9 Feb 1908
- PLACE: Statesville,Iredell,NC

9 Cora Alice NEAVES-920
- BORN: 23 Sep 1873 — P
- PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
- DIED: 28 Nov 1943
- PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

10 Arthur James BLEVINS-922
- BORN: 25 Mar 1887 — P
- PLACE: Crumpler,Ashe,NC
- MARR: 22 Jan 1907 --280
- PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC
- DIED: 23 Nov 1961
- PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC

11 Alberta Leona PASLEY-923
- BORN: 3 Oct 1884 — P
- PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC
- DIED: 5 May 1910
- PLACE: Baltimore,,MD

12 Joseph C. SEXTON-820
- BORN: May 1864 — P
- PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
- MARR: 11 Sep 1889 --238
- PLACE: Volney,Grayson,VA
- DIED: 20 Jul 1936
- PLACE:

13 Martha Alice SEBASTIAN-821
- BORN: 12 Jul 1870 — P
- PLACE: ,Grayson,VA
- DIED:
- PLACE:

14 Cicero Eugene HALL-774
- BORN: 15 May 1879 — P
- PLACE: Rugby,Grayson,VA
- MARR: 1897 --210
- PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
- DIED: 1953
- PLACE:

15 Rettie E. HALL-775
- BORN: 17 Mar 1879 — P
- PLACE: Little Helton,Ashe,NC
- DIED: 1962
- PLACE:

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PEDIGREE CHART

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1 William David COX-919
BORN: 26 Sep 1861 P
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
MARR: 5 Sep 1887 --278
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 9 Feb 1908
PLACE: Statesville,Iredell,NC

Cora Alice NEAVES-920
Spouse

2 David COX (Sergeant)-1551
BORN: 11 Jun 1837 BEP
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
MARR: Abt 1861 --567
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 3 May 1863
PLACE: Cancellorsville,S,VA

3 Nancy TURNER-1552
BORN: 5 Jan 1838 P
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 23 Jul 1902
PLACE:

4 William COX-1553
BORN: 9 Dec 1794 BEPS
PLACE: Scottville,Ashe,NC
MARR: Abt 1815 --568
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 1878
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

5 Elizabeth REEVES-1554
BORN: 30 Aug 1798 BEPS
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
BUR.:
PLACE: Laurel Springs,Ashe,NC

6 William TURNER-3518
BORN: Abt 1811 BEP
PLACE: ,of Ashe,NC
MARR: Abt 1837 --154
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED:
PLACE:

7 Sarah GENTRY-3519
BORN: 2 Mar 1806 BEP
PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC
DIED:
PLACE:

8 Joshua COX-1075
BORN: 18 Mar 1773 BEP
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
MARR: 10 Jun 1793 --345
PLACE:
DIED: 1 Jan 1860
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

9 Nancy RICHARDSON-1081
BORN: 10 Jun 1793 BEP
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 18 Feb 1853
PLACE:

10 Jesse REEVES-1579
BORN: 1760 BEP
PLACE: nr Independence,Grayson,VA
MARR: Abt 1797 --552
PLACE: ,Grayson,VA
DIED: 10 Sep 1833
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

11 Elizabeth TERRILL-1527
BORN: Abt 1765 P
PLACE: ,of Grayson,VA
DIED:
PLACE:

12 Andrew TURNER-3752
BORN: Abt 1783 BEP
PLACE: ,Orange,NC
MARR: --1360
PLACE:
DIED:
PLACE:

13 unknown-3765
BORN:
PLACE:
DIED:
PLACE:

14 Nicholas GENTRY-3750
BORN: 12 Oct 1768 BEP
PLACE: ,Surry,NC
MARR: 8 Jul 1790 --1357
PLACE: ,Surry,NC
DIED: 1859
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

15 Sarah SPARKS-3751
BORN: 27 Feb 1790 BEP
PLACE: ,Surry,NC
DIED: 1807/1808
PLACE:

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1 Joshua COX-1075
BORN: 18 Mar 1773 BEP
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
MARR: 10 Jun 1793 --345
PLACE:
DIED: 1 Jan 1860
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

Nancy RICHARDSON-1081
Spouse

2 John COX (Captain)-954
BORN: 25 Jul 1739 BEPS
PLACE: ,of Lancaster,PA
MARR: --296
PLACE:
DIED: 24 Dec 1818
PLACE: Scottville,Ashe,NC

3 Margaret DAVIS-955
BORN: 21 May 1736 BEPS
PLACE: ,of Grayson,VA
DIED: 19 Dec 1816
PLACE: Scottville,Ashe,NC

4 John or Joshua COX-956
BORN: 22 Apr 1694 BEPS
PLACE: ,Ulster,Ireland
MARR: 1725 --297
PLACE: ,Ulster,Ireland
DIED: Aft 22 Apr 1747
PLACE: ,Lancaster,PA

5 Mary RANKIN-957
BORN: Abt 1697 BEPS
PLACE: ,Lancaster,PA
DIED: 1756
PLACE:

6 Richard or James DAVIS-1816
BORN: C
PLACE:
MARR: --670
PLACE:
DIED:
PLACE:

7
BORN: C
PLACE:
DIED:
PLACE:

8 Richard COX (Sir)-1085
BORN: 25 Mar 1650 BEPSC
PLACE: Bondon,Cork,Ireland
MARR: 1673 --349
PLACE:
DIED: 3 May 1733
PLACE:

9 Mary BOURNE (Lady)-1086
BORN: 1658 PSC
PLACE: ,of County Cork,Ireland
DIED: 1 Jun 1715
PLACE:

10 John RANKIN-1087
BORN: P
PLACE: ,of Chester,PA
MARR: --350
PLACE:
DIED: Bef 2 Jun 1747
PLACE:

11 Ann MCELWEE-3611
BORN:
PLACE:
DIED: 1796
PLACE: ,Chester,PA

12
BORN:
PLACE:
MARR:
PLACE:
DIED:
PLACE:

13
BORN:
PLACE:
DIED:
PLACE:

14
BORN:
PLACE:
MARR:
PLACE:
DIED:
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BORN:
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BORN: 12 Sep 1909 P
PLACE: Troutdale,Grayson,VA
MARR: 1929 --277
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 18 Jun 1978
PLACE: Jefferson,Ashe,NC

William Emmett COX-917
Spouse

2 Arthur James BLEVINS-922
BORN: 25 Mar 1887 P
PLACE: Crumpler,Ashe,NC
MARR: 22 Jan 1907 --280
PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC
DIED: 23 Nov 1961
PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC

3 Alberta Leona PASLEY-923
BORN: 3 Oct 1884 P
PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC
DIED: 5 May 1910
PLACE: Baltimore,,MD

4 James BLEVINS-924
BORN: 2 Nov 1845 P
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
MARR: 12 Feb 1871 --281
PLACE:
DIED: 18 Sep 1921
PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC

5 Sarah BAKER-925
BORN: 14 Apr 1847 BEP
PLACE: Flint Hill,Ashe,NC
DIED: 17 Mar 1936
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

6 Issac Lafaytte PASLEY-926
BORN: 24 Mar 1856 P
PLACE: Mouth of Wilson,Grayson,VA
MARR: 13 Oct 1883 --282
PLACE: Helton,Ashe,NC
DIED: 14 Aug 1926
PLACE: Walnut Hill,Ashe,NC

7 Fannie PEAK-927
BORN: 10 May 1867 P
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 25 Jan 1944
PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC

8 George BLEVINS-944
BORN: 5 Oct 1804 BEP
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
MARR: Abt 1829 --290
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: Mar 1864
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9 Lydia DUNCAN-945
BORN: 27 Mar 1810 P
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: Mar 1864
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10 William BAKER (Bolin Bill)-942
BORN: Abt 1806 BEP
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
MARR: Abt 1831 --289
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: Bef 1870
PLACE: Sinner Church,,Ashe,NC

11 Elizabeth MILLER-943
BORN: Abt 1801 P
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 2 May 1903
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

12 William Jefferson PASLEY (Captain)-1100
BORN: 25 Jan 1827 BEPS
PLACE: Mouth of Wilson,Grayson,VA
MARR: 11 Apr 1850 --361
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED: 25 Mar 1913
PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC

13 Merille STRANGE-1548
BORN: 30 Aug 1827 PS
PLACE: ,Halifax,NC
DIED: 10 Sep 1921
PLACE: Grassy Creek,Ashe,NC

14 Wilburn PEAK-1549
BORN:
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MARR: --566
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DIED:
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15 Mary Elizabeth CALLOWAY-1550
BORN:
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DIED:
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PEDIGREE CHART

22 Aug 1993 Chart no. 1

Ordinance Codes:
B=Baptized
E=Endowed
P=Sealed to parents
S=Sealed to spouse
C=Children's ordinances

1 Sarah GENTRY-3519
BORN: 2 Mar 1806 BEP
PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC
MARR: Abt 1837 --154
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
DIED:
PLACE:

William TURNER-3518
Spouse

2 Nicholas GENTRY-3750
BORN: 12 Oct 1768 BEP
PLACE: ,Surry,NC
MARR: 8 Jul 1790 --1357
PLACE: ,Surry,NC
DIED: 1859
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC

3 Sarah SPARKS-3751
BORN: 27 Feb 1790 BEP
PLACE: ,Surry,NC
DIED: 1807/1808
PLACE:

4 Samuel GENTRY-3794
BORN: Abt 1742 BEP
PLACE: ,Surry,NC
MARR: --1375
PLACE:
DIED: Bef 16 Jan 1810
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5 Fanny PADGETT-3795
BORN: 1746 BEP
PLACE: ,of Surry,NC
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1 Jane SMITH-1470
BORN: Abt 1746 PS
PLACE: ,Ashe,NC
MARR: Abt 1774 --530
PLACE: ,of Wilkes,NC
DIED:
PLACE:

Morris BAKER-1469
Spouse

2 Hugh SMITH Carolina Planter-1475
BORN:
PLACE:
MARR: --532
PLACE:
DIED: Bef Jun 1782
PLACE: ,Wilkes,NC

3 Jane-1480
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MONROE AND MARY

RINE REID FULTON

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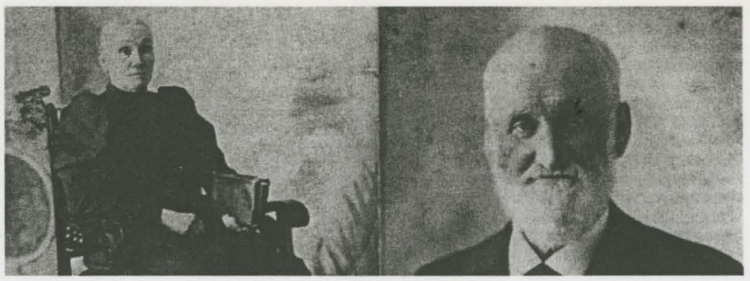
ngest son, Samuel Monroe Fulton acre tract of land owned by his ılton and during his lifetime pur- onal acres.

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*Martha Powell and Samuel Monroe Fulton*

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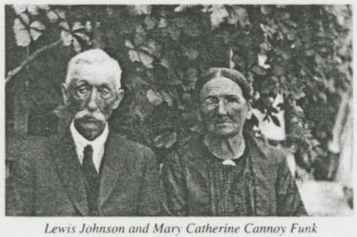
On this platform, Captain Fulton was elected in 1877 as the Delegate from Grayson County to the Legislature of Virginia. Later Captain was solicited to run for the State Senate but declined, Peyton G. Hale of Elk Creek was nominated and elected to the State Senate at the age of 85.

Mary Catherine Reid Fulton died on January 18, 1914. Samuel Monroe Fulton died April 10, 1903. Both are buried in the Fulton Cemetery at Summerfield Farm.

Sources: Family records. *Submitted by: Great Granddaughter, Katherine Stone Sutherland*

## LEWIS JOHNSON AND MARY CATHERINE CANNOY FUNK

Lewis Johnson Funk was born August 4, 1850 to Jesse Funk and Sarah "Sally" Vaught Funk. He was one of the younger children of a large family, whose descendants are scattered over Grayson County and elsewhere. Two of his older brothers served the Confederacy in the Grayson Dare Devils, George W. Funk and Andrew Jackson Funk, who was severely wounded at Gettysburg, captured at Spottslvania, Virginia and died in a prison camp at Lookout Mountain, Md. just before he was to be released, Other children were, Elizabeth "Polly" who married Johnson Hines; Mandy Jane, married Jonathan Beeks Poole; Samuel Willis married Ellen Sage; Stephen Kenly married Mallie Cornett; Emily married Creed Wright; James F. and William M. died in childhood; and there were probably others.



*Lewis Johnson and Mary Catherine Cannoy Funk*

Lewis Johnson and Caroline Daniel were married August 25, 1870. Caroline died shortly afterward.

On November 25, 1880 he married Mary Catherine Cannoy, b. May 12,1859, daughter of Barney B. Cannoy and Sarah Jane Cornett. To this union were born eight children; Lenora Dell, married Bob Phelps; Alice "Allie", married Albert Catron; Pearl Enis, married Jim Trent and George Boone; Lessie May, married Mack King; Mettie Ethel, married Auther Hackler; Hila Emizett married Herbert Elloit; Verda Lee never married; and James Carl, married Lura Elizabeth Katherine Harrington.

Lewis and Katherine made their home in the Stones Chapel Community of Grayson County, as did my grandparents: James Carl and Lura Harrington Funk. James Carl, was born April 27, 1883, died, Dec, 24, 1974. Lura, the daughter of Aaron Gideon Harrington and Rosa Louemma Hale, was born October 30, 1888 and died December 4, 1934. Carl and Lura were married at Bethel Church, December 18, 1906, and had seven children, of which my father was the second child. They are Georgia Price, married Carl Catron; Robert Contee, married Grace Virginia Sutherland; Mildred Elta, married Herman Stone; Neal Vivian, married Marjorie Saunders; Maynard Flem, married Clara Stone; Emma Katherine, married William Rice; Bina Inez, married Luther H. Patton and Morris Richardson. After Lura's death, Carl was remarried to Cora Alice Carico Cornett, daughter of Miles Clark and Elizabeth Cannoy Carico.

My father, Robert Contee Funk, born May 24, 1909 and my Mother, Grace Virginia Sutherland, born Feb. 20, 1910, daughter of Lonnie Mitchel and Amanda Harrington Sutherland, were married April 15, 1930, in a double ceremony with Willie Lee and Verda Sutherland. They spent their entire life living in the Comers Rock area. To them were born four children: Marian Alene, b. May 7, 1931, married Robert Roy Atkins, Ch. Brenda Arlene, m. Dennis Morgan; Robert Alden, b. July 18, 1935, married, Sandra Simmons, Ch. Marshall Earle, Milan Alden, Sharon Ione, Melvin Contee; Linda Sue b. March 19, 1944, married Roger Yonce and Allen Richardson. Ch. Natalie June Yonce, Kristi Jewell and Glen Paul Richardson; Marshall Price, b. June 28, 1947, married Jeanne Cox, Ch. Greta Lynn and Robert Wayne. *Submitted by: Marshall Price Funk*

## A.L. GARRISON

We arrived in Fries in September 1936. My husband, A.L. Garrison, was principal of Fries High School. The High School was built around a large tree. Though we couldn't see the tree, we knew it was there. I taught in the grades until the last year, when I was part-time Librarian. Mr. Garrison always said he had some of the most intelligent students in Fries that he had ever had.

The only organization in the area was the Lions Club. I joined the Missionary Society, and Mr. Garrison joined the Lions Club. We both attended the Methodist Church and Sunday School.



*A.L. Garrison*

We had six wonderful years in Fries. Though it is hard to imagine now, our rent was $14 a month, and our electric bill never went over $8 or $10. We both were there when World War II was declared. A.L. registered and asked to join, but they said they needed him in school.

We left Fries because Mr. Garrison was offered a better school in Moneta, Bedford, and there would be a better salary. *Submitted by: Mrs. A.L. (Dorothy) Garrison*

## GENTRY

The Gentry family history dates back to William the Conqueror. The two first Gentry's in America are believed to have been Nicholas and Samuel Gentry, who came to Jamestown, VA, and patented land in New Kent in 1684. From these first Gentry brothers sprang Gentrys all over the United States. The first Gentry in Grayson County was probably Ephraim, who was b. 5/4/1804, in Surry Co., NC, d. 1/3/1866, the s/o William Gentry. Ephraim married Nancy Greer, b. 2/16/1817, d. 5/5/1909, d/o Aquilla Greer of Grassy Creek.

The Gentry home was located near New River at the mouth of Peach Bottom Creek. This home served as the Greek Post Office and Nancy served as the postmistress. Children of Ephraim and Nancy were:

1. William Marshall VanBuren b. 2/20/1837, d. 4/4/1838; 2. John Monroe b. 10/12/1839, d. 12/26/1861 of fever in the Confederate Army; 3. Aquilla Shelton b. 7/9/1842, d. 6/25/1875, killed by Marsh Callaway after serving in the Confederate Army, md. Molly Woodruff. They had no children. 4. Mary Catherine b. 2/8/1845, d. 3/10/1922, md. Martin G. Alexander b. 7/15/1837, d. 3/21/1922, in 1865; 5. Nancy Caroline b. 5/25/1847, d. 5/30/1870 md. John Greer, Jr. b. 5/24/1845, d. 7/3/1872; 6. Julyette Virginia b. 5/12/1849, d. 4/27/1854; 7. Ephraim Greer b. 9/30/1851, d. 9/29/1930, md. (1) Mary Mitchell b. 4/18/1854, d. 2/2/1909 in md. and was d/o Dr. William M. Mitchell and Sophia Hale of Elk Creek; md. (2) Nelia Miller on 2/26/1911; 8. William Freeland b. 6/16/1854, d. 5/7/1925 md. Ellen Thomas, d/o Dr. Fleming Thomas and Emily Phipps, on 5/21/1890; 9. Emily Jane b. 10/27/1856, d. 9/12/1919 md. Alexander M. "Bud" Rhudy b. 12/28/1857, d. 1/2/1897, s/o William and L.____ Rhudy, 4/3/1879; 10. James Letcher b. 6/28/1859, d. 7/24/1881, md. Ellen Austin b. 4/15/1864, d. 1/18/1838 on 7/4/1880. William Gentry's other sons were Richard who moved to AL; David who moved to KY, and William, Jr. who went to TN.

Source: 1970 Census of Grayson Co. Annotated by Jeff Weaver and James Stamper. *Compiled by Shirley C. Gordon*

## A.M. AND SALLIFINE COX GENTRY

Augustus Monroe (A.M) and Sallifine Cox Gentry family were first residents of Potato Creek Community and later made their home in Galax, Va.

Professor Gentry was the second son of John Finley and Rhoda Thompson Gentry of Thurmond Community, Wilkes County, N.C. He met and married Sallifine Cox the fourth child of John D. and Rutha Jane Cox Cox.

Professor Gentry taught many years at Gold Hill, Fox Creek, Turkey Knob, and Grassy Creek. In later years, he became a "custom tailoring" salesman.

A.M. and Sallifine raised a family of eight children: Verna born November 29, 1889, married Eugene Phipps, Sr.; Viola born January 23, 1892, married Newt Phipps; Ina born July 3, 1894, married Oscar Osborne; Ohnah born November 9, 1896, married Talmadge Cox; Ossie born May 15, 1899, married Lloyd Phipps; Sallie born July 25,

1901, married Arthur Mackey; Paul born May 27, 1904, married Pauline Anderson; Payne born August 19, 1908, married Beulah Porter.

A.M. and Sallifine had lumber sawed for a two-story house and when the decision was reached to move to Galax, they donated this sizable package of lumber towards the building of the Maple Shade Academy, built in 1911 by E.L. Robbins, who also built the 1908 Courthouse in Independence.



*Sallifine Cox Gentry and Augustus Monroe (A.M.) Gentry*

Their daughter, Ossie Fae was one of the girls that unveiled the monument of a confederate soldier on the courthouse lawn in 1916. All their children remained in Grayson County to make their home except Ossie who moved to Cincinnati, Ohio and Sallie who lived in Hotspring, Va., with their families.

Ohnah, Verna, and Ossie were teachers, Sallie was a nurse; Viola and Ina were homemakers. Paul was a merchant in Galax for many years. Payne followed his dad as a salesman.

Sources: Family Bible and Knowledge. *Submitted by: Mrs. Eugene (Emma R.) Phipps, Jr.*

## JOHN L. GENTRY

John Letcher Gentry was born June 4, 1881, at the Gentry Farm near the mouth of Peach Bottom Creek, on New River, to James Letcher Gentry, born June 28, 1859, died July 24, 1881, and Minnie Ellen Austin Gentry, born April 15, 1864, died January 18, 1933. She was lovingly known as "Maw." James was the youngest son of Ephriam Gentry, who came to Grayson County, from Surry County, North Carolina, and who acquired the Cox's Fort Land on New River, in the early 1830s. Ephriam built one of the first brick houses in Grayson County. It still stands and is presently owned by James Tarvid. The house once was used as a post office, known as Greek Post Office, and appears on some of the early county maps. John's Grandmother, Nancy Greer Gentry, born February 16, 1817, died May 5, 1906, was Postmistress.

John was a farmer and rural mail carrier. His mail route extended from the Greek Post Office, through Independence, to Long's Gap, then over Buck Mountain, down Saddle Creek, and back to Independence and "Greek." He retired in 1932, having carried the mail on foot, horseback, buggy, bicycle, and automobile. John was a Free Mason, a member of the Independence Town Council, the Sunday School Superintendent of the Independence Methodist Church of which he was a member, and a board member of the Office of Price Administration, during World War II.

John was married to Lydia Ella Copenhaver, born March 15, 1880, died February 4, 1955. She was the daughter of Marion Copenhaver of Smyth County, Virginia. They had six children. The family moved to the "Busic" House, in Independence, in 1919, so that the children could attend high school in Independence.

John and Ella's first child was a daughter, Euna Faye, born March 31, 1904, died July 31, 1979. She passed "The Bar" in 1929, and was one of the first women admitted to practice law in Virginia. She taught school, served as librarian at the public library and at the high school. She was one of the first social workers in Virginia, and also occasionally served as substitute Judge in the County Court. She was married to Lorne Ross Campbell, who practiced law in Independence, for more than 50 years. They had two children, John Colin Campbell of Independence, born November 19, 1935, and Jane Ross Campbell, of Columbia, Maryland, born August 19, 1945.

The second child and also a daughter, Nancy Thelma, born August 11, 1905, died June 26, 1991, taught school in Grayson County and in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was one of the first women to seek a City Council seat in Charlotte. She was married to William Oscar Crotts, Jr., born July 2, 1909, died October 7, 1991. They had one daughter, Judith Ray Crotts, of Charlotte, North Carolina, born February 28, 1940.

Their only son, William Max Gentry, born December 2, 1906, died May 29, 1977, continued farming on the River Farm, and was also manager of the Guynn Hardware and Furniture Store in Independence, for many years. He served as a rural mail carrier and was a member of The Town Council in Independence. Max was married to Jessie Lee Cox, of Bridle Creek, born September 4, 1918. They had two children, William Robert Gentry, of Wausau, Wisconsin, born September 5, 1942, and Linda Joyce Gentry, born July 25, 1945, of Independence, Virginia.



*Lydia Ella Copenhaver and John L. Gentry*

John and Ella's fourth child was Mary Evah Gentry, born May 23, 1909, died July 30, 1993. She taught school in Grayson County and in Wytheville, Virginia. She was married to Fred M. Ward, born March 30, 1910, died November 30, 1973. He was a son of Wells "Bud" Ward, Sheriff of Grayson County. They had two sons, John Wells Ward, born October 9, 1938, of Wytheville, and William (Bill) F. Ward, born November 15, 1939, of Vancouver, Washington.

Their fifth child, a fourth daughter, Minnie Vere Gentry, born January 24, 1911, lives in Wytheville, Virginia. She was a registered nurse and also helped her husband, John Campbell Findlay, born December 19, 1910, died in 1977, operate the family business, Wytheville Office Supply. They had one daughter, Kathryn Harris Findlay, born March 11, 1950.

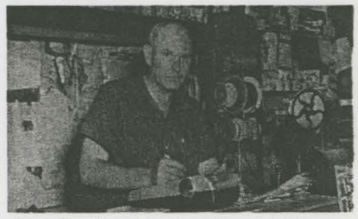
John and Ella's last child was another daughter, Zoe Gentry, born December 15, 1915, taught school in Richlands, Alexandria, and Wytheville, Virginia, before retiring in Wytheville, where she now resides.

One of the family pastimes was to sit on the front porch on long summer evenings, and tell ghost stories, some of which were "true." One of the stories went something like this. On the 25th of June, 1875, when John's Father, James, was 15 years old, he ran to his Mother, saying that he had just seen a ball of fire dancing on the stairs. She, being up to the pranks of her children, reprimanded his older brother, William, for trying to scare James. But shortly, thereafter, people came to tell the family that James' brother, Aquilla, had just been shot and killed by Marsh Calloway, at precisely the same time that James saw the light.

Source: 1. Zoe Gentry's *Gentry Family Genealogy*. 2. *The Copenhaver Family of Smyth County, Virginia*, c. 1981, by Mildred Copenhaver. *Contributed by J. Colin Campbell, Esq., Independence, Virginia 24348*

## WILLIAM MAX GENTRY

Max Gentry is a well remembered businessman of the Town of Independence. Born 12/2/1906 died 5/29/77, he married Jessie Cox, daughter of A Roy and Sallie Osborne Cox on August 3, 1941 Jessie is a respected, retired Grayson teacher. Ma grew up on the Gentry Farm near the mouth o Beaver Dam Creek. He was the son of John Letche and Ella Copenhaver Gentry. The old Brick Gentr house which is still standing was the ancestra home built by Ephraim Gentry, son of the pionee Ephraim who came to Grayson in the early 1800's On the farm around this home was located one o the early Indian Forts.



*William Max Gentry. Remember making your purchases from Max at the old Guynn Hardware and Furniture Company, Independence.*

Max worked for many years in the Guyn Hardware and Furniture Company, which was lo cated across the street from the 1908 Courthouse He served the public there for over forty years. H was a lifelong resident of Independence and a active member of the First United Methodist Church Masonic Lodge, and Lion's Club. He was also member of the Board of Directors of Grayson National Bank and served on the Independenc Town Council for several years.

The Children of Max and Jessie Gentry ar Linda Gentry Boyer and William Robert Gentry

Linda married Larry Boyer on September 4 1965. Larry is manager of the Patrick Henry Ban in Hillsville, and Linda is Deputy Treasurer in th Grayson County Treasurer's Office. Their chil dren are Jennifer and Stephen.

Jennifer works in Washington, D.C., as assis tant finance director for the Academy for Educa tional Development. Stephen is a special agen with the National Oceanic and Atmospheri Agency and is presently located in Seattle, WA

Robert married Ann Boyer on December 28 1963. Robert is regional manager for Kraft Foods Ann is a busy homemaker, substitute teacher, an hospital volunteer. They live in Wausau, Wiscon sin. They had two sons, William David (Bill) an Brian Max. (Brian died at age 12.) Bill is computer engineer for Northern Telecommunica tions in Raleigh, NC. *Submitted by: Linda Boye Gentry*

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## LEANDER L. GOODSON

Leander L. Goodson was born in Chesterfiel County, Virginia, in 1796. Research has not ye determined the names of his parents, but accord ing to census records, his father was born i Massachusetts, and his mother in Virginia.

At the age of 16, he entered the service in th War of 1812 in Richmond, Virginia. He serve under Captain Leroy Branch, and was honorabl discharged at Richmond, Virginia, on or abou March 1, 1814.

Leander again enlisted under Captain Berr Roundtree and went south in the Indian War. H was employed as a scout and served under Gener als Coffee and Hairston. He served five years an was honorably discharged at Bolling Green, Ken tucky, near Nashville, Tennessee, sometime in th year 1819. Upon his entry into service, Leande described himself as "16, 5 feet 9 inches high black hair, black eyes, and fair complexion."

# The People's Press.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1881.


## LOCAL ITEMS.

*Special Notice.*—Persons wishing have printing well done, will please call at the Press office. We can print as cheap as the *cheapest.*

SUPERIOR COURT.—Court adjourned Saturday, both dockets being disposed of in a week. The following persons were sentenced to terms of imprisonment in the State prison and assigned to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company: Tom Randolph, larceny, to Railroad 5 years; W. W. Evans, (col.) assault with intent to ravish, Penitentiary 15 years; Samuel Mitchell, larceny, 1 year; Annie Reich, larceny, 2 years; Edwin Conrad, larceny, 1 year.

FARMERS.—See the liberal offer to farmers by Messrs. F. & H. Fries, proprietors of Wachovia Mills. No doubt farmers will avail themselves of the opportunity and have a lively contest over the prizes offered. It is a movement in the right direction, and the enterprising Messrs. Fries deserve much credit for the same.

Some of the boys have a grape vine swing suspended over the creek, below town.

Mrs. Anna Wilson, of Bruce township, Guilford county, died recently in the 102d year.

A substantial crossing has been made in front of C. A. Winkler's Confectionery, in this place.

A calf was slaughtered at the Academy stables on Monday, five weeks old, and weighed 93 pounds net.

The reed thicket, near the Salem Academy, has been cleared by Mr. Nicholson, who will cultivate the ground.

GOOD.—Messrs. F. & H. Fries are now selling *yellow corn*, at 90 cents per bushel.

We have down two more weather prophets for Blum's Almanac. It predicts rain or snow on the 21st and 22d, and the rain came.

A debating club has been organized at Old Town, with H. N. Null as President.

PERSONALS.—Jesse Carter and family left for their home in Madison, on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Yates, with her children, left Salem Hotel on Monday, to join her husband, whose headquarters are at Newbern.

Miss Mary M. Zevely has returned from Raleigh, where she was called to the sick bed of little Bessie Purnell. Bessie is up again.

Mrs. Fred. Smith has returned to Goldsboro.

J. P. Vest, Esq., has gone on a business trip to Kansas.

Internal Revenue Collections, Fifth District, for the week ending Saturday, Nov. 18, 1881.

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| Monday | $2,615 91 |
| Tuesday | 1,796 06 |
| Wednesday | 3,895 42 |
| Thursday | 2,558 29 |
| Friday | 2,015 41 |
| Saturday | 2,032 40 |
| Total | $14,913 49 |

## Kernersville Letter.

CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK.

On Monday morning, notwithstanding the occasional showers of rain, I started out to reconnoitre the city, and found it enlarged in all directions, and appearances changed in general.

In 1841, the Court House was still in the middle of the streets. On the North-west corner was the old Mansion Hotel, Richard Long, proprietor; and John Bell, manager. In one part of the building too, was the Post Office, Ben. Julian, Post Master. This block, a row of wooden buildings is still unchanged. On the South-West corner was Michael Brown's store; then Geo. W. Brown, Cress & Boger, John C. Parmer, Jeweller and John and William Murphy, all wooden buildings and burnt away since the war and replaced by elegant brick structures, and all occupied as stores. On the South-East corner was a wooden building occupied as a store by Jenkens & Biles; then came Cowan's brick row, then the best building in town, on the lower corner of which was the *Western Carolinian* office, Chas. F. Fisher, editor and proprietor; and Benjamin Fraley, merchant tailor, and Bruner and Pendleton, of the Salisbury *Watchman*. Mr. Rowzie had a cabinet ware-room in the neighborhood where the Boyden Hotel now stands; and Horace Board too carried on a tailoring establishment. D. A. Davis was cashier of the bank, and

JEFFERSON, ASHE CO., N. C., November 13, 1881.

*Messrs. Editors:*—The "event" up here in the mountains has been the trial, during this last week, over at Boone, Watauga county, of Dug Dickson, a youth about 20 years of age, for the murder of James Gentry, last Christmas night, at a party given at Mart. Hardin's hotel, in Jefferson. Dickson has been in jail here ever since, having removed his case to Watauga, at our last Spring term of Superior Court, Judge McKoy at that holding, refusing the prisoner bail. About 100 witnesses were subpoened from here, which leaves the case costing the county pretty dear, while the presumption now left is, that the Solicitor, owing to evidence elicited at the trial, will draw a bill of indictment against another man charging him with the crime. Dickson's case occupied three days of court; on Saturday night, late, after exhaustive pleadings pro and con, the case was given to the jury, which was not long in finding a verdict of acquittal, entire. Solicitor Adams was assisted by Armfield, Todd and Neal, the two latter resident lawyers of this place, while Dickson was defended by Linney, Fowlke and Bowers.

Nathan Kreps and Bud McNeal, both of Wilkes, originally, are here in jail, held for the murder of the old man Walker, of Alexander county, whom they met on the Reddies River Gap road, on the mountain, in Wilkes, about a mile this side of 'Squire Rufus Colbert's and beat the old fellow to death. He was the father of eleven children, poor and inoffensive, and was returning from Ore Knob whither he had been in search of work but unsuccessfully. It was a most brutal and uncalled for killing. The prisoners were removed about a month ago from the Wilkesboro jail to this, for safer keeping, as the authorities over there had strong evidence that the same raiders that took the villain Church out of the Newton jail and lynched him for the murder of a woman, were coming to repeat Judge Lynch upon Kreps and McNeal.

The weather remains unusually warm for this season of the year, the oldest folks hardly recalling a precedent. Better corn crop grown than was at first anticipated. Grass and wheat crop very short. Wheat was good and heavy in the head, but thin on the ground, on account of the severity of last winter and spring. Cattle, in good condition, bring good prices, but stock generally, is low. It's a magnificent country for farming and grazing,—none finer in the world. In Jefferson, Wiley Thomas, the Foster Bros., and Carson, represent the store-keeping interest, with Hamilton Bros., representing the same, out at Beaver Creek, 3 miles from town. Seem to do a fine trade with their store, mills, shops and cattle trading. The good-looking junior member of the firm is


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tude. The prospects of electing good and true delegates all over the State, is brightening every day.

Since the better feeling has been inaugurated all over the country—North, South, East and West,—with the full and expressed determination among the people of all sections to permit the States to regulate their own affairs, public confidence is being restored and the South will no longer be ruled with the iron rod. The centennial celebrations, at Lexington, Charleston and Bunker Hill, breathed the spirit of patriotism and nationality, with the best wishes for the Southern people.

The following despatch from Washington is timely and to the point:

THE SOUTH.

It is very gratifying to record that for the first time in the long period of the ten years which have elapsed since the close of the war those who sit in high places exhibit no disposition to stir up political feeling against the South. This is the first summer since 1865 that the city has not been made the headquarters for the dissemination all over the country of the most malign slanders upon the Southern people. It seems safe to say that this unhappy business is at last at an end. The Southern people must have some feeling of this kind, for all the intelligence which comes here from that section represents the aspect of business affairs as most hopeful.

We clip the following from an exchange:

THE ISSUE.

We agree with the Wilmington *Star*, the issue in this campaign is between the progressive and yet conservative people of all previous lines in politics and the rabid leadership of the Radical party.

We want, as a large majority of the people want, many changes in the organic law.

This comes, then, to be a plain question between Radical on one side and Democrat or Conservative on the other as to who shall control the Convention. When that point is fully understood, as it must be, we imagine there will be few indeed to leave the pure and swelling waters of the Democracy to launch their bark upon or wallow in the muddy pool of Radicalism because of a difference amongst friends upon a question of expediency and policy, merely as to the time when North Carolina should hold a Constitutional Convention.—There will be no new accessions to the ranks of Kirk and Holdenism, and those who bear the banner of Civil Rights, and other infamous teachings and practices, but once more stirred by patriotic emotions, the true men of the country will do their duty, and as enemies of this vicious Radicalism are increasing in other States, so in North Carolina must our numbers increase rather than diminish in this campaign. Let the real issue be understood. Shall a Convention which is sure to be held, be controlled by Radicals who say the restrictions are not binding, or by Democrats who nearly all agree that these are binding?

From Arkansas, where the President was disposed to interfere and regulate her local affairs, until Congress gave him plainly to understand to stop in his mad career and let Arkansas alone, we hear of the most cheering prospects:

Reports from Arkansas are that "the white and colored people are all busy with the crops, and no violence of any sort is heard of. In fact, the State has never been so free from all disturbance as now." Scarcely one year ago, under carpet-bag misrule, Arkansas was practically in a condition of anarchy, and there was an utter prostration of every material interest. No better evidence of the success of Governor dy noticed last week. It was near the close of Rev. Mr. Rights' sermon, at Tahlequah, that some murderous person through the church window, shot at and severely wounded Mr. Richard Fields, a prominent merchant of the Nation. Nick Duncan, a son of Rev. W. A. Duncan, Superintendent of the Cherokee Orphan Asylum, sat beside Fields and had his face shockingly burnt by the same fire. Mr. Fields was a member of the Downing faction, and a candidate for the council at the coming election.

NEW PAPER.—We have before us the first number of the *National Protestant*, a sixteen page weekly, just started in New York, Wm. H. Van Nortwick, Managing Editor. It is beautifully printed, and contains a vast amount of excellent reading. Price $1 00 per annum. All communications should be addressed to the *National Protestant*, 67 Liberty street, N. Y.

We place the *Protestant* on our exchange list, hoping to receive it regularly.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.—Latest advices from Brownsville, Texas, indicate a critical state of affairs at Matamoras. A conflict between the citizens and the Mexican soldiers is imminent. All business houses in Matamoras are closed, and armed citizens were gathering threatening to take Cortina, a prisoner, from the soldiers.

THE BEECHER TILTON CASE.—The jury could not agree and has been discharged. They were 9 for acquitting Beecher, and 3 for conviction.

YELLOW FEVER AT KEY WEST.—Several deaths have occurred, and fears are entertained of its further ravages.

MURDER IN GRAYSON.—We learn from the Hillsville *News* that on the 25th ult. Aquilla S. Gentry was shot by Marsh N. Callaway, a near neighbor, while riding from Independence to their homes. An old grudge, which had been settled, was revived by Callaway, who had been drinking. They were riding in Gentrey's buggy, when the quarrel was revived, while a brother of Gentry's followed, riding his own and leading Callaway's horse. Hearing the difficulty, he rode up and advised his brother to leave his buggy, and in doing so, was shot and instantly killed, also slightly wounding his brother. Callaway made his escape.

## *FOREIGN NEWS.*

HONG KONG, June 30—Noon.—A typhoon visited here May 31st. The Steamer Poyange was wrecked near Macas and one hundred and twenty-five lives lost. One hundred and fifty junks were destroyed and great damage done to property in Canton, Hong Kong and Whampoa.

HONG KONG, June 30—Night—Trouble has arisen between China and Spain in consequence of the prohibition, by the former, of Coolie emigration to Cuba.

The British steamship Douglass was attacked by Chinese smugglers at Foo Chow on the 26th of May. A customs officer, named Blackburn, was shot. The smugglers were beaten off, with a loss of four killed.

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be by next week, I can pick up somethi

Kernersville, July 5th, 1875. C.

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## *KERNERSVILLE TOWNSHIP.*

In accordance with previous notice, a
of the citizens of Kernersville Township,
bled in the Academy building on Saturd
3rd inst., to appoint delegates to the Co
tive Meeting to be held in Winston, on Se
the 10th inst., for the purpose of nomin
candidate to represent us in the Constit
Convention to meet in September next.

On motion, Dr. E. KERNER was ap
Chairman, and W. G. KERNER reques
act as Secretary. Dr. Kerner, on taki
Chair, explained the object of the meetin

On motion, it was ordered that a com
of three be appointed, consisting of H.
bank, G. W. Wilson and J. S. Ray, to
nomination ten citizens to represent this
ship in said meeting to be held in Wins
the 10th inst., as follows: G. W. Wils
C. Edwards, Henry Brookbanks, Ashley
gins, W. M. Leak, John Watson, Esq., I
Bodenhammer, Moses M. Hasten, Dr. E. F
and Levi Stafford.

On motion, it was resolved that the c
of this Township are requested to m
Kernersville, on Saturday, the 17th inst
o'clock, P. M., to nominate suitable pers
fill the various Township offices.

On motion, it was resolved that all p
feeling an interest in the meeting to be h
Winston on the 10th inst., be requested
tend and act as delegates.

On motion, it was ordered that the pr
ings of this meeting be sent to the *Salem*
and *Winston Sentinel*, with the request
they may be published.

DR. E. KERNER, *Chairm*
W. G. KERNER, *Secretary.*

For the P

## *CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION IN D COUNTY.*

A convention was held in Mocksville,
County, on Saturday July 3rd, to nomi
candidate for the State Convention.

The meeting was called to order at 1 o'
P. M., and, on motion of Mr. Charles H
B. Bailey, Esq., was called to the Chair
Mr. George Bingham was requested t
as Secretary. Mr. Bailey explained the
of meeting in a short and becoming ma
A call was made and ascertained that a
townships were represented.

Then the delegates from the several towr
retired for consultation. Upon reassem
in the Court-House, the Secretary called
report from the townships, and Mr. Cl
Price was unanimously nominated.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Chairma
pointed a committee of three to wait on
Price and inform him of his nomination
Price then came forward, accepted the no
tion and thanked the people of Davie C
for their confidence in him, in a very app
ate speech. The convention then proceed
select a County Executive Committee.
business being concluded, the Conve
tion adjourned.

The People's Press 8 July 1875

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# Couple Celebrates 65th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Gentry of Rt. 6, Mount Airy, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Christmas day.

They were married December 25, 1916 by Elder W. H. (Bill) Atkinson while sitting in a horse and buggy at his house. Mr. Gentry is 86 years old and Mrs. Gentry, 84. She is the former Jane Nixon, daughter of the late Ida and Daniel Nixon.



Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Gentry

They have two daughters: Mrs. Fred (Eva) Atkinson and Mrs. Boyd (Vera) Goings, both of Rt. 6, Mount Airy; six grandchildren: Ashburn Atkinson of Pointville, Ky., Lavon Thompson, June Martin and Janie Draughn of Mount Airy, Nancy Edmonds of Dobson and Kay Williford of Charlotte; 14 grandchildren: Mitchell, Martin and Kenneth Atkinson of Pikeville, Ky.; Cathy Howlett, Sherri Thompson, Julie and Andy Martin, Shannon Watkins and Amanda Draughn, all of Mount Airy, Jeff, Joel and Josh Edmonds of Dobson, Tripp and Stephanie Williford of Charlotte; and one great-great-grandchild, John Brandon Atkinson of Pikeville, Ky.

A family party was held in their honor at the Gentry home Sunday, Dec. 27. The wedding anniversary cake was made by their granddaughter, Mrs. Lavon Thompson.

She was married to Everette Gentry of Alleghany County. He was also a teacher. He died in July 1977.

Mrs. Gentry is a member of the Stony Ridge Baptist Church, where she took an active part until ill health forced her to quit.

She now lives with her sister, Mary Bauguess Wiles, of Route 1, Traphill, N.C. (Mary also taught for one year.)

## MURIEL SHUMATE GENTRY

Muriel Shumate Gentry was born January 16, 1914, to Dan and Aurora Joines Shumate in Wilkes County, North Carolina. She married Richard F. Gentry.

Mrs. Gentry attended Double Creek Elementary School, Traphill High School, and Appalachian State Teachers College.

She was a teacher at Double Creek Elementary School from 1937-1946 and at Traphill Elementary School from 1946-1975.

After thirty eight years of service she retired in 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry live at Thurmond, North Carolina.

Mrs. Gentry belongs to that group of dedicated, professional teachers warmly interested in the training and welfare of her pupils.

## SALLIE DEJOURNETTE GENTRY

Mrs. Sallie DeJournette Gentry was born at Thurmond, Wilkes County, North Carolina, October 14, 1878. She married Jonathan Newton Gentry in 1899. Her children are Mrs. Nancy Gambill, Glyde Bryan Gentry, Alton DeJournette Gentry, Joseph Samuel Gentry, and Richard Finley Gentry.

She attended Fairview College at Traphill and Catawba College at Salisbury, North Carolina.

She began teaching in 1917 at Peach Orchard School and later taught at Roaring Gap, Oak Ridge, Austin, Pleasant Ridge, and Traphill for a total of forty-three years.

Mrs. Gentry died May 15, 1962.

She was an outstanding leader in both church and community, being particularly interested in activities for young people.

## MISS EVA GERMAN

Miss Eva German was born at Boomer, N.C. October 12, 1903. She attended Boomer School, and graduated from Wilkesboro High School in 1924.

Her parents, Edgar and Belle L. German, achieved a good basic education in the academics of their day. They encouraged and helped Eva in her preparation for teaching.

She attended summer school at Appalachian Teachers College and started teaching at Little Rock School in the fall of 1924. It was a one teacher school, but the attendance was such that there were two teachers the next year. There were no improved roads. She drove a Model T Ford the six miles to school when the road was passable, and rode horseback at other times.

January 23, 2002

Vera Goings (336) 352-4584
3732 Haystack Rd.
Mt. Airy, NC 27030

Dear Vera,

I am the gg grandson of Azel Williams & Phoebe Hodges. I am descended from their first son, Preston Oscar Williams, born in 1848 in Surry Co. I understand from your daughter, Janie Draughon (JDraughon@surry.net) that you are descended from Preston's sister, Margaret Williams, born in 1849.

My g grandfather, Preston, married Rosamond Davis in 1869 in Surry Co. and moved to California in 1871. I am descended from his son, Oscar Preston Williams, through his youngest daughter, Beatrice Rosamond Williams, my Mom who passed away in April of 2000 at the age of 88.

I am enclosing a few pages of genealogy research I have done on the Williams & Hodges family. When I was in Surry Co last May, I received a photo of Azel Williams from another distant cousin living in Galax, VA who was descended from Azel and his second wife, Margie Rector. I also have many pictures from Preston's photo album that are unfortunately unmarked. I'm sure it contains some of your family.

I am most interested in obtaining details of Margaret & Wilburn Scott Gentry's family and descendants. I hope that you and your cousins still living can provide me with some of those details. For example, do you know when and where Margaret's mother, Phoebe, was born and died and where she is buried? I suspect she may be buried in the Hodges Cemetery in Low Gap or perhaps in Alleghany Co.

Does anyone in your family have pictures of Margaret and her family? I would like to obtain copies for my family history. Is one of your kin a genealogist whom I may correspond with?

I look forward to future correspondence and am excited to make your acquaintance.

Very truly yours,

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Subj: **Gentry research**
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Hi Wilma.

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William - self - Male - White - age 28 b NC
Margaret - wife - Female - White - age 30 b NC
William P. - son - Male - White - age 9 b NC
Rosa A. - dau - Female - White - age 6 b NC

So this is definitely the correct family. Margaret is the daughter of Azel Williams & Phebe Hodges. So I'll start looking more specifically at listings of William & Margaret Gentry. I believe they must have gone over the hill at some point to Alleghany Co.

The very next listing is also related:

Andrew Dickins - self - age 31 b NC
Sarah A. - wife - age 40 b NC
Eli W. - son - age 5 b NC
Nancy - dau - age 1 b NC
Nancy Williams - motherL - age 80 b NC

Nancy Williams is the grandmother of Margaret Williams Gentry. Nancy was the widow of Jesse Williams, Azel's father. Sarah A. Dickins was the daughter of Nancy Williams charged with the responsibility of caring for her mother in Jesse's will.

A few more listings down is the Wm Hodges' family (Buck) who was my Phebe Hodges father.

Anyway, this gives me one direct confirmation of the family.

Bill Cole


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Gentry file

September 1, 2001

Richard Neal
1491 Hinsdale Road
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Dear Richard,

I was given your name by Wilma Hiatt as a possible connection to the GENTRY family. I am a member of Surry Co Genealogical Society and have recently connected my gg grandfather's, Azel Williams b 1824 d 1910, daughter Margaret Williams b Oct 22 1849 d Aug 21 1921 to the Gentrys. She married Wilburn Scott Gentry, son of Alford, in Surry Co on March 20, 1870. I show one child William P. Gentry b Jan 19 1871 d Nov 7 1893 buried in Low Gap.

Margaret was the sister of my g grandfather, Preston Oscar Williams who married Rosamond Davis and moved to California in 1871. I inherited their photo album which contains many unmarked photos – some of which I'm sure must be of Margaret and her family.

I would like as much information as is available on this line of Gentrys - both ancestors and descendants. Are you able to help my directly or point me to any other sources? I would appreciate any direction you may be able to give me. I am particularly interested in connecting with any descendants of Wilburn Scott Gentry & Margaret Williams.

I am also descended from Judith Gentry b abt 1757 who married Amos/Amasa Hodges through their child, William H. "Buck" Hodges b Jun 3 1799 in Surry Co at Fisher River d Aug 18 1892 in Surry Co. and is buried in Low Gap. If you have any information on this Gentry line, I'd appreciate that as well.

Thank you for any help you may be able to give me.

Very truly yours,

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Thanks for the feedback on the PC Hodges article. I have a few census references that I still want to add, and then I'll e mail the final version to you in January.

Regarding Margaret Williams b 1849 d 1921 who married Wilburn Scott Gentry b 1852 d 1935, I have come across a connection. You may be able to help me connect with her descendants in North Carolina.

Margaret & Wilburn had a daughter, Rosa Augusta Gentry b 13 April 1874 in Alleghany Co, NC. She died 23 Sep 1930 and is buried in Flat Top Primitive Baptist Church. I found a descendant sheet with two children of Rosa listed under the Gentry name - which may mean she was not married. They are Rennie Emerson Gentry b 6 Aug 1895 in Alleghany Co, NC and Dennie Wilburn Gentry b 18 May 1900 in Alleghany Co. I believe in the Wilburn & Margaret Gentry household in the 1900 Census, the two grandchildren are listed in their household. There is also a reference on this sheet to Rosa marrying Eli Alderman 17 Feb 1909. Is this the Alderman who researched the Williams family ancestors in Virginia? John Perry Alderman "The Settlements"

I also found a newspaper article from Mt. Airy in 1981 on the 65th wedding anniversary of Rennie Gentry who married (Mary) Jane Nixon on 25 December 1916. Two daughters are mentioned, Mrs. Fred (Eva) Atkinson and Mrs. Boyd (Vera) Goings both of Rt. 6, Mt Airy, NC. There are also six grandchildren mentioned - Asburn Atkinson of Pointville, KY - Lavon Thompson, June Martin and Janie Draughn of Mt. Airy - Nancy Edmonds of Dobson - and Kay Williford of Charlotte. The family party was held at the Gentry home in Mt. Airy.

I found an additional obituary on the death of Mrs. Romie Sarah Steel Gentry of 1869 Haystack Road, Mt. Airy, who was the widow of Denny Wilburn Gentry. She died on 31 Dec 1997 in Suury Co. It mentions her three sons, Denny Wilburn Gentry Jr. of Dobson - Keith Gentry of Lowgap - and Gaylord M. Gentry of Mt. Airy.

I would love to connect with these relative since they are all descended from Azel Williams and Phebe Hodges. Do you know any of these cousins of mine?

Bill Cole
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| John T. Blevins | Jul 1846 | 11 Nov 1934 | s/o Hamilton Blevins |
| m. 1880 | Surry County, NC | Flat Top Pr Bap Ch | & Pheobe Woodruff |
| Rosie Mayes | Feb 1860 | 27 Oct 1942 | d/o Harding Mayes & |
| | Surry County, NC | Flat Top Pr Bap Ch | Frances Richardson |
| Children: | | | |
| 1. David Hamilton | 18 Apr 1881 | 18 Mar 1963 | Cazellia Norman |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | New Bethel Bap Ch | 15 Nov 1904 |
| 2. Samuel C. | 29 Aug 1882 | 20 Nov 1915 | |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | Flat Top Pr Bap Ch | |
| 3. John Hardin | 20 Dec 1883 | 26 Aug 1961 | Mollie Shores |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | Flat Top Pr Bap Ch | |
| 4. Martha E. | 25 Sep 1889 | 14 Dec 1931 | John Walter Shores |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | | 26 Nov 1905 |
| 5. James ("Jim") | 10 Jul 1892 | | 1)- Laura McMickle |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | | 2)- Elsie McCann (1) |
| 6. Clarence Russell | 12 Jul 1893 | 4 Jun 1978 | Octavia Wilmoth |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | New Bethel Bap Ch | 25 Dec 1913 |
| 7. Walter H. | 15 Dec 1894 | 10 Oct 1973 | Beatrice E. Nance |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | Flat Top Pr Bap Ch | 24 Jun 1917 |
| 8. Ernest Early | 15 Nov 1896 | 4 Oct 1976 | Geneva Evans |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | | |
| 9. Viola | Apr 1898 | | Rueben McCann |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | | |
| 10. Fannie M. | Mar 1899 | | never married |
| | Franklin TS Surry NC | | |

(1) James ("Jim") Blevins's marriages were as follows:
Laura E. McMickle = 21 Nov 1914
Elsie McCann =

| | Born | Died | Married |
|---|---|---|---|
| Michael B. Gentry<br>m. 13 Nov 1811 [MB]<br>Sarah Burrus<br>("Sally") | ca 1783<br>Surry County, NC<br>ca 1785<br>Virginia | ca 1825<br>Tennessee<br>aft 1850<br>Surry County, NC | s/o Shelton Gentry<br>& Elizabeth _____<br>d/o |

Children:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Nancy P. | 3 Aug 1815<br>Tennessee | 3 Oct 1898<br>Jervis Family Cem | James D. Jervis |
| 2. Mildred | ca 1822<br>Tennessee | 1850 (1)<br>Surry County, NC | never married |

(1) Mildred Gentry wrote her will 17 February 1850, and it was probated in May 1850 and recorded in Will Book 4, page 302. In it she left all of her land to her mother "Sary" [sic], and named her mother and brother-in-law, James Jervis executors. Witnesses were Robert R. Gentry and George A. Jervis.

(2) In 1812 Michael B. Gentry owned 100 acres of land.

| | Born | Died | Married |
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| Stephen Dennis Laffoon | ca 1813 | 1857-59 | s/o James W. Laffoon, Sr |
| m. 12 May 1836 [MB] | Surry County, NC | Surry County, NC | & Thankful F. Gillespie |
| Nancy Mayes | ca 1813 | 1857-59 | d/o Jesse Mayes & |
| | Surry County, NC | Surry County, NC | Agnes Gentry |

Children:

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| 1. James Alfred | ca 1838 | 1865 (1) | Sofina Funk (2) |
| | Surry County, NC | Surry County, NC | |
| 2. Syntha | ca 1841 | | Allen Richardson |
| | Surry County, NC | | 28 Sep 1876 |
| 3. Shelton | ca 1844 | | |
| | Surry County, NC | | |
| 4. Reuben | ca 1849 | | Tabatha E. Fosten |
| | Surry County, NC | | 28 Oct 1883 (3) |

(1) James Alfred Laffoon enlisted in Richmond, VA, 15 April 1862, as a Private, in Company "B," 37th Battalion, VA Cavalry. He was made Corporal that day. He served through the war but died "at home" of a fever contracted in his military service.

(2) According to Hester Jackson's Surry County Soldiers in the Civil War, James Alfred Laffoon and Sofina Funk had one son, Stephen Dennis Laffoon. Family burial was at Mount Pleasant Church Cemetery in Fries, Grayson County, VA.

(3) Reuben Laffoon and Tabatha E. Fosten were married in Howell County, MO.

| | Born | Died | Married |
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| Shelton Gentry (1)<br>m.<br>Elizabeth _____ | ca 1757<br>Lunenburg County, VA<br>ca 1767<br>Rowan County, NC | Apr 1834<br>Joseph Gentry G-yard<br><br>Joseph Gentry G-yard | s/o Joseph Gentry &<br>Agnes Shelton<br>d/o |
| Children: | | | |
| 1. Michael B. | ca 1783<br>Surry County, NC | ca 1825<br>Tennessee | Sarah Burrus<br>13 Nov 1811 [MB] |
| 2. [Son] | ca 1785<br>Surry County, NC | | |
| 3. Agnes | ca 1786<br>Surry County, NC | 1860-70<br>Surry County, NC | Jesse Mayes |
| 4. Nancy | ca 1788<br>Surry County, NC | | Hardin Franklin<br>24 Jan 1818 [MB] |
| 5. Elizabeth | ca 1790<br>Surry County, NC | | Jesse Franklin<br>18 Oct 1817 [MB] |
| 6. [Child] | ca 1792<br>Surry County, NC | | |
| 7. [Child] | ca 1794<br>Surry County, NC | | |
| 8. Susannah | ca 1795<br>Surry County, NC | | never married |
| *9. Joseph | 4 Sep 1797<br>Surry County, NC | 1840-50<br>Greene County, IN | Mary ("Polly") Hodges<br>28 Jul 1816 [MB] |
| *10. Catharine J. ("Katie") | 4 Sep 1797<br>Surry County, NC | Mar 1870<br>Jervis Family Cem | George Anderson Jervis |
| 11. Robert R. ("Robin") | ca 1800<br>Surry County, NC | | Nancy Hodges<br>21 Sep 1820 [MB] |

(1) On 20 Dec 1791 Shelton Gentry got a grant of 100 acres on Fisher River from the state (Book D, page 232). He then sold this land for 60 pounds to Benjamin Potter (Book E, page 4). He inherited 75 acres from his father's estate. He wrote his will 9 June 1830, and it is recorded in Book 4, page 68.

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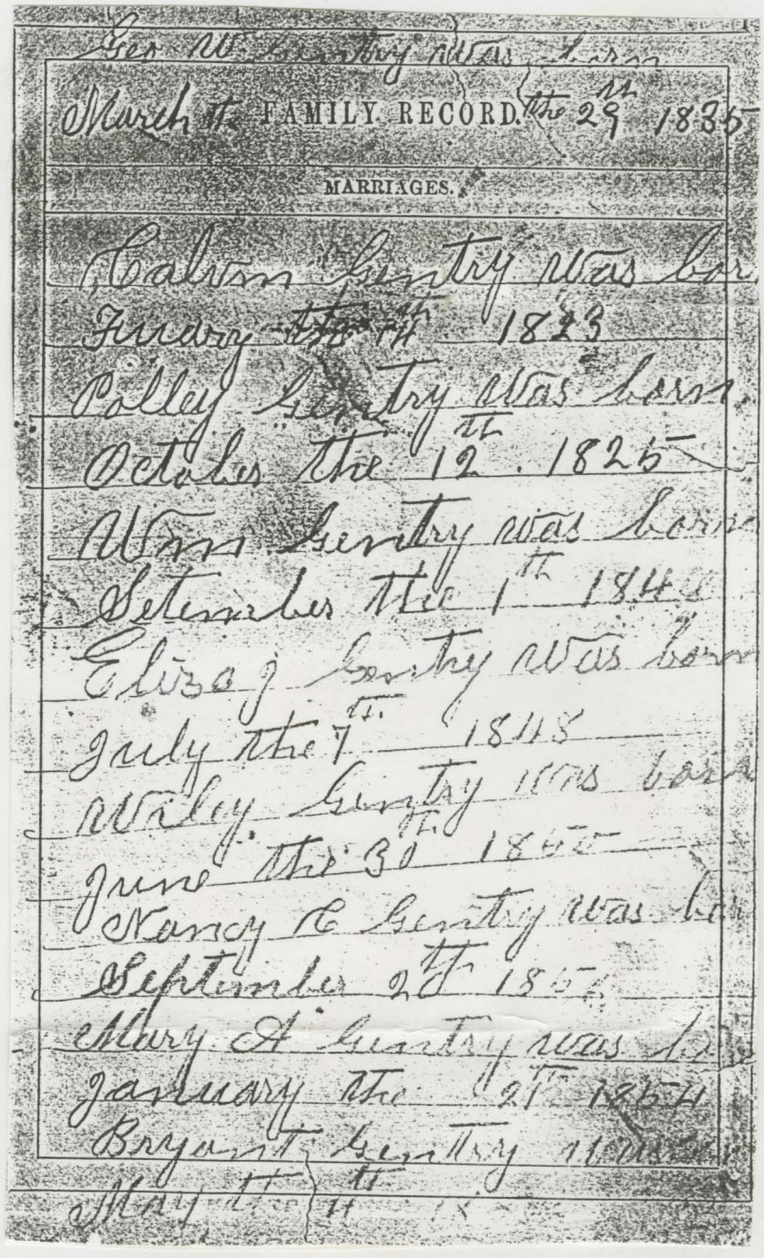
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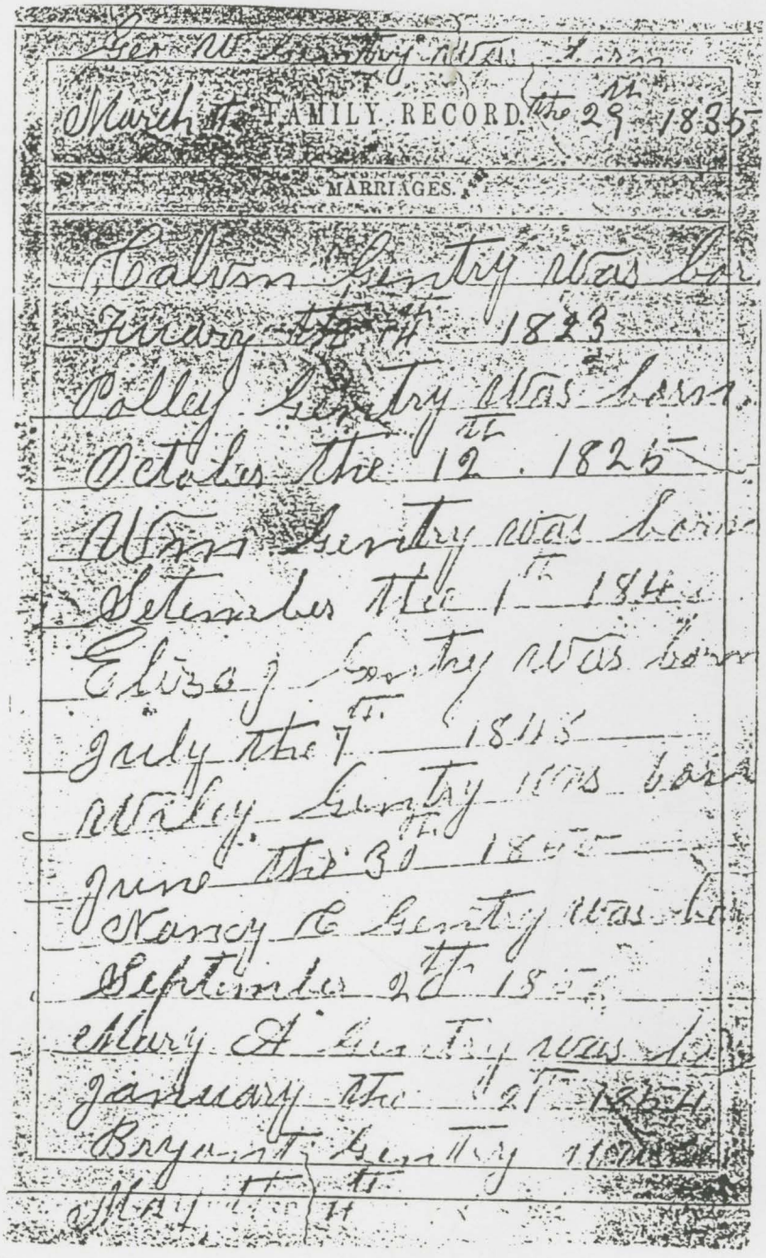
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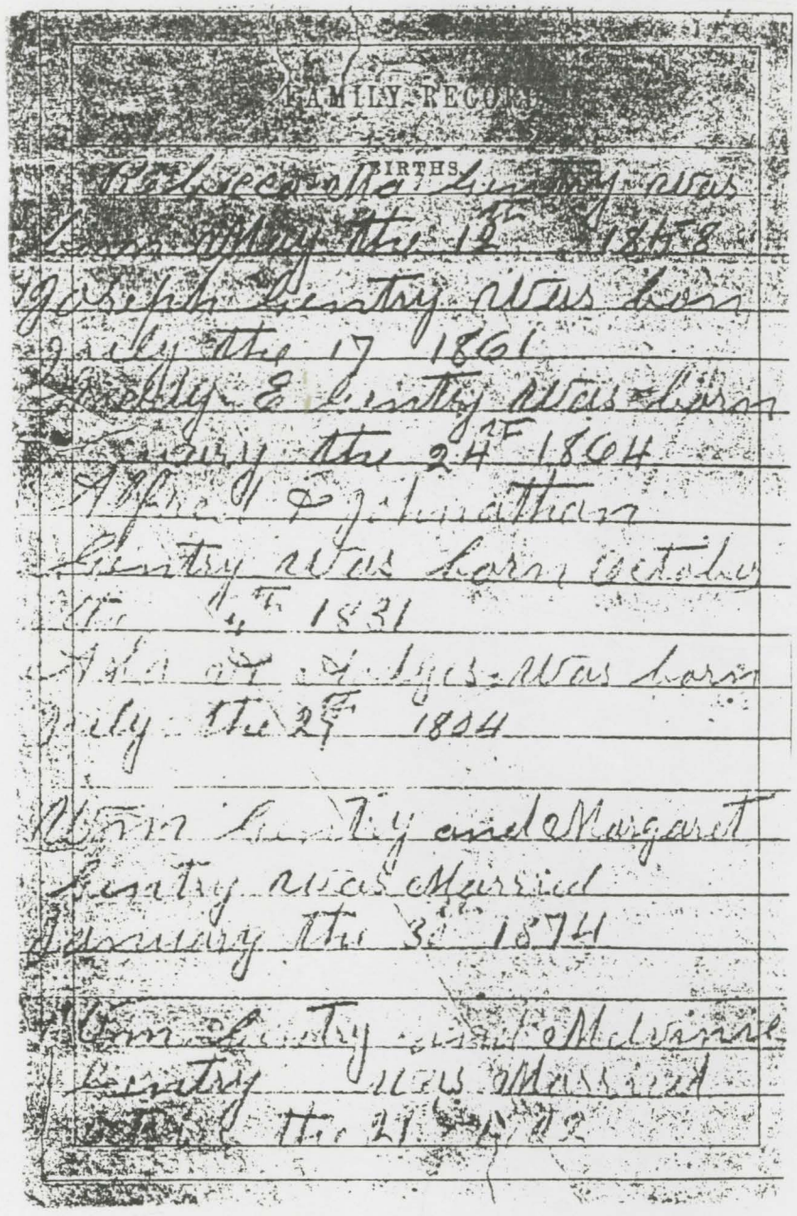
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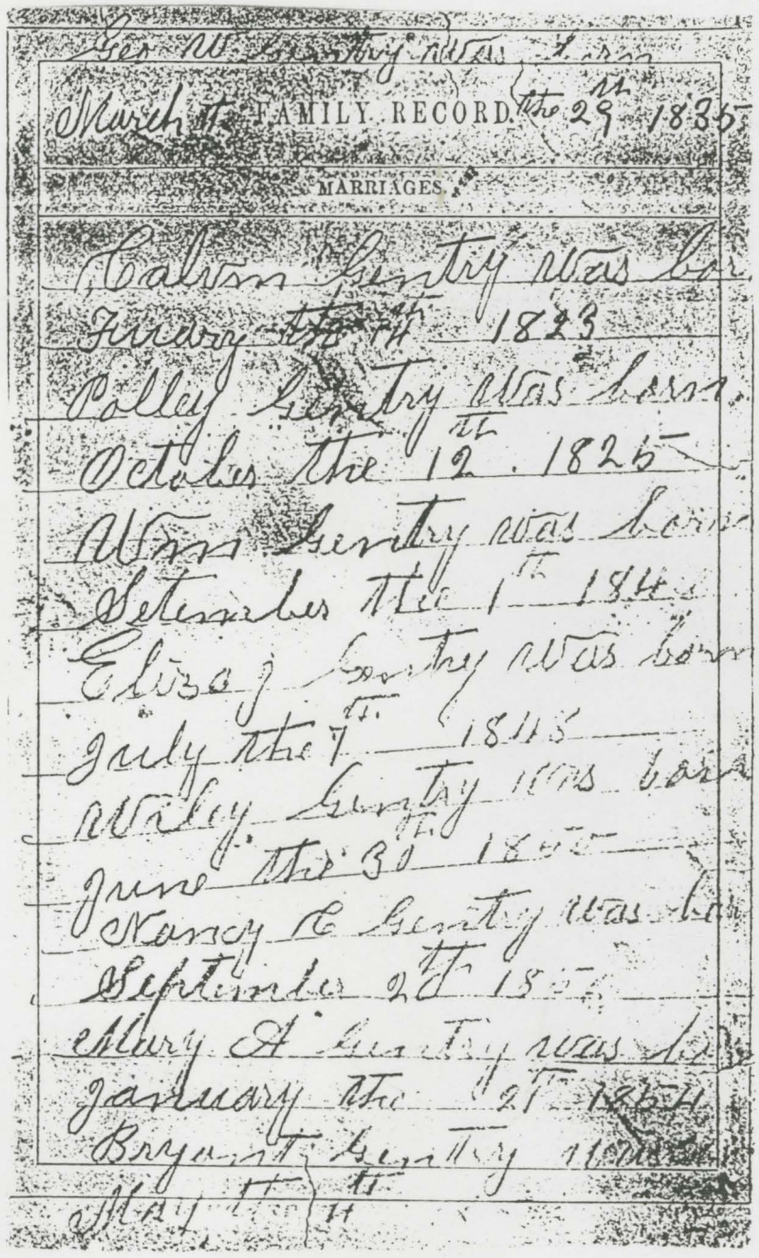
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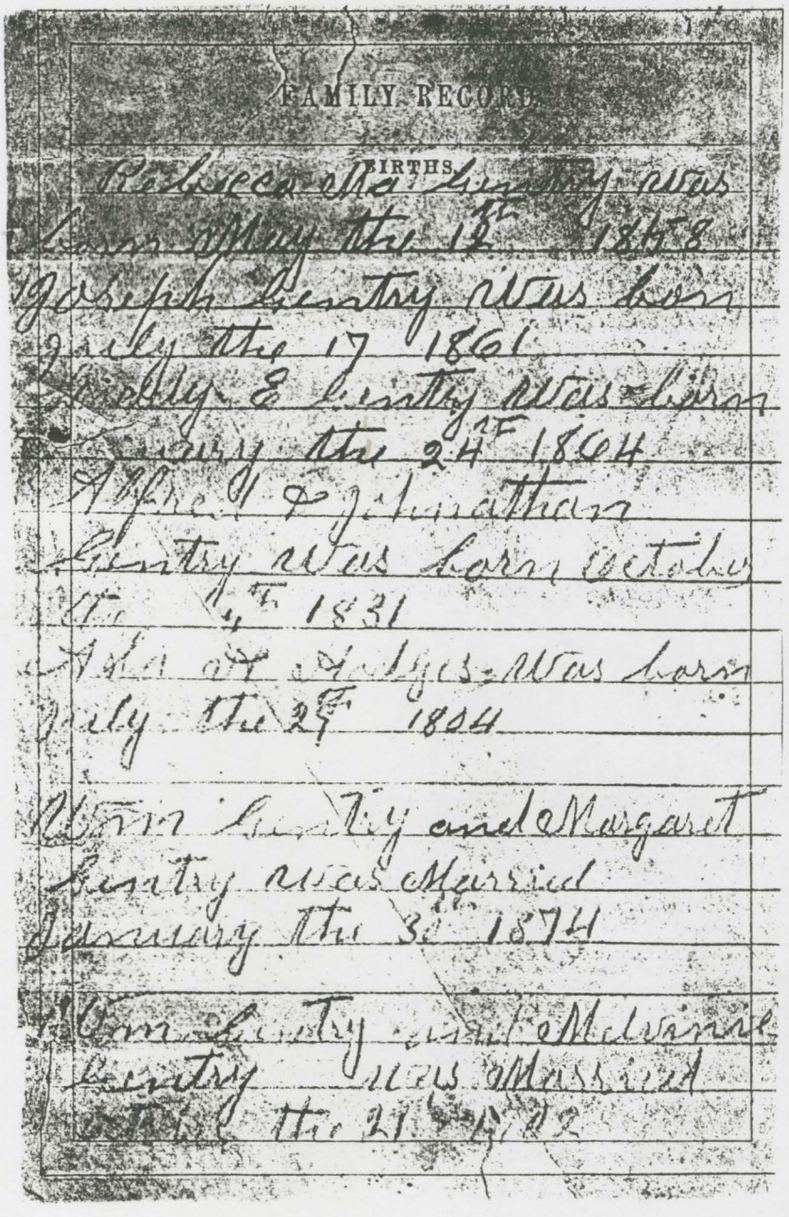
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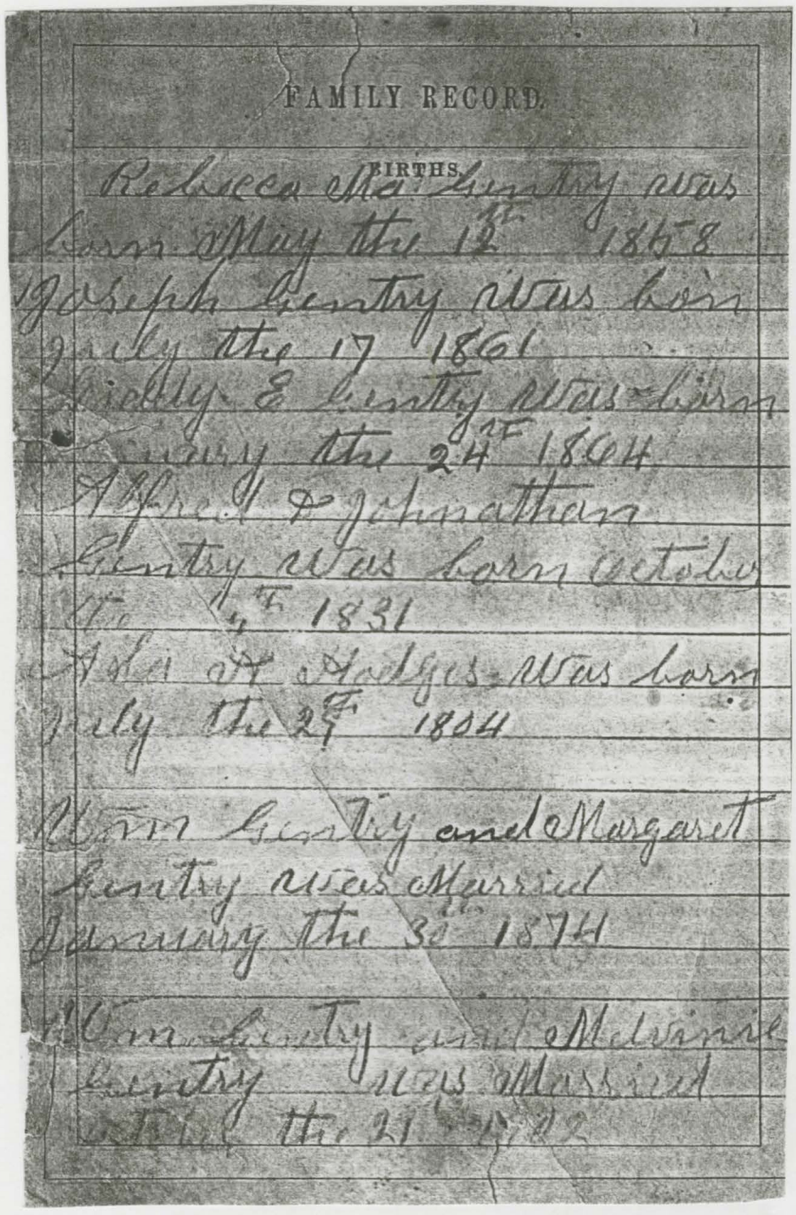
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I will try and comment on the questions in your last couple Gentry Forum communications. Firstly, I have not seen the article about Joseph and Polly Gentry's Bible. I have looked through most of the NC Genealogy Society Journal, but have never seen the Surry Co. journal. Can you send me a summary of what is included in that one article. I have no assurance that Michael was a son of Joseph and Polly, however, his presence in Greene Co., IN with the rest of the family, his place of birth, the age reported in 1850 which matches reasonably well with one of Joseph's sons in previous census records, all point to a strong possibility of this relationship. The fact that his children in 1850 were all born in IN, shows that he moved there some time before 1843.

On the other hand, a very large proportion of the community where he was living in 1850 all came from NC, and a nearby neighbor, Henry Suthard, was probably closely related to Mehala Suthard who married Allen Gentry in 1847 (Allen was Robert Gentry's son). But I don't see any place of Michael as a son of Robert in earlier census records.

James S and Elizabeth Gentry are frankly big question marks in my mind. As you point out the fact that they married Hodges, reinforces the strong Gentry-Hodges ties that were certainly present with Shelton's family. And James was married by Geo. Jervis, JP, who married or witnessed other Shelton-related marriages, for example, the Allen Gentry-Mehala Suthard marriage mentioned before. Set against this is the fact that there were other Gentry - Hodge marriages, particularly in the southern half of the county (now Yadkin Co.), so that is not a determining factor. James and Elizabeth may not necessarily be brother and sister. Elizabeth was married in 1849, and in 1850, Polly Gentry, and Robert Gentry both had Elizabeth Gentrys living with them. James was not married until 1853, so the fact that there was a James Gentry in Polly's family in 1850 would not preclude James being a son of Joseph, but it would be unusual for him to go back to Surry Co. to be married after what was apparently a number of years of living in IN. The James Gentry living with Wm Hodges in 1850 in Surry Co., I would judge was James S.. He could have been a son of Robert though James' age does not match exactly with previous census records. At any rate, I am not prepared to assign any specific relationship to either James or Elizabeth.

* You asked whether Shelton's wife Elizabeth was a Burrus. I have heard this suggested by others, but I do not have any information one way or the other. There is certainly nothing that I know of that would contradict this.

You also asked about Matthew's children as I recall. I have almost nothing on them, other than the few suggestions provided by the previous census records. All of the following proposals are tentative: possibly an older son who might have died and left a widow Celia (age 36) living with George W. in 1850; George W. (age 38), living in Wilkes Co.); Jonathan (age 35),

living in Surry Co.; a son (born 1815-1820) and a daughter (born 1820-1825) whom I cannot identify; and a son Gilbert (age 25), living in Wilkes Co., and with whom Matthew's widow Lizzie (Eliza) was living in 1850.

Bill

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GENTRY

October 8, 1984

Ms. Virginia Phillips
President, Surry County
Genealogical Society
Route 1
Cana, Virginia 24317

Dear Ms. Phillips:

I have been tasked by the members of my family to develop a history of our branch of the Gentry family. Among our prospective direct ancestors are two Gentrys, Joseph and Samuel, who appear to have lived in Surry County during the period 1774 to 1815. In the course of my research, I came across your publication **The Heritage of Surry County North Carolina, Volume I.** On pages 201-202 of that publication, there is a discussion of the ancestry of a Joseph Gentry (Article 257) written by Ms. Ellen Lowman Money which contains information related directly to the ancestral line I am researching (copy enclosed). I am very interested in obtaining more detail on the sources of her information and to obtain as much data as possible on the Joseph and Samuel Gentrys that lived in Surry County.

I understand from a gentleman in the Surry County Register's office (who gave me your name) that you are a genealogical researcher yourself. I am interested in joining the Surry County Genealogical Association (my check for the $10 membership is enclosed) and finding out what research assistance you or the Association can provide to me.

Please let me know what assistance, if any, you or your association can provide. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Charles D Gentry

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married Daniel Vaughn. She is buried in the Gates Family Cemetery.

The only child of William B. and Zilpah Ingram Gates to die as an infant was Napoleon Thomas, born in February 1854. He lived less than two months.

Lucy Ann Gates was born in 1855. She married J. W. "Buck" Childress; they did not have any children. Lucy Ann died in the 1930s and is buried in Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Charles Solomon Gates was born in 1859. He was married three times, first to Eliza Catherine Belton. His second marriage was to Emily Lee Worrell. After Emily died, Charles married Bertha Utt, who like his first two wives preceded him in death. She died in October 1941; he died in December that year with a total of 22 known children. Nine are still living today.

Louisa Virginia Gates was born in 1861 in Patrick County. At the age of 18, she married John Jefferson Jones and moved to Carroll County, Virginia, to live. They were the parents of four children: William Lee, Zilpah Susanah, John Tyler, and Nancy Louisa Jones. Louisa died when she was 29 years old and is buried in the McCraw Family Cemetery.

Jathina Zilpah Gates was born in 1863. She married John Eaton. Their children are as follows: William Tyler, Lou Emma, John Eldridge, Lydia Frances, Sam, Maggie, and Roscoe Eaton. Jathina died four months before her sixtieth birthday.

Tyler Jackson Gates was born in Patrick County, Virginia, in 1866. He married first Nanny Bell Creasy; and they were the parents of these children: Clydie Lou, Lillie "Via", Matthew, Joseph Lee, Virginia Caroline, and Alphie Mae Gates. Clydie Lou and Lillie "Via" Gates both died when they were sixteen. Nanny Bell died in 1918 of the flu. Alphie Mae, who married Gran Gunnell, and Matthew are still living. Tyler Gates' second wife was Ida Boles. Tyler died at the age of 75 and is buried in Korner's Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Martha Jane "Mattie" Gates was born in 1868. She never married.

The tenth child of William B. and Zilpah Ingram Gates was Frances Ruth who was born in 1872. She married Phillip Ewell Belton. They had ten children — Sally Lou, John Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin McKinley, Elcana (Cana), Garland Roosevelt, Essie Etta, Vella Agnes, Acy Abraham, and Lecia Belle Belton. She died at the age of 46 and is buried in the Belton Family Cemetery.

The youngest daughter of William B. and Zilpah Ingram Gates was Statira Adeline born in 1875. She and Michael Washington Noonkester were united in marriage in 1891. Statira died in 1943 and is buried in the Noonkester Family Cemetery.

Sources: Family records; Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association minutes; tombstones; census records; marriage, birth, and death records.

Carol Jean Leonard,
Agnes Mosley Wells,
Verlea Gates Easter,
and Esther Draughn Johnson

## GENTRY-HAMBY FAMILY

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Prior to 1772, Samuel Gentry and three sons, Abednego, Meshach and Shadrack, came from England to Norfolk, Va. (These names are from first Daniel — verse 7). Shadrach settled near Norfolk. Samuel and sons Abednego and Meshach settled in NC and were very large land owners. Samuel Gentry was a cartwright. He built carts and wagons for the Army from 1776 to 1781.

Meshach is the father of Allen Gentry. Allen Gentry is the father of Atha Gentry. Atha is the father of Jordain Gentry (4-27-1823 to 2-9-1879).

Jordain Gentry m. Nancy Adaline Barker (8-29-1831 to 3-3-1901). They are buried at Shoaly Branch Bapt. church. They were originally buried at the homeplace. The road was about to take the graves and the graves of two of their children, Tyre and Addie. They were moved sometime in the early 1930's to the church graveyard.



Rufus Calvin Hamby picture taken while he was in the Civil War.

To Jordain and Nancy were born the following children: Delphia, Tyre, Adaline, Cornelius C., John Sowell and Charlie Gentry. Jordain Gentry had been married before and had a daughter named Rachel who married Jimmie Byrd. She moved to N. Wilkesboro. The rest of the family thought that she had died, and they found out she was still alive. John Sowell went to N. Wilkesboro and finally found her and they were so glad to see each other. That was the last time he ever saw her.

Delphia Gentry m. George Gilliam; Charlie m. Nancy Darnell; Cornelius m. Vicia Luffman, and John Sowell Gentry m. Laura Hamby. Laura Hamby's parents were Rufus Calvin and Nancy Swink Hamby. Her grandparents were Ephram and Elizabeth Money Hamby, and Mike and Polly Went Swink. Mike Swink had land and slaves in Salisbury. When he died he left all his slaves a livable house and land. When Rufus and Nancy came to State Road to live, Fannie, an old colored slave who had been with the family for years, came with them. Laura Hamby remembered the slaves running after them, crying and begging to come with them. The graveyard on State Road is on land left to Laura Hamby Gentry and John Sowell Gentry, by her parents.

The children of Rufus and Nancy Swink Hamby were: Dr. Lee Hamby, Lock, Frank, Laura Gentry, Maggie, Michael, and John. Rufus m. twice. He m. Caroline Young who owned land around Klondike farm and I have been told she gave the land for Grassy Creek Church.

John Sowell Gentry and Laura Hamby were m. Mar. 16, 1886. Their children: Lula R., Rufus Grover, (twin boys — one d. the day it was born and the other the next day), Cornelius Joseph Austin, John Ralph, Stella Louise, and Harvey Bryon Gentry.

Rufus Gentry m. Idelia Tulbert and they had the following children: Mary Marie, Rufus Grover, Jr., George Lee, Minnie, De Witt, Pauline, and Weta Gay. Minnie burned to death in 1917. Idelia d. in 1935 and Rufus m. Ethel George. Marie m. John Edgar Smith who d. in 1940. They had one child Rose Marie. She then m. Charles Clarence Thompson and he d. in 1973. Rose Marie Smith m. Sam Harris and they have three children: Anna Marie, Laura Rose and Rachel. Anna Marie has one child.

Rufus Grover Gentry, Jr., m. Donna Mae Alrick Gentry and they have three children: Gayea, Rufus Grover, III, and James. Rufus Grover, III, d. in 1972. George Lee Gentry m. Mattie Lee Johnson and they have one son, George Lee, Jr., who m. Susan Marie Loveless and they have two children: Nicholas L. and Rhiannon Marie Gentry. Dewitt m. Charles Freeman and they have one son Charles Rick, who m. Joyce Ann Walls and they have one child Kelly Denise. Pauline m. Floyd Roberts. After his death she m. Luther Park. Weta Gay m. Charles Swift Jr. They have one child Sandra Ann, who m. Joseph Randolph Kirby, and they have two children: Brandy Idalia and Joseph Randolph, Jr.

Ralph Gentry m. Martha Parker. They had three children: John Ralph, Jr., Juanita and Paul Gentry. John Ralph, Jr., m. Sarah Kirkley and they have three children: John Ralph, III, Susan and Lisa. John Ralph, III, m. Diana Floyd and they have two children: John Ralph, IV, and Jason. Juanita m. Robert George Willey and they had two sons, James Ralph and Robert George Willey, Jr. James Ralph m. Barbara Jean Carter and they have two children: James Ralph and Amanda. Robert m. Carol Elizabeth Weant. They have three children: David Graham, Edith Elizabeth and Ann. James Paul Gentry m. Bernice Magnun. They had three children: Martha Ann, James Miachel and Paula Marie. Bernice died and he m. Janice Wood. They had two children: Christopher Stephen and Stacy Elizabeth. Martha m. Jimmy Freeman and they have two children: Lori Ann and Marie Dawn. Paula m. James Baxter Pace.

Joseph Austin Gentry m. Eva Bumgardner. They had five children: Elsie Gray, Mary Helen,

Clyde, Thomas Edgar and Anne Josephine. Elsie m. Joe Landon and they had four children: Joe, Jr., Thomas, Jimmy and Barbara. Joe, Jr., is m. and has two children. Helen m. Claude L. Blackburn and they have two children: Larry and Patricia Ann. Clyde m. Marie Butner and they have one child Clyde E., Jr. Thomas m. Clarice Self and they have three children: Victor, Jeffrey and Stephen. Anne m. John Harden O'Neal and they have three children: John, Jr., Cheryl Ann and Brian. John H. O'Neal, Jr., m. Elizabeth Marshall. Joseph Landon, Jr., m. and had two children. Thomas Landon m. and has one child. Clyde, Jr., m. and has three children. Victor Gentry m. and has two children.

Harvey Bryon Gentry m. Lorraine Darnell. They had three children: Jack Leonard, Mildred Lorraine (d. 1938), and Nancy Louise Gentry Scott. Jack is m. and has two children. Nancy is m. and has three children.

Stella Louise Gentry m. Henry Tuell. Henry had been married before and had two sons, Eugene Tuell and McCrea. Eugene m. Betty Jo Umber and they have three children: Shelia Faye and Shelly Gaye (twins) and Marty Eugene. McCrea m. Maybert Martin and they have one child Robin Denise.

Source: Interviews with relatives.

Mrs. John Oneal

## JONATHAN JAMES GENTRY FAMILY

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Jonathan J. Gentry was a Confederate Soldier who enlisted March 18, 1862, Surry County and was a Private in Company A 28th Regiment.

He was married on December 12, 1855 to Rebecca M. Fulks. Their known children were: Mary A., born September 15, 1862, who married Amon Butcher the son of James A. and Elizabeth Melton Butcher. Their known children are Hillard P., Betty Jane and Rose Anne. Mary died on December 3, 1928 and is buried at Gum Orchard Cemetery at Zephyr, NC.

George W., born about 1865, married Sara Ann Snow on September 19, 1889, a daughter of Sanford and Anges Snow of Franklin Township. Marriage records give her age as eighteen at that time.

Francis Marion, born May 30, 1867, married a daughter of Joel R. and Mary Etta Norman Mayes, on March 25, 1889. They had eight children, Marlar Conrad, born May 21, 1890, married Eliza Marsh. Maude, born 1892, died at the age of nine years. Garl Lacy, born April 10, 1894, married Alpha Jane Lawrence. Early Francis, born April 1896, married Zephyr A. Steele. Florence, born 1899, died at the age of two years. Rufus Llewellyn, born August 8, 1901, married Verna A. Boyd. Kimber Nelson, born April 22, 1904, married Jimmie Ann Bates. Pholia McMickle, born July 8, 1907 married Pearl Smith.

A daughter Jane, born about 1866, married James R. Calloway of Grayson County, Virginia on July 25, 1886, and they lived in Virginia with their family.

Alfred B., born about 1869, married Margaret Ann Thompson on December 14, 1890, they moved to Alleghany County near Sparta, NC. Their children were Richard, Stella, Ralph C., Doughton and Nina. After Margaret Ann's death, Alfred B. remarried and had one son by his second wife Pearl, Don Ray Gentry.

Sources: Register of Deeds Office Surry County Courthouse and family informants.

— Annie Lee Gentry

## JOSEPH GENTRY

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On November 1, 1860, Joseph Gentry obtained a license in Surry Co. N.C. to marry Sarah C. (Sally) Fulks d/o Thomas S. and Mary (Polly) (Cockerham) Fulks. The Fulks family was from Carroll Co. Va. Bondsman was Archalaus Vaughn.

Joseph was mustered into Company E, 45th Virginia on May 17, 1862, at Narrows, Va. He was with the Co. in Southwestern Va. and the Shenandoah Valley for most of the war. He was captured March 2, 1865 at Waynesboro, Va. and sent to Prison Camp at Fort Delaware, Del. He was released there June 20, 1865.

In 1888 his widow applied for a pension, stating that Joseph had died in Baltimore, Maryland on June 24, 1865. Apparently Sally never remarried as she was still a Gentry at that time.

Joseph Gentry was my great-grandfather. He was born 25 Jan 1839. As a child, I was told that babies were found under cabbage leaves. Now, where is that cabbage head and can it talk —

Sources: Surry Co., N.C. Marriage Bonds, Carroll Co., Va. Census, Civil War Records.

— Mrs. Virginia Gentry Phillips

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Joseph Gentry was born 17 July 1861 in the Bryan township of Surry County.

His lineage can be traced to Nicholas Gentry of New Kent County, Virginia. According to family traditions, the first Gentrys in America were two young brothers, who came from England as British soldiers and settled in Virginia. To support this, it has been found that Nicholas and Samuel Gentry entered the land in New Kent County, Virginia in 1684. Nicholas and Samuel were British soldiers sent to Virginia by Charles II with some commissioners to settle the controversy between Governor Berkley and the people of Virginia at the time of the Bacon Rebellion in January 1677. These soldiers were paid off and discharged in the fall of 1683. Many of them, however, remained and settled in Virginia.

The records on the early Gentrys are sparse due to destruction by fire, wars, or were lost hence we have not been able to establish complete family records, but it is thought that Nicholas Gentry had six children. They were Joseph, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Mabel, Samuel, and David. The second generation probably began moving from the homeplace when their parents died.

Samuel is found in Louisa County, Virginia in 1742 buying land and helping to build roads as was required of all citizens, of these days, by the government. In 1777 Samuel was listed on the tax list of Caswell County in North Carolina. It is believed that Samuel had six sons, Allen (c. 1725-1802), Joseph (c. 1730-1813), Samuel (c. 1732-1799), Nicholas (c. 1735- ), Richard (c. 1738-1811?), and Simon. Of these six, Joseph, Samuel, Nicholas, and Richard settled in Surry County North Carolina. Joseph and Samuel purchased land in the lower part of Surry County in 1774 (now Yadkin County) and gradually bought more land in an area now part of Surry County.

Samuel had four sons Allen (c. 1750?-1824), Samuel (c. 1750?- ), Nicholas (1768-1858), and Jeremiah. Most of the Gentrys lived near one another and seemed to be a close family; although as the older generation died the brothers began to migrate to other regions.

Allen Gentry, the eldest son of Samuel, moved to Wilkes County in 1800. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had six children; Jonathan (c. 1778-1852), Agnes (1780?- ), Matthew (1782- ), Arthur (c. 1794- ), Mary (1796?- ), and Nathan (1798-1852?). It has been said that Allen was a cartwright during the Revolutionary War. Many times if their occupation was useful they did not serve in the military. Although it is hard to believe that some action was not seen at the homefront or at King's Mountain here in North Carolina. Allen died in 1824 in Wilkes County.

His youngest son Nathan married Rebecca Passmore on 4 May 1821 in Wilkes County. They lived in Wilkes County for several years before moving to Surry County in the Bryan Township some time before 1840. Nathan was a farmer, and lived near his brother Matthew. He and Rebecca had five sons Calvin (1823-1915), William M. (c. 1824- ), Alfred (1830- ?), Jonathan (1832- ?), and George Washington (1836- ?). Nathan died about 1852 (?) and is thought to be buried at Mitchell River Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Calvin Gentry, the eledest son of Nathan, married Mary (Polly) Hodges, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Hodges of Surry County on 10 October 1845. They made their home on Butler's Creek near Mitchell's River. They had nine children William (1847-1938), Eliza Jane (1848-1944), Wiley (1850-1904), Nancy C. (1852-1940), Mary Ann (1855- ?), Briant (died 1856), Rebecca (died 1858), Joseph (1861-1929), and Lydia (1864-1933).

Calvin was a farmer and land owner. He did not fight in the Civil War, but was in the "Home Guard." There he was responsible for seeing that deserters were sent back to the army, for protection of the homefront, foraging for food and supplies for the soldiers in the war.

Stories have been passed down of the Gentry women hiding in the forest when the federal troops came through the area taking with them the farm animals, foodstuffs, and family valuables. These stores also include tales of the wreckage of the home and fields the women found when they returned.

Calvin was a religious man and was ordained as a deacon at Fisher's Gap Baptist Church in 1865.

His youngest son Joseph married Laura

Ellen Alberty on 4 March 1888. She was the daughter of Lemuel and Lucinda Alberty of Surry County. Joseph and Laura lived near Calvin and had a large family of ten. They were, Carrie Ella, Letcher, Bettie, Everette, Elmer, Corbett, Esther, Nannie, and Lee.

Joseph Gentry taught school at nearby Rockford and attended the Mitchell River Primitive Baptist Church. He moved his family to Alleghany County around 1913. Calvin and Mary Gentry went to live with them a few years later. Mary died in 1914 and Calvin in 1915. They are buried at Mountain View Primitive Baptist Church near Glade Valley.

Joseph had a farm and was on the school board for a while. He died in 1929 and is buried also at Mountain View Primitive Baptist Church. Laura stayed at the homeplace and watched her family expand until she died in 1948.

The Gentrys have always been known as good, honest people, and as patriotic and good citizens. They have been religious and largely agricultural, loving their lands and well-providing for their families.

Sources: *The Gentry Family in America* by Richard Gentry (1909). *Fisher River Primitive Baptist Church* by Jesse A. Ashburn, tombstones, census and public records, personal friends and relatives, and the private collection of Ellen Money.

— Ellen Lowman Money



J. Sam and Minnie Ruth Gentry in 1976.

## THE JOSEPH SAMUEL GENTRY FAMILY

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Joseph Samuel Gentry was born at Thurmond, in Wilkes County, on September 29, 1913. He is one of five children of the late Jonathan Newton and Sarah DeJournette Gentry. His early education was at Peach Orchard Elementary and later Roaring Gap Elementary Schools where his mother was a teacher. She taught for forty years in the Wilkes County Schools.

Sam attended Mountain Park Institue and was graduated from Elkin High School in 1930. As a Phi Beta Kappa student, he received the AB Degree from UNC in 1934 and the MA Degree in School Administration there in 1940. He did additional graduate work at Duke University, UNC-Greensboro, and Appalachian State University.

His entire professional career, spanning forty-two years, as teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent, has been in the Surry County School System: he was teacher and coach at Dobson High School in 1934-1935; Principal of Mountain Park High School, 1935-1945; Principal of Dobson High School, 1945-1955; and Superintendent of Surry County Schools from 1955-1976.

During his tenure as superintendent, the eleven high schools were consolidated into three comprehensive high schools that are now accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The peaceful integration of schools was achieved in 1965. Three bond issues were passed, and a number of modern buildings were constructed throughout the county.

Other areas in which he has served include: the Surry County Library Board (four years); Surry County Board of Public Welfare (six years); Surry County Board of Health (twenty years); Director of Surry County Loan and Trust Company (ten years); Director of the Northwestern Bank (twenty years); Dobson Town Commissioners (six years); Charter President of the Dobson Lions Club; President of the Surry County School Masters Club; President of the Surry County Unit of North Carolina Education Association; President of Northwest District Superintendents Association, and Chairman of the Board of Deacons and superintendent of the Sunday School at Dobson Baptist Church.

The J. Sam Gentry Middle School was named in his honor.

Joseph Samuel Gentry and Minnie Ruth McNeil of Elkin were married on July 10, 1948. She was the daughter of Claude Ackle and Daisy Hayes McNeill of Elkin. She was graduated from Elkin High School and Meredith College. Her teaching career includes thrity-six years: twenty-seven as a classroom teacher in Wilkes County, Elkin and Dobson and nine years as elementary supervisor in the Surry County School System. She is a life member of the North Carolina Association of Educators; a member of the Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Teachers Society; and a member of the Jonathan Hunt Chapter of the DAR.

Sam and Minnie Ruth have two children; Sam Gentry, Jr., and Ruth Ann Gentry Rigaud.

Sam Gentry, Jr., was graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1975 with a BS Degree in Accounting, and from UNC-Law School in 1978 with a Juris Doctorate Degree. He is a licensed attorney, a Certified Public Accountant and is employed in an accounting firm in Mount Airy. Sam and Nancy Susan Hamlin of Dobson were married August 5, 1978. Susan is a graduate of Meredith College with a BS Degree in Music and from UNC-Greensboro with a MA D in Music Education. She teaches Music E tion in Surry County. They live in Mount

Ruth Ann Gentry married Robert Jo Rigaud of High Point on February 14, 1 She was graduated from UNC-Greensbo 1980 with a BA Degree in Sociolog works with Senior Citizens in a Day Care ter. Bob attended Guilford Technical Ins and Roberto-Venn School of Luthie Phoenix, Arizona. He is self-employed live in Greensboro.

Since retirement in 1976, Sam and M Ruth Gentry have continued to live in Dob They are members of the First Baptist Cr and have remained active in local, county state activities. They have traveled extens in the United States, Canada and Europe

Sources: Family Bibles, family records and pe knowledge.

— Ruth Ann Gentry Ri and Joseph Samuel Gentry

## GILLESPIE-BRYAN FAMIL

(1) Elijah Galaspy (Gillespie) b. 1747, w Surry Co. probably before 1772 as his n appears on 1772 tax list. (2) He married Rabun and they were the parents of ten dren. Sary, Dorothy, Thankful, Dyly, Rabun (Tyre), Alexander, Mary Parish, bacah, Elijah, Mehaly. Spelling of childr names are as they appear in family Bible

(3) Elijah and Tyre R. are mentioned newspaper article, published Jan. 3, 189 being two of the few persons to own a wa and team of horses during the 1840s. T hauled grain for other farmers for a portio the crop. (4) Tyre R. Galaspy m 1st. Sarah Carter and 2nd Mary (Polly) Riggs. (5) Tyre had a sister Dorothy (Patsy) who m. Archit Tucker and lived near Mt. Airy. They had

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QUERY IN MAY, 1971 Bulletin

Dear Mrs. Hayes:

This will reply to your letter of recent date and in which you enclosed my 1971 membership card to the "GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE "ORIGINAL" WILKES COUNTY". My five Generation family chart is enclosed as complete as I can get it at this time.

My First GENTRY ancestor that I have records on was ARTHUR GENTRY, also known as Atha GENTRY, was born 1756 in Surry Co., N. C.-- It is my opinion that ATHA GENTRY, listed on the 1790 Census, Salisbury District, Surry Co., N. C. with 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16, and 3 females is this same Arthur Gentry. The two sons were ALLEN & DANIEL, and 2 daughters were Rebecca & Tabitha, and his wife, her name is unknown.

It is also my opinon that ARTHIR GENTRY, Also known as Arthur Gentry, listed on the 1800 Census of Surry County, N.C. with 2 males to 10 years, 1 male of 16 & under 26, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 2 females to 10 years, 1 female 10 to 26, and 1 female of 26 & under 45 is this same Arthur GENTRY. 1 male name unknown, 1 male Daniel, b 1789, a son, Allen, b ca 1783-84, 2 daughters Rebecca, b. 1786, Tabitha, Winnifred, and his wife, name unknown.

By 1810 I find ARTHUR GENTRY in Pendleton District, Anderson Co., S.C., where he remained the rest of his life, the last census he was listed on was the 1850 Census of Anderson County, S. C., which shows him to be 94 years of age, born in N.C.. His will is on file and was probated in 1851.

It is interesting to note that on the 1790 Census of the Salisbury District, Surry Co., N.C. the following GENTRYS WERE LISTED:

Richard Gentry — 4 free white males over 17 and 2 free white females.
Allen Gentry — 1 male over 16, 3 under 16, and 5 females. (This appears to be Jerry Gentry's, one of your Society Members decendant)
Richard Gentry - 2 males over 16, 1 under 16 & 3 females.
Lucy Gentry - 2 females
Claburn Gentry - 1 male over 16, 1 under 16, and 3 females.
Samuel Gentry - 2 males over 16, 5 under 16, and 3 females, plus 1 slave.
Joseph Gentry - 2 males over 16, 1 under 16 & 4 females, plus 3 slaves. This Joseph Gentry had the following children: Shelton, Lemuel, Anne, Judith, Sarah, and Lousana.
Shelton Gentry - 1 male over 16, 2 under 16, and 3 females.
Atha Gentry - mentioned above.....

No doubt ATHA (ARTHUR) GENTRY was related to some of these Gentry's, which one is any one's guess. There was a SAMUEL GENTRY IN SURRY COUNTY, prior to 1809, was married 3 times, and had the following children: James, Mathew, Joseph, Agnes, George, Arthur, Thomas, Shelton, who was a baptist preacher, had a son Jesse, & Samuel, who had a son, Allen. Samuel Gentry, the Father, was also a baptist preacher. This Samuel died in Kentucky.

The 1800 Census of Surry Co., N. C. list the following Gentry's:

Meshack Gentry, his father was Allen A. Gentry, b. Halifax Co., Va. ca 1730. Meshack was born ca 1761 in Va. This family lived on South Side of the Yadkin river, now yadkin County.

John Gentry - 1 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 and under 45, 2 females to 10 years and 1 female of 26 & under 45.

William Gentry - 1 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 and under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 1 female of 26 and under 45.

Nicholas Gentry - 4 male to 10 years, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 1female

of 26 & under 45.

Richard Gentry, b 12-27-1755 - 1 male over 45, 1 female of 26 & under 45, and 1 female ov
45.

Simon Gentry - 2 males to 10 years, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 1 female of 26 & under 45.

Samuel Gentry - 4 males to 10 years, 1 male of 10 and under 16, 1 male over 45, 3 females to 10 years, 2 females of 10 years and under 16, 2 females of 26 and under 45. (this appears to bke the same SAMUEL GENTRY, THE PREACHER, in the 1790 Census)

Arthie GENTRY.....one previously mentioned in this letter.

Shelton Gentry - 2 males to 10 years, 1 male of 10 & under 16, 1 male of 26 & under 45, 1 female to 10 years, 2 females of 10 and under 16, & 1 female of 26 & under 45.

Joseph Gentry - 1 male of 10 years & under 16, 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45.

Matthew Gentry - 2 males of 10 years, 1 male of 26 and under 45, 1 female of 26 and under 45.

In the 1810 Census of Surry Co., I find:

Shelton Gentry - 2 males under 10, 2 males of 10 and under 16, 1 male of 16 and under 26, 1x male of 45 and upward, 2 females under 10, 1 female of 10 to 16, 1 female of 16 and under 26, 1 female over 45.

Joseph Gentry - 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45, and 2 slaves.

I would hope that some of the decendants of these family who no doubt are still in North Carolina could and would enlighten me on who is who.

I have no doubt that my GENTRY line of decent was from either of the two immigrant Brothers, NICHOLAS OR SAMUEL, who first settled in New Kent County, Va. in 1683. I don't know which one. Nicholas children were: Joseph, b. 1685, Elizabeth, b. 1687, Nicholas Gentry II, b. 1697, Mabel Gentry, b. 1702, Samuel Gentry, b. 1704, James, b.1706, had sons John,William,Joseph George, & David. David, b. 1708 Va., m. Sarah Brooks.

Samuel Gentry's children were: Peter --, perhaps James.

My ARTHUR GENTRY appears to have been of the 4th Generation from the Immigrants.

If there are any part of this you wish to publish in the Publication, you may do so.... Some one might give me a clue....

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Walker

Gentry, Annie

**IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL FRIEND AND GENEALOGICAL MEMBER**

**ANNIE LEE HAMBY GENTRY**



Mrs. Annie Lee Hamby Gentry, age 94 of State Road, passed away Monday, September 11, 2017, at the Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home. She was born October 20, 1922 in Wake County to the late Claude M. and Annie Mary Lucy Nixon Harris. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Robert Andrew Hamby and Woodrow Gentry and her daughter, Annie Kathleen Hamby. Mrs. Gentry worked as a book keeper, was a member of Mountain Park Baptist Church, an avid gardener, a member of the Surry County Genealogical Association, a member of DAR, and loved making baskets. She is survived by her daughters, Linda and Fred Swanson and Bonnie Osborne (the late Webb Osborne); her son, Frank and Kathy Hamby, stepsons, Frankie Gentry and Johnny and Nancy Gentry; her brother, Fred Harris, eight grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and a special friend, Emily Southard. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 2-3 PM at Mountain Park Baptist Church. The service will follow at 3:00 in the church with Rev. Russell Nixon officiating. Burial will follow in Mountain Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home, 945 Zephyr Road, Dobson, NC 27017 or to Mountain Park Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 358 Zephyr Mountain Park Road, State Road, NC 28676. (Obituary from The Mount Airy News)

## Memories of a Good Friend

The **BEST** friends in Mountain Park High School in the late 1930s were Annie Lee Harris and Emily Holder. We had a lot in common such as Art, Coloring, and Crafts. I named the school news journal "Parkian" and Annie Lee drew the "Gym" for the front cover.

Later on in school came the fun times, for Annie Lee and I were looking for suitable boy friends. In 1941 we both found our mates and we married the same day, not knowing about the other until later as we had "no phones." In 1944 Annie Lee's husband was away at war. She was a strong wonderful Christian lady. Her community loved her and had great respect for her. And so did I.

Annie Lee married the famous Mountain Park ball play Andrew Hamby. And I married a neighbor Garvey Southard who was a Chatham worker.

At the beginning of the Surry County Genealogical Association (SCGA) meetings, the first meeting was at Jo and Don Adams home. Annie Lee and I attended. Boy, did we like the meeting and the people attending. Thirty-five years later we are still members. We never missed the meetings. At the monthly meetings later held at Surry Community College in Dobson, we sat next to each other in case one or the other didn't hear what was being said. We would "whisper" to each other so we both could understand.

One summer a bus tour was scheduled for Roanoke Island. Annie Lee, Jo Adams and I (Emily) rode along to see the beach drama "The Lost Colony." We shared the same motel room just as we shared each monthly meeting of SCGA.

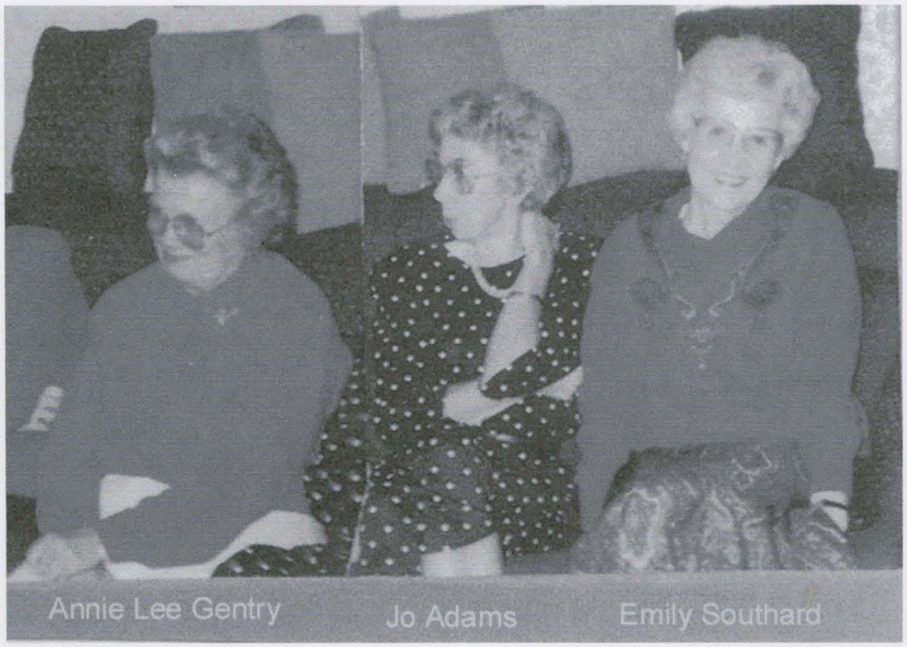
Our friend "Jo" and also a member of SCGA left us first. We all missed "Jo" so much when she passed. She was a willing worker at all times.

Annie Lee worked in the Surry County Veterans Administration Office in Dobson, NC. Mr. Nixon had Annie Lee doing research for him. Soon her library at home grew and grew. She and I worked on many projects, one we really enjoyed was doing research on cemeteries. She would type up the information and then share it with me.

Annie Lee has a <u>beautiful family</u> who cared for their mother in ways she taught them--loving, giving and helping each other. She was loved, and her every need was taken care of. Daughter Bonnie made sure Annie Lee had the best meals and on a regular schedule. Bonnie was the third child. Annie Lee's mother Mrs. Annie Harris gave the child to me. She told Annie Lee "We don't need that child" you can give her to Emily. She needs her, and with two already we don't. "That's why I claim Bonnie as mine."

Annie Lee will not be forgotten and I will treasure her friendship forever. "Best Friends" for this period of time are hard to find.

Your Best Friend,
Emily Holder Southard


Annie Lee Gentry
Jo Adams
Emily Southard


Emily Southard
Lessie Brindle
Annie Lee Gentry

## More Memories of Annie Lee Hamby Gentry

Annie Lee Gentry was so friendly and kind to everyone in SCGA. She also was happy to help in any way that she could for the betterment of the association. She had been a member of SCGA for 36 years. She served on the cemetery committee in 1982 and 1983. In 1985 she was Librarian along with her friend Emily. In 1987 and 1988 she served as President and friend Emily was Secretary (always helping each other). In 1990 Annie Lee was Secretary and in 1991 and 1992 she and Emily were Corresponding Secretary. Those were in the early days of SCGA when the association was just getting organized and volunteers such as these two friends were eager to help. Annie Lee had that special smile when she saw a friend or member of SGCA. We will always remember the special lady she was and what she meant to our group. (Wilma Hiatt)

Annie Lee was president of SCGA. She was a good researcher and love to come to our meetings. The families she researched were Nixon, Harris, Wolfe, Gentry, Calloway, Norman, Wilmoth, and Hamby. (Esther Johnson)

I thought the world of Annie Lee. Jim Cockerham and I went to visit her at her home many times. She was a very special person. (Judy Cardwell)

In the late 1980s, I attended a genealogy class taught by Mr. Carlos Surratt and subsequently became a member of the Surry County Genealogical Association. It was at one of their meetings that I met friends, Annie Lee Gentry and Emily Southard. Annie Lee and Emily "lived" genealogy—they knew all about many generations of their families and generously shared their knowledge. They were eager to teach anyone how to do research and helped locate cemeteries for relatives of people from out of town. Both contributed to SCGA by serving as officers and donating books and research material for family files. Annie Lee is missed greatly, but will be remembered for her happy disposition and her infectious laughter. (Ann Stewart)