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REVELS--Surry

Two Revels brothers migrated from Robeson Co., NC, in 1848, along with Cornelius OXENDINE and possibly others; anyway they're the only two men of Lumbee descent to have remained in Surry. It seems during the 1860s-70s the family had a chance of passing for white--several were counted as white in 1870 --but by the 1880s they appear to have identified more heavily with the black community, and in the 1900 census all are listed as black.

I. **Jordan Revels.** Listed in 1850-N as b. c1794, mulatto with wife Polly (c1796, nee BRYANT) and children; listed in 1860 as b. c1793, a mulatto tenant worth (\$36), with wife Polly (c1796) and children; counted in Rockford Twp. in 1870 as b. c1796, mulatto, with wife Mary (c1796) and children.

1?. Jane, m. 1846 in Robeson Co., NC, to Neil Oxendine. They followed the Revelses to Surry. "Cornelius" Oxendine is listed in 1850-N as b. c1822, a mulatto laborer with wife Ann (c1829) and ch. Emson (c1846), John (c1848). In 1860 he's listed as "Neil," b. c1820, worth \$250-\$75, heading a mulatto family with wife Jane (c1826) and ch. Simpson (c1845), John (c1847), Silas (c1849), Alexander (c1852), Sarah (c1856), Hannah (c1858). Not in 1870 ff.

2. Margaret, b. c1837/38, with parents in 1850-60; not in 1870, but in 1880 as b. c1835 in h/o her son William. Listed in 1900 as b. c1832, a "widow," black cook & servant in Shoals Twp., h/o Samuel Scott. In 1881 in Pilot Twp., correctly naming her parents and giving her age as 45, Margaret married Jake Joyce, age 52, s/o Ned & Pheba--but she appears under her maiden name in the 1900 census and also applied for Cherokee money in 1908 under the Revels name.

a. William, b. c1856, with grandparents in 1870; m. 1878 to Flora Hines. Counted in 1880 as b. c1858, mulatto, with wife Flora A. (c1857) and child, also mother Margaret.

i. James J., b. Aug 1879. He's probably the "Jess" Revels, b. 1879, in Mt. Airy in 1900, boarding in h/o W.H. Brown and working in one of the tobacco factories.

b. Millia, b. c1861, with grandparents in 1870.

c. Wesley, b. c1863, with grandparents in 1870.

3. John, b. c1840, with parents in 1850-60. As "free blacks" he and brother Colin enlisted in the CSA army on 5 June 1861, John as a drummer and Colin as a fifer--Co. H, 21st Regt. NC. There's no further record of John, but Colin fought at Winchester and Gettysburg.

4. William Colin "Colin," b. c1843/42, with parents in 1850-60. Counted as white in Rockford Twp. in 1870, b. c1840, with wife Caroline (c1845) and children. In 1880 as "Coleman," b. c1840, with wife Matilda (c1848) and ch. Listed in Pilot Twp. in 1900 as William C. Revels, b. 1838, with wife Caroline (b. 1847 VA; m. 34 years, 8-5 children), two children and grandsons Admire Revels (1887) and James L. Dobson (1890). As "William Coleman Revels," he applied for Cherokee money in 1908, saying that he was b. 29 May 1838 in Robeson. According to his death cert (DR 1:220), William Coleman Revels died in 1915 in Pilot Twp.; the DR names

his parents and gives his race as "Indian descent." He was buried at Pilot Mountain ME church. In 1916 his widow, Caroline, age 70, of Pilot Mountain P.O., applied for a survivor's CW pension.³¹

- a. Lucy, b. c1864, with parents in 1870; in 1880 as "Louisa," b. c1863.
 - b. Ann, b. c1866, with parents in 1870; in 1880 as "Mariah," b. c1866.
 - c. Alice, b. c1868/69, with parents in 1870-80.
 - d. James, b. c1874, possibly the James W. who m. 1892 to Nora Evans.
 - e. Charles G. (Charlie), b. c1875, m. 1901 in Yadkin to Susan SAWYERS (d/o Joseph & Louisa). Applied for Cherokee money in 1908. According to his death cert., he died in 1958 in Surry and was buried at Benbow Chapel AMEZ in Yadkin Co. His first wife, Susie J. SAWYERS (d/o Joseph & Louisa), 1881-1918, was also buried at Benbow Chapel. His second wife, Nettie W., survived him. Rev. C.C. Revels of Winston-Salem [his son?] was the informant on his death cert.
 - f. David M., b. c1878. Listed in 1880 as a black servant in h/o James H. Flinchum, Long Hill Twp. Applied for Cherokee money in 1908. He died in 1926 (DR 12:319), age about 48, listed as "Black," widowed (dead wife's name given as Pearley)--bur. Pilot Mountain city cem.
 - g. Ollie H., with parents in 1900, listed as b. 1879 but probably 1880 is accurate.
 - h. Bertha C., b. 1883, with parents in 1900.
4. James, b. c1858, with parents in 1860.
 5. Martha, b. c1860, with parents in 1860.

II. **Elias Revels.** His marriage--in 1844 to Amelia BLANKS--was recorded in Robeson. Listed in 1850-N as b. c1817, a mulatto laborer with wife Emily (c1827) and children; listed in 1860 as b. c1814, a mulatto laborer with wife Emily (c1824) and children; counted in Rockford Twp. in 1870, b. c1810, with wife Emily (c1827) and children--counted as white on the population schedule, although his daughter Susannah's death, counted on the mortality schedule, lists her as mulatto. Counted in 1880 as b. c1815, mulatto, with wife Emily (c1825) and younger ch. In 1900, Emily is listed as black in Mt. Airy town in h/o Riley Jarvis (her son-in-law), b. 1829.

1. Susannah, b. c1845/46, with family in 1850; in 1860 nearby as a mulatto servant in h/o Adam Marion; d. Feb 1870 of dropsy.
2. Amos, b. c1848, with parents in 1850; listed in 1860 w/parents and also separately as mulatto in h/o Joseph H. Hutson. Not in 1870? but in 1880 as b. c1851, with brother Archibald, no family, mulattoes. Counted in 1900 in Shoals Twp. as b. 1847, with wife Mitty (b. 1866, m. 15, 9-5 ch.) and children. Applied

³¹She claimed that his service was in Co. E, 53rd Regt. NC; she received a pension, although I have no explanation for the difference in his supposed unit of service. Her name was apparently Matilda Caroline Pace--identified as "Matilda Pace" on son David's death cert, and as "Caroline Paste" on son Charlie's.

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- a. John W., b. 1882. Applied for Cherokee money in 1908.
- b. Laura A., b. 1886.
- c. Henry Snow, b. 1892.
- d. Rosella, b. 1896.
- e. Florence, b. 1900.

3. Malissa, b. 1849, with parents in 1850 (as "Mary") and 1860 (as "Liz"), also double-listed as a mulatto servant in 1860 in h/o Joseph H. Hutson (as "Malissa"); m. 1866 (as "Lissa") to Peter PACE.

4. John, b. c1851, with parents in 1860-70; m. 1873 to Nancy WARDEN (d/o Isaiah & Perlina qv). Counted in 1880 as b. c1854, mulatto, with wife Nannie (c1856) and ch.

- a. Mary, b. c1876.
- b. John, b. c1877.
- c. Thomas, b. c1879.
- d?. Caroline, giving her age as 18 and naming her parents J.H. & Annie, m. 1897 in Surry to Walter Doss, age 21, s/o Gabe & Fannie.

5. Reddin, b. c1853/54, with parents in 1860-70; m. 1880 to Elizabeth Bachelor (b. c1862, d/o William & Mima, from Yadkin Co.). Counted in 1880 as b. c1856, with wife Liza (c1862), mwy. Listed in 1910 in Shoals Twp. as b. c1846, with wife Julia (c1872) and children.

- a. "Beatrice," b. c1895. The death cert says Onzia B., 1895-1923, bur. Stony Ridge Presbyterian--leaving wife Bertha; gives mother's name as Elizabeth Bratcher.
- b. Lois, b. c1898.
- c. Major Leroy, b. c1900, d. 1969 in Surry (DR).
- d. Raymond, b. c1905.
- e. Elizabeth, b. 1908.
- f. Richard, 1911-15, bur. Stony Ridge; death cert (DR 1:279) gives mother's name as Julia E. Barker.

6. Rose/Rosa, b. c1855/56, with parents in 1860-70, m. 1877 in Yadkin to "Rial M." (Riley) Jarvis (s/o Robert Badgett by Vicy Gilmore). Living in Mt. Airy in 1900, when Riley Jarvis (b. 1845) is working at the granite quarry; Rosa (c1857) is at home with children David (1878), Buck (1880), Lula (1883), and Dalt (1886).

7. Archibald C. (Arch), b. c1858, with parents in 1860-70, living with brother Amos in 1880; m. 1) 1881 in Yadkin to Laura Williams (d/o Milly), 2) 1888 in Surry to Bettie Cockerham (b. c1867, d/o Jesse)--Siloam Twp.

8. Henry Green, b. c1862/61, with parents in 1870-80, m. 1885 in Yadkin to Malicia Jarvis (d/o Riley & Caroline). Listed in Shoals Twp. in 1900 as Henry Revels, b. 1861, with wife Mabin? (1873; m. 14, 8-8 ch.) and children, near his brother Amos. Children: Pate E. (1886), Lenora E. (1888), Nelly C. (1892), Halty M. (1894), Royster (1896), Julius (1897), Odell (1898), Robert (1900). In Shoals in 1910 as Henry S. Revels, b. c1851, widowed, with daughter Cordie J. (c1896).

Melissa Revels, 1872-1914, d/o Riley Jarvis, was buried at Christian Hope church in Shoals Twp. (Surry DR).

9. Dollie, b. c1865, with parents in 1870-80; m. 1881 to Benjamin Beck, age 21.

10. Lucy, b. c1867, with parents in 1870.

11. Emily, b. c1868, with parents in 1870.

12. Mack G., b. c1871, with parents in 1880; m. 1896 to Ruth Bradshaw (b. c1880, d/o William & Ellen). Listed in Shoals Twp. in 1910 as b. c1863, with wife Laura A. (c1874) and son Samuel (c1898).

?? Willis G., b. c1864, with /grandparents/ in 1880.