

From the files of Judy S. Cardwell:

1847 Oct 8 - Surry Co., NC - Will of **John Garner**: In the name of God Amen, I **John Garner** of the State of North Carolina Surry County being of sound and perfect mind and memory bless be to God do this eighth day of October in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty seven make ordain and publish this my last will & testament in manner and form as follow that is to say I give and bequeath unto my beloved **wife Amy Garner** the tract of Land on which I now live containing 56 acres with all the improvements thereon and after the death of my wife or intermarring with another man then it is my will and desire that my **son William Garner** shall have the aforesaid tracts of land free and clear of all manner of claims whatsoever I also give to my wife Amy Garner one choice horse and saddle one choice bed furniture & clothing sufficient for the same, one choice cow as her own right and property. 2nd I give and bequeath to my **daughter Lydia Garner** one bed bedstead and furniture, I also give to my **two sons William Garner and Francis Garner** one bed bedstead and furniture each and all the remainder of my personal property I give to my **wife Amy Garner** so long as she shall live my widow and after the death or Intermarring of my wife with another man, then it is my will that it shall be sold and the money arising therefore to be divided as follows: first I wish my **daughter Lydia** to have fifty dollars, and the balance equally divided between my **Children William Garner, Francis Garner and Lydia Garner**. I think that I have money enough owing to me to pay all my just debts, which I wish my Executor who is hereinafter named to collect and apply accordingly and if there should be any surplus there to be paid to interest by my executor my **daughter Lydia Garner** shall arrive to the age of twenty one years and then to be equally divided between my **Children William Garner, Francis Garner and Lydia Garner**. 3rd I give and bequeath to my **son Francis Garner** my tract of land know by the name of **Clingman Tracts** supposed be contain 200 acres of land. I also give to my **son William Garner** one hundred acres of land to be taken off the **Henry E. Garner** tracts by running a line north & south as is to that line one hundred acres on the west side of said tract and the remaining part of said tract of land I give to my daughter Lydia Garner and further it is my will that my **wife Amy Garner** remain in possession and enjoy the benefits rents & profits of all the above mentioned Land entitled my **children William, Francis and Lydia** shall arrive or attain the age of Twenty one years. And I do hereby make and ordain my **worthy friend T. C. Hauser** and my **wife Amy Garner** my Executor and Executrix to this my last will and Testament let my hand and seal the day and year above written Signed sealed published and declared by **John Garner** the testator as his last Will & testament in presence of us who ware present at the signing and sealing thereof.

John Garner SEAL

Wm. Hawkins, Elizabeth C. Wilkins

Will Probated November 1850

Gamer Family

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Surry County Genealogical Association
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Dear Socitey Members,

Conducting family history research is a life long labor of love, for many amateur and professional genealogists. The lives of our ancestors are intimately woven into the fabric of the history of the United States, and the World. The growth of nations is recorded in the history of our families.

I have become a detective, historian, dipomat and a great snoop. I have also learned the valve of patience and perseverance. I really hope that this searching for family roots will set up a solid foundation for furture generations who will also want to go back and search their own roots.

I would be extremely grateful if you could offer your help. Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

In your great store of historical information on Surry County, do you have information concerning the following questions. Answers to the following questions would help me greatly.

It is my understanding that the following family members once lived in your county, on the dates following their names.

1. The Surry County, North Carolina Tax list for 1785, lists the following people. Is there a compiled family history on the following ?

Captain Wiles District

Henry Garner, with one poll and no land.

possible son of John Garner, Sr.

Does it show any family members ?

In Captain Atwoods District

Henry Garner, 1 white poll and 260 acres on Ducthman Creek.

(can you tell me what a poll is ?)

Can you tell who Henry Garner's parents are and what happen to his son William Garner.

*Will of John Garner in Rowan Co.
a son John, Wm., & Jacob deceased by
brothers to Henry*

2. Surry will book 4 page 308 : Shows the following

Will of John Garner

Written : October 8, 1847 : Probated November _____, 1850

The will lists :

Wife -Amy, gets 154 acres where I now live.

Son - William gets 100 acres off the Henry E. Garner tract

Daughter : Lydia ?

Son: Francis gets 200 acres off Clingman tract.

Exector : William Hawkins, Elizabeth C Wilkins

Can you tell me who John Garners parents are and where they are from and what happen to his son William ?

Is there a family history on William that shows names of his children ?

Is there a family history on Francis that shows names of his children ?

3. John Garner : June 9, 1838

William Garner : December 6, 1797

John Garner : December 23, 1798

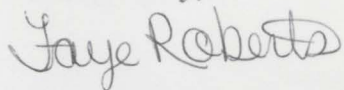
Jacob Garner : November 20, 1798

In your records is there a compiled family history that refers to the above gentlemen and their families ?

Can you suggest names and address's of any resident in your area who may be interested in exchanging information about the above family members ?

If these records are not in your files. Can you tell me where I may be able to find them? I will gladly pay any fee which you may charge for a search of your records, I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your reply, which I hope to have at your convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Faye Roberts". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

Faye Roberts

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
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May 6, 1998

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Thank you for your letter postmarked April 6, 1998 regarding the Garner family. You ask several questions that we are unable to answer. However, we are sending you some information found in various books and records of Surry County. We did not have information on this family in our file. We suggest you write Jacqueline F. Strickland who submitted several Garner family histories for our book "The Heritage of Surry County," Volume II. We believe she can help you with your Garner line. You might wish to purchase this book. Information is enclosed.

Henry Garner could possibly be the son of John Garner, Sr. Will of John Garner, Sr. in Rowan Co. written in 1824 and probated in 1825, lists wife Margaret Sigler (widow of Jacob Sigler), deceased sons John, William and Jacob's heirs (deceased by 1824), Benjamin Garner, Henry E. Garner, and son Burges Garner; daughters, Elnora Miller and Liddy Wiles. (This information came from one of the family histories printed in the Heritage Book.)

You ask what a poll was. There appears to be different laws for different years. Men had to pay poll tax if they were a taxable age (about 21 to 50). If he had a son of taxable age in his household, he would have to pay poll tax for that son. If he had blacks in his household (age about 12-60), he must pay poll tax on them. Even if a man did not own land and he was of taxable age, he had to pay a poll tax. That's about all we can tell you. We need to do more research on poll tax.

We wish we could help you more with proof on your Garner line. However, if you feel we can help you further please let us hear from you.

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Research Committee

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May 26, 1999

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Your letter to the Surry County Historical Society dated April 29, 1999 was forward to our association in Dobson. We are returning your check made out to the Historical Society for \$10. There is a Surry County Historical Society located in Mount Airy, NC which is near Dobson.

We did not find any information on Vincent Garner Sr. and only the marriage bond on Vincent Garner, Jr. to Suzannah Howard 21 Mar 1793 in Surry Co. was found. For a certified copy of the bond you will need to write the Surry County Register of Deeds, P. O. Box 303, Dobson, NC 27017 (336-401-8150). A xerox copy is only 25 cents per page. You will need to check with them on the charge for a certified copy. Vincent Garner, Jr. was not found in the 1800 Surry Co. census.

North Carolina did not keep birth and death records until 1913. North Carolina only had census records for 1784-1787 and 1790. Vincent Garner was not found.

You will need to write the Department of Cultural Resources, Archives and Records Section, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807 for a certified copy of the will for Michael Baker. Ask for the will in Book I:83 for Surry County dated 9-1-1776. A brother Moses and sons Moses and James are named in the will. Also ask for his estate records dated 1779. Original wills on Christian (1782), Henry (1788) and Michael Baker (1776), all from Surry Co., are at the archives in Raleigh.

Moses and Obediah Baker are found in the 1790 Surry County census records. Moses had nine in his household. We do not know if this was Michael's son or brother Moses. Probably his brother with that many in the household. Michael Baker was shown in Surry Co. on their List of Taxables in 1771 (2), 1774 (3), and 1775 (4). Michael Baker's children are named in Surry County Deed Book F:63 dated 14 Oct 1794. The deed states that they are heirs and legatees of Michael and all of Kentucky and they have authorized brother Moses to sell tract of land in Surry whereon Michael Baker died. Surry County Deed Book F:164 dated 5 Dec 1794 is a deed from Moses Baker to William Dowling. You can order these from the Register of Deeds address listed above.

These are a few things that we found. We are sorry that we cannot help with parents of Michael Baker and Vincent Garner Sr. We did see that Michael Baker had a brother Moses Baker

and Moses Baker, Junr. entered 150 acres of land in Surry Co. beginning at Michael Baker's S line running down the creek to the Poplar Branch then up the branch for quantity - Dec. 30,

1778. So Moses Junr would be the son of a Moses. Perhaps Michael Baker's father was Moses Baker.

We are sending you a brochure regarding our association. We publish four quarterly journals a year. The journals are well worth the membership fee of \$15. You might wish to send a query for our journal and surname cards for our file. Information is enclosed.

If you feel we can be of further help please write us at the above address. We welcome any information (such as family group sheets or pedigree charts) for our family files that have Surry County connections. Good luck with your research.

Research Committee

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April 29, 1999

Surry County Historical Society
Dobson, NC 27017

To Whom It May Concern:

I would appreciate help on information on the following:

Certified Copies

VINCENT GARNER (B @1745)

marriage bond

Will - *not Surry*

Death index

Census 1780 - *not listed in NC 1784-1787*

Was he in the Revolutionary War?

Anything that might show his father and where he came from
in Virginia

VINCENT GARNER, JR.

Marriage bond to Suzannah Howard 3-21-1793

- *Surry*

MICHAEL BAKER

Marriage bond

1776 Death certificate

- died Surry

Will - *I:83 Surry 9-1-1776 - Brother Moses & sons*

1770 census - *not in NC 1784-1787 or 1790* *Moses & James*

Anything that might show his father and where he came from.

1779 Estate Record - father possibly Moses from Edgemore Co. NC where he died

I am enclosing \$10 to expedite research. Any other monies owing will be remitted immediately upon receipt.

1772 List of Taxables (2)

1774 " " (3)

1775 " " (4)

Thank you very much,

Judith Brigham

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SC, NC will abstracts

Michael Baker
Will I:83 - Seed Thomas Baker to Michael Baker 1771

- 8 - children named in SCDB F:63 140 Oct. 1794 (all of Kentucky) heirs & legatees.
9 - authorized Moses ~~his~~ brother to sell tract of land in Surry whereon Michael died
14 - SCDB F:164 5 Dec 1794 Moses Baker to Wm Dowling
70 - Christian, Henry & Michael Baker orig. wills at Archives

Surry County Historical Society
Dorson, NC 27817

To Whom It May Concern:

I would appreciate help on information on the following:

Certified Copies

Will of Michael Baker (1771)

Will of Thomas Baker (1771)

Death index
County 1780 - not listed in NC 1780-1789

Was he in the Revolutionary War?
Anything that might show his father and where he came from
in Virginia

Marriage bond to Susannah Howard 7-21-1793

VINCENT GARNER, JR.

MICHAEL BAKER

Marriage bond

1776 Death certificate

Will - I:123 2 Aug 1776 - 1776

1770 census - not in NC 1780-1789

Anything that might show his father and where he came from

1771 State Census - 1771

Any other records showing will be returned immediately upon

1771 list of subscribers (2)

1774 " (2)

1775 " (4)

Thank you very much
J. Edgar
J. Edgar

file

GARNER FAMILY

Minutes of Ante-bellum Rock Creek Baptist Church, Wilkes Co. →

ITAL ~~Minutes of the Rock Creek Baptist Church~~, found in the
George W. Paschal History of North Carolina Baptists, Vol. 2,
1955 reveal Elder William GARNER; Sary wife; John A. GARNER;
Thomas and wife Juley A. were received by letter in the church
on Aug 11, 1860. The letter of William Daniel GARNER was
received by Sep 2, 1860. Members of the church were received
by 'experience' and 'recantation' and then in 'fellowship'.

As recorded in the minutes of the church on "Novem
secon Satturday 1860...brother John GARNER stated he was not
in fellowship with brother Joel Sootes..he stated brother Sootes
had sed I had told a ly for saying I saw him stole Bro Hanes
wheat or go thru the motion of toling. again Brother J.A.
Garner charged Brother Sootes with taking corn that was not
his own. Brother Sootes denied these charges.

The lack of 'fellowship' among the members of the church
remained strained between Brother GARNER and SOOTES. On "Jan
Second Satturday 1861 Bro Joel Sootes stated he was not in
fellowship with bro John Garner on account of sum charges he
had made against him.....Then Elder Wm. Garner brought a Charge
against Elder H. Cheak and Bro Joel Sootes... Charges ruled
out...adjurned.

"Feb Secont Sattruday 1861 Bro Joel Sootes not in fellowship
with bro J.A. Garner. Again Bro. Sootes stated he could not
fellowship Bro. Wm Garner. Still unsettled..John Brewer, Clerk.

"Mar 2 Satturday 1861 Bro John Brewer not in f'ship with
Bro. J.A. Garner. Bro John Brewer charged Bro J.A. Garner with

*Edited
Cut out Church
minutes*

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speaking reproachfull language to him. Bro Garner confest & asked to be forgiven & they forgave him. Cald on clerk to read last meatting he dun it and it was contrdicted by Bro Wm. Garner & Bro J.A. Garner and the case between Bro Wm. Garner & Bro Joel Sootes is still unsettled refered to next meatting.

"April Secent Stturday 1861 Proceedings of last meatting was red and contrdicted by Bro William Garner. Church agreed to take up case against Bro Wm Garner & act on it. Bro Wm. Garner protested against acts of the church as he had dun for past three meattings and this Bro William Garner unfellowshipt the church and withdrawd from it he William Garner was asked if he wished his protest recorded he answerd yes against a part of the church. The Church said record his protest from the beginning and it is dun. Then sum verry hard sayings came from J.A. Garner which caused other hard sayings. After sum conversation and that verry rough by J.A. Garner he with drew his fellowship from the church & walked ambishuly out at the dore. J.A. Garner was excluded from the fellowwhip of the church for his disorderly conduct.

"May Secent Satturday 1861 Elder William Garner unfellowshipped for his hard sayings & disorderly conduct.

"June Second Satturday Bro Ambrose Wiles caled for letter of dismission for himself & wife granted.

"July 2nd Satturday 1861 more letters of dismission granted, Bro Jesse Caudill not granted letter.

"Aug second Satturday 1861 William Garner came forward by recantation and was not recived. differences still unsettled.

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"August 22 Thursday 1861 William Garner came forward again by recantation & from acknowledgement he made to church was received in fellowship again.

"Dec 2 Satturday 1861 Membership had dwindled & two Bros were apointed to cite Bro Thomas Garner & wife to atten next neatting & show cause if any why they dont fill ther seates;

"Jan 2 Satturday 1862 Sermont deliverd by Wm. Garner; Bro Andrew Sootes was reported for taking a rawhyde from Bro Cauthen without leave & selling it; the church thought the case a verry bad one if true....; then John A. Garner came forward by recantation & was not received by the church then adjurned.

"April 2 Saturday 1862 Then Bro Thomas Garner and wife caled for a leter of dismission it was granted..."

Possibly the differences which had arisen among members in the Rock Creek Baptist Church between 'Novem Secont Satturday' 1860 and April 2 Saturday 1862 began to pale (as the War Between the States escalated,

Reverend William GARNER and his sons Hillary "Thomas" and John Angel chose to serve in the Confederate Army.

On 12 May 1862 H. T. GARNER left 315 acres of land on Rock Creek to Julia Ann, his wife, and personal property to his three sons. The will was read April 22, 1863. An account of his death says Hillary "Thomas" was taken prisoner by the 'Yankees', and trying to escape while being moved to a prison camp, he jumped from a train and broke his neck. His wife, Julia Ann (GRAY) GARNER married 1865 (2) James M. JARVIS and reared ten children. William Dniel GARNER the third son of Reverend William

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joined the Confederacy August 19⁸63 for the duration of the War.

ital Sources: History of North Carolina Baptist Churches,
George Paschal, 1955; Confederate Records; Wilkes Co. Marriages;
Federal Census Records.

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