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Shubal md. Anna (surname believed to be Clark) and moved to Wilkes Co. in the Pleasant Hill, Cool Springs area. For details on Shubal Burcham see Burchams of Wilkes and Surry by Jerry Q. Gentry.

The daughter of John Burcham, Sr., Mary Burcham md. John Hiatt and moved to Indiana. Ann Burcham md. James Ritter; Elizabeth Burcham md. Joseph Ballard; Isabel Burcham md. Amafiah Beeson; Susannah Burcham md. Lazarus Denny and Sarah Burcham md. William Fletcher.

Sources: Jerry Gentry's book mentioned above; Surry deeds, marriage and wills; Hinshaws Quaker Genealogy.

Legram Wesley Burcham and Celia Ann Smith Burcham



Bircham (Burcham) Ancestry

Seeking information on direct descendants of Bettie Burcham (dob about 1815) and her husband (name unknown). Bettie arrived in Carroll County, Va. around 1860 with her three children: James William "Bill" Burcham (dob May 1853), Nancy Burcham (dob 1849), and Turk or Tuck Burcham (dob unknown).

*update:
Husband
was
Wm. Burcham*

Bettie's son, James William "Bill" Burcham married Savilda Alice Gwynn James on 3/26/1876 in Carroll County. They had the following children: 1) Aaron Fulton Burcham who married Mary Webb in 1908. Fulton is my grandfather and he changed the spelling of Burcham to Bircham in the 1900's. 2) Mary Elizabeth Burcham married Mac Lafayette Harrison in 1896. 3) Edna Burcham married G. D. Meredith in 1913, 4) Rosella Burcham - unknown who she married 5) Ida Burcham married W. Robert Williamson in 1907, 6) Savilda Francis Burcham married Martin S. Gwynn in 1914, 7) Rhoda Burcham married John W. McMillian in 1908, and 8) Hilliary Burcham married Macy Smith in 1900.

Drury T. Burcham - 1851

Nancy Burcham, sister to "Bill" Burcham married John J. Gwynn in Carrol County on 9/2/1866. Interesting to note that Bill and Nancy married brother and sister (Alice and John Gwynn -decendants of to Aaron and Mariah Gwynn of Carrol County. Nancy and John Gwynn had two children born in Carrol County: 1) Elliot Washington Gwynn (dob 11/25/1872/ died 6/26/56) and 2) Alexander Gwynn. Elliot married Rebecca McMillian and they had 4 sons. Raleigh, Claude, Marion, and Fondrow Gwynn. Fondrow Gwynn married Rilla Meritt and they had three children: Jimmie, Eugene, and Polly Ann. These children probably lived in or around the Mt. Airy, N. C. area. Elliot, Raleigh, and Fondrow are buried at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Fancy Gap Road, Mt. Airy, N.C. Raleigh Gwynn married Thelman Bowman in 1946 and is believed to have two stepsons: Roy and Jr. Tate. I have no information on Alexander Gwynn.

Tuck or Turk Burcham, brother to "Bill" appears to have gone "west" and made his fortune. It is unknown whether he married. Records indicate one Tucker Burcham married Malinda Landreth in Wythe County. They had one child by the name of Montaque Burcham in Bland County in 1872. Tucker left his family in Wythe County to travel...Montaque Burcham lived in the Ft. Chiswell area with his wife, Mary Pierce Bell and their ten children. To date, I have been unable to determine if, in fact, this individual is Bill Burcham's sibling.

*update:
Real name
was Drury
T. Burcham*

I have been unable to make a connection with the Burcham clan of Crooked Creek even though my grandfather and great grandfather lived in fancy Gap, Va. in the 1900's.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Contact bbircham@aol.com or M. L. Bircham, 13809 Deer Run Court, Midlothian, Virginia 23112
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THE COMING TO IOWA FROM VIRGINIA

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Written by Charles S. Green
Armour, South Dakota, 4 July 1921

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Thy years were few thy virtues many
They are not only recorded on this Pershing Stone
But in the Book of Life
And Hearts of thy afflicted Friends.
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Husband: Henry Levi Burcham

Born: January 01, 1774 in:
 Married: May 24, 1794 in: Surry Co. NC
 Died: 1854 in: Carroll County, VA
 Father: John Burcham
 Mother: Roseanna Swearingen
 Other Spouses:

Wife: Nancy Denny

Born: April 20, 1773 in:
 Died: 1857 in: Carroll County, VA
 Father: William Denny
 Mother: Rebecca Hooper
 Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1	Name: Mary Polly Burcham Born: December 28, 1794	in:
F	Married: Died: May 21, 1889 Spouse:	in: in: Carroll County, VA
2	Name: Sarah Sally Burcham Born: June 20, 1797	in:
F	Married: September 17, 1823 Died: December 13, 1854 Spouse: Joshua Stoneman	in: Grayson Co. VA in:
3	Name: Burden Burcham Born: January 01, 1801	in:
M	Married: 1818 Died: January 05, 1863 Spouses: Eleanor Edwards, Eleanor Edwards	in: in:
4	Name: Kesiah Burcham Born: May 18, 1803	in:
F	Married: Died: Spouse: Abner Vaughn	in: in: in:
5	Name: Rueben Levi Burcham Born: September 10, 1805	in: Carroll Co. VA
M	Married: April 22, 1823 Died: April 09, 1879 Spouse: Nancy Wheeler	in: Grayson Co. VA in: Illinois
6	Name: William Allen Burcham Born: May 16, 1807	in:
M	Married: May 15, 1823 Died: Abt. 1842 Spouse: Eleanor Fanny Spence	in: Grayson Co. VA in: Tazewell Co. VA
7	Name: Anne Cecila Burcham Born: September 20, 1809	in:
F	Married: June 21, 1832 Died: August 20, 1881 Spouse: Amos Amburn	in: Grayson Co. VA in: Carroll County, VA
8	Name: Rebecca Burcham Born: June 19, 1812	in:
F	Married: Died: Spouse: Charles J. Wheeler	in: in: in:

Carolyn W. Spence
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9	Name: John Easley Burcham Born: April 03, 1818 Married: August 31, 1837 Died: May 22, 1895 Spouse: Mahala Smith	in: Surry Co. NC in: Surry Co. NC in: Carroll County, VA
10	Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse:	in: in: in:
11	Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse:	in: in: in:
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**Families have a way of being known
and important — today . . .**



and then fading into the past!



**Fewer and fewer details are left in our memories
until suddenly . . .**



there is nothing left!



29 April 1993

TO WHOMEVER CAN HELP ME:

I am wondering if there is a COUNTY HISTORY book that has been written that might include reference of some of our ancestors???? We hope to visit the area this fall, but can't wait to check this out.

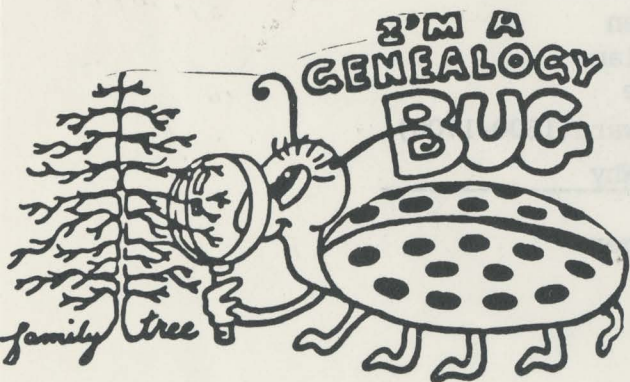
One ancestor is, JAMES RITTER & his wife, VIOLET (BURCHAM) RITTER. They lived in Sunny Co. in late 1700's & early 1800's. The son Moses left ca 1817. His mother, Violet (Burcham) RITTER left ca 1817, & I think most of the children must have moved with her. But, would be interested if any genealogical info there re: the names of RITTER & BURCHAM. I am quite certain they were Quakers. m. 2 May 1803

Other family names in Sunny Co. & who married there, were JOSEPH FRIEND & Ellenden, or Eleanor, MATTSON. Any family records on history re: these two surnames?

Enclosed is a SASE for cost if anything available re: these surnames.

HOPEFULLY,

Nadine Britton



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May 28, 1998

Surrey County Genealogy Society
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Respectfully yours.

Wanda Burcham Sweaney

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SASE

John Burcham, Jr. b. ca. 1762, son of John & Roseanna Burcham, Sr.
Book covers mostly son Shubel Burcham, son of John Sr.
write Gentry

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
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June 24, 1998

Wanda Sweaney
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Thank you for your letter dated May 28, 1998 regarding the Burcham family.

Jery Q. Gentry has published a book, "Burchams of Wilkes and Surry County of NC." He has done a lot of research on many families. We suggest you write Jerry at 123 Columbus Lane, Elkin, NC 28621. He is always very helpful to researchers.

We did not have information on John Burcham and wife Hanna in our files. There was a John Burcham, Jr. born ca. 1762, son of John and Roseanna Burcham, Sr. We are not sure if this is the same John Burcham you mentioned in your letter that was born in VA in 1765. Jerry's book appears to cover mostly John Burcham, Sr.'s son Shuble Burcham.

John Burcham, Sr.'s will (3:105a) 4 Sep 1811 is on file in Surry Co. However, their early will books have been sent to the state archives. If you would like a copy, write the Department of Cultural Resources, Archives and Records Section, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

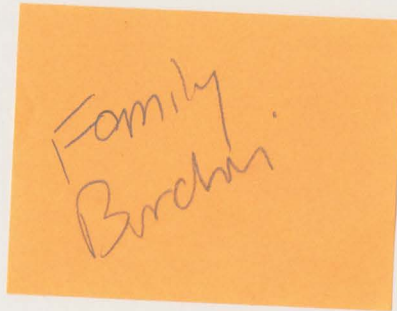
If you feel we can help you further, please write again. Good luck with your research.

WA
Research Committee

Enclosures

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ANDREW KINCANNON

Andrew Kincannon was born 1744 at York, PA to **James Francis Kincannon** (1708-1795) of Ireland and wife **Elizabeth**. The family moved to Washington Co., VA in 1769. Andrew had brothers **James and Francis** and a sister **Mary**.

Andrew served at Kings Mountain and received over 3000 acres of land for his service, some of it in Kentucky. But he came to Tom's Creek at the behest of the State of North Carolina to operate several iron mines and set up a forge. He ran this business for about 40 years and offered employment to many people through the years.

He died in 1829 and the forge, mill and land was sold to Peter Simmons.

Andrew Kincannon married Catherine McDonald. Nine children: Mary b. 1771 md. John Wright; Francis Kincannon b. 1775; Sarah b. 1777; Andrew b. 1780; Matthew b. 1782 md. Surry; George b. 1785; Elizabeth b. 1788 and William b. 1791. Most of these children moved west. James returned to Washington Co., VA. Elizabeth married Joseph Armstrong and remained in Surry.

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BANNER FAMILY

Henry Banner (ca1727-1789) settled near Germanton when it was Rowan County ca. 1751. He was near the Moravians at Bethabara and often stayed at the stockade there as protection from the Indians.

Henry Banner's first land grant from Lord Granville listed him as a planter. His will was written in Surry County in 1776 and was probated in Stokes County, March 1790. Listed are:

Wife Eleanor Martin(ca 1730-1789), and children:

1. Joseph(1749-1838) m. 1771 Sarah McAnally.
2. Ephraim(1753-1838) m.1771 first Sarah Martin and m. 1793 second Elizabeth Hartgrove. ✓
3. Benjamin(1753-1840) m. Sarah Clayton
4. Charity(1764-1817) m.1780 John Clayton.

Also mentioned is Eleanor Banner, daughter of Rachel McKoin (alias McGown), arrives at age 18. Eleanor's relationship to Henry Banner is unknown.

Joseph had a son named Charles Banner (1773-1867) who served in the NC Legislature. Charles had sons John(1801-1888) and Elisha(1811-1868). John moved to Surry County near Mount Airy in 1859 and bought a farm on the Ararat River. His plantation became known as Bannertown. Elisha also moved to Mount Airy and married Mary Eliza Moore. His home on S. Main was used as a tavern and stagecoach stop.

("For details see Story 48 in The Heritage of Surry County, Volume I, and Moravian Records, Volume I.")

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HAUSER FAMILY

Martin Hauser brought his family to the area in the early 1750s and settled near the Yadkin in what became the Bethania community of Rowan, then Surry, then Stokes, then Forsyth Counties. He joined the Moravian Church there in 1760 and is buried there. He was reportedly Alsatian and lived in Pennsylvania before coming to North Carolina. He left a will probated in January 1762. DAR records list his family.

Martin Hauser married Maria Margaret Schaefer. Four sons are listed in DAR records.

1. Johan George Hauser b. 18 Feb 1730 Conshocken, PA d. 28 Feb 1801 Stokes Co., NC md.(1)1753 Anna Margaretha Elrod, 1736-1775, md.(2) 1777 Barbara Diez, a widow, 12 children.

2. Michael Hauser b. 29 Sep 1731 Berkiana River, PA d. 24 Apr 1789 Stokes md. Anna Cunigunda Fiscus, 1734-1807, 10 children.

3. Martin Hauser, Jr. b. 16 Oct 1733 Skippack Twp, PA d. 9 Nov 1794 Bethania, Stokes Co., buried Bethania, md. 1760 Susannah Maria Kessler 2 Jul 1735-6 Aug 1817, buried Salem Moravian Cemetery, 8 children.

4. George Peter Hauser b. 30 May 1740 Cowago, PA d. 21 Mar 1802 Stokes Co. md. York Co.,PA Maria Elizabeth Spainhour b. 26 Feb 1746, 9 children.

(Names of children and spouses and Rev. Service may be found p. 58-61 in Early Families of the North Carolina Counties of Rockingham and Stokes With Revolutionary Service Vol. 2.)

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SAMUEL RIGGS

Samuel Riggs came to Surry in the late 1760s and settled in the beautiful Mitchell River Valley at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

He received a grant and later purchased land nearby. There he built the necessary buildings for his plantation including a grist mill. He set out trees for orchards as mentioned in his will.

Samuel is listed on Surry County's first tax list in 1771. He served on juries and was one of the commissioners chosen to establish the boundary between Surry, Rowan and Wilkes Counties in 1778.

He was too old to serve in the army but there are three pay vouchers showing he contributed supplies and clothing to the Patriot Army during the Revolution.

Samuel Riggs wrote his will in 1798, Surry Will Book 3 p. 36. He died in 1800. His wife Elizabeth survived him by ten years. It is believed that they are buried on his plantation. The will lists his children:

Lott Riggs b. ca 1750 d. ca 1813, m. Margaret "Peggy" surname believed to have been Ross. (See Lott Rigg's story in Surry Heritage Book, Vol. II.) Silas Riggs b. ca 1752, d. ca 1835, never married.
Zadoc Riggs b. 4 Jan 1754, m. Sarah Scott in Surry 1775. They moved to Boone Co., Missouri. Sarah and her brother, John Scott, were the children of James Scott and Keziah Terry Scott.

Chloe Riggs m. John Scott in 1778 at Surry. They moved to Lincoln Co., KY by 1798. In 1807 they were in Washington Co., KY, where he died in January 1811. John Scott was also one of the commissioners in Surry Co. to lay the boundary of the Surry, Wilkes, Rowan County lines. He also had pay vouchers for contributions to the Patriot Army. About 1823 Chloe moved with her son, James Scott, and about one hundred other extended family members to Tazewell Co., Illinois. Chloe died there in 1852.

Eunice Riggs m. John Lasswell, no information. Iram Riggs is said to have moved to Rock Castle, KY. Elizabeth Riggs m. Henry Snow, moved to GA. Abigail Riggs m. Obadiah Snow. They remained in Surry Co. Mary Riggs m. Ezekiel Wilmoth. They remained in Surry.

All of Samuel Riggs' children were born in Morris Co., New Jersey. Samuel Riggs was born in Morris Co., New Jersey ca 1720, the 5th generation of this Riggs family to live in America. His marriage record to Elizabeth Tompkins shows they were married 5 Jan 1749. This was found in a book Church Members, Marriages and Baptisms, at Hanover, Morris Co., New Jersey during the pastorate of Rev. Jacob Green and to the settlement of Rev. Aaron Condit 1746-1796. This church was Presbyterian.

Samuel's brother, Reuben Riggs' marriage record there shows he m. Mary Carter 16 Aug 1750. He m. (2) at Rowan 1769 Mary Crawford. Also on this record is their brother, Timothy Riggs' church membership. He joined 12 Aug 1750.

The immigrant ancestor of this line was Edward Riggs, b. ca 1590 in England (possibly Somerset Co.), landed in Boston 1733, and settled at Roxbury, Mass.

This line continues through his son Edward Jr. b. 1614 in England and came with his parents to America. He eventually moved to Newark, New Jersey, where he is listed as one of the founders of the city of Newark.

His son Edward III carried the line and was the father of Samuel Riggs b. ca 1681. This Samuel Riggs was the father of the Samuel Riggs who came to Surry Co., NC.

When Samuel Riggs came to Surry in the late 1760s he was accompanied by brothers Reuben, Edward and Timothy and their families. Timothy had a son, David Riggs, who remained in Surry a while and m. Miriam Wright, daughter of Gideon Wright. Timothy did not stay in Surry but moved to Rutherford Co., NC, where he died ca 1795.

Edward Riggs was listed on the 1774 Militia List of Surry Co. No record after 1814.

Reuben, David and Edward are also listed in the 1771 tax list. Edward is listed in the 1774 tax list of Surry with a son named Jesse. Jesse died in the Revolution.

The Riggs descendants in Surry came from Lott Riggs. Samuel Riggs also has Wilmoth and Snow descendants in Surry.

(Information on the Riggs family in New Jersey is from Delpha Wright in her book, Ancestry of William Henry Wright and Wife Polly Royal and Their Descendants. She went to New Jersey and found information "hands on." She also cites Genealogy of the Riggs Family, edited by John H. Wallace, 1901. Other information is from Surry County records. Delpha visited Surry County where this writer met her after years of correspondence. Her book is splended)

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WILLIAM TERRELL LEWIS

William Terrell Lewis was in Surry County, ca 1776. His name appears regularly in court affairs until he left Surry for Davidson County, Tennessee (Nashville area) in the late 1790s. He served in several official capacities in Surry affairs. He was one of the commissioners appointed to find the site for the courthouse and public buildings at Rockford when the county seat was moved there in 1790.

He served on juries, as road overseer, on the panel of Judges for Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions and he brought several suits to court. He purchased and was granted a vast amount of land. He was obviously well educated as were his sons.

Willie T. Lewis lived in the beautiful area at the foot of the mountains where present day Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin come together, called Fox Nobs.

He came to Surry with his family and several members of his wife's family. She was Sarah Martin. With them were her brother, David Martin and family, and Thomas Anthony who m. Elizabeth Martin. They settled in the same general area of Surry County. All appeared to be well educated. They came to Surry in the midst of the Revolution and served the Patriot cause from Surry with distinction.

William T. Lewis was born ca 1718 to David Lewis and Ann Terrell Lewis of New Hanover Co., VA. He died in Tenn. in 1802. He left a will there at Davidson Co., Tenn. (Nashville). William T. m. at Albemarle Co., VA, Sarah Martin b. ca 1721 at Hanover Co., VA and died at Wilkes Co. ca 1790s.

To them were born twelve children.

1. Elizabeth Lewis b. ca 1740, Hanover, m. John Fielder of Hanover. They came to Surry where he was listed in Court Records as a hatter. He had 100 acres on Camp Creek, (southside) and 250 acres on (northside) of Camp Creek, and 200 acres on Mitchell River. They left Surry also ... probably for Tennessee.
2. Susannah Lewis b. 1742 Hanover, VA m. Thomas Bengel, Jr.
3. Ann Lewis b. 1744, Hanover, VA m. John McConnell in 1763.
4. David Lewis b. 1746, Hanover, VA killed in 1769(?) N.C. (?) (no information).
5. Mary Lewis b. Hanover, VA 1749, died young.
6. William T. Lewis b. ca 1749 Hanover, VA died young. A later child bore this name.

7. Martha Lewis b. 1751 Hanover, VA, died young.

8. James Martin Lewis b. 1753 Hanover, VA, died in infancy. A later child bore this name.

9. Micajah Lewis b. Albemarle Co., VA 1755, Ablemarle Co., Va. was a Captain in the Revolution from Surry. He was a Lieutenant in 1776 and Captain in 1778, wounded in the knee at Kings Mt. He was shot in cold blood 27 Feb 1781 while he was in a house (Colonial and State records). He is buried at Dickey Plantation in Alamance Co., NC.

10. William Terrell Lewis, Jr. b. ca. 1757, Albemarle Co., Va. m. 1779, Mary Ann Hopkins. He died in 1813, place not given. He was a Major in the Revolution from VA. He did not live in Surry. His father refused to give him anything in his will.

11. Joel Lewis b. 28 Aug 1759, Albemarle Co., VA m. at Surry 24 Mar 1786, Miriam Eastman. He was a Colonel in the Revolution from Surry and served with distinction. He moved to Davidson Co., Tennessee in 1789. He first ran a hotel in Nashville. In 1789 was a member of the convention that formed the first constitution of Tennessee. In 1799 he served as State Senator, Friend of Andrew Jackson, his son served as secretary to President Andrew Jackson.

12. James Martin Lewis b. 7 May 1762, Albemarle Co., VA m. at Surry County 29 Mar 1798, Mary Boswell Herndon, daughter of Benjamin Herndon. James Martin Lewis died in Columbia, Tennessee.

William T. Lewis cut a fine figure in Surry, for about twenty years. In the 1790s he was charged with being too greedy for land. He hired a Philadelphia lawyer and moved to Nashville, Tennessee.

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JOHN HUGHES

John Hughes came to Surry County ca 1780 and received bounty land for his service in the Revolution. He served from 1776-1781 as a regular soldier, Quartermaster, Lieutenant and Captain of the 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons from Brunswick Co., VA.

John Hughes was born in VA, 28 Oct 1758 and died 26 July 1826 at Surry where he lived on Fisher River near Lowgap. He m. 22 Jul 1781 Ann Moore b. 17 June 1762, daughter of Matthew Moore and Letitia Dalton Moore.

John Hughes was a good citizen. He served on juries many times, was appointed tax collector for 1786. He was put on a jury by the court "to mark out a road if necessary from Virginia line near Webbs to Rockingham Co. near Abraham Martins in May Court in 1788." He was later ordered to view a road, the "nearest way" from a place in old Virginia to a road by the name of Chandler's Burnt Cabbin to VA line where it crosses old road between John Childress and Archelus Hughs, May 1788.

John and Anne Hughes had seven children. Mrs. Houck finds it interesting that their three girls married famous men. Letitia m. General Joseph Winston, son of Col. Joseph Winston, for whom (Winston)-Salem was named. Mary "Polly" m. William Polk Dobson for whom the town of Dobson was

named. Ann "Nancy" m. William Lash and lived at Walnut Cove, which at that time was the name of their home. The town grew up around their home and came to be named Walnut Cove (p. 19 -- Story of Rockford, by Lucy Houck).

Anne Moore Hughes died 23 Aug 1848 at Rockford at the home of her daughter, Mary Dobson. She was the first person buried in the Dobson Graveyard (still kept by Rockford Preservation Society). The inscription on her gravestone reads, "Aged 90 years and for 60 years a member of the Baptist Church." (This may have been the Franklin Church called Flat Top near Lowgap.)

John and Nancy Hughes had four sons also: Matthew M. Hughes b. 5 May 1782 d. after 1858; Archeleus Hughes b. 28 Nov 1767 d. after 1858; Leander Hughes b. 4 Sep 1794 d. after 1858; and John A. Hughes b. 14 May 1794 d. before his mother. He lived in Georgia. The other Hughes' sons moved to Tennessee.

William Terrell Lewis, John Hughes, and Samuel Riggs lived in the western part of Surry County, Lowgap and Haystack Road, and at the edge of Wilkes County.

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JOHN THOMAS LONGINO

John Thomas Longino came upon the Surry scene in the 1770s and became quite active in Surry affairs. He settled first near Richmond, the first county seat of Surry. He later received grants and purchased land near Rockford which became the second county seat of Surry.

On the 12th of August 1778 at the Surry Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions at Richmond, John Thomas Longino took the oath of Allegiance and the oath of Deputy Sheriff. In the May Court of 1779, he was appointed constable and justice to tell the people about the newly established tax district. He was appointed tax collector for 1780 and was appointed temporary entry-taker 15 Feb 1782. In 1783 he was given permission to operate a tavern. He served as justice and constable as well as deputy sheriff in 1785.

In 1789 and 1790, John Thomas Longino was appointed as one of the commissioners named to sell lots in Rockford and to superintend the building of the town of Rockford. By this time he had moved from Richmond to Fall Creek just across the Yadkin River from Rockford. Thus, he was on the spot to sell lots in Rockford with the money from such sales to be used to build a courthouse, jail, stocks and other necessary county buildings. Thus, John Thomas Longino was one of the founders of Rockford. He was sheriff in 1791 and continued to be active until his death in 1794.

Revolutionary War vouchers at NC Archives show that John Thomas Longino loaned the State of North Carolina money at 6% during the war.

He came to the colonies from Europe. He was born in Italy in the 1720-1730s according to Mrs. Lucy Houck of Copeland in her book, *The Story of Rockford*. The father of John Thomas Longino was an Italian nobleman who fell under the displeasure of the Powers that be of The Holy Inquisition. He was stripped of his power and wealth and was executed as a heretic.

His son, John Thomas Longino, went into hiding. He slipped back home, found his father's coat with

gold coin buttons, cut the buttons from the coat, sailed to England and from there came to the colonies. It is not known where he lived before coming to Surry. He first married a woman named Elizabeth who died in 1789. He married second Sarah Cassady Bohannon, widow of John Bohannon. This marriage took place in 1790.

John Thomas Longino left a will, Surry Will Book 3, p. 24. The children's names as listed in the will: Bartholomew served in the Rev. from Surry and moved to Georgia. John md. at Surry Nancy Phillips in 1788. Thomas md. at Surry Mary Ransome in 1788. He was executor of his father's will. Thomas lived in what is now Stokes and served in the NC Legislature. Angelica (Ann) md. at Surry Benjamin Hunter in 1791. James md. Ruth Holcomb 1808 at Surry. Ludovicia (Luddie), a twin, md. Mr. Carleton at Surry and remained in Surry. Elizabeth, a twin, md. at Surry Isaac Vestal, son of James, and remained in Surry. Amelia (Mellie) md. at Surry Jacob Amold in 1807. Hugh, no information.

None of the Longino males remained in Surry. They moved to Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and other places and did very well.

Incidentally, John Thomas Longino mentioned in his will that he had a "frame" house, a mark of distinction.

(Information from Lucy Houck, Surry deeds, wills, estate records, and marriage records.)

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CHARLES WORD

Charles Word came to Surry County from Pittsylvania Co., VA before 1777 and settled on the middle fork of the Tarrarat River of Bledsoe's Creek.

The deed for 320 acres there is dated 27 Oct 1777 and is recorded in Surry Co. Deed Book, p. 212-214. He served as a juror at P's and Q's and as a road overseer and other good citizen responsibilities.

Charles Word was killed 7 Oct 1780 at the Battle of King's Mountain and left a will found in Surry Will Book I, p. 161. He was about forty years of age and left a wife and eight children.

Charles Word was born 9 Jul 1749 in New Kent Co., VA. He married Elizabeth Adams, 1753-1838.

Charles and Elizabeth Word's children were:

1. Thomas Adams Word b. 11 Dec 1768 m. Justiana Dickinson at Surry. Thomas A. Word became one of Surry's strongest and most dependable leaders after the Revolution. He was an attorney and appeared to serve as "the squire" or the person to go to for advice and counsel. He said that his father, Charles Word, wanted some of his land donated for a Baptist Church and the land to include the schoolhouse. Thomas A. Word did as his father wished and the result was the famous Old Hollow Church in Stewarts Creek at Mount Airy. Charles Word was a founder of a famous old church still in operation in 1994. Thomas A. Word moved to Mississippi and became prominent in state affairs. He or his son served in the House of Representatives in U.S. Congress.

2. William Word b. 19 May 1772 m. Elizabeth Bryson.
3. Joshua Word b. 8 Feb 1775 m. Elizabeth Hoope
4. Martha Word b. 2 Sep 1770 m. David Humphries.
5. Ellen Word died young.
6. Eleanor Word b. 3 Jun 1779 m. John Hooper.
7. Elizabeth Adams Word b. 3 Jun 1776 m. Matthew Brooks Hooper.
8. Mary "Polly" Adams Word b. 2 Mar 1774, died young.

(Source: Hester Jackson)

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