

THE GWYNN (GUINN,GUYNN,GWYN)FAMILY

This name being of ancient Welsh origin and meaning white in the Welsh language. The first of this line known in Patrick County was one Pierce Guinn. He lived in the area of Patrick County that today is located in southern Carroll County. Pierce was born ca. 1777 and died sometime after 1850 in Patrick County. Pierce probably had a brother Johnson Gwynn. We do know that Pierce was in Patrick as early as 1795 in which one James Treasy was charged with breaking into the Loom house of Pierce Guinn and carrying off a piece of linen and a set of harness. In 1809 he purchased 1045 acres from John Armstrong of Warren Co. TN for 100 pounds. This property was located on the headwaters of Pauls Creek. Pierce sold this land in 1814 to Joshua Haynes Jr. Pierce and his brother Johnson are listed beneficiaries in the 1814 will of Old Levi Jones which was probated in Surry Co. in Feb. 1814. Johnson recieved a rifle and Pierce was to recieve 5 dollars upon the death of Jones wife Mary. His relationship to this family is unclear but 3 of his children and 2 of his granchildren carried the names of children of Levi Jones. Pierce is thought to be buried at the old willow hill cemetary. He had 6 known Children as follows; 1) Rachel (ca. 1805- aft. 1880) who never married, 2) Edward (ca. 1824-aft. 1870) who married Mary Ann Shadrach, 3) Lemuel (ca. 1818 - bfe. 1870) who married Elizabeth ?. He was a member of Co.E 29th VA Infantry CSA, 4) Cloey, who married 1st) William Poore, 2nd) William Daniel, 5) Peggy, who married Allen Poore, The Poores were a early Surry County family. Lastly 6) Morning Guinn who married Preston Haynes. Pierces daughter Rachael had 4 known children; 1) Levi Guyenn (ca. 1836- November 2, 1864) who married Sarah Hiatt on the 19th of October 1856 at Fancy Gap.

She was the daughter of Ely Hiatt and Phebe Ayers. Their children were Alexander, Caroline, and Cicero. 2) Wiley Guynn (ca. 1840-1859). He died of the fever at age 18 and never married. 3) Margaret Guynn (ca. 1842-?) She married John Armstead Ayers on Feb. 2 1868. 4) Nancy Guynn (ca. 1847-?) Levi Guynn was a member of Co. E 29th VA Inf. enlisting at Carroll Co. on the 5th of August 1862. He was listed as absent without leave the following winter. He was arrested and returned to the company in April of 1864. The company records state he died at home in Patrick Co on November 2, 1864. Family history states that Levi was sitting on a stump in front of his home when the home guard came over the hill on horseback and started shooting as Levi tried to escape. He was struck by a bullet but succeeded in making his getaway, unfortunately infection set in and Levi died 13 days later from complications. One of his grandsons, Ed Gwynn said they saved a lock of his red hair before burial at the old willow hill cemetery. His 3 small children joined thousands of others losing their father at age 28 as a result of the Civil War. His wife Sarah died on April 18, 1906 and was buried at old willow hill cemetery. The children of Levi Guynn all married and raised large families. Alexander Gwynn (March 1, 1857- October 16, 1943) married Louetta Eaton (March 12, 1864-March 15, 1951). They were married Feb. 14 1887. She was the daughter of Albert Eaton and Margaret Montgomery. Their children were Levi Gwynn (November 5 1887-June 14 1937) married Rachel Hall, Daniel Kelly Gwynn (April 19 1890-) married Rosa Marshall, Alamay (May 28 1892-) married Oscar McMillan, Ed (June 22 1894- October 22 1894) married Grace Eva Bateman, Joe (June 22 1894- Nov. 3 1981) married Elizabeth Puckett, Floyd McKinley Gwynn (April 1, 1898-Sept. 14

1925) married Leah Hall, Sarah Margaret Gwyn (March 2 1905-March 25 1994) married Harvey Boyd. Joe and Daniel were veterans of World War 1. Alex as well as his brother Cicero were well known farmers and orchardists who lived in the Volunteer Gap area of Patrick Co. near Willis Gap. Alex and Louetta are buried at the Gwynn family graveyard on Jake Ahart Road on land previously owned by Alex Gwynn.

Cicero "Dick" Gwynn (July 28 1862- April 12 1960) married Margaret Hillary Young (May 18 1870-August 6 1959) December 25 1887. Their children were Mimie Evelyn Guynn (May 26 1891-March 25 1937) married William Marion "Dink" Hiatt. George C. Guynn (May 31 1889-May 24 1967) married Pearlle Evelyn Martin, Granville Booker Guynn (December 31 1892- Sept. 5 1966) married Ethel Boyd, Ida Guynn (January 22 1895-March 14 1987) never married, Howard M. Guynn (Jan. 4 1897 - Nov. 5 1958) married 1st Patie Hardaway, 2nd Dora Crowder, Hassie S. Guynn (March 23 1899 -July 28 1964) married to John Thomas Edwards. Cicero and Margaret are buried at the Willow Hill Moravian cemetery.

Caroline Guynn (December 28 1859-Jan. 11 1947) married December 28 1882 Haynes McMillian (Dec.25 1848-March 28 1912). His grandfather Archibald Haynes was one of the founders of Mt. Bethel Moravian Church. Their children were (twins) Thomas Garland (September 29 1883-1972) never married, Hettie Belle (1883-1964) married Woltz Thomas, Martha (1886-1978) married Isaac Chandler, David Cleveland (Nov.14 1883-May 21 1945) never married, Ellis (1892-1971) married Exie Vipperman, Wilbur (August 22 1895-) married Susie Haynes, Maggie (Nov. 6 1900-) married Walker McMillan. Haynes, Caroline, Tom, Hettie

Belle, Cleve, and Ellis are buried at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Martha at Grace Moravian, Mt. Airy NC.

My apologies if I have misspelled or misused Gwynn, Guynn, Gwyn or Guinn in relation to any individuals or branches of this family. I tried to keep it correct but even today everyone still spells it differently. The writer descends from Alexanders son Ed Gwynn who married Grace Eva Bateman.

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Sources: Federal, State & County Records, Helen Gwynn, Mamie Gwyn Bateman, Clifford Boyd, Evelyn Hiatt Coulson & personal knowledge.