

Sixth Generation (3rd Great-Grandparents)

<u>John J. LANNING Parents</u> Enos LANNING Margaret BARNHILL	<u>William COCHRAN Parents</u> James Cochran Elizabeth UNKNOWN
<u>Annie FINNEY Parents</u> Mr. Finney UNKNOWN	<u>Delilah RACKLEY Parents</u> Reuben RACKLEY UNKNOWN
<u>Loyd HENSON Parents</u> Wiley Henson, Sr. Mary Mease	<u>Alfred Franklin ORTON Parents</u> James ORTON, Jr. Rebecca HUGHEY
<u>Milly HARKINS Parents</u> UNKNOWN Nancy JOHNSON	<u>Matilda RUFTY Parents</u> George RUFTY, Sr. Sophia COBBLE

Enos LANNING Margaret BARNHILL

Enos Lanning was born on October 5, 1784 in Rowan County, NC to **John LANNING, Sr.** and **Sarah WHITAKER**. Enos died on June 13, 1865 in Henderson County, NC and was buried in Henderson County, NC.

Enos was a young boy of about ten when his father packed up his wife and children in the mid 1790s and moved from Rowan County to Buncombe County, NC. This Lanning family became one of the pioneer families of Western North Carolina.

Margaret BARNHILL was born about 1790 in NC to **William BARNHILL, Jr.** and **Mary [UNKNOWN]**. Mary died after October 5, 1850 in Henderson County, NC. NC Births show a Margaret Barnhill born to William Barnhill, [mother?], in 1790. Other sources for William Barnhill show Margaret born in 1784 -- this is not consistent with census reports and other information that show a 1790 birth-year. Some sources also show Margaret born in Ireland. According to information furnished on the 1850 census, Margaret was born in NC

Margaret's father had migrated from Pennsylvania to the Western NC area it appears in the early 1800s.

Enos and Margaret were married about 1806 in Buncombe County, NC.

After marriage, it appears Enos and Margaret settled in to the Buncombe County area to make their home forever. This is born out in the census reports taken for the area. Even though they died in Henderson County, they were still living in the same house. The land where they lived split from Buncombe and made Henderson.

In 1814, Enos purchased 60 acres of land from his father-in-law, William Barnhill in Buncombe County.

In 1820, the Buncombe County census lists Enos as follows:

Enos Lanning
 2 M Under 10 ---- (Joseph L. and John J.)
 2 M 10-16 -----(David and William)
 1 M 26-45 -----(Enos)

1 F Under 10 -----(Susannah)

1 F 26-45 -----(Margaret)
3 members of the family were involved in agriculture

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NC -- CENSUS RECORDS -- 1820 Federal Census	
Enos Lanning	220010-10010-0300

In 1824, Enos purchased 200 acres from A. A. McDowell in Buncombe County, NC.

In 1830, the Buncombe County census lists Enos as follows:

Enos Lanning

0013101 - 0010001

1 M 10-15 (I have no idea who this male is)

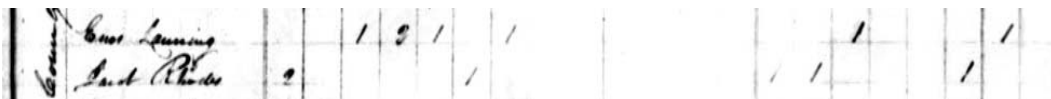
3 M 15-20 J.L, William, and JJ

1 M 20-30 David

1 M 40-50 Enos

1 F 10-15 Susannah

1 F 40-50 Margaret



1835 - Cane Creek (Fairview) precinct voters [Buncombe County]

The men 21 or older who voted in the August 13, 1835 election from Cane Creek (Fairview) Precinct. The birth and death years and other information about the voters are given in brackets (...):

87. Enos Lanning (1784-1865, son of John and Sarah)

In 1838, Henderson County was formed from Buncombe County

History

The county was formed in 1838 from the southern part of Buncombe County. It was named for Leonard Henderson, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court from 1829 to 1833.

In 1855 parts of Henderson County and Rutherford County were combined to form Polk County, and in 1861 parts of Henderson County and Jackson County were combined to form Transylvania County.

Henderson County contributed approximately 1,000 soldiers to the Confederate States Army out of its approximately 10,000 population. According to some reports, an equal number of soldiers served in the Union forces, but this is unconfirmed.

Henderson County government was centered in the historic Courthouse (erected 1905) on Main Street, until this structure was replaced by the new Courthouse (c. 1995) on Grove Street.

Henderson County was once a major center of apple culture, though it is now declining, and many of the orchards are being converted into housing developments, despite the wetlands that are reportedly being destroyed, and the fact that many residents resent the housing being built, calling it cheap and substandard. Apples require extensive winter chilling, and do not tolerate summer heat and humidity well, so Henderson County, with its cooler climate due to its elevation represents about the southern limit for commercial apple growing. Henderson County is full of flood plains, and the encroaching developments have led many to raise health concerns, and caused questions of water quality to arise.

In 1839, Enos entered into some type of agreement with his brother Amos in Buncombe County. This agreement is recorded in Book 22, Page 34.

In 1840, Enos is still in Buncombe County for the Federal census. This is due to the section of Hooper's Creek where Enos lived being left in Buncombe County after the split. This section was not moved over to Henderson until about 1851.

Enos and his son David are listed in the same household as E & D.

10000101 - 0100100101

- 1 M Under 5 David's son Fidelio Alexander
- 1 M 30-40 David
- 1 M 50-60 Enos
- 1 F 5-10 David's daughter Margaret
- 1 F 20-30 Susannah
- 1 F 50-60 Margaret
- 1 F 70-80 Enos' mother Sarah (John died 1839)

NOTE: David's wife has died and he and his two small children moved in with his parents.



In 1846, Enos purchased 1 acre of land on Howard Gap Road from Frances C. Byers Book 23 Page 417

In 1850, the Buncombe County census shows Enos as:

- Enos Lanning - 65 - b. NC
- Margaret - 60 - b. NC
- Susannah - 30 - b. NC - [daughter Susannah]
- Fidelio - 16 - b. NC - [grandchild - through David]
- Margaret - 12 - b. NC - [grandchild - through David]

NOTE: David has remarried now and he and his new wife have moved out but he left the two children from his first wife with his parents. It seems that Enos and Margaret raised the children from this point forward.

4 1846	Enos Lanning	65	m	Margaret	60	f	157	266	2
							\$13.50		
1		Margaret	60	f				266	
2		Susanna	30	f				"	
3		Fidelio	16	m	11	Walter		"	
4		Margaret	12	f	11			"	
5	1848 1846	David Lanning	43	m		Walter		266	

Between 1850 and 1860, Enos is now in Henderson County, NC. It appears the section of Hooper's Creek where he is living has now been transferred from Buncombe County to Henderson County. Hooper's Creek in Henderson County, North Carolina is a stream, a road, and a place. It is a township along the northern edge of the county; and it is a community that was known from the early days of Buncombe County. Henderson County was formed out of Buncombe County in 1838, but Hooper's Creek remained in Buncombe until legislative action in 1851. This can cause confusion for the researcher when all of those families found in Henderson County in 1860 are absent in 1850, only to be found in Buncombe County. Why did they all move? The question looms until it is learned that the only thing that moved was a line from one ridge top to another. That's one of the curve balls that genealogical research can throw at you.

Enos and Margaret owned a farm located near the foot of Barnhill Mountain in Henderson County.

The 1860 Henderson County census shows Enos as:

- Enos Lanning - 76 - NC
- Susannah - 40 - NC [daughter]
- Margaret - 24 - NC [granddaughter]

Where is Margaret? Some sources show her death in 1873 but she is not on the 1860 census with Enos.

"North Carolina Wills - A Testator Index 1665-1900"

Margaret - Henderson County - Year 1873 - Will Book - 1 Page 130

This is not Margaret Barnhill Lanning, but her grand-daughter Margaret, daughter of David and Nancy. I can not find Margaret on the 1860 or 1870 census reports anywhere nor can I find any other documentation on her death. A couple of databases on the net show her death about 1850 and I tend to agree - late 1850 after the census was taken on October 5th. Margaret is listed on the 1850 census as 60 years old.

According to a letter written by Jo Ferrington in September 1971, the Barnhill's of North Carolina are mostly Barnwell's now. There may have been some scandal to cause them to change their names. Supposedly there was a duel over a Lanning woman according to scuttlebutt. Others say they changed their names to be more associated with the Barnwells of SC and not the northern Barnhills. We will never know just why.

* There is a Barnhill Mountain near Hendersonville, which got the name from Margaret Barnhill Lanning's family. *

[SOURCE] <http://members.tripod.com/~bonash/pafg03.htm#406>

4. Margaret Barnhill (William, Jr., William, Sr.) was born in 1784. She died in Henderson Co. NC and was buried in Henderson Co. NC.

Margaret married Enos Lanning, son of John Lanning and Sara Whitaker, in 1806. Enos was born on 8 Oct 1784. He died on 13 Jun 1864.

They had the following children:

15 M David Lanning was born in 1809.

16 M William Lanning was born on 18 Aug 1810. He died on 17 Sep 1892.

17 M Joseph Lanning was born in 1818. He died in 1880.

18 F Susanah Lanning was born in 1820.

19 M John Lanning was born in 1825.

20 F Fidelia Lanning was born in 1834.

21 F Margaret Lanning was born in 1838.

NOTE: The last two children shown here to Enos and Margaret are in fact grandchildren - they are the children of David Lanning who was widowed in 1839 and lived in his father's house for a short while. When he remarried, he left the two children with their grandparents.

Children of Enos and Margaret

1 M David LANNING was born in 1808 in Buncombe County, NC and died in NC. David married Nancy OSBORNE on July 26, 1832 in NC. After Nancy's death, he next married Letitia Rachel [UNKNOWN] about 1841.

[SOURCE] - 1835 Voter List Cane Creek

The men 21 or older who voted in the August 13, 1835 election from Cane Creek (Fairview) Precinct. The birth and death years and other information about the voters are given in brackets : 79. David Lanning (1808-?, son of Enos and Margaret)

2 M William LANNING was born on August 18, 1810 in Fairview, Buncombe County, NC and died September 17, 1892. William was buried at Eagle Nest Rock, Waynesville, NC. He married Elizabeth (Mrs. William Lanning). He next married Mary A. SURRATT on September 18, 1864 in Transylvania County, NC

General Notes for Child William LANNING

This William is referenced in a letter from Josephine (Jo) Ferrington of Oregon in 1971

- **[Excerpt]** I never knew much about the Lannings until about 2 years ago. Dad and I started talking, (we're very close, he and I) and I got curious about where we came from before N.C. There was the old tradition there, too, varied a little. Dad was under the

impression that William (About. 1810) came from England, so when I found in the census that his parents (?) and he were born in N.C. Dad couldn't believe it. We went to the cemetery at Fairview, N.C. in September. I felt awed and weepy; it was like meeting long lost relatives! I'm very sentimental any way.

William was buried on the mountain where the old Eagle Nest Hotel used to be, at Waynesville, N.C.

3 M Joseph L. LANNING was born on July 15, 1813 in Fairview, Buncombe County, NC and died on May 3, 1881 in Stone County, AR. Joseph was buried in Wolf Bayou Mountain, Stone County, AR. He married Nancy CASE in 1838 in Henderson County, NC. Joseph next married Sarah Jamima ROGERS in 1856 in Van Buren County, AR.

- Jo Ferrington letter 1971 / Rev. Jesse Lanning tells her that Enos had a son Joseph who went to Missouri then to Arkansas before the Civil War. This would be her William's brother.
- Joseph was a farmer and miller.

4 M John J. LANNING was born on February 5, 1814 in Buncombe County NC. John died on July 21, 1879 - Gilmer County, GA. The cause of death was dropsy. John was buried in the Lanning Family Cemetery at Turniptown. John married Annie Finney about 1836 in NC.

Events -- * He appeared on the Federal census in 1840 in Henderson County, NC.

John Lanning - (1 Male 15-20) - (1 Female 15 -20)

This fits the ages of Annie but are off some for John but I feel this is the John and Annie that later moved to Gilmer County.

- **[SEE GENERATION FIVE]**

5. F Susannah LANNING was born in 1820 in Buncombe, NC. Susannah never married.

[Source] -- Email from Wilma Flowers 09-18-2008

I was just looking at your information on the sixth generation, in your pdf file, about Margaret Lanning's will. the one who died in 1873 was Margaret Lanning, daughter of David Lanning & Nancy Osborn. I just received today a copy of the will of Margaret and she left her property to John & George, sons of her deceased brother. John was John Enos Fidelio Lanning and George was George Washington Alexander Lanning, sons of Fidelio Alexander Lanning and Mary Catherine Davenport.

North Carolina Wills - A Testator Index 1665-1900 -- Will Book - 1 Page 130

Margaret - Henderson County - Year 1873

1850

A handwritten census record from 1850. The table has several columns. The first column contains names: 'John Finney' and 'Anna'. The second column contains ages: '38' and '33'. The third column contains genders: 'm' and 'f'. The fourth column contains the word 'White'. The fifth column contains the number '1'. The sixth column contains the number '1'. The seventh column contains the number '2'. The eighth column contains the number '4'. The ninth column contains the number '3'. The tenth column contains the number '4'. The eleventh column contains the number '4'. The twelfth column contains the number '4'. The thirteenth column contains the number '4'. The fourteenth column contains the number '4'. The fifteenth column contains the number '4'. The sixteenth column contains the number '4'. The seventeenth column contains the number '4'. The eighteenth column contains the number '4'. The nineteenth column contains the number '4'. The twentieth column contains the number '4'. The twenty-first column contains the number '4'. The twenty-second column contains the number '4'. The twenty-third column contains the number '4'. The twenty-fourth column contains the number '4'. The twenty-fifth column contains the number '4'. The twenty-sixth column contains the number '4'. The twenty-seventh column contains the number '4'. The twenty-eighth column contains the number '4'. The twenty-ninth column contains the number '4'. The thirtieth column contains the number '4'. The thirty-first column contains the number '4'. The thirty-second column contains the number '4'. The thirty-third column contains the number '4'. The thirty-fourth column contains the number '4'. The thirty-fifth column contains the number '4'. The thirty-sixth column contains the number '4'. The thirty-seventh column contains the number '4'. The thirty-eighth column contains the number '4'. The thirty-ninth column contains the number '4'. The fortieth column contains the number '4'. The forty-first column contains the number '4'. The forty-second column contains the number '4'. The forty-third column contains the number '4'. The forty-fourth column contains the number '4'. The forty-fifth column contains the number '4'. The forty-sixth column contains the number '4'. The forty-seventh column contains the number '4'. The forty-eighth column contains the number '4'. The forty-ninth column contains the number '4'. The fiftieth column contains the number '4'. The fifty-first column contains the number '4'. The fifty-second column contains the number '4'. The fifty-third column contains the number '4'. The fifty-fourth column contains the number '4'. The fifty-fifth column contains the number '4'. The fifty-sixth column contains the number '4'. The fifty-seventh column contains the number '4'. The fifty-eighth column contains the number '4'. The fifty-ninth column contains the number '4'. The sixtieth column contains the number '4'. The sixty-first column contains the number '4'. The sixty-second column contains the number '4'. The sixty-third column contains the number '4'. The sixty-fourth column contains the number '4'. The sixty-fifth column contains the number '4'. The sixty-sixth column contains the number '4'. The sixty-seventh column contains the number '4'. The sixty-eighth column contains the number '4'. The sixty-ninth column contains the number '4'. The seventieth column contains the number '4'. The seventy-first column contains the number '4'. The seventy-second column contains the number '4'. The seventy-third column contains the number '4'. The seventy-fourth column contains the number '4'. The seventy-fifth column contains the number '4'. The seventy-sixth column contains the number '4'. The seventy-seventh column contains the number '4'. The seventy-eighth column contains the number '4'. The seventy-ninth column contains the number '4'. The eightieth column contains the number '4'. The eighty-first column contains the number '4'. The eighty-second column contains the number '4'. The eighty-third column contains the number '4'. The eighty-fourth column contains the number '4'. The eighty-fifth column contains the number '4'. The eighty-sixth column contains the number '4'. The eighty-seventh column contains the number '4'. The eighty-eighth column contains the number '4'. The eighty-ninth column contains the number '4'. The ninetieth column contains the number '4'. The ninety-first column contains the number '4'. The ninety-second column contains the number '4'. The ninety-third column contains the number '4'. The ninety-fourth column contains the number '4'. The ninety-fifth column contains the number '4'. The ninety-sixth column contains the number '4'. The ninety-seventh column contains the number '4'. The ninety-eighth column contains the number '4'. The ninety-ninth column contains the number '4'. The hundredth column contains the number '4'.

While Joshua and Thomas Finney were on census reports in Buncombe County in the early 1800s, it is impossible to link the families.

They very well could be sons or brother-in-laws of the elder Ann but I can find no documentation for either situation.

I hate it when a limb abruptly ends as unidentified. I will always be looking for an answer but at this time, I will close it off.

Wiley HENSON, Sr.
Mary MEASE

Wiley HENSON, Sr., son of **Daniel HENSON** and **Fariba (Phariba) POOL**, was born on 20 Aug 1793 in Anson County, NC. The 1900 census listing for Loyd Henson shows his parents born in NC.

General Notes: **1800** - NC, Fayetteville Township, Anson County census
Daniel Henson, Wiley's father, is HOH listed as: 40010-00010-00. Wiley, born in 1793 should be one of those 4 boys 0-10 and researchers have Wiley being born in Anson County.

Mary MEASE, daughter of **Mathias MEASE** and **Fannie YOUNT**, was born between 1791 and 1800 in Haywood County, NC. Other names for Mary were MEACE, and MEECE. That she was born in NC is born out by the 1900 census listing for Loyd Henson stating his mother was born in NC.

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THE MEASE FAMILY

Mathias Meece, the original spelling of the name, was the first to come to Haywood County. He came either from Ireland or Scotland, not definitely known which country, on the same ship that brought over the first of the Medfords. On the ship over, he met young **Fannie Yount**, whom he later married.

Soon after landing, he came to what is now Haywood County in the Henson Cove section and made his home there. Nine children were reared, as follows: Anthony left no heirs, Dennis married in Greenville, South Carolina and lived there, **Mary married Nathan Henson**, **Sallie married Gilbert Henson**; Allie married Young Bennett, Peter married Nancy Robinson, Myra left no heirs; Washington moved to the Great West; and Houston died in early life.

Information gathered in www.leavesfromouttree.com/Henson-1.html has Mary as the daughter of William Meece.

1816 - **Wiley HENSON** married **Mary MEASE**, daughter of **Mathias MEASE** and **Fannie YOUNT**, on 18 Jun 1816 in Haywood County, NC.

1820 - NC, Haywood County census

27 year old Willey is listed as HOH as follows:
300100 - 00100
3 males 0-9 --- [Wiley Jr. 1817] [James A. 1819] [Alford E.]
1 male 16-25 --- Wiley Henson
1 female 16-25 --- Mary Mease Henson

1830 - NC, Haywood County census

37 year old Wiley is listed as HOH as follows:
121001 - 010001 with 0 slaves
1 male 0-4 --- Gilbert
2 males 5 to 9 --- James & Loyd
1 male 10-14 --- Wiley Jr.
1 male 30-39 --- Wiley Sr.
1 female 5 to 9 --- Catherine
1 female 30-39 --- Mary Mease Henson

Abraham Henson	2	2				1	2	1	1	1
Wiley Henson	1	2	1							

1835 - NC, Haywood County

Wiley is listed as having voted in a special election for a Congressional Representative in the 12th District.

1840 - NC, Haywood County census

Mary Henson is now HOH and listed as follows:

11101 - 1101001

1 Male 0-4 --- Thomas

1 male 5-9 --- Gilbert

1 male 10-14 --- Loyd

1 male 20-29 --- probably James A.

1 female 0-4 --- Tine

1 female 5-9 --- Elvira

1 female 15-19 --- Catherine

1 female 40-49 --- Mary Mease Henson

Wiley has either died or seperated from Mary at this time. I feel he has died but I can find no proof. I can not find Mary beyond 1840 either. I looked for all the children in the 1850 census since it is an all inclusive census but to no avail. I was trying to find Mary in another household with the children thinking maybe she remarried since she was trying to raise a house full of small children. If she remarried, I can not find her. I could not find any of the children listed either.

Children from the marriage of Wiley HENSON and Mary MEASE were:

1. Wiley HENSON, Jr. was born about 1817 in Haywood County, NC, and died about 1855 about age 38, and was buried in UNKNOWN.

General Notes:

There are conflicting reports on the first wife of Wiley Henson Jr. One source shows Susannah Wise and another source shows Mary (Polly) Pressley. Did he in fact marry before Pearl Harkins?

We may be dealing with different Wileys. It would appear this was a popular name in Western NC in the early 1800s. I ran into another Wiley Henson in NC while searching census reports.

SECOND GENERATION

This second generation was born about the time of the Civil War. **Wiley Henson** moved his family from North Carolina to Gilmer County, Georgia about 1847. Several family legends deal with Wiley's death.

Aunt Rowena Hattie Henson-Young says that there were very few cash paying jobs in Gilmer County in the mid 1800's so Wiley would go to Copperhill, Tennessee and work in the mines. He would stay several months at a time. One time he did not return when the family expected him, so some of the boys went to Copperhill to learn something of him. When they arrived, they were told that he died of pneumonia about two months previously.

In September of 1988, I contacted Mr. Roy Lillard, Polk County Tennessee historian. Copperhill lies within Polk County. Mr. Lillard has all of the cemetery burial records for the cemeteries that were active in the mid 1800's. There was no record of any Hensons being buried in those years. There is the possibility that Wiley died and was buried in McCaysville, Georgia which is just across the line from Copperhill. We have yet to follow up on this.

Iona Pfeifer of Sevierville, Tennessee has a different version. She remembers hearing some men discuss with her father an incident that happened in the mid 1800's. Several Hensons were sitting about a campfire one night, when all of a sudden an intruder rode in and gunned down one of those present. Iona was only a child at the time

of this conversation, and protocol did not allow her to ask any questions. In later years, she accounted for the deaths of all the family members except Wiley, and believes he could have been the one about which they were speaking.

Family lore says that **Pearl Ina Harkins-Henson** took the children and moved into the mountains around Turniptown to get away from the Civil War. She died in Gilmer County and was buried at Tails Creek at the foot of a large Cedar tree. The tree is now gone and there is no marker to indicate her grave site. Charlie John Henson remembers his father, my Uncle Wiley Hixson Henson, taking him to the spot many times. I have gone to the cemetery and stood near the grave. There has been some interest in the family to raise a stone above her grave.

NOTE: This was in Margie Lanning Dunn's notes. It was written by John William Henson III but I do not know what page 13 document it came from. [fwg]

NOTE: I have located the Tails Creek Cemetery in Gilmer County and hopefully the next time I visit, I can make a stop there.

UPDATE: I did stop at the Tails Creek Cemetery and walked over the entire cemetery but could not find an exact location for Pearl's or Nancy's graves. Many of the older stone markers have been replaced with small generic marble markers but no names. I contacted the caretaker of the cemetery and he advised me that there was a fire a few years ago and all their records were destroyed. They are rebuilding as relatives make known the locations.

Wiley moved from NC to Gilmer County, GA about 1847.

Wiley married **Pearl Ina (Perlina/Palaska) HARKINS**, daughter of **[UNKNOWN] HARKINS** and **Nancy JOHNSON**, in NC. Pearl was born about 1815 in SC, died after 1870 in Gilmer County, GA, and was buried in Tails Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Other names for Pearl were Palaska, and Perlina.

General Notes:

NOTE: Margie Dunn note indicates "Ina Harkins Henson buried Tails Creek - no marker Mother Nancy Harkins nee Johnson buried there also.

- ◆ 1840 - Henderson County, NC Census
1 female 20-30 listed in the Nancy Harkins household -- this is probably Perlina (Pearl Ina)

- ◆ 1870 - Gilmer County, GA census M593_152 Pg 77 H# 1138 Sbdvsn 55
Perlina -- 51 -- Keeping House -- SC
Mary J -- 27 -- Assisting in house -- NC
Asbury -- 19 -- Works on farm -- GA
John -- 17 -- GA
*Powell, John -- 4 -- GA
*Powell, Nancy A -- 3 -- GA
 - John Powell and Nancy Powell are the children of Armanda Harkins Powell. No info on why they are living with their grand mother -----

- ◆ Pearl moved from SC to NC with parents, between 1818 and the 1840 census, Buncombe County, NC.

2. Alford E. HENSON was born on 9 Dec 1817 in NC and died on 12 Jun 1880 in Crow Creek Valley, Jefferson County, MT at age 62.

3. James Alfred HENSON was born in 1819 in Haywood County, NC and died in 1906 in Union County, GA at age 87.

General Notes: Name: James Alfred HENSON Surname: HENSON Given Name: James Alfred
Sex: M Birth: 1822 in Haywood Co., NC 1 Death: in Union Co., GA

Note: James Alfred Henson moved from Haywood Co., NC, to Union Co., GA, in the 1840's, when the county was still new (about a decade after it was established.)

Father: Wiley HENSON b: ABT 1800 in Haywood Co., NC
Mother: Mrs. Wiley HENSON b: ABT 1800 in Haywood Co., NC
Marriage 1 Amanda Catherine BATTBEY b: 1 Jun 1825 in NC
Married: ABT 1850 in probably GA or NC
Children William Harvey HENSON b: 17 Apr 1849 in probably GA or NC

[SOURCE] Title: Family records of Ms. Ellen Redmon

Posted By:Ellen Howell

Subject: Re: William Harvey Henson m Lucinda, b abt 1855? NC? GA?

Post Date:March 20, 2005 at 10:31:17

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/henson/messages/3394.html>

Lacey, I have the following on your line. James Alfred Henson born ca 1820 NC died 1906 GA. He moved to Union Co GA during the 1840's. In 1858 James assisted Culberton, NC surveyor as chain bearer while running the line between the counties of Rabun and Towns. He is son of Wiley Henson and Mary Mease of Haywood Co NC and have more back in time from him if interested.

James married Amanda Catherine Battbey May 13, 1847 in Union Co GA. He was born June 1 1825 and died Jan 22, 1899.

4. Gilbert HENSON was born in 1823.

General Notes: Posted By:Jerry Allen

Subject:Gilbert Henson, NC>AL, son of Wiley Henson?

Post Date:May 04, 2004 at 05:45:04

Message URL:<http://genforum.genealogy.com/henson/messages/3259.html>

I have come across a Gilbert Henson from NC who was born abt. 1830 in NC, and who is living in Tallapoosa Co., AL in 1860 with wife Cornelia/"Permelia" from SC. Gilbert Henson joined the 13th. Alabama Infantry, and I assume he was killed in the Civil War, since his wife and daughter, Amanda E. Henson, are living in the household of Sarah Reynolds in Coweta Co., GA in 1870. My question to anyone who might know is who was Cornelia, wife of Gilbert Henson before she married? She is living around two Reynolds sisters in Alabama in 1860, and goes to Georgia and lives with them after the War, leading me to suspect she might have been a Reynolds. The script in the 1870 Coweta Co., GA census is unclear, with her name appearing as possibly "Permelia," but I suspect the name was really Cornelia, as it is very clearly "Cornelia" in the 1860 Tallapoosa Co., AL census.

Gilbert married **Cornelia REYNOLDS**.

5. Loyd HENSON was born in Jul 1829 in Haywood County, NC, died on 23 Jun 1907 in Gilmer County, GA at age 77, and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Gilmer County, GA. Loyd married **Milly HARKINS**, daughter of **[UNKNOWN] HARKINS** and **Nancy JOHNSON**, on 13 Mar 1850 in Blairsville, Union County, GA. Milly was born in Sep 1831 in Buncombe County, NC, died on 19 Apr 1908 in Gilmer County, GA at age 76, and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Gilmer County, GA.

[SEE GENERATION 5]

6. Tine HENSON was born in 1830 in NC. Tine married **Mr. CLARK**.

7. Elvira Jane HENSON was born on 16 Jul 1832 in Waynesville, Haywood County, NC and died on 24 Mar 1919 in Toston, Broadwater County, MT at age 86. Elvira married **Mr. HARGROVE**.

8. Thomas HENSON was born between 1836 and 1840.

General Notes: Thomas was not on the 1830 census with Wiley and Mary

9. Nancy Catherine HENSON was born in 1837 in NC.

Nancy married **Rufus Lafayette DEAVER** on 21 Dec 1865 in Haywood County, NC.

[Unknown] HARKINS
Nancy JOHNSON

UNKNOWN HARKINS, son of [Asberry?] Harkins and Unknown, was born in 1791 in SC and died between 1832 and 1840. These dates are assumptions and speculations since a definite name can not be established to find a birth record. The 1792 is attributed to James by internet files. There is nothing for a Billy Harkins.

The father, Asberry, name was found in Margie Dunn's notes but I can find nothing on an Asberry or Asbury in NC or SC. I leave it here to remind me to keep checking and keep digging.

There is plenty of confusion and uncertainty about the husband of Nancy Johnson Harkins.

[SOURCE] -Margie Lanning's notes indicated Millie Harkins father was William (Billy) Harkins but I can find no records to verify this.

[SOURCE] - Margie Lanning Dunn - Lannings of Turniptown Road
William (Billy) and Nancy Harkins had come to Buncombe County from South Carolina and settled on Boot River. The Harkins had also emigrated from Ireland.

[SOURCE] - Census and internet sources indicate a William Harkins, father unknown, who married Nancy Stell, daughter of Robert Stell. The thing that confuses though is that there are just enough bits and pieces that could fit but just as many that do not. Also the children and the places of residence are not the same.

[SOURCE] - Census and internet sources indicate a second William Harkins who married Sarah {possibly Nicholson} and lived in the same Union, Gilmer and Murray County areas at the same time Nancy Harkins was living there.

I think it is very possible that Margie may have found this William in the census records for Gilmer County, GA and tied it inadvertently to Nancy. I don't quite know how she would have done this though since Nancy was on a census of her own in 1850.

[SOURCE] - Heather Greenway offers the following:

Actually, one of my own pet theories is that Nancy was a second wife to John. And if that's the case, it would open up all kinds of possibilities. You see, I'm quite sure there's a connection to the William Harkins whose children (John and Adaline) are living with James' 2 children (J.P. and Sophronia) in the 1870 census. If James and William were brothers (full or half) it would explain it; but William would be too old (reasonably) to have been Nancy's natural son. The only true possibility is that he had a different mother. Thomas could also slip in there as an older son of John. {Heather}

While I can not prove it, I feel this William may have been a brother to the husband of Nancy Harkins. If that is so, then the Billy Harkins of Margie Dunn is truly in error.

I have researched the information received from Margie Lanning Dunn for proof of a William (Billy) Harkins but as of today (02-09-2007), I have not found him. There is no William listed in any of the children or grandchildren either which is uncommon for that time period.

[SOURCE] - From Harold Wesley//Genforum

Blanche Harkins McDonald in her 1990 book clearly states on page 7 that she assumes the husband of Nancy was named James.

The following is quoted from: Descendants of James and Nancy Harkins of South Carolina, 1990

"James Harkins was born, we believe, in South Carolina about 1795. He died before 1850 but the exact date and the place of death is unknown. An 1850 Census Record for Murray County Georgia shows that his family, wife Nancy Harkins, a widow, and three sons, James Marshal, Tilman R. and Asberry B. were living in the 63rd Division of that County on November 13, 1850. No record was found to identify our great-great grandfather as James Harkins. The name James and James Marshal run consistently through the family and we feel sure his name was James. We have so identified him in this chronicle."

[SOURCE] - From Angela Sullivan//Genforum

I have a family history book that suggests Nancy Harkins was married to James and that both are from SC.

[SOURCE] - Ancestry World Tree Project: PAINTER, CARPENTER

Name: Nancy Harkins

Marriage: James HARKINS b: 1791 in SC

Nancy JOHNSON was born in 1795 in SC and died after 1870 in Gilmer County, GA. She was buried in Tails Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Gilmer County, GA.

General Notes:

[Source] -- Card to Wilma Flowers from Margie Lanning Dunn

"I've done some work on the Henson's and found gr. gr. grandmother, Nancy Johnson Harkins; Millie Henson's mother came from Ireland at age 12. Nathaniel always said it was our Finney grandmother. He had told this story to Stanley and it was published as so. But I think he had the grandmothers confused, and I've been to the archives searching Indian Claims and find no evidence of Indian blood in Millie's line".

[Source] -- Letter dated 5 May 1993 from Margie Lanning Dunn to Wilma Flowers

"Nathaniel was always adamant gr. grandmother Millie was of Indian Ancestry. He also said Anna Finney came from Ireland at age 12, on "The Little Mary". In researching the Henson's, I found Millie Harkins Henson's mother was a Johnson. Someone working on this family had found where Millie's ancestor had come from Ireland at age 12, etc. So Nathaniel had his families mixed up - so easy to do - and Annie was not the correct grandmother".

1814 – South Carolina -- UNKNOWN married Nancy JOHNSON

1826 - 1829 –Between these dates, the Harkins family [Nancy and husband and children] moved from SC to NC. Their first son James was born in SC in 1819. Their second son Tilman was born in SC in 1826 and the next son Asbury was born in NC in 1829.

1832 - Daughter Millie was born April 19, 1832 in Buncombe County.

1835 - 1840 - It appears Mr. Harkins has been killed, ran off, or died in this time period. Nancy bought property alone in 1836 and the 1840 census shows her as the HOH alone.

1836 July 5 - Nancy Harkins bought 50 acres of land on the Davidson River in Buncombe County, NC, from Zachariah Chandler [Source: Buncombe County Deed Index 1783 - 1850]

1840 - Henderson County NC Census

No husband listed --- Nancy is listed as HOH with the following entires 1 F 5 -10 - [Millie - b. 1832] 1 M 10-15 - [Asbury - b. 1829] 1 M 10-15 - [Tilman - b. 1826] 1 F 15-20 - [Sarah Melissa -----?] 1 F 15-20 -

[Unknown ----- ?] 1 M 20-30 - [James Marshall - b. 1819] 1 F 20-30 - [Pearl Ina (Perlina_ ?) 1 F 40-50 - [Nancy - b. 1796]



1844 - South Carolina -- There is an estate notice for a James Harkins who died in 1844. This does not agree with a death before 1840 unless Nancy left James in South Carolina and he died later.

1850 - Federal Census, Murray County, GA

54 year old Nancy is listed as HOH along with Asbury and Tilman, her children. They are living next door to her other son, James Harkins and his family.

1850	1850	James Harkins	54	M	Head			
18		Sarah M	27	F				NC
17		Margaret	16	F				do
16		Quincy J	2	M				do
15		John T P	12	M				do
14	1855	Nancy Harkins	54	F				NC
13		Tilman B	26	M		Subor		do
12		Asbury	11	M				do

1853 - Source -- Lannings of Turniptown Road, by Margie Dunn

Lloyd Henson married Millie Harkins, daughter of William (Billy) and Nancy Harkins. Nancy Harkins was born in 1795 in South Carolina. The Harkins had come to Buncombe County from South Carolina and settled on Boot River. The Harkins had also emigrated from Ireland.

1860 - Federal Census, Towns County, GA

65 year old Nancy, a widow, is living with her son Asbury and his family in what is now Towns County, formed from Old Union County.

1860	1860	Asbury Harkins	21	M	Head		200	1111	✓
94		Nancy	25	F				16	✓
95		Mary	4	F				Head	
96		George	9	M				1111	
97		Nancy Harkins	65	F	Widow			16	✓
98		Asbury	30	M			290	16	✓

1865-1875 - Property records at the courthouse in Blairsville, Union County, GA, indicate that Nancy either bought or sold property here during this time frame.

1870 - Federal Census, Gilmer County, GA

75 year old Nancy is living with her daughter Millie and her husband Loyd Henson.

After 1870 Nancy is not on the 1880 census, thus I am assuming she died between 1870 and 1880.

[SOURCE] - Margie Dunn Notes

Nancy is buried in the Tails Creek Cemetery in Gilmer County near her daughter Pearl Ina Harkins Henson.

I visited the Tails Creek Cemetery in Gilmer County and could not locate the exact spot where Pearl and her mother Nancy are located. (Bill Griffin)

Mr. HARKINS and Nancy JOHNSON HARKINS had the following children. The names and dates are from census and family records to the best of our ability to cipher.

They had seven children: Pearl Ina (Perlina/Palaska), James Marshal, Girl 4, Sarah Melissa, Tilman R., Asbury B., and Milly.

1. Pearl Ina (Perlina/Palaska) HARKINS was born about 1815 in SC, and died after 1870 in Gilmer County, GA. She was buried in Tails Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Other names for Pearl were Palaska and Perlina.

General Notes: [SOURCE] - Margie Dunn note indicates "Ina Harkins Henson buried Tails Creek - no marker Mother Nancy Harkins nee Johnson buried there also.

[SOURCE] - 1840 - Henderson County, NC Census
1 female 20-30 listed in the Nancy Harkins household -- this is probably Perlina (Pearl Ina)

[SOURCE] - 1860 - Hiawasee Post Office, Towns County, GA census
Palaska Harkin - 45 - ? - Widowed - 0 - 125 - SC
Mary, James, William, George, Asbery, John also on this census with her

[SOURCE] - 1870 - Gilmer County, GA census M593_152 Pg 77 H# 1138 Sbdvsn 55
Perlina -- 51 -- Keeping House -- SC
Mary J -- 27 -- Assisting in house -- NC
Asbury -- 19 -- Works on farm -- GA
John -- 17 -- GA
*Powell, John -- 4 -- GA
*Powell, Nancy A -- 3 -- GA

John Powell and Nancy Powell are the children of Armanda Harkins Powell. No info on why they are living with their grand mother

[SOURCE] Heather Greenway memo
While in Salt Lake City, I came across a Henson Family Tree. In this tree, it lists a Wiley Henson (d. ca 1855) married to Pearl Ina Harkins in North Carolina. They are buried in Tails Creek Cemetery, Gilmer County, GA.

His brother, Loyd, married Millie Harkins. They are both buried in Gilmer County, GA.

Noted events in her life were:

- Moved from SC to NC with parents between 1818 and 1840 census, Buncombe County, NC.

Pearl married Wiley HENSON, Jr., son of Wiley Henson, Sr. and Mary Mease, in NC. Wiley was born about 1817 in Haywood County, NC, died about 1855 about age 38, and was buried in UNKNOWN. They had seven children: Amanda, James Dotson, Mary Jane, George W, William, Asbury Denton, and John Tilman Monroe.

General Notes: <> -- There are conflicting reports on the first wife of Wiley Henson Jr. One source shows Susannah Wise and another source shows Mary (Polly) Pressley. This Wiley married Susannah. There is another Wiley in NC that married Mary Pressley.

We may be dealing with different Wileys. It would appear this was a popular name in Western NC in the early 1800s. I continually ran into another Wiley Henson in western NC when I was doing census searches.

SECOND GENERATION

This second generation was born about the time of the Civil War. Wiley Henson moved his family from North Carolina to Gilmer County, Georgia about 1847. Several family legends deal with Wiley's death.

Aunt Rowena Hattie Henson-Young says that there were very few cash paying jobs in Gilmer County in the mid 1800's so Wiley would go to Copperhill, Tennessee and work in the mines. He would stay several months at a time. One

time he did not return when the family expected him, so some of the boys went to Copperhill to learn something of him. When they arrived, they were told that he died of pneumonia about two months previously.

In September of 1988, I contacted Mr. Roy Lillard, Polk County Tennessee historian. Copperhill lies within Polk County. Mr. Lillard has all of the cemetery burial records for the cemeteries that were active in the mid 1800's. There was no record of any Hensons being buried in those years. There is the possibility that Wiley died and was buried in McCaysville, Georgia which is just across the line from Copperhill. We have yet to follow up on this.

Iona Pfeifer of Sevierville, Tennessee has a different version. She remembers hearing some men discuss with her father an incident that happened in the mid 1800's. Several Hensons were sitting about a campfire one night, when all of a sudden an intruder rode in and gunned down one of those present. Iona was only a child at the time of this conversation, and protocol did not allow her to ask any questions. In later years, she accounted for the deaths of all the family members except Wiley, and believes he could have been the one about which they were speaking.

Family lore says that Pearl Ina Harkins-Henson took the children and moved into the mountains around Turniptown to get away from the Civil War. She died in Gilmer County and was buried at Tails Creek at the foot of a large Cedar tree. The tree is now gone and there is no marker to indicate her grave site. Charlie John Henson remembers his father, my Uncle Wiley Hixson Henson, taking him to the spot many times. I have gone to the cemetery and stood near the grave. There has been some interest in the family to raise a stone above her grave.

NOTE: This was in Margie Lanning Dunn's notes. It was written by John William Henson III but I do not know what page 13 document it came from.

Wiley and Pearl moved from NC to GA about 1847 in Gilmer County, GA.

2. James Marshal HARKINS was born about 1819 in SC and died after 1873. James married **Sarah M. (Sallie) BARTLES**, daughter of Jacob /Bartles Bortle and Sarah (Sally) Bible, about 1844. Sarah was born about 1828 in NC and died after 1873.

They had eight children: Margaret Saphronia, Nancy Sabrina, John F. Pinkney, Braven Alexander, Elizabeth C. (Lizzie), Sarah Jane (Jenny), Thomas Lee, and Mary Ann "Amelia".

General Notes:

1850 -- Murray County Georgia census James Harkins - 31 - Farmer - SC Sarah M. - 22 - NC Margaret - 4 - GA Nancy J - 2 - GA John F P - 1/12 - GA

1860 -- Dekalb County Alabama Census Div 2 Sheet 34 Town: Lebanon [NE Alabama on the GA border] James M Harkins - 40 - Blacksmith - SC Sarah M - 32 - SC Margaret S - 13 - GA Nancy J. - 12 - GA John F P - 10 - GA Bravin - 8 - GA Elizabeth - 4 - AL Sarah J - 1/12 - AL

1870 -- No census records can be found for Harkins or soundex for James or any of the children. I searched by first names looking for any variation of Harkins/Harkens/Harking/Harkness in DeKalb County, Alabama, Whitfield County, and Floyd County, Georgia for both James and the children to no avail. It appears James did not participate or was on the move at the time of the census or the name has been really obscured and can not pick it up.

1872 -- Floyd County Georgia James M. Harkins filed a petition with the Commissioner of Claims in Washington, D.C. on July 8, 1872 for property taken from his plantation at or near Rome in Floyd County, GA by the US forces in the amount of \$470.00. The property was taken for use of General Sherman's Army during 1864. The claim was barred but no reason was shown for the bar.

1872 -- James swears in a statement that he is a citizen of Floyd County, GA and has a family consisting of a wife and four minor children [Sarah and the four youngest fit this description]

1873 -- Floyd County Georgia James M. Harkins filed for an exemption of certain personal property in Floyd County, GA on March 15, 1873. These documents place him in Floyd County, GA and we believe he continued living in Georgia until his death. He swore to being a citizen of Floyd County with a family that consisted of his WIFE and FOUR MINOR children. [Lizzie, Sarah Jane, Thomas, and Amelia fit this description]

1880 -- James' two youngest children are living with Braven Alexander in Tennessee at this time which indicates James and Sarah may be dead or physically unable to care for them. Ancestry.com query Looking for any info on James Harkins in Floyd Co in 1860' and 1870. He was born about 1819, m Sarah, had 8 children and filed a claims petition for goods taken in the war.

- 3. Girl 4 HARKINS** was born between 1820 and 1825 and was buried in Tails Creek, Gilmer County, GA. General Notes: <> - 1840 - Henderson County, NC Census 2 females 15 - 20 are listed in the Nancy Harkins household

NOTE: E-mail from James Harkins:

Bill, an e-mail from Duane has the same information you have about Pearl Ina. He has also found the name of one of the missing girls (Sarah Melissa) who was the twin of Tilman R. According to Margie, there were four girls. I think it runs like this 1. Pearl Ina 2. Sarah Melissa, 3. Millie and the 4. Unknown. So if there were three girls or four, maybe something will come to the light on that {Jim}

- 4. [TWIN] Sarah Melissa HARKINS** was born in 1826.

NOTE: E-mail from Duane Knight

In the list of Nancy and Unknown's family that I have, it says that Tilman R. Harkins and his sister Melissa were twins born in 1823 or 1824. I suspect the date range of birth to be off a bit, since the 1850 Murray County, GA census it says Tilman R. was 24. Do either of you know whether the two were twins or not?

[SOURCE]

E-mail from James Harkins

Quote: "I think I told you that Duane Knight said his grandfather, James Marshal, told his kin that the first couple had two daughters which were named after states. He apparently didn't say what states, and most of the older generation is no more. I doubt we will ever find them.

- 5. [TWIN] Tilman R. HARKINS** was born in 1826 in SC and died in GA.

General Notes: [Source - E-mail from Duane Knight, great grandson of James Marshal]
John Marshal, as you may know, is the son of Tilman R. Harkins and Jane Elizabeth Terry both of whom died mysteriously in Georgia when their children were not yet grown. There's a family story that carpetbaggers came to the house, the children [older daughter Nancy Divina, John M. and Mollie (I've also heard of her referred as Mandy)] hid in the woods. The carpetbaggers supposedly killed Tilman and Jane, and then burned down their house. I don't have any idea if any of this is true yet, but I do know the parents disappeared between censuses and the kids ended up in Indiana, per census found by Evelyn Ford, along with their grandmother Nancy (the one whom we don't know the name of her husband.)

****** NOTE::: This Nancy in Indiana is not their grandmother!**

[SOURCE - e-mail message from Jim Harkins 02/07/2004]

No new information lately. Evelyn Ford is still on the search for some of Tillman's family. We will always wonder what happened to them after their parents were killed. I'm sure they had a hard life. Strange that Tillman and spouse didn't go into hiding. I suppose they thought they could

save the house. Stranger still is why the renegades would do such a thing. It happened in Alabama. Just come through, hang someone on a tree and move on. There are mean people in this world. People we could do without. Jim

Tilman married Jane Elizabeth Terry in 1850 in Murray County, GA. Jane died in GA. They had three children: John Marshal, Nancy Divina, and Mollie (Mandy).

6. Asbury B. HARKINS was born about 1829 in NC.

General Notes: 1860 - Asbery - 21 - Farmer - NC is listed with wife Nancy and children in the Towns County Ga. census

Asbury married Nancy Terry in Murray County, GA. Nancy was born about 1835. They had two children: Mary and George.

General Notes: <> - 1860 - Nancy - 25 - SC, is in the Towns County GA census with husband Asbury and children

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<mailto:epaxfor42@msn.com> Contact_URL: Date: 1/6/2003 Time: 9:18:31 AM Comments:

I am searching for two Terry's both married in Murray Co. Georgia. J Terry married Tilman Harkins 1850. The other one (my g-g-grandmother) Nancy married Asbury (Asberry) Harkins In 1855 Asberry and Nancy were in MO. The 1880 census says Nancy and both her parents were born in South Carolina. Nancy I believed lived in Oklahoma but is buried in Coffeyville, Kansas 1893. The Harkins were brothers but I don't know about the Terry girls Any Help anyone? I am keeping a record of the Terry's I find in Kansas & Oklahoma It might be a help to some one else. Will be glad to share what little I do have. Evelyn HELP

7. Milly HARKINS was born in Sep 1831 in Buncombe County, NC and died on 19 Apr 1908 in Gilmer County, GA at age 76. She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Gilmer County, GA. This cemetery is located on Hwy 52 west of Ellijay.

[SEE THE LOYD HENSON - MILLIE HARKINS STORY - THIS GENERATION]

RESEARCH NOTES FOR THE HARKINS FAMILY

2005 - August -- Bill Griffin walked the entire cemetery at Tails Creek Baptist Church but could not find anything to indicate Nancy's and Pearl's gravesites. There is no "big oak tree" there now and most of the old rock stones have been replaced with small marble markers to indicate "Unknown" graves. I contacted the caretaker and he advised me the church had burned some time back and all written records were lost. They are rebuilding their records as they get info from families.

Loyd and Millie moved out of upper Turniptown in their latter years and into a house just east of there. A grandchild, Edna Henson Cook, now lives in their old house. [Source: Harold Wesley]

[SOURCE] - The following items of note are furnished by Harold Wesley (each@thegrid.net)

1. Edna Henson-Cook's family lore has Granny Nancy Harkins as a (or married) to a Walkingstick Cherokee Indian. He was buried at what is now the Gold Coast (sp?) Chicken Plant in Ellijay. Was he moved west of Ellijay? Edna remembers her Grandmother Millie talking about Granny Nancy Harkins.

2. I have seen references to Nancy Harkins and a husband Hawkins. Hawkins could be a Cherokee name.

3. Per two Walkingstick genealogists in Gilmer County, GA, they both have no Harkins in their data bases. One of these is a recognized Cherokee authority on the Walkingstick Clan.

4. A William Harkins of Coweta County, GA was the BEST FIT in my spreadsheet as a husband for Nancy; however, there seems to be another researcher that is claiming him. {Lots of items with this William are close but do not fit our research for Nancy --- Bill Griffin}

5. Evelyn Ford and I interviewed _____ Harkins 2 years ago and he remembered that Nancy was Nancy Johnson from Ireland and was a Catholic. Catholic's were greatly oppressed at that time in Ireland by the English, so this could be true. Many came to the US.

{All my research shows Nancy born in SC, USA. Her ancestors could have been from Ireland though. -- Bill Griffin}

5a. his is probably a dead end unless we can connect Harkins and Johnson coming together. Both are Catholic names in the northern part of Ireland.

6. There may be some references with the person who wrote "Lanning", by Dunn. The book details the Turniptown Area, Gilmer Co, GA and seems to correspond to the 1870 census.

7. Who were the other two Harkins living 2 doors from Loyd, Millie and NANCY in 1870, Gilmer Co, GA?

7a. Nancy's husband Harkins possibly had siblings. The connecting of the various Harkins lines possibly would bring a major breakthrough.

8. Mitochondrial dna (male line) would establish Native American descendency (?) of each of the 3 sons.

Two other researchers that I do not have on the tip of my tongue are Lois from NC researching Harkins in Union Co, GA and Sullivan who is one of Nancy's descendents. They need to be contacted.

Harold

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LOYD HENSON LOYD HENSON was one of the better known of the HENSON family. There are many of his ancestors in the Gilmer County area of North Georgia. He was a brother to the large offspring of WILEY HENSON also in the same area and in Murray, Whitfield, and Catoosa Counties of Georgia.

The Civil War records show that Loyd enlisted in the Confederate Army at Dalton, Georgia on September 19, 1861. His military records also indicate that he spelled his name with only one "L".

The Confederate War records show that he was from Gilmer County, Georgia. That he had grey eyes, dark hair and complexion. He was 5'9" tall and was about 35 years old when he enlisted. He was listed as present for the Company Muster Roll from September 19, to October 31, 1861. Loyd was a Private in the

Confederate army, Company E 60 Georgia Infantry, the Bartow Avengers, Captain John W. Beck's Company, of Stiles Battalion.

During the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia on December 13, 1862 he was wounded and put into the CHIMBORAZO HOSPITAL No. 2, in Richmond, Virginia on December 15. On December 23, 1862 he was moved to the C.S.A. GENERAL HOSPITAL at Danville, Virginia. He was suffering with Vulvus Sclopet of the neck and arms. (Editor's note: Dr. Freeman, at Vanderbilt Hospital is a authority on Civil War medicine. He says that this was a Southern term for shrapnel injuries.

Family lore tells us that Loyd and his Commanding Officer got at cross ends with each other, and the Officer threatened his life. During the night he and his horse, deserted and joined the Union Forces at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 22, 1864.

The C.S.A. records show him AWOL for some months, and then the following appeared on some of his records; "Deserted on 15 April, 1864, in enemy lines."

The Union War records have been ordered to see if they give us additional information on our ancestor Loyd. They will be presented in the next issue of the HENSON CONNECTION.

HENSON CONNECTION

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A FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Loyd Henson

Loyd's Union service records show him to be a taller man than the Confederate records did. He was in and out of the hospital on various occasions. He always signed his name with an "X" which indicates that he could not read or write. He was a farmer and was born in Haywood County, North Carolina. These records are the first indication that I have seen of his place of birth. He was appointed Corporal while he was in the hospital, with Company M, 4 Reg't Tennessee Cavalry. Loyd married Millie Harkins and raised a large family in Gilmer County. They named one of their sons for the Union General/ William Sherman. Millie and Loyd with other members of their family are buried in the Oakhill Methodist Cemetery in Gilmer County. They have a fine tombstone erected in their memory. Mr. and Mrs. Joe V. Cook, Loyd's Great granddaughter, live on the old family homeplace next to the cemetery. (Concluded)

1790 - Federal Census South Carolina

Hugh Harkins, Pendleton, SC
Robert Harkness, Pendleton, SC
James Harkins, Edgefield, SC
John Harkins, Edgefield, SC

1800 - Federal Census South Carolina

Jacob Harkins, Newberry District, SC
James Harkins, Newberry District, SC
Peter Harkins, Newberry District, SC
Hugh Harkins, Pendleton District, SC
John Harkins, Pendleton District, SC
Sarah Harkins, Pendleton District, SC
Thomas Harkins, Pendleton District, SC

1810 - Federal Census North Carolina

John Harkin, Buncombe, NC
Thomas Harking, Buncombe, NC

1820 - Federal Census South Carolina

John Harkins, Greenville
Thomas Harkins, Greenville
James Harkins, Pendleton
Jesse Harkins, Abbeville

1820 - Federal Census North Carolina

There are some Harkins listed in NC but they are all in the eastern part of the state

1830 - Federal Census South Carolina

James Harkins, Anderson
John Harkins, Anderson

1830 - Federal Census North Carolina

John Harkins, Buncombe
John Harkins, Buncombe
John Harkins, Buncombe
Thomas Harkins, Buncombe
Thomas Harkins, Buncombe

One of the John Harkins entries has all the age groups and genders that fit Nancy Harkins and her children that later appear alone in 1840. [My personal thought: This John is probably the father of Nancy's husband and with his death or desertion, she moved in with him with her small children.

1836 - July- 5 -- Buncombe County Deed Index 1783-1850

Nancy Harkins purchased property from Zachariah Chandler. The deed was recorded 3-29-1837

1840 - Federal Census North Carolina

William Harkins, Henderson
John Harkins, Henderson
Nancy Harkins, Henderson
J. Harkins, Buncombe
Thomas Harkins, Buncombe

1850 - Federal Census Georgia

Nancy Harkins, Murray
James Harkins, Murray (son of Nancy)

1860 - Federal Census Alabama

James M. Harkins, DeKalb (son of Nancy)

1860 - Federal Census Georgia

Palaska Harkin, Towns County Hiawassee Post Office (Widowed) (45 year old Pearl and children)
Nancy Harkins, Towns County (65 year old Nancy is living with her son Asbery)

1870 - Federal Census Georgia

Henson, Loyd, Gilmer
Harkins, Nancy, Gilmer (75 year old Nancy is living with her daughter Millie Henson)
Harkins, J.P. (Appears these probable cousins have taken up house together to farm)
Harkins, John (Appears these probable cousins have taken up house together to farm)
Harkins, Sophronia (Appears these probable cousins have taken up house together to farm)
Harkins, Adaline (Appears these probable cousins have taken up house together to farm)
Harkins, Pearlina, Gilmer (HOH with Mary J, Asberry, and John and two grandchildren)

1880 - Federal Census Tennessee

B. A. Harkins, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, TN

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This is by no means an exhaustive list of all the resources used for this family of Harkins. I can never thank the following people enough for their help.

Margie Dunn – for getting me started
James Harkins
Joyce Fezell
Angela Sullivan
Duane Knight
Harold Wesley
Mary Ann Henson Johnson
If I missed anyone, it was an honest mistake.

James COCHRAN
Elizabeth UNKNOWN

James COCHRAN was born in 1766 in South Carolina.

Elizabeth UNKNOWN was born about 1787 in South Carolina.

The information on the birth years for James and Elizabeth is calculated from census reports. It appears James was much older (21 years) than Elizabeth. This was not uncommon about 1800. She would have been only 18 when William or Hezekiah was born.

I have tried to trace James back into South Carolina but it is almost impossible since names of other family members were not listed until 1850.

Events And General Notes

[Source] - Genforum/Cochran::3184 Posted by Teri Summers 6-11-2002

"If it helps I can tell you, according to the census, father James and son Hezekiah, were in Lumpkin Co in 1834 and in Gilmer Co in 1840 and 1850. William shows up in Gilmer Co in 1850.

[Source] - Heritage of Gilmer County - 441 John Henry Cochran

"..... His great-grandparents James and Elizabeth Cochran came to Gilmer County in the 1830's."

[Source] - RootsWeb Message Board: Cochran

Subject: William Cockran

Author: Ann Cameron Saturday, June 10, 2000

I have been researching for years and have hit a brick wall. I am trying to find any more Cochran's that descended from William Cockran born in VA aboutt 1760. I know that Hezekiah was one of his children. Hezekiah Cockran settled in Georgia. I know that Hezekiah had a child named William Monroe Cockran, born 6/9/1833 in Georgia. This is my line of Cochran's. I have some information but not much.

William was in SC before 1810.

[Source] - Genforum/Cockrum :: 199

Re: James Bryant COCKRUM, 1878, Baxter, Ark

Posted by: Peggy B. Chapman Date: May 01, 2001 at 03:43:07

In Reply to: Re: James Bryant COCKRUM, 1878, Baxter, Ark by Donnie Pickard - 199 of 423

James & William Cockrum were in 1830 Habersham Co., GA census. James was 60-70, William 60-70. 1832 Cherokee Co., GA land lottery Wm., James & James' son Hezekiah were listed in Habersham Co.

They were in Lumpkin Co., GA 1834 state census. James & sons, Wm. & Hez., removed to Gilmer Co., GA before 1840. On the 1850 census James was 84.

Wm. remained in Lumpkin for the 1850 census age 79, Bap. minister.

1775 – 1784 – The American Revolutionary War involved all the new colonies in the battle for independence. South Carolina was heavily involved.

1812 – 1814 – The War of 1812 once again brought the battle to American soil.

1830 – Habersham County, GA Census

There is a James Cochran in Habersham County for the 1830 census. With Gilmer and Lumpkin counties not formed until 1832, James could have been in the area to become Gilmer County. Since this information is from the 1830 census, it can not be completely verified.

This census shows James as 50-60 along with a female 50-60. There are also 4 children it appears – 1 male 15-20

1 male 20-30
2 females 15-20

A handwritten census record on a grid. The first row is for James Cochran, with a '2' in the first column and '1' in the second. The second row is for William Shullery, with a '1' in the first column and '2' in the second. The grid continues with several empty columns.

1832 – Gilmer County is formed from Cherokee County and newly acquired Indian lands.

Georgia's first lotteries came at the start of the 19th century and represented a much darker side of Georgia's history, for it was through these lotteries that land belonging to Creek and Cherokee Indians was distributed.

Seven times between 1805 and 1832 Georgia used a lottery system to distribute the land taken from the Cherokee or Creek Indians. These lotteries were unique to the state; no other state used a lottery system to distribute land. Lot size varied widely, even in the individual lotteries. The largest lots distributed were 490 acres in the 1805 and the 1820 land lottery. The smallest lots were the 40-acre gold lots distributed during the Gold Lottery of 1832.

Many people, including the state of Georgia, combine the Land Lottery of 1832 and the Gold Lottery of 1832 and represent it as a single lottery; however, both the enabling legislation and the drawings themselves were independent, hence there were seven lotteries, not six.

Prior to 1803 Georgia distributed land via a headright system. Designed to prohibit corruption, the system actually encouraged it. During early administrations the government abused this system and created what today is generally known as the Yazoo Land Fraud. These abuses led to the adoption of the lottery system in May, 1803 under Governor John Milledge. The first lottery under the new system occurred in 1805.

Almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the land in present-day Georgia was distributed under this lottery system. During the 27 years that land was distributed under the system the rules and the methods of the lottery remained virtually unchanged. Applicants could be white males over 18 (or 21 depending on the lottery), orphans, or widows. Fees depended on the lottery and the size of the lot won, but in general they only covered the cost of running the lottery. The state did not profit from allocating these lands. Fractional lots were sold in each of the lotteries and some lands, especially those near major rivers, was exempt from the lottery. These were distributed by the state using alternate, frequently corrupt, methods.

1834 – 1840 He had a residence between 1834 and 1840 in Protection, Gilmer County, GA.

1840 – Gilmer County, GA Census

James Cochran is listed as 50-60 years old along with one female 20-30, which must be Elizabeth even though the date age is in error. Elizabeth would have been 53 if born in 1787. She is shown as 63 on the next census in 1850.

A handwritten census record on a grid. The first row is for James Cochran, with a '1' in the first column and '1' in the second. The second row is for Elizabeth, with a '1' in the first column and '1' in the second. The grid continues with several empty columns.

1850 – Gilmer County, GA

James and Elizabeth appeared on the Federal census on 18 Dec 1850 in Subdivision 33, Gilmer County, GA. James is listed as 84 years old with Elizabeth C., 63 years old, in the household. He has Real Estate valued at \$300. They are 2 houses away from William and Delilah and in the neighborhood of other Cochrans and Rackleys.

1850 - 1860

Apparently James and Elizabeth both died between 1850 and 1860 when the next census was taken. Neither was on the 1860 census.

There are more children according to census records but I can find no records of names or any other information for them. Therefore, I am only listing the two that appear to have a paper trail.

1 M Hezekiah COCHRAN

Born: Abt 1803 - Greenville, Greenville County, SC

Died: 1870 - GA

Spouse: Elizabeth C. BEARDON (1812-)

Marr. Date: 27 Sep 1828 - , Habersham County, GA

General Notes for Child Hezekiah COCHRAN

[SOURCE] - Genforum/Cochran::3287 Posted by Teri Summers 1-30-2002
William is the b/o my ancestor, Hezekiah Cochran.

[SOURCE] - Genforum/Cochran::3184 Posted by Teri Summers 6-11-2002

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[SOURCE] - RootsWeb Message Board > Cochran

Author: embracer_1 Wednesday, October 26, 2005

I have Hezekiah Cockran of Greenville Dist. SC in my Family bible and can prove it over and above and back again! He was my direct line 4th Great Grandfather. He married three times and had six children, all by his first wife. I have both of his wills, I have a law suit filed against him and his second wife, I have a suit filed by one of his daughter's husbands against his estate upon the death of his third wife. I have all of the US censuses which he appears on and his entire line coming down to me! I even have the censuses that have his Grandson and his Nephew also named Hezekiah. So just so that you know, there are several William's, several Johns, several Hezekiahs and I have them all! I have been at this for 18 years now. {embracer@pineland.net}

[SOURCE] - Genforum/Cochran:: 293 Posted by Teri Summers

In Habersham Co, GA on 27 Sept 1828, Hezekiah Cochran had a license to marry Elizabeth Bearden d/o Jacob Bearden. Hezekiah and Elizabeth went on to Lumpkin and then Gilmer Co, GA.

It is assumed Hezekiah died before 1860. In the 1870 census Elizabeth is living with her daughter Mary Jane Olivett and her family in Gilmer Co, Ga. Then in the 1880 census, Elizabeth is living with her daughter, Arminda Woody in Polk Co, TN.

1850 - Subdivision 33- Gilmer County, GA Census

Hezekiah Cockran - 47 - Farmer - SC

Elizabeth Cockran - 30 - GA

William Cockran - 17 - GA

Elizabeth Cockran - 16 - GA

Jacob Cockran - 12 - GA

John Cockran - 10 - GA

James Cockran - 8 - GA

Nancy Cockran - 6 - GA

Mary Cockran - 2 - GA

2 M William COCHRAN

Born: Abt 1805 - Greenville, Greenville County, SC

Died: Before 1860

Spouse: Delilah RACKLEY (Abt 1805-Aft 1880)

Marr. Date: Abt 1828

[SEE GENERATION FIVE]

Census reports indicate there were two male children and two female children born to James and Elizabeth in addition to Hezekiah and William.

Reuben RACKLEY

UNKNOWN

Reuben RACKLEY, son of **William RACKLEY, Sr.** and **Sarah [UNKNOWN]**, was born in 1784 in, Union County, SC and died between 1818 and 1820 in SC at age 34.

Reuben married **[Mrs. Reuben RACKLEY]** about 1803. [Mrs. was born about 1785 and died about 1812 about age 27.

General Notes For Reuben And First Wife

[Source] - Angela Harlan email 04-07-2008

I do not have all the Rackley's in my file online but I have a book "RACKLEY: A Southern Colonial Family The Descendants of Edward Rackley of Virginia" by Eloise Fretz "Potter and Timothy Wiley Rackley Potter Publications Zebulon, NC 1996 PG. 328 lists Delila "Lila" Rackley b 1805 SC m. William Cochran b. 1805 S.C.

Nine Cochran children were born prior to 1850. James 1830; John 1832; Henry 1837; Jane 1840; Mary 1841; Delila 1842; William 1843; Richard 1846; Riley 1848.

According to this book Delila was the daughter of Reuben Rackley b. abt 1784 d. 1818/1820 and unknown first wife who was said to have at least 4 children;

1. Thomas Rackley b. 1804 GA m. Elizabeth ? b. 1805 Pickens Co, SC
2. Delila Rackley (see above)
3. Girl Rackley b. abt 1810 (appears to have married Daniel Rackley son of Jesse Rackley, Reuben's brother)
4. Lewis Rackley b. 1811/1812 (never found as head of household)

Children from this marriage were:

1. **Thomas RACKLEY** was born in 1804 in GA.
Thomas married **Elizabeth**. Elizabeth was born in 1805 in Pickens County, SC.
2. **Delila RACKLEY** was born about 1805 in SC and died after 25 Jun 1880.
Delila married **William "Billy" COCHRAN, Sr.** about 1828. William was born about 1805 in Greenville, Greenville County, SC and died before 1860. Another name for William was Billy.
[SEE GENERATION FIVE]
3. **Female RACKLEY** was born about 1810.
Female married **Daniel RACKLEY** about 1829 in SC. Daniel was born in 1810 in Pendleton, Pickens County, SC.
4. **Lewis RACKLEY** was born in 1810 in Pickens County, SC.

Reuben's first wife, whom we don't know, apparently died about 1810, possibly in childbirth. I can find no information about her.

Reuben next married **Jane B. HOLDEN** in 1812 in Pickens County, SC. Jane was born in 1770 in Union County, SC and died in 1860 in Gilmer County, GA at age 90.

General Notes

[Source] - Rackley: A Southern Colonial Family

By Eloise Fretz Potter and Timothy Wiley Rackley

Published 1996 --- Page 328

Jane was 14 years older than Reuben if the dates are correct.

[Source] Ancestry.com

<http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:3140251&id=I58354>

GARY DEAN LATEST UPDATES

Name: Jane B. HOLDEN

Sex: F

Birth: Abt 1770 in Pendleton Dist. Pickens Co.,SC

Death: Abt 1860 in Gilmer Co.,GA

Note:

One source from Holden Beach told me that these Holdens landed at what is now Holden Beach, Brunswick Co., NC.

No one seems to know who Jane's parents are, nor what her last name was. If the twins were illegitimate, what a scandal not to have one baby but twins! Our own Holden Scarlet Letter!!

The biggest unanswered question is, "Was Jane born a Holden?" If she was, then the twins are Holdens & what else? If not, did she marry a Holden and the twins took on the husband's name? If so, then we are researching the right people but the wrong name!

Sources:

1. Repository:

Title: LDS Church Records

Note: LDS Church Records. We don't know who submitted this record but it does not coincide with the LDS records that Uriah & Ozias were born on 1/8/1795, AFTER her marriage to RACKLEY. Ozias tombstone says he was born 1793.

Also, if Jane was born about 1770, she would have been 43 when her first Rackley child was born and 49 when the last one was born.

The ancestry of Ozias & Uriah is still questionable, but the descendancy is being documented by several other family members..

Marriage 1 Father UNKNOWN

Children from Jane's first marriage:

1. Uriah (1) B. HOLDEN b: BET. 8 JAN 1793 - 1795 in Pendleton Dist.,Pickens Co.,SC/Old Pendleton Dist.,Oconee Co., SC

2. Ozias (1) "Ozies" HOLDEN b: BET. 8 JAN 1793 - 1795 in Pendleton Dist. Pickens Co.,SC/Old Pendleton Dist.,Oconee Co.,SC

Marriage 2 **Reuben RACKLEY**

Married: Abt 1812 in Pickens County, SC

General Notes

GenForum

Posted By:Gwen Holden Skelton

Email:

Subject:Re: John RACKLEY, III (born 1695 - Essex Co., VA)

Post Date:March 30, 1998 at 20:17:18

Message URL:<http://genforum.genealogy.com/rackley/messages/5.html>

Forum:Rackley Family Genealogy Forum

Forum URL:<http://genforum.genealogy.com/rackley/>

Do you are anyone responding to your message know of a Reuben Rackley that would have been born in either VA or NC and married Jane? in SC? It is thought that he had been married previously and had children when he married JANE who also had children(at least 1 son John Holden and twins Ozias and Uriah Holden born January 08,1793. They had 3 Rackley children before Reuben died. The widow JANE moved to Gilmer County GA with her children. I would like so much to know if anyone has a Bible telling

of their marriage date or place and if anyone knows the last name of JANE, and where Reuben is buried etc. I have a large gap here.
Gwen

Children from this marriage were:

1. **Sarah RACKLEY** was born from 1813 to 1814 in Pickens County, SC.
Sarah married **Richard WILLS** on 27 Feb 1842 in , Gilmer County, GA. Richard was born about 1815 in SC.
1850 Gilmer County Census - Listed as Richard Wills
2. **Richard Nathan "Dick" RACKLEY** was born in May 1815 in Pickens County, SC and died on 31 Jan 1901 in Cartercay, Gilmer County, GA at age 85. He was buried in New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery, Gilmer County, GA. Another name for Richard was Dick.

[Source] -- Gilmer County Heritage

964 RICHARD RACKLEY

Richard Rackley was born 1815, he settled in the Tickanetly Section of Gilmer County prior to the removal of the Cherokee. He came from Pickens County, South Carolina with his mother Jane Holden Rackley, a brother William and a sister Matilda Emmaline.

The name Rackley, in early Anglo-Saxon meant "mountain meadow." Richard's ancestor, Edward Rackley came from England to the Virginia Colony in North America in 1639. Jamestown, Virginia had been settled in 1607. The first Rackleys lived in Essex and Henrico Counties in Virginia.

North Carolina became a separate province in 1729. John Rackley III was living in Bertie County, North Carolina in 1740. Richard Rackley was the seventh generation of the Rackley family in America.

Richard Rackley married Jane Bailey in 1842 in Ellijay, Georgia. Jane was the daughter of Augustus Bailey and Elizabeth Cloud Bailey, who were among the earliest residents of Gilmer County. They were the parents of seven sons and three daughters.

Richard and Jane were the first Rackleys in Gilmer County appearing on the 1840 Census They were parents to nine children: Issac Webster "Webb" Rackley (1844) married Mary Minerva Cochrum and had three sons, Sarah, Jane Rackley (1846) never married. Augustus Bailey "Bail" Rackley (1848) married Catherine Woody and they had several children. Elizabeth Rackley (1851) married Willis Woody, William Rackley married Althea Holloway and had four children, Garrett Rackley (1855) died when just a boy, Terrill Wilkie (1857) married Minerva Ann Ralston, of a prominent Gilmer County family. They moved to Texas County, Missouri to work and raise their family. She was killed when she was struck by lightning at the age of 37. Terrill and Minerva Ann had five children. Terrill then married, Lula Newhall and they had two children, Catherine Rackley (1862 - 1910) never married, Francis Marion "Kid" Rackley married Mary Painter and they had six children, he later married a White.

Richard Rackley's brother William left Gilmer County going west with his wife (an Indian woman) and their two young children. They left in a covered wagon pulled by two oxen, with the two children riding on two mules tied to the back of the wagon. His sister, Matilda married James Littleton Weaver and lived in the Tickanetly District.

Richard and his family were among the first members of Macedonia Baptist Church and remained in the congregation until 1854 when he went on to organize and help build New Liberty Baptist Church. He was a deacon in his church and devoted Christian. He possessed a good voice for singing hymns. His wife Jane died on July 18, 1896 at the age of 74. Richard died on January 31, 1901 at the age of 84, they are buried at the New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery as is their daughter Catherine.

Issac "Webb" Rackley was a Confederate soldier, he was wounded severely at Franklin, Tennessee and three of his comrades carried him to the hospital at Nashville where he recovered from his wounds. He was sent to Camp Chase as a prisoner of war. He was released at Point Lookout, Maryland in 1865. His injuries would forever affect this health. After the war Webb returned to Gilmer and became a farmer-orchardist. He married Mary Minerva Cochrum (1848)

on September 8, 1871 the daughter of Mary Malinda Prather-Cochrum-Bailey (1821), she and her mother were born in North Carolina.

Webb and Mary Minerva raised three sons: William Edward Rackley (6-10-1873) married Rebecca Ann Holt (6-04-1883) on July 12, 1914. James Lester Rackley married Mattie Reece on December 21, 1904, they were the parents of ten children. Hilliard Price Rackley married Angeline Southern on November 19, 1916, they had four children.

Webb Rackley died in 1910 at the age of 67. Mary Minerva Rackley having no daughters of her own, in her last days was lovingly cared for by a niece, Anna Twiggs. Mary died in 1919; she was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Many descendants remain in Gilmer County.

William Edward "Big Ed" was an honored citizen of the Cartecay and Ellijay Districts. He attended Oakland Academy and the Ellijay Seminary, where Gordon Cole was his friend and school classmate. After completing his schooling in 1900, Ed traveled to Missouri and spent a year visiting an aged Aunt and Uncle and other relatives. He didn't like the climate in that part of the country.

Upon his return to Gilmer County at the age of 27, he joined the Masonic Lodge and rode his horse to and from the Saturday meetings in Ellijay, a distance of eight miles.

Ed was interested in Gilmer County politics as far back as 1910-12 when he was elected county tax collector. When staying over in town he was always a guest at the Joe Ray Boarding House located in back of the Hyatt Hotel.

On July 15, 1914 he drove to the home of Milton and Nancy Cantrell Holt of the Cartecay District and picked up their daughter Rebecca Ann in her new white dress.

They drove to the preacher's house early that morning for the wedding ceremony, and then went immediately to Macedonia Baptist Church and took their places for the service. He sat with the gentlemen and she sat with the ladies telling no one they had just been married. After the church service Ed took his bride and her suitcase to his mother's home. They lived on the farm for five years, then Ed brought the Cartecay Mercantile Store and Service Station and operated it for 15 years.

In 1932 Ed ran for county sheriff and was elected, serving for two consecutive terms. He died suddenly of a heart attack in his third term as sheriff leaving a two year unexpired term. He was succeeded by his son Edward Holt Rackley who was only 21 years old and is on record as being the youngest sheriff in the USA at the time.

Rebecca Holt Rackley was a skilled home-maker. As a young girl growing up in Gilmer County, it was her task to cook for the other members of the family who worked in the garden or field. She was an accomplished seamstress and won numerous prizes at the county fair for expert needlework. She loved to bake and work in her flower garden.

Rebecca was the daughter of Milton Holt (1848) who was born in Georgia and Nancy Matilda Cantrell (1847) who was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina. They are buried in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery.

Ed and Rebecca Ann Rackley were the parents of three children: two sons, Edward Holt Rackley and Roy Nathaniel Rackley and one daughter Winnie Rackley Logan. All lived in Ellijay, Georgia.

Winnie born on June 16, 1915 in the Cartecay District, attended Oakland Academy, Martha Berry Schools graduating in 1936, and Southern Shorthand and Business University in Atlanta, Georgia finishing in 1938. On May 5, 1939, she married Ernest H. Logan the son of B.C. Logan Sr. and Nola Dover Logan.

Ernest was the first licensed embalmer and funeral director in Gilmer County, having received his graduation certificate from Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tennessee in 1940.

Winnie worked for two or three loan seasons for the Farm Security Agency and was appointed Chief Clerk of the local Price and Rationing Board during World War II. After the war she helped Ernest in the business and did substitute teaching in the Ellijay Elementary School.

Winnie and Ernest were members of the First Baptist Church where she was a member of the Business Women's Circle. She was a charter member of the local Eastern Star Chapter in Ellijay and served as pat worthy matron (1953-54).

Winnie and Ernest had one son Scott Logan, who owns and operates the business his dad began in 1940. They have one granddaughter Stephanie Logan.

William Edward and Rebecca Rackley are buried in the city cemetery as are Edward Holt "Little Ed" and Roy Nathaniel Rackley. Ernest Logan husband of Winnie is also buried there.
Submitted by: Winnie Rackley Logan

Richard married **Jane Ulsey BAILEY** on 18 Jan 1842 in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA. Jane was born in 1824 in NC, died on 18 Jul 1896 at age 72, and was buried in New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery, Gilmer County, GA.

3. **Andrew William RACKLEY** was born in 1816 in Pickens County, SC and died on 14 Feb 1862 in Savannah, Chatham County, GA at age 46.

Andrew married **Nancy ?GODFREY** about 1846. Nancy was born in 1827 in GA and died between 1865 and 1870 at age 38.

4. **Matilda Emmaline RACKLEY** was born in 1819 in SC and died on 22 Jun 1901 in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA at age 82.

Matilda married **James Littleton WEAVER** on 20 Dec 1841 in Ellijay, Gilmer County, GA. James was born in 1820 in SC and died before 1900.

Noted events in his life were:

1810 -- He appeared on the Federal census in the Pendleton District, SC.

Reuben Rackley 16-25

Female Rackley Under 10

Female Rackley 16-25

This fits the Reuben Rackley household with the exception of son Thomas that was supposedly born in 1804. Where is he?

A snippet of a handwritten census record. The names 'Reuben Rackley' and 'Rich Williams' are visible in cursive. To the right, there are columns of numbers, including '48' and '1832'.

1812 – 1814 – War of 1812 between the new United States and England.

1818 -- He died in SC.

Some internet sources show his death in Gilmer County, GA but Gilmer County was not formed until 1832. This area at that time would have been Indian Lands. I think Reuben died in SC and after his death, Jane and the children moved to Gilmer County, GA to be near relatives.

James ORTON, Jr.
Rebecca HUGHEY

James ORTON, Jr. was born: 25 Mar 1789 – in Rowan County, NC and died in 1875 in Alexander County, NC. James was the son of **James Bryan ORTON, Sr.** (1748-Bef 1833) and **Sarah VANDERFORD** (1753-Bef 1830).

Rebecca HUGHEY was born in 1793 and died between 1860 and 1870.

10-05-2007 Bill Griffin

I can not find any records to verify that Rebecca's maiden name was Hughey. The census reports bear out that her name was Rebecca.

I can not find a Hughey family with a daughter named Rebecca.

William Reed Orton married a Rebecca Hughey later, about 1823, so researchers may have gotten mixed up since there is also mix ups on the lineage of William Reed Orton.

There is a Henry S. Hughey in Rowan County in 1810 that has 2 females 16-25.

There is a James Hughey in Iredell County [formed in 1788 from Rowan County] in 1810 with females that fit into Rebecca's age group.

James and Rebecca were married in about 1813 in Iredell County, NC.

1812 - 1814 -- War of 1812 With The British

I can find no record of James Orton taking part in this war but as a young man newly married about 1813, he very well could have been one of those that answered the call of Andrew Jackson to travel to Mississippi to stop the British invasion there. This is pure speculation since I can find no records of military service for James Orton.

1820 – Iredell County, NC census -- James Orton Jr. is listed as:

100101 - 01010
1 male under 10 Alfred Franklin (1815) - 5 years old probably
1 male 16-26
1 male 45 + James Orton Jr. (1789) - *31 years old *
1 female 10-16 Harriett ??
1 female 26-45 Rebecca (1793) - 27 years old

Can not reconcile others at this time. Caroline, born Jan 1820 does not appear to be on this list.

1830 – Iredell County, NC census -- James Orton Jun is listed as:

0010001000100 - 010101
1 male 10-15 Alfred Franklin
1 male 40-50 James Jr. [41]
1 male 80 - 90 Probably James Sr. or Rebecca's father
1 female 5-10 Caroline (1820)
1 female 15 - 20 Harriet (abt 1815)
1 female 30 - 40 Rebecca [37]

[SOURCE] - 1830 Census -- According to the 1830 census, James has a male 80-90 living in his household. I feel this is James Sr. whose wife has died earlier.

A handwritten census record on a grid. The first column contains the name 'James Orton Jun.' and the second column contains the number '2'. The rest of the grid contains vertical tick marks in each cell, representing family members in different age groups.

1840 – Iredell County, NC census -- James Orton is listed as:

0000001 - 0000001
1 male 40 - 50 James

1 female 40 - 50 ... Rebecca *

1850 – Iredell County, NC census on 22 July.

#43 James Orton - 61 - M - Farmer - \$150 - NC
Rebecca - 57 - F - NC

1860 – Iredell County, NC census -- on 18 Oct.

#1164 - 1124 - James Orton - 70 - M - Farmer - \$500 - \$300 - NC
Rebecca - 67 - F - Wife - NC

29	1164	1124	James Orton	70	M	Farmer	500	300
30			Rebecca	67	F	Wife		
31			Rebecca Rufty	16	W			
32			R. L. 1st of					

1860 – 1870 -- [SOURCE] - 1870 Census - Alexander County, NC

Rebecca has died sometime between the 1860 and 1870 census because James Orton is living with his daughter and her family and is shown as "W"idowed.

1861 – 1865 – War Between The States (Civil War)

Once again James is caught up in a war but this time it is closer to home – inside the United States. James would have been too old to be a soldier but he probably saw grandchildren being involved and maybe his son Alfred.

1870 – Alexander County, NC census – on 6 Aug.

#94 George Rufty 57
Caroline Rufty 49
Children
James Orton - 80 - M - W - No occupation - NC

1875 - [SOURCE] - Ancestry World Tree Project: Scott Earnest's Ancestors

It appears James died about 1875 in Alexander County, NC

CHILDREN OF JAMES ORTON AND REBECCA HUGHEY ARE:

1 F Harriet Eliza ORTON

Born: Abt 1815 - UKC, Iredell County, NC

2 M Alfred Franklin ORTON

Born: Abt 1815 - UKC, Iredell County, NC

Died: 26 Jun 1889 - UKC, Fannin County, GA

Buried: - Wilscot Cemetery, Fannin County, GA

Spouse: Matilda RUFTY (1819-1890)

Marr. Date: Abt 1836 – NC

Burial Notes for Child: Alfred Franklin ORTON -- Wilscot Cemetery is nestled against Blue Ridge Lake out of Morganton on Wilscot Cemetery Road

[SEE GENERATION 5]

3 F Caroline ORTON

Born: 20 Jan 1820 - UKC, Iredell County, NC

Spouse: George RUFTY, Jr. (-)

Marr. Date:

General Notes (Husband) And (Wife)

[SOURCE] - Ancestry World Tree Project: natasha
Contact: Natasha Cottrell natasha.johnc@juno.com
Rebecca Hughey

George RUFTY, Sr.
Sophia COBBLE

George RUFTY, Sr. was born about 1774, probably in Pennsylvania or Rowan County, NC. He died after Aug 1850 in Alexander County, NC

NOTE: I can find no information at this time (December 2007) for the parents of George Rufty.

Sophia (CAUBLE) COBBLE was born about 1793, also probably in Rowan County, NC. She died after 6 August 1860, probably in Alexander County, NC, the last known place of residence.

NOTE: I can find no information at this time (December 2007) for the parents of Sophia Cobble.

George RUFTY and Sophia COBBLE were married on 16 April 1807 in Rowan County, NC. Peter Hartman was the bondsman and A. L. Osborn was a witness.

NOTE: I have no idea if these two gentlemen were related to either family.

NC marriages -- 1700 - 1800 --- Register of Deeds Marriage License Index List Date 12/13/88 --
Page 289 --- George Rufty - Sophia Cobble

Events in the lives of George and Sophia

1774 – Estimated – George was probably born in America just as the Revolutionary War was beginning.

1793 – Estimated – Sophia was born between wars in this new country. The Revolutionary War has just ended and the War of 1812 is just over the horizon.

1807 – Rowan County – George and Sophia were married.

1807 – Estimated – Son William born

1808 – 17 January – Son Edward born

1810 - George and Sophia appeared on the Federal census in 1810. Rowan County, NC

George Rufty
20200-00100



<i>John Albright</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>George Rufty</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>John Sutton</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>

1810 – Estimated – Son Samuel born

1811 - George served in the local militia patrolling the town of Salisbury in Rowan County, NC in 1811.

1812 – 1814 – The War of 1812 was fought in this new American Republic.

1813 – Estimated – Son George Jr. born

1814 – 26 September – Son John born

1819 – Daughter Matilda born

1820 - George and Sophia appeared on the Federal census in 1820. Salisbury District,

Rowan County, NC
George Rufty
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1823 – 24 January – Son Michael born

1828 – 5 February – Son Peter born

1830 - George and Sophia appeared on the Federal census in 1830. Rowan County, NC

From the main road leading from the bridge on the Yadkin to Charlotte

George Rufty
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NOTE: I can not determine the female names and dates of birth. Two daughters are found by name only.

1830 -1840 -- Sometime between 1830 and 1840 George and Sophia moved from Rowan County to Iredell County in NC.

I can find no reason for the move.

1833 – 6 February – Son James H. born

1840 - George and Sophia appeared on the Federal census in 1840. Iredell County, NC

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1847 – The new county of Alexander was formed from Iredell, Caldwell, and Wilkes.
The property where George resided is now in Alexander County.

1850 - George and Sophia appeared on the Federal census on 24 Aug 1850. Alexander County, NC

George Ruffty - 76 - Farmer - 300 - NC
Sophia Ruffty - 57 - NC
James Ruffty - 15 - NC

- George evidently died after 24 Aug 1850 in Alexander County, NC.
- An original copy of George's LWT, recorded in Alexander County is on file in Raleigh.
- Recording of wills did not begin until 1865, and only a few wills probated before that date have survived. Some records of the county were destroyed by Federal troops in April, 1865.
- George is not on the 1860 census and Sophia is living with her son James and his family.

1860 - Sophia appeared on the Federal census on 6 Aug 1860 in Stony Point, Alexander County, NC

Sophia Ruffty, aged 67, is living with her son James H. and his family.

1860 – 1870

- Sophia evidently died on after 6 Aug 1860, probably in Alexander County, NC, the place of her last known residence in 1860.
- Sophia is not on any census reports in 1870.

1861 – 1865 -- Civil War battled within the borders of the United States and it would affect the sons of George and Sophia.

I do not know if Sophia lived through the war or died because of it.

Children of George RUFTY and Sophia COBBLE

1 M William RUFTY
Born: Abt 1807
Died: 8 Feb 1878

2 M Edward RUFTY
Born: 17 Jan 1808
Died: 4 Apr 1878 - UKC, Rowan County, NC
Spouse: Elizabeth BROWN (-)

Marr. Date:

General Notes for Child Edward RUFTY

- [Source] - Ancestry WTP: Salsa Celtic Roots

George Ruffy

- [Source] -- Genforum - Ruffy

E. Ruffy >37th NCT

Posted by: Michael C. Hardy Date: October 12, 2001

Greetings! I am looking for information on E. Ruffy. He served in Company G, 37th North Carolina Troops during the Civil War. I am looking for his dates of birth/death, place of burial, and any other details about his life. This information will be used in a upcoming book on the 37th NCT.

NOTE: Edward was a prisoner of war during the Civil War and was released on December 27, 1864.

Thanks,

Michael C. Hardy

<http://www.geocities.com/nc37th/>

- [Source] -- <http://genforum.genealogy.com/ruffy/messages/18.html>

Edward Ruffy, NC

Posted by: Dori (Wyatt) Levy Date: September 26, 2000 at 14:37:29

My grandmother, Amanda Elizabeth Nash, was willed 50+ acres of Dutch Second Creek by Edward Ruffy upon his death in 1878. I don't know why, except that he stated that she was "so good to me when I was sick." She filed Bastardy bonds on her two sons, Sydney and William, in 1876; Edward Ruffy was the bondsman. I'm wondering if these boys were of Ruffy blood, but born out of wedlock? In 1879 Amanda married my grandfather, Jesse Franklin Wyatt, and had 6 more children. James and Milton Ruffy were the executors of Edward's will. Can anyone shed any light?

- [Source] -- <http://rowanroots.gorowan.com/>

EDWARD2 RUFTY (GEORGE1) was born 17 Jan 1808, and died 4 Apr 1878 in Rowan County, NC. He married ELIZABETH BROWN 15 May 1832 in Rowan Co., NC, daughter of HENRY BROWN and ANNA AGNER. She was born 25 Oct 1813 in Rowan County, NC, and died 19 Oct 1873 in Rowan County, NC.

Notes for EDWARD RUFTY:

Edward, one of the Ruffy sons that stayed in Rowan Co., NC. settled "below" town on Dutch Second Creek in the Providence Township. He was listed in the Rowan County census.

3 M Samuel RUFTY
Born: Abt 1810

4 F Mary RUFTY
Born:
Spouse: Robert MATHESON (-)
Marr. Date:

5 M George RUFTY, Jr.
Born: Abt 1813
Died: After 1880

Spouse: Caroline ORTON (1820-Aft 1900)
Marr. Date: Abt 1841
General Notes for Child George RUFTY, Jr.
George and his sister Matilda married brother and sister Orton's

6 M John RUFTY
Born: 26 Sep 1814
Died: 1 Jun 1895 - UKC, Alexander County, NC
Spouse: Rosina Mary KLUTTZ (1828-)
Marr. Date: 13 Jan 1847 - UKC, Rowan County, NC

7 F Matilda RUFTY
Born: 1819 - NC
Died: 18 May 1890 - UKC, Fannin County, GA
Buried: - Wilsco Cemetery, Fannin County, GA
Spouse: Alfred Franklin ORTON (Abt 1815-1889)
Marr. Date: Abt 1836 - NC
General Notes for Child Matilda RUFTY
Matilda and her brother George married brother and sister Ortons
[SEE GENERATION 5]

8 F Fanny RUFTY
Born:
Spouse: Hugh MILLHOLLAN (-)
Marr. Date:

9 M Michael RUFTY
Born: 24 Jan 1823
Died: 30 Sep 1906

10 M Peter RUFTY
Born: 5 Feb 1828
Died: 16 Nov 1858

11 M James H. RUFTY
Born: 6 Feb 1833 - NC
Died: 1 Feb 1907
General Notes for Child James H. RUFTY
• [Source] - Ancestry WTP: Salsa Celtic Roots
George Rufty
• [Source] -- Genforum - Rufty
James Rufty >Alexander County, NC >37th NCT
Posted by: Michael C. Hardy Date: October 12, 2001 at 13:07:2 Msg 23 of 39

Greetings! I am looking for information on James Rufty, born c.1830 and resided in Alexander County in 1860. He served in Company G, 37th North Carolina Troops during the Civil War. I am looking for his dates of birth/death, place of burial, and any other details about his life. This information will be used in a upcoming book on the 37th NCT.

Thanks,
Michael C. Hardy
<http://www.geocities.com/nc37th/>

General Notes For George

[Source] -- Genforum - Orton - Messages/599

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<http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-in/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=izzygarland&id=I0701>

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Entries: 2174 Updated: 2007-07-13 14:21:01 UTC (Fri) Contact: Isabelle

- Name: George RUFTY
- Sex: M
- Birth: ABT 1774
- Death: ABT 1850 in Alexander County, NC
- Note:

Military service with local militia patrolling town of Salisbury in 1811.

George Rufty was listed in the Rowan County 1810 census. Page #89.

April 15, 1998
131 7th St. N.W
Taylorsville, NC 28681

Mr. Danny Patterson
P.O. Box 241
Spencer, NC 18159

Dear Mr. Patterson,

In reference to the Ruftys--

I had a handwritten note in reference to Hans Rughty who landed Aug. 13 (or

17), 1750 on the Bennett Galey in Philadelphia. Along with this note was a notation of William, Joseph, Edward, and George.

I have found a copy of the ship's manifest, and the fact that the names listed were certainly "Rufty" names I thought maybe I could find some connection--but, so far, no luck.

By talking to a friend, those who landed in Philadelphia often settled in Berks, Lancaster or York counties before leaving Phil. Also a book "The story of the Pennsylvania Germans in Rowan and Cabarrus" it lists other counties in PA: Montgomery, Leheih, Northampton, Monroe, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland and Adams. Since you have internet you might could check there--as the book says that both Germans and the Swiss settled in Rowman and Cabarrus between 1750 and 1775.

I have found a deed from George Rufty, Sr. to Mary Shaw (1851), and have otherwise come up with a listing of George and Sophia's children. George also is listed as conveying land to Wiley and John Rufty in a deed I found.

At this point I am writing a narrative on the "tall tales" of the family leading up from George, Sr. to James H. Rufty and then down, somewhat correlating other information on George's sons. As I told you on the telephone I am most anxious to somehow link George, Sr. with his roots. If you can help on this let me know.

Also, Mr. Jim Stikeleather has done extensive genealogical work on the Rufty's.

I helped him secure some pictures and have copies of some of his work, but I could not let it be copied without his permission. You might want to see it, though.

Mr. Stikeleather is of the opinion that the Ruftys came from Switzerland, and when I was in Lucerne a couple of years ago I found people by the names of Rueff, Ruef, and Ruefti in the phone 'book. (Since I couldn't speak their language I didn't call.)

I have low vision and cannot drive out of town, so I am limited in my research.

If you find out anything, let me know.

Mrs. Merl Rufty
(828)632-2105

Children of GEORGE RUFTY and SOPHIA (CAUBLE) are:

2. i. William² Rufty, b. ABT 1807; d. 8 Feb 1878.
3. ii. Edward Rufty, b. 17 Jan 1808; d. 4 Apr 1878, Rowan County, NC.
 - iii. Samuel Rufty, b. ABT 1810; d. Unknown.
 - iv. George Rufty, b. 1813; d. 1880; m. Carolyn Orton; b. 1820; d. 1900.
 - v. John Rufty, b. 26 Sep 1814; d. 1 Jun 1895, Alexander Co., NC; m. Rosina Mary Kluttz, 13 Jan 1847, Rowan Co. NC; b. 5 Dec 1828; d. Unknown, Alexander Co., NC.
 - vi. Michael Rufty, b. 24 Jan 1823; d. 30 Sep 1906.
 - vii. Peter Rufty, b. 5 Feb 1828; d. 16 Nov 1858.
 - viii. James H. Rufty, b. 6 Feb 1833; d. 1 Feb 1907.
 - ix. Mary Rufty, d. Unknown; m. Robert Matheson; d. Unknown.
 - x. Fanny Rufty, d. Unknown; m. Hugh Millhollan; d. Unknown.
4. xi. Maltilda Rufty, b. 1819, North Carolina; d. 18 May 1890, Fannin County, Ga..

Marriage 1 Sophia (CAUBLE) COBBLE b: ABT 1793 in Rowan, North Carolina

Married: 16 APR 1807 in Rowan Co., North Carolina

Children

1. Matilda RUFTY b: 1819 in North Carolina

General Notes For Sophia

FWG notes:

If the estimated date of her birth is anywhere near correct, and it appears to be so from census reports, Sophia was only 14 when she married 33 year old George Rufty, 19 years her senior. From the census reports, I can find nothing to indicate this is a second marriage for George. All the children from this marriage are born after 1807.

I can find nothing that gives me any indication of Sophia's parents. There are 9 Cauble and Cobble families living in Rowan County, NC in 1800. Those with females aged 10 - 25 are:

Adam Cauble -- 01101

Jacob Cauble -- 11010 -- married Barbara Mowery in 1791 in Rowan County

Peter Cauble, Jr. -- 21010

Michael Cauble -- 20010

Peter Cauble -- 10001

Peter A. Cauble -- 10010

John Cobble -- 30010

NOTE: Any one or neither of these could be her parents.
