

Chapter 6 William B. Wetherington 1788 -

William B. Wetherington was born about 1788-1791 likely in Lenoir County or Craven County. ¹ This researcher speculates he was most likely the son of Thomas or Joseph Wetherington, brothers of Solomon Wetherington (1761-1840). Other researchers, name William's father as Thomas Wetherington, the brother of Solomon (1761-1840) or Robert Wetherington, Sr, Solomon's uncle. ^{2,3} The father of William B. Wetherington remains inconclusive at this time.

William B. Wetherington married 1st **Nancy Phillips** (aka Lovie ⁴) in Craven County in 1820. ⁵ In the 1830 Craven census, William appears as one of the three William Witherington's listed, along with Solomon's brother William, Sr. (1759-1844) and Solomon's son William (1795- after 1850). ⁶

William B. Wetherington was also listed in the 1840 Craven census. ⁷ His wife, Nancy (Lovie) Phillips apparently died prior to 1840, as she was not listed in the 1840 census. In the 1850 Craven census, William is listed with 2nd wife Gatsey Willis and children in the Tuscarora area. In 1860 he is again listed with Gatsey and children in the Tuscarora area. ^{8,9} William is listed in 1870 at age 82, an apparent widower in the Perfection area of Craven County. William B. Wetherington died after 1870, likely in Craven County, and his burial site is unknown.

The children of William B. Wetherington: ^{10,11}

1. Ruel W. Wetherington 1824 - 1912 ¹²
m. 1st Amanda McCoy ¹³
m. 2nd Catharine Dail, widow of Jesse Somerlin ¹⁴
m. 3rd Sarah E. Woods ¹⁵
2. Aldridge Wetherington m. 1st Theresa Andrews and 2nd Sarah Hawkins ^{16,17}
3. Sally Wetherington m. Thomas McCafferty ¹⁸
4. Parmelia Wetherington (1828-) m. 1st Richard Barnes ¹⁹, 2nd Asa Hawkins ²⁰
5. Abner Wetherington (1829-) m. Penelope Bratcher
6. Louisa Wetherington (1832-) m. Lewis Bratcher (*his 2nd wife*)
7. William Henry Wetherington 1834 - 1907 m. Mary L. Civils 1844 - 1926 ^{21,22}
8. Willis Wetherington (1837 -) m. Margaret -?- ²³
9. Mary Wetherington (1840 -)
10. Sabra Wetherington (1841 -)
11. Sofronia Wetherington (1847) - m. William Taylor, Jr.

William B. Wetherington and family lived in the Tuscarora area and also in the Perfection area. Most of their adult children lived in other parts of the county, but one son, William Henry Wetherington, made his home in Tuscarora on the south side of Rollover Creek.

William Henry Wetherington, the son of William B. Wetherington, was born June 6, 1834 and died August 25, 1907 in Craven County. ²⁴ He married Mary L. Civils, the daughter of Stephen Civils and Ann Anderson of Tuscarora. ²⁵ A cooper and farmer, William and family lived on the south side of Rollover Creek in Tuscarora. ²⁶ Mary and family were members of the Gethsemane FWB Church in Tuscarora in 1916, and many of the family members are buried in the church cemetery and Stewart cemetery.²⁷

The children of William Henry Wetherington and Mary L. Civils:

1. **Duffey Sylvester Wetherington** 1868 - 1930 - reportedly never married, he was a stalwart member of the Gethsemane Church, serving as Sunday school superintendent for 22 years. Duffey and his mother lived on the south side of Rollover Creek in Tuscarora. Duffey was buried in the Stewart cemetery in Tuscarora along with his parents. ^{28,29}
2. **Alexander (aka Elex) Wetherington** 1870 - 1959 married **Mary D. (Mollie) Burnett** 1879 - 1918, the daughter of Henry Burnett of Rocky Mount, NC. Mollie died of influenza in 1918 and was buried in the Gethsemane church cemetery. ³⁰ Alex died in 1959 and was also buried in the Gethsemane cemetery, with a handmade marker along with his son, William Lesley Wetherington (no dates on either stone). ³¹ Children Essie Rae, Maggie, and Lonnie are also buried in the Gethsemane cemetery. ³² Carrie Wetherington married E. A. Orrell and was buried in the Oakdale cemetery in Wilmington.³³

The children of Alexander Wetherington and Mollie D. Burnett:

- a. Essie Rae Wetherington 1901 – 1906 ³⁴
 - b. Maggie M. Wetherington 1906 - 1906 ³⁵
 - c. Lonnie Lee Wetherington 1904 - 1991 m. Katie Phillips 1911 - 1990 ³⁶
 - d. Zeddie Wetherington (1909 -) m. -?- Asteris
 - e. William Leslie Wetherington 1912 - 1981 m. Shelva -?- ^{37,38}
 - f. Carrie Wetherington 1913 - 1996 m. E. A. Orrell ³⁹
3. **George W. Wetherington** (1872 -) ⁴⁰
 4. **Lovey Ann Wetherington** 1880 - married Charles H. Griffin. In the 1900 census, Charles and wife Lovey were living in Tuscarora, as boarders in the home of John Ed and Wealthy Wetherington Taylor. ^{41,42}

The children of Charles H. Griffin and Lovey Ann Wetherington: ^{43,44}

- a. Geneva Griffin (1904-) m. Joseph Branch McDaniel
 - b. Gladys Griffin (1903-)
 - c. William Griffin (1919-)
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- d. Pennie Mae Griffin (1911-)
- e. Curtis Griffin (1914-)
- f. Charles L. Griffin (1917-)

5. **Henry Harvey Wetherington** 1883 - 1968 m. Alice Louise Cook 1902 – 1993 on December 12, 1920 in Craven County. ⁴⁵ Louise Cook was the daughter of William and Mariam Cook of Tuscarora. A resident of Tuscarora and member of the Gethsemane FWB church, Henry and Louise Wetherington and their son, William, were buried in the Gethsemane church cemetery. ⁴⁶

The child of Henry H. Wetherington and Alice Louise Cook: ⁴⁷

- a. William Donald Wetherington 1921 – 1992 m. Frances Kennedy ^{48,49,50}

6. **Carrie Jane Wetherington** was born on October 15, 1886 in Craven County.⁵¹ Carrie married Luby Sanford Powell on November 13, 1920 in Craven County. ⁵² Carrie died on August 9, 1971 and Luby Sanford died on September 11, 1967. Carie and Luby were buried in the unmarked Powell family plot in the Westview Cemetery in Kinston, NC.⁵³

The children of Luby Sanford Powell and Carrie Jane Wetherington: ^{54,55}

- a. William Duffy Powell 1922- 1965 m. Lillian Elizabeth James 1928-1950
 - b. Luby Hugh Powell 1924- 1994 m. Christine Hill 1928 -
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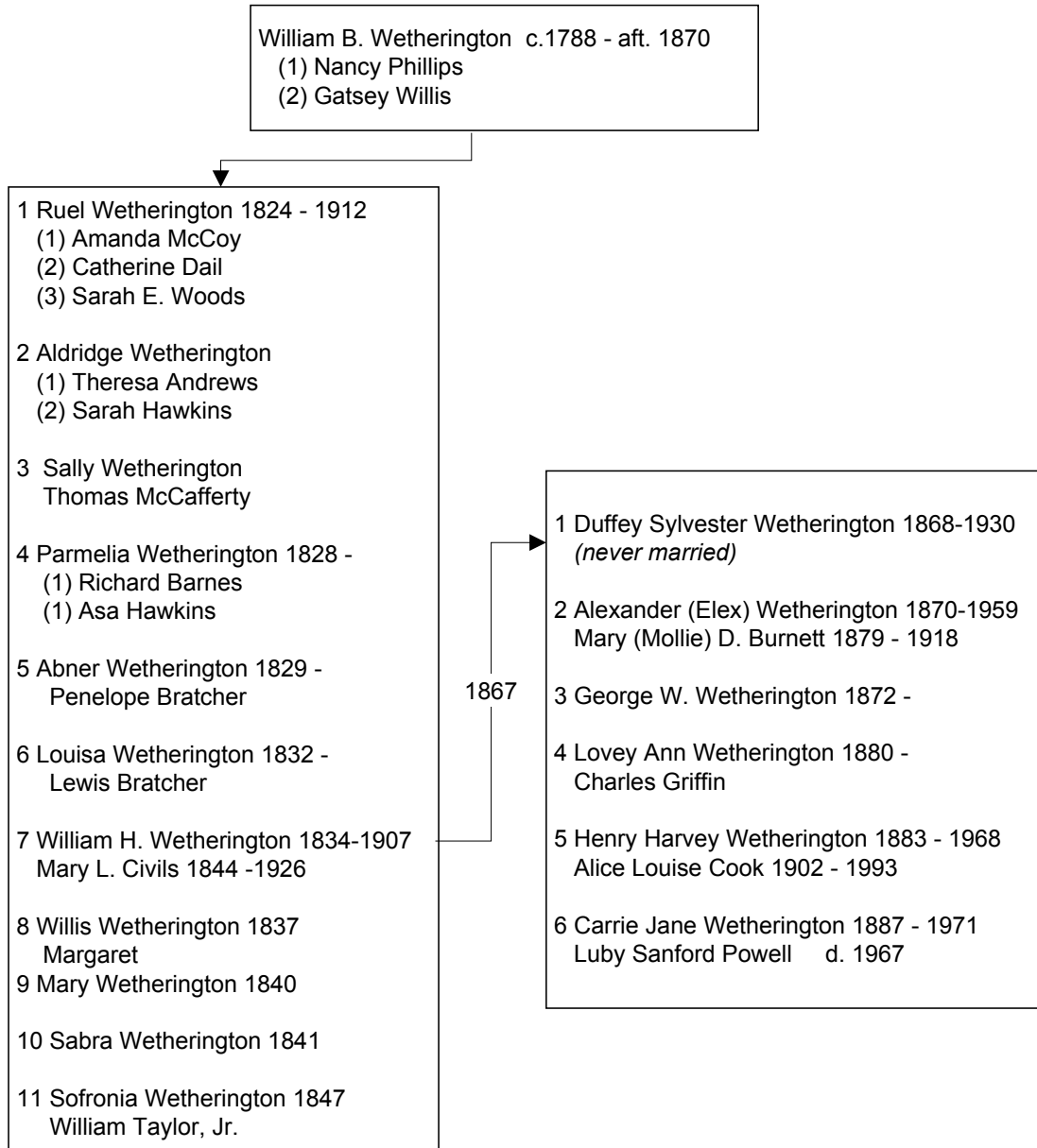


Figure 16 William B. Wetherington Family Tree