

**Chapter 10 Amos Wetherington 1820-1893**

**Amos Wetherington**, the son of Jeremiah Wetherington and Nancy C. Davis, was born on March 17, 1820 and died on September 19, 1893 in Craven County. Amos married 1<sup>st</sup> **Mary Frances Owens** in Jones County on November 30, 1848.<sup>1</sup> Mary Frances Owens, the daughter of Archibald Bishop and Frances Owens, was born in Jones County about 1822 and died about 1870 in Jones County.<sup>2</sup> Amos and Mary appear in the 1850 Jones County census in the White Oak District along with son, Christopher.<sup>3</sup> Amos and Mary again appear in the 1860 Jones County census in the White Oak District with children Christopher, Wealthy, Walter, Abner, Edward, and Frances Ann.<sup>4</sup> Walter's only appearance is the 1860 census and he likely died young.

The 1870 Jones County census lists Amos, Mary, Christopher, and William Wetherington.<sup>5</sup> The relationship of William Wetherington is not known. Amos' son Abner is listed in the 1870 Craven census in the home of John Ed Taylor and Wealthy Ann, his aunt, in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township in Tuscarora.<sup>6</sup> The whereabouts of the other children were unknown in 1870. Amos later married a young widow, Clarky Jane Cannon Yates, about 1870 or 1871 in Jones County.<sup>7</sup> Clarky, the daughter of Jeremiah and Charlotte Cannon<sup>8,9</sup> was born on September 15, 1844 in Jones County and died in June 12, 1917.<sup>10</sup> Amos and Clarky Wetherington appear in the 1880 Jones County census with several of the children by this marriage.<sup>11</sup>

It is not clear when Amos left Tuscarora and moved to Jones County. The 1840 census lists Jeremiah in the Tuscarora area with three males in the household, although the eldest is listed as age 10-15 and is not consistent with the known age of Amos. The 1841 Craven school census does not list Amos, but reports all of Amos' siblings in District No. 8 (Tuscarora). The 1845 school census lists only brothers Alfred and Abner. Amos married in 1848 and lived in the White Oak district of Jones county in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses. Amos appears again in Craven County in the late 1880s in the Jasper area near Bethany Christian church. His sons Edward and Amos T. Wetherington appear in the 1880 census in Craven County.

Amos and Mary lived in the Black Swamp area in the White Oak District of Jones County near his in-laws, Achibald Owens and family in 1850. Amos and family lived in Jones County until sometime after 1880. In 1889 Amos and Clarky purchased 5 acres in Craven County on the Neuse Road near the present Bethany Christian Church in Jasper from Hezekiah Davis.<sup>12</sup> In 1891 they sold the property and may have moved to New Bern.<sup>13</sup> Amos Wetherington died on September 19, 1893 and was buried in the Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern.<sup>14</sup>

Amos' obituary appeared in the Septemer 23, 1893 New Bern Weekly Journal:

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*On Tuesday, 19th inst, at the residence in this city of his son-in-law, Mr. W. J. Osteen, Mr. Amos Wetherington of Core Creek, aged 64 years. Death ensued as the result of an injury accidentally received whie cutting wood during the cold snap of last winter. Mr. Wetherington was a good and industrious man. He leaves his wife and nine grown children. He was buried in New Berne. Rev. F. W. Farries conducting the funeral.*

Clarky was living with her daughter, Arpelia W. McCosley, on Spring Street in New Bern when she died on June 12, 1917. Clarky Wetherington was buried in Cedar Grove cemetery with Amos and several of their children. <sup>15,16</sup>

The children of Amos Wetherington and Mary Francis Owens were: <sup>17,18,19</sup>

1. **Christopher Columbus Wetherington** 1849 – 1937 was born in 1849 in Jones County. He married **Mary Collins** of Jones County about 1872. Mary Collins was born about 1844 and was the daughter of Benjamin Collins, a Jones county neighbor of Amos Wetherington.<sup>20</sup> Christopher aka 'Kit" and Mary appear in the 1880 Craven census with children King, Matilda, and Laura. Mary died about 1880-81 and Christopher married 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Brancey Collins**, the sister of Mary, on March 3, 1881 <sup>21</sup>. Brancey Collins was born in Jones County about 1856. <sup>22</sup> A son, Orin Carey Wetherington was born September 22, 1882.<sup>23,24</sup> When a postal office was started in Tuscarora in 1892, C. C. Wetherington was the first postmaster there.<sup>25</sup> Christopher married a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in Florida to Mary L. Cain. <sup>26, 27, 28, 29</sup> Christopher and third wife Mary are listed in the 1910 Florida census in St. Petersburg, where he was superintendent of a Masonic home and wife Mary was the matron.<sup>30</sup> Christopher died on November 7, 1937 and is buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery in Dover, FL. <sup>31</sup>

The children of Christopher Wetherington and Mary Collins were: <sup>32</sup>

- a. Christopher King Wetherington c. 1873 – 1947 m. Mamie Lulu Suggs
- b. Matilda J. Wetherington (1876 -) m. William E. McKay
- c. Laura "Dollie" Wetherington (1879 - ) m. C. M. Richardson <sup>33</sup>

The children of Christopher Wetherington and Brancey Collins were:

- d. Oren Carey Wetherington (1882?) - 1972 m. Dessar Register <sup>34,35</sup>
- e. Geralie Wetherington (1888 - )
- f. Bedford F. Wetherington 1890 – 1962 <sup>36</sup>

No known issue by Mary L. Cain.

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2. **Wealthy Ann Wetherington** was born on June 13, 1851 in Jones County. She married **John Edward Taylor** on May 19, 1871 in Craven County.<sup>37</sup> John Ed Taylor was born on October 12, 1844. Wealthy Ann and John E. Taylor had only one child, which died in infancy. John and Wealthy lived on Rollover Creek in Tuscarora in a small home. John Ed made chairs, furniture, and coffins for his livelihood in a workshop beside his home. Over the years, a number of younger family members lived with John and Wealthy in Tuscarora. In 2002, the home still stands in the pines in Tuscarora and the remains of the workshop can be seen in 2005. John Edward Taylor died on April 13, 1924 and Wealthy died on December 19, 1930.<sup>38</sup> Both were members of the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church.<sup>39</sup> Wealthy and John Taylor are buried in the cemetery next to the Gethsemane FWB Church in Tuscarora.<sup>40</sup>



*Figure 21 Wealthy Taylor Home*

3. **Walter H. Wetherington** (c. 1853-) Listed only in the 1860 Jones county census, possibly an early death, there is no other known information on Walter.<sup>41</sup>
4. **Abner B. Wetherington** was born on April 28, 1853 in Jones County. He is listed in the 1860 Jones census in the household of Amos Wetherington, age 5.<sup>42</sup> He appears next in the 1880 Craven census living in Tuscarora with Wealthy and John E. Taylor.<sup>43</sup> Abner married **Georgina Eubanks** on January 19, 1882 in Craven County.<sup>44</sup> Georgina was the daughter of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra Jane Stewart. Georgina Eubanks was born on May 10, 1863 in Craven County and died in childbirth on September 27, 1882. Georgina and child were buried in the Stewart cemetery in Tuscarora.<sup>45</sup> Abner married 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Beneta Jane Eubanks**, Georgina's sister, on December 27, 1883 in Craven County.<sup>46</sup> Beneta Jane Eubanks was born on March 2, 1865 and died on June 2, 1942 in Craven County. Both Abner and Beneta were members of the Gethsemane FWB church.<sup>47</sup>

Abner Wetherington and Beneta Jane Eubanks had nine children.<sup>48,49</sup>

- a. Lehman Wetherington m. Florence Wetherington
- b. Noah Wetherington m. Mary Letha Moore
- c. Lillian Wetherington m. Herman E. Stewart

- d. Luke Herbert Wetherington m. Mary Alice Dickerson
- e. Josephus S. Wetherington m. 1<sup>st</sup> Amy Register, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mamie Baker
- f. Abner Royal Wetherington m. Lorena Manning
- g. Retta Wetherington m. Leon William Cook
- h. Phebe Jane Wetherington m. Wiley Augustus Moore
- i. Neppie Wetherington m. Charles Hines

*See Chapter 11, Abner Wetherington 1853-1932.*

- 5. Edward Wetherington** was born on February 2, 1857 in Jones County. He appears in the 1880 Craven census in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township along with younger brother, Amos T. Wetherington. Edward married **Mary Catherine Heath** on December 3, 1881 in Craven County. <sup>50</sup> Mary Catherine ‘Aunt Mame’ was born on March 29, 1859, the daughter of John S. Heath and Mary Wadsworth. Edward and Mary Wetherington made their home in Jasper, NC. Ed Wetherington died on April 17, 1917 and was buried in Jasper. <sup>51</sup> Mary died on May 24, 1944 and was also buried in Jasper in the Hardison-Wetherington cemetery. <sup>52</sup>

The children of Edward Wetherington and Mary C. Heath were: <sup>53</sup>

- a. Infant son 1882 –1882
  - b. Johnnie Ed Wetherington 1884 – 1946 m. Ada Daugherty 1879-1957 <sup>54</sup>
  - c. Mary Ida Wetherington 1887 –1983 m. Ernest Daugherty <sup>55</sup>
  - d. Joe Harper Wetherington 1891 –1980 never married <sup>56</sup>
  - e. Emma Leinster Wetherington 1885 – 1966 m. Charles Stocks <sup>57</sup>
- 6. Frances Ann Wetherington** was born about 1860 in Jones County. She married **William James Osteen** on July 17, 1873 in Craven County. <sup>58</sup> William was born about 1855 and died in 1912 in Craven County. <sup>59</sup> William and Francis appear in the 1880 Craven census along with daughters Nellie and Mary. Frances Osteen died in on February 11, 1897 and was buried in the Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern with no headstone. <sup>60</sup> After the death of Frances, William J. Osteen married Laura F. Riggs on June 30, 1897 in Craven County. <sup>61</sup> William and Laura lived in Newport, NC in 1910 along with his second family. <sup>62</sup> Upon William Osteen’s death on January 8,1912, he was interred in Cedar Grove without a gravestone.

The children of William J. Osteen and Frances Ann Wetherington were: <sup>63</sup>

- a. Nellie Osteen 1875 –
  - b. Mary Frances Osteen 1877 – 1910
  - c. Richard C. Osteen 1882 – 1917 m. Martha C. Lee <sup>64</sup>
  - d. William W. Osteen 1888 - 1981 m. Jenette May Odum 1890 - <sup>65</sup>
  - e. Herbert L. Osteen 1892 – 1965 m. Mary Jones
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7. **Elizabeth Wetherington** was born about 1860 in Jones County. Elizabeth does not appear in the 1860 or 1870 censuses, and enters Craven records with her marriage to **Harvey Thomas Bratcher** on December 14, 1878 in Craven County. <sup>66</sup> Harvey and Elizabeth are listed in the 1880 Craven census but no children were listed. <sup>67</sup> Elizabeth died about 1894 - 1900 and was buried in the Bratcher cemetery in Tuscarora. <sup>68</sup> In 1900, Harvey T. Bratcher, widower, appears in the Craven census, 9<sup>th</sup> Township, along with three children. <sup>69</sup>

The children of Elizabeth T. Wetherington and Harvey Bratcher were: <sup>70</sup>

- a. Brice M. Bratcher 1879 - 1941 – m. Mary Vandiford 1880 - 1960 <sup>71</sup>
- b. Susan Mary Bratcher 1886 – married Walter D. Jones <sup>72</sup>
- c. Mark L. Bratcher 1893 – 1966 m. Onnie Smith 1902 - 1988
- d. Infant (Bratcher cemetery, no date)
- e. Infant (Bratcher cemetery, no date)

*See Chapter 19, The Bratcher Family*

8. **Amos T. Wetherington** was born on March 12, 1868 in Jones County. He first appears in the 1880 Craven census in the household of his unmarried brother, Edward Wetherington. <sup>73</sup> Amos T. married **Nancy Virginia Eubanks** on March 15, 1892 in Craven County. <sup>74</sup> Virginia was born on March 9, 1874 in Craven County, the daughter of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra J. Stewart. They made their home in Clarks and had 12 children: <sup>75,76,77</sup>

- a. Isadora Wetherington 1893 – 1980 m. Samuel Lane Pittman
- b. Amos Darrow Wetherington 1895 – 1860 m. Madge Russell
- c. Ardelia Wetherington 1897 – 1949 m. J. H. Lokey d. 1979
- d. Ethel Wetherington 1899 – 1986 m. Laurie Ray Lancaster 2<sup>nd</sup> Wm. Maple Pinnix
- e. Clarence Thomas Wetherington 1900 – 1983 never married
- f. Daisy Wetherington 1902 – 1903 died as an infant
- g. Imogene Wetherington 1912 - 1913 died as an infant
- h. Narcissie Wetherington 1904 – 1971 m. Richard McLawhorn 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Craft
- i. Lee Dewey Wetherington 1906 – 1977 m. Daisy Coombs
- j. Rachel Virginia Wetherington 1908 - 1972 m. Herman Richard King
- k. Anna Lisette Wetherington 1910 – m. Arthur J. Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> -?- Thurman
- l. Patterson Wade Wetherington 1914 - 1977 m. Ola Nell McManus

*See Chapter 12, Amos T. Wetherington*

Amos Wetherington remarried about 1871 in Jones County, to Clarky Jane Cannon, widow of William Yates <sup>78</sup>, and raised a second family in Jones County.

The children of Amos Wetherington and Clarky Jane Cannon were: <sup>79</sup>

9. **Hebron Wetherington** (1871) - 1953 was born about 1871 in Jones County. He married **Almedia Gilbert**. <sup>80</sup> Hebron and family appear in the 1910
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Craven County census residing at 83 George Street in New Bern, NC. Hebron's obituary appears in the *Virginian Pilot* of Norfolk, VA in 1953.

The children of Hebron and Almedia Wetherington were:

- a. Roy W. Wetherington 1897 –1969 m. Odessa
- b. Dollie Wetherington 1900-1981 m. J. W. Redd
- c. John Wetherington 1900 –
- d. Ethel Wetherington 1903 – 1979 m. Elmer C. Stallings
- e. Elma Wetherington 1905- 1984 m. Fentress M. Blanchard
- f. George Earl Wetherington 1909 - 1977

**10. Arpelia Wetherington** was born December 9, 1873 in Jones County and died May 31, 1954. Arpelia married **Curby Elijah McCosley** on October 11, 1890 in Craven County.<sup>81</sup> Curby McCosley was born March 19, 1864 and died January 29, 1931. They also lived in Norfolk, VA for an unknown period. Curby Elijah and Arpelia are buried in Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern.<sup>82</sup>

The children of Arpelia Wetherington and Curby McCosley were:

- a. Erma McCosley 1894 -

**11. Odus (Odie) Linwood Wetherington** was born in Jones County on May 2, 1877 and died in New Bern on June 3, 1932.<sup>83</sup> Odie married **Lenora Wetherington** on March 2, 1900 in Craven County.<sup>84</sup> Odie and Nora Wetherington are buried in Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern.<sup>85</sup>

The children of Odie and Nora Wetherington were:<sup>86</sup>

- a. Linwood F. Wetherington 1899 - 1953 m. 1<sup>st</sup> Alyce B. Jackson<sup>87</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary J. Meekins<sup>88</sup>
- b. Alma Wetherington 1904 – m. G. B. Griffin
- c. Wilma Wetherington 1905 – m. Archie W. Bryant, Jr.
- d. Helen Wetherington 1912 - 1917<sup>89</sup>

**12. Narcissis Wetherington** (1880 – 1897) was born about 1880. She does not appear in the 1880 Jones census, however there was is a female birth listed for Clarky, but listed as "Thomas".<sup>90</sup> Narcissie married **Thomas J. Hawkins** on November 28, 1894 in Craven County.<sup>91</sup> The marriage register listed her age as 14 in 1894. Narcissis died prior to 1898 as Thomas Hawkins married Laura Mobley in 1898. No known issue.

**13. Thomas Wetherington** - listed in the 1880 Jones census, Thomas does not appear to have lived past infancy, or may have been an enumeration error or a twin to Narcissis, as Thomas was listed as female (and sister Narcissie above was not listed).<sup>92</sup>

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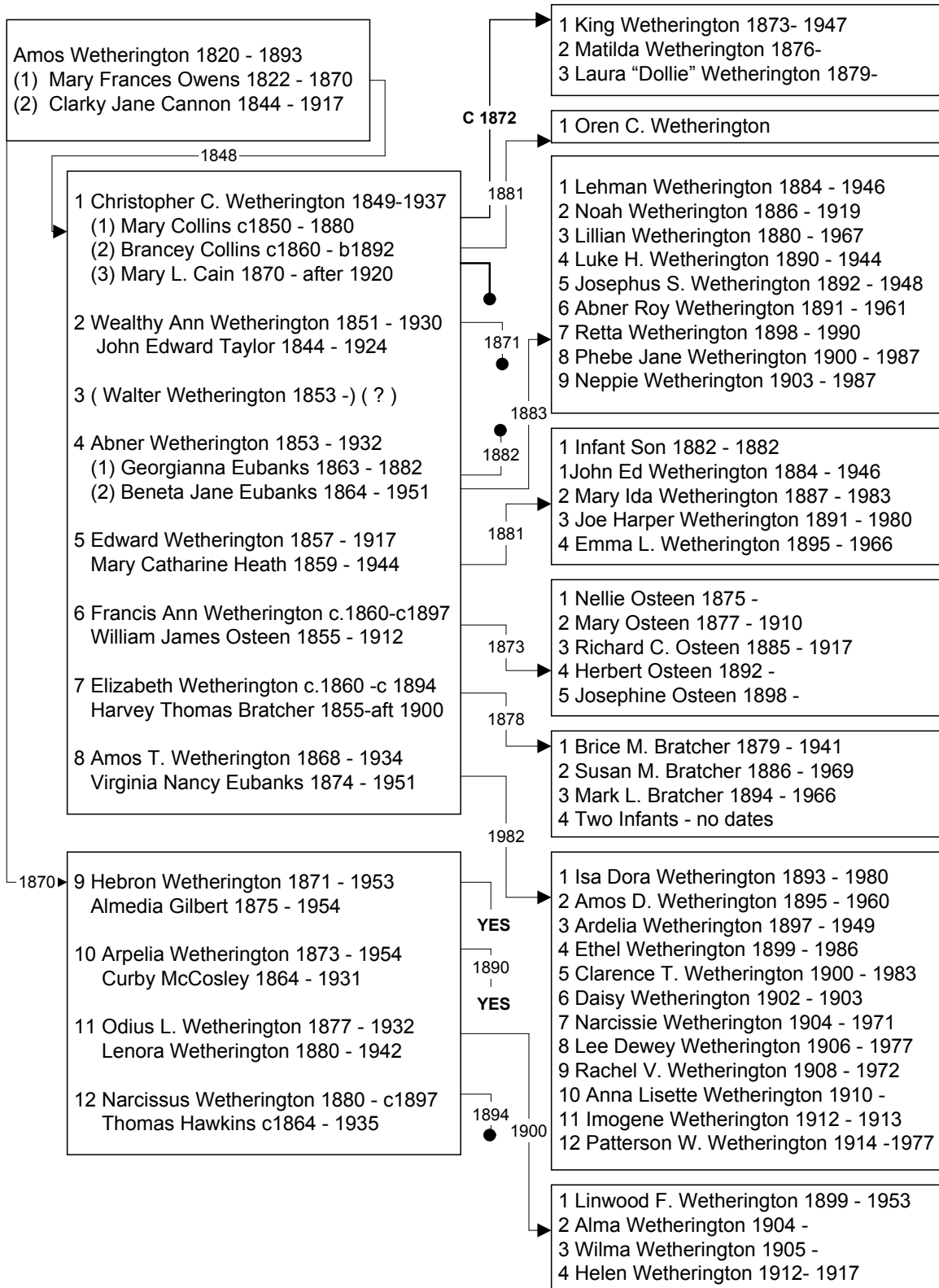


Figure 22 Amos Wetherington Family Tree