

## Chapter 14 Davis Family

Several Davis family members are associated with the Wetheringtons of Tuscarora in the early 1800s. Most notable is Susanah Davis (c. 1780), the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Solomon Wetherington, however many other connections are also significant.

Reportedly the sister of Lawson Davis, Susanah appears to be a spinster or childless widow that married Solomon Wetherington in 1823. Susanah's will mentions no children and only names one brother, Johnathan Davis.

Among the reported children of Lawson Davis were Nancy Davis (1796), Lydia born 1871, Susannah born 1794, Clement L. Davis, Sr. and Lawson Wesley Davis, born 1791. These unconfirmed sisters of Lawson all married Wetherington brothers in Tuscarora.

1. Nancy C. Davis married Jeremiah Wetherington in 1816.
2. Lydia Penelope (Wood) Davis married Jesse Wetherington in 1812.
3. Susannah Davis married Thomas Wetherington in 1820 and left the area.

**Clement L. Davis** was born about 1782. He married Dorcas Adams (1787-) and was the father of Lemuel Davis. Clement died on July 20, 1855 at the age of 73.

**Lemuel Davis**, the son of Clement, married Nancy Wetherington on October 19, 1835 in Craven County. Nancy was the youngest daughter of Solomon Wetherington and Mary Moore. Lemuel Davis died about 1843. His widow, Nancy, and children lived with Clement and Dorcas Davis in 1850.

**Nancy Charlotte Davis** married Jeremiah Wetherington in 1816 in Craven County. After the death of Jeremiah, Nancy appears in the 1850 census in the household of Richard Davis and wife, Catharine Prescott.

**Lydia P. Davis** (1781 – 1862) married Jesse Wetherington in 1812 in Craven County. Lydia was the daughter of Lawson Davis (1753-) and Dorcas Adams.

**Richard Davis**, 1820 – 1886, the son of Lawson Wesley Davis, married Catharine Prescott. In 1850, Nancy Davis Wetherington, widow of Jeremiah lived with with her nephew, Richard Davis and Catherine Prescott Davis.

**Daniel Davis**, the son of Lawson Wesley Davis, lived in the Tuscarora area in 1850. He later lived in the Asbury section of Craven County. E. Z. R. Davis was his son.

**Lawson Wesley Davis** married Margaret Perkins on April 13, 1814. Lawson Wesley was the son of Lawson Davis (1753-) and Dorcas Adams. His known children were Richard, Daniel, and Wesley Davis. Lydia P. Davis, wife of Jesse Wetherington, was Lawson's sister.

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**Jonathan (aka John) Davis**, the brother of Suannah Davis Wetherington, also lived in the Tucarora area. Although his legacy from Susannah's will of 1839 was only 10 cents, Solomon Wetherington, Jr. conveyed a tract of 400 acres in Tuscarora to Jonathan Davis in December 1840 for one dollar. Born about 1815, Johnathan (John) and wife Maria Riggs (1824-) are listed in the 1850 Craven census in the Tuscarora area.

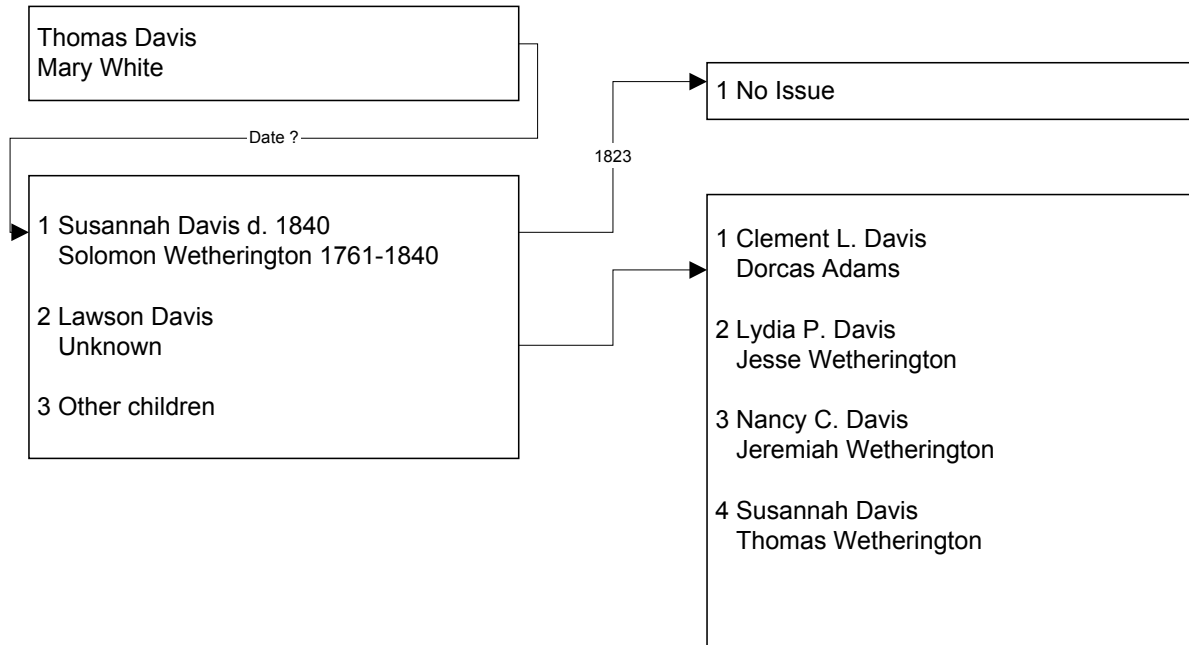
**Susannah Davis**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Solomon Wetherington was born circa 1775-80. They were married in 1823 and Susannah died in 1840 without any known issue. Her will of 1840 names only her cousins, stepchildren by Solomon, and one brother.

**Susanna Davis** married Thomas Wetherington, son of Solomon Wetherington, in 1820 in Craven County. She appears to have died prior to 1828 when Thomas married 2<sup>nd</sup>, Keziah Tyson. One child of Thomas Wetherington, Ira, born 1827, apparently was the son of Susanna Davis Wetherington.

**Mary D. Davis** – 1839 – the daughter of Clement L. and Nancy Wetherington, married Alfred Wetherington in 1858. After the death of Alfred, Mary married George P. Lewis and lived in the Asbury area.

**John Davis** m. Sidney Wetherington in 1822 and appears to have left the area. The marriage bondsman was Horatio Wetherington (likely a brother).

There were several Davis households in Tuscarora prior to 1850. After the Civil War the Davis families migrated away from the Tuscaora area, relocating to the nearby Asbury area on Core Creek in the 9<sup>th</sup> Township of Craven County.



**Figure 36 Davis Family Tree**

Some of the Davis family connections to the Wetheringtons of Tuscarora