

The Wetheringtons of Tuscarora

A Genealogical Study of the Abner B. Wetherington
and Related Families of Tuscarora, NC

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Chapter 1 Introduction

Several Wetherington families live in the Craven County, NC area. This work focuses on the Wetheringtons of Tuscarora, NC in the 9th township of Craven County and nearby Clarks, NC in the 8th township.

The Wetheringtons and allied families have been in the Craven County area from the early 1730's to the current date. This work concentrates on the ancestors of Abner B. Wetherington of Tuscarora and presents additional information on many of the other relations of the Solomon Wetherington line. Several related families in Tuscarora have Wetherington connections by marriage and are included in this writing. The Bratcher, Eubanks, Moore, Register, and Stewart families, among others, have multiple connections to the Wetherington families of Tuscarora.

The Wetheringtons of Tuscarora have long been associated with the Free Will Baptist Church there. Prior to the establishment of the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist church in 1890, the earlier Liberty Meeting House was located on the site of the Gethsemane church cemetery. As early as 1829, the Liberty Meeting House was used by both the Baptists and Methodists of the area until these congregations built new separate new church buildings about 1890. More information on the church is included in Chapter 23.

Many family members are buried at locations throughout the area, the older, primary cemeteries being the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church cemetery, the nearby Stewart cemetery, and the Solomon Wetherington cemetery on nearby Rollover Creek. Other cemeteries of the area include the John Moore family cemetery, the Bogey-Richardson cemetery, and the Bratcher cemetery (relocated in the 1970's and incorporated into the Gethsemane cemetery).

The farming community of Tuscarora, North Carolina once supported a post office, railroad freight depot, and several general stores. A history of Tuscarora and map reconstruction circa 1925 is included in Chapter 25.

From about 1830, many articles appear in local newspapers, some mentioning family members, local events and numerous obituaries. Some of these items are listed in the various chapters.

Numerous variations on the surname spelling of Wetherington exist in Craven area records. Generally, the name is most commonly spelled Witherington prior to 1850 and the Tuscarora line adopted the spelling as Wetherington about 1850. Some Wethington, Witherington, Worthington, and Weatherington families currently reside in other areas of Craven, Lenoir, and Pitt County. Various spellings have been used and the same person may have different spellings of the surname over the years in the area records. This researcher did not attempt to determine the original or correct spelling of the surname for a person or family,

but acknowledges the many variations of the surname. The most common spelling for the Tuscarora families is Wetherington, however it was noted that of kin relocating in the 1850's to Tennessee, the surname spelling Witherington was retained.

Both actual dates and interpolated dates reported in this work. Interpolated dates from census enumerations, undocumented marriages, etc. are generally reported in parentheses. Specific dates are from gravestones, death certificates, marriage records, obituaries and other recorded, published more specific date sources are reported without parentheses.

Chapter 2 The Colonial Wetheringtons

The earliest established Tuscaora Wetherington ancestor is Robert Widdrington of Calvert County Maryland. His will of 1722 names children John, Solomon, Dorcas, Mary, Elizabeth and a step-son, Benjamin Rice. This Wetherington line is generally accepted but not proven as likely migrating from the parish of Widdrington in Northumberland, England. It is unproven which family progenitor(s) may have migrated from the British Isles to the colonies in the 17th century.

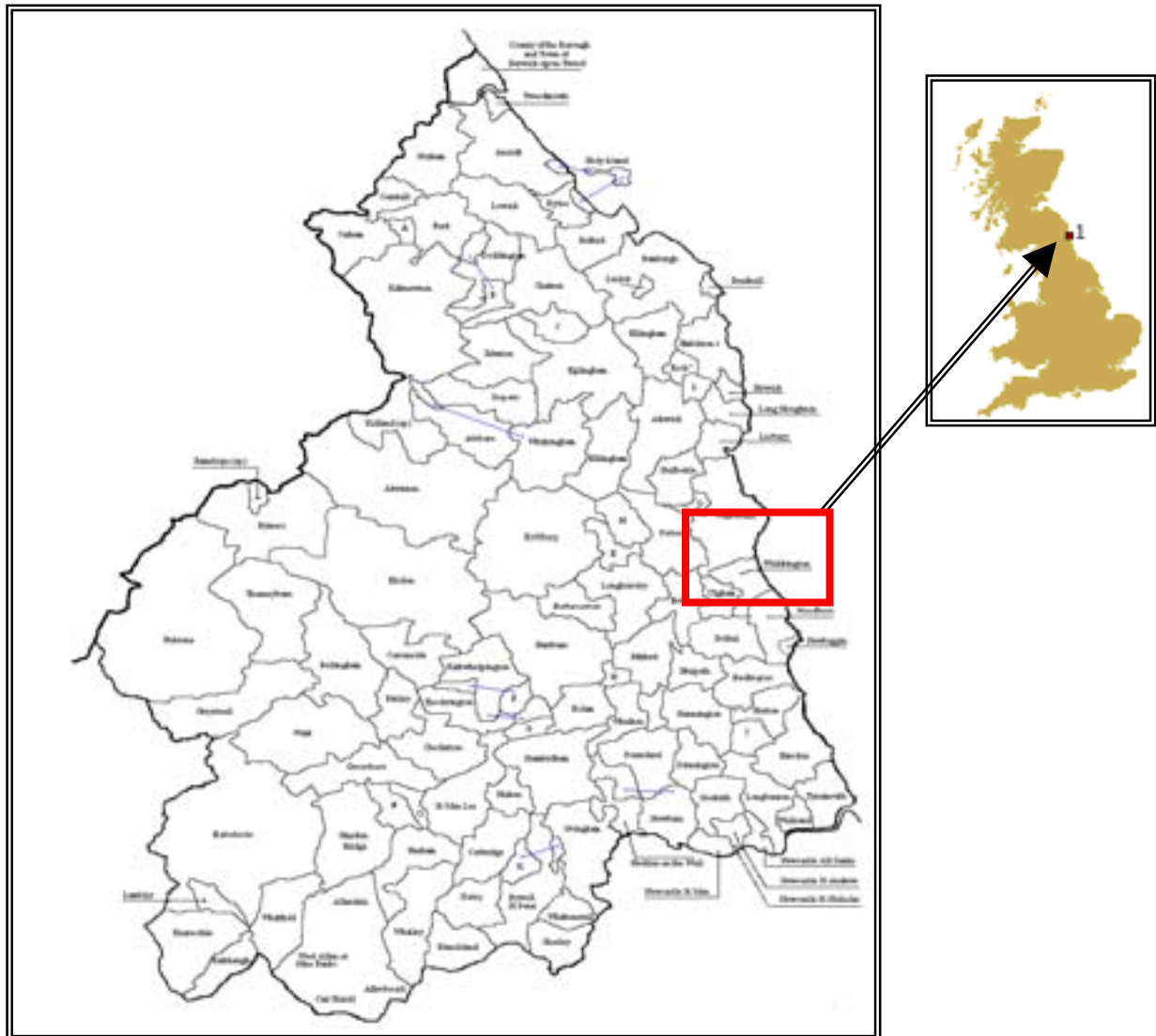
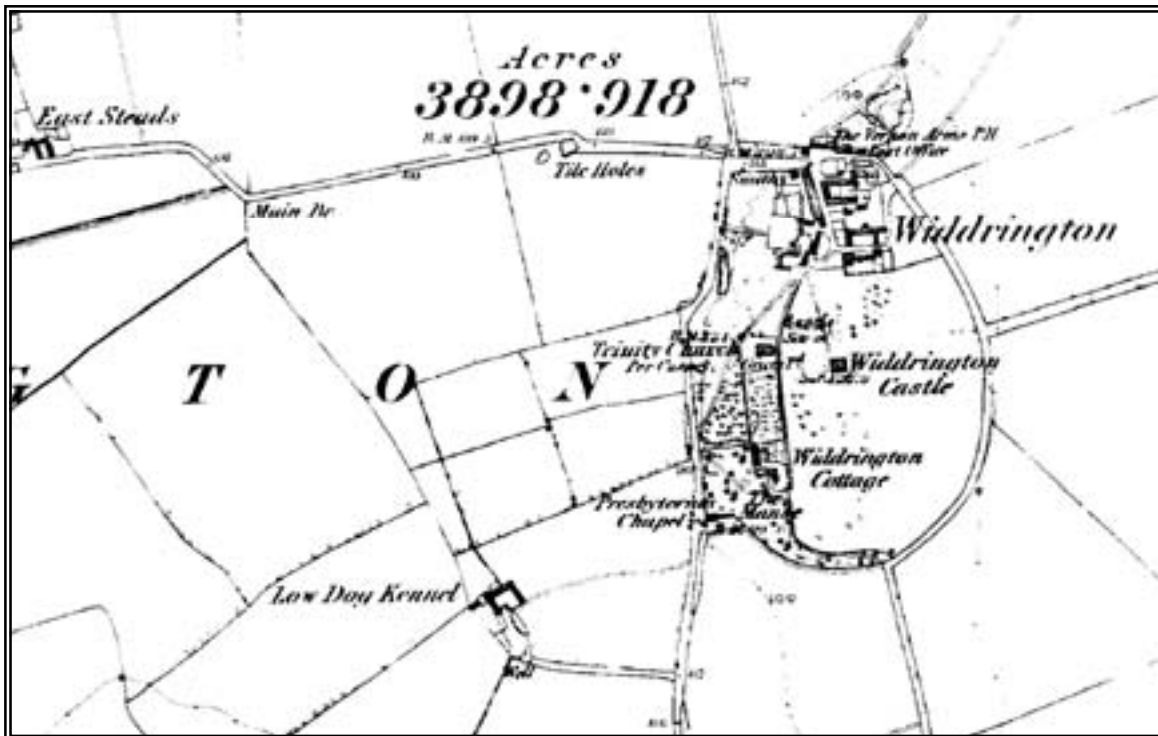


Figure 1 Map of Northumberland

The following 1866 map of the Widdrington area displays the location of the manor or castle and the churches.¹

Figure 2 Map of Widdrington, 1866



The village and area about Widdrington, in Northumberland, on the eastern coast of England.



Figure 3 Widdrington Castle, 1728

The Widdrington castle no longer extant, being destroyed at an unknown date.

A print of the castle, dated 1728 appeared in an 1855 publication. ²

WIDDRINGTON is a parochial chapelry situated between the parishes of Woodhorn and Warkworth, having the sea for its eastern and Ulgham chapelry for its western boundary. It comprises the three small villages of Widdrington, Dunridge, and Linton, whose united area is 4,530 acres, and rateable value £4,156 17s. The population in 1801, was 446: in 1811, 370; in 1821, 388; in 1831, 395; in 1841, 447; and in 1851, 429 souls. It possesses a rich, strong, clayey soil, suitable both for pasturage and tillage, and Lord Vernon is the proprietor of the whole chapelry, with the exception of the Constablewick of Linton, which is the property of Mrs. Askew. Widdrington was formerly included in the parish of Woodhorn, but, in 1768, it was admitted to the enjoyment of separate and distinct parochial privileges, This manor was formerly the property of a family which bore the local name, Gerard de Widdrington possessing it in the reign of Edward III; and we find various members of this family stand conspicuous in the list of sheriffs of the county. Sir William Widdrington, a most zealous royalist, was created Lord Widdrington by Charles I, in 1643, and was subsequently slain at Wigan, in 1651. William, the third Lord Widdrington, having taken part with the Earl of Derwentwater, suffered attainder in 1715, when his real and personal estate, amounting to £100,000, was sold for public use, the purchaser being Sir George Revel, from whom it descended by heiresses to Viscount Bulkeley, and subsequently to the present proprietors."

[From *History, Topography, and Directory of Northumberland*, Whellan, 1855].

Researcher Barry Wetherington has published information on the Internet on a Samuel Widdrington believed to be the earliest unknown colonial Wetherington ancestor. Reportedly, Samuel was the father of Robert Wetherington of Maryland. Robert is the first Wetherington in our lineage well documented in colonial America. Robert Widdrington's (c. 1681 – 1722) will was recorded in Calvert County, Maryland.³ Robert's two sons, Solomon Witherington (1703 – 1766) and John Witherington are the earliest known Craven area Wetheringtons, arriving in the Bay River area of now Pamlico County on or before 1730.⁴

A Transcription of the Robert Widdrington Will of 1722, Calvert County, MD. Maryland State Archives Probate Records, Calvert Co, Liber 18, Folio 27. Will written August 20, 1722, probated Nov. 10, 1722. Inventory made Nov. 26, 1722. Translated by Michael Smolek, 2/20/99:

*In the name of God Amen I **Robert Widdrington** of Christ Church Parish in Calvert County planter being dangerously ill in Body but of perfect and Sound Memory, God be praised for the same? have thoughtful to publish and declare and do hereby publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say Imprv? I commend my soul to God who gave it Hoping for mercy through the alone? Merritts of my Blessed ? Redeemer Jesus Christ.*

Item I give my body to the ground in hopes of a Joyful Resurrection to Eternal Life.

*Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving son, **Solomon Widdrington** three cows and Three Calves to be delivered & paid to him when he shall attain the age of nineteen years.*

*Item I give and bequeath unto my son **John** three Cows and Three Calves, to be delivered and paid unto him when he shall attain the age of nineteen years. And do appoint Henry Easterling Guardian to my said **two sons Solomon & John** until they attain the age of nineteen years respectively and then to be free & at their own disposal upon condition that Henry Easterling to pay for two years Schooling for each of my said two sons, Solomon & John without any reduction from their Legacies above mentioned.*

*Item I do appoint Mr. **Walter Smith** of St. Leonards guardian of my Daughter **Dorcas Widdrington** until she attains the age of sixteen years and then to be free and at her own disposal.*

*Item I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Dorcas one packing mare branded with an "O?" uppon the rear buttock. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **Mary Widdrington** one cow and calf and do appoint her **Aunt Mrs. Mary Dare** to be Guardian of her untill she attains the age of Sixteen years and then she to be free and at her own disposall and the said cow & calf then to be delivered to her.*

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John above mentioned one horsesucking colt.

*Item I give unto **Benjamin Rice** my Cyder Casks. Item I give unto my **Daughter Elizabeth** Easterling wife of Henry Easterling all my household goods not otherwise*

*disposed off all the rest and residue of my personall Estate whatsoever I give and bequeath unto **Henry Easterling** whom I constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness thereof, I have hereunto set my mark and seal this twentieth day of August in the year of Our Lord God- One thousand seven hundred twenty two*

Robert "his mark" Widdrington Seal

Signed Sealed published and declared to be his last Will and Testament in presence of others who at the Lastatus?? Required have hereunto set our hand as Witnesses, John Dickinson, William Rutledge, Henry Constable

November 10, 1722 Came? John Dickinson, Wm Rutledge and Henry Constable subscribing witnesses to the ??? Will disposeth on the Holy Evangelists of God that they and every of them saw and hearst? Robt Widdrington sign seal publish and Declare this same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was sound in mind and of perfect Knowledge to the best of their and Every? of their Knowledge and apprehension

I wrote ???me W. Smith Dept Com?? Calvert County

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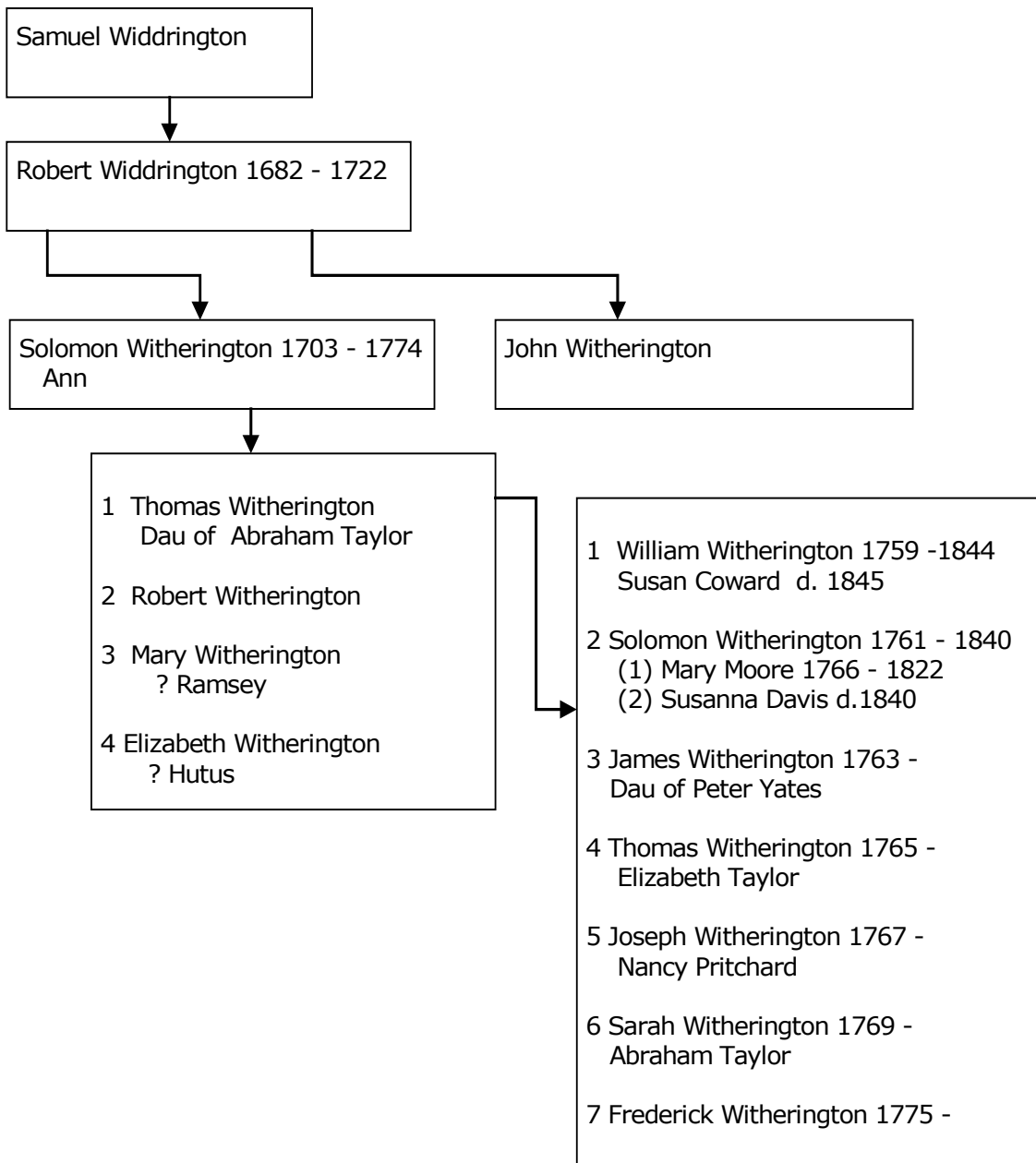


Figure 4 Colonial Wetherington Family Tree

John Witherington, brother of Solomon (1703)-1766 first appears in area records in 1730, witnessing a deed recorded in Beaufort County from John Martin to **Benjamin Rice** along with other witnesses William Carruthers Francis Delamar and Benjamin Rice.

In 1733, **John Witherenton** and Frances Delamar witnessed a deed from Daniel Shine to William Carruthers for 306 acres of the south side of Bay River, part of the tract patented by Neal O’Neale in 1722.

Also in 1733, William Carruthers sold **Solomon Witherenton** a tract of 150 acres on the south side of the Bay River. Recorded in Beaufort County, this area later became part of Pamlico County.

In December of 1736, **Solomon Witherenton** sold John Martin a tract of 150 acres on the south side of the Bay River, witnessed by Francis Delamar and Benjamin Rice. This land was likely the same tract purchased by Solomon earlier in 1733.

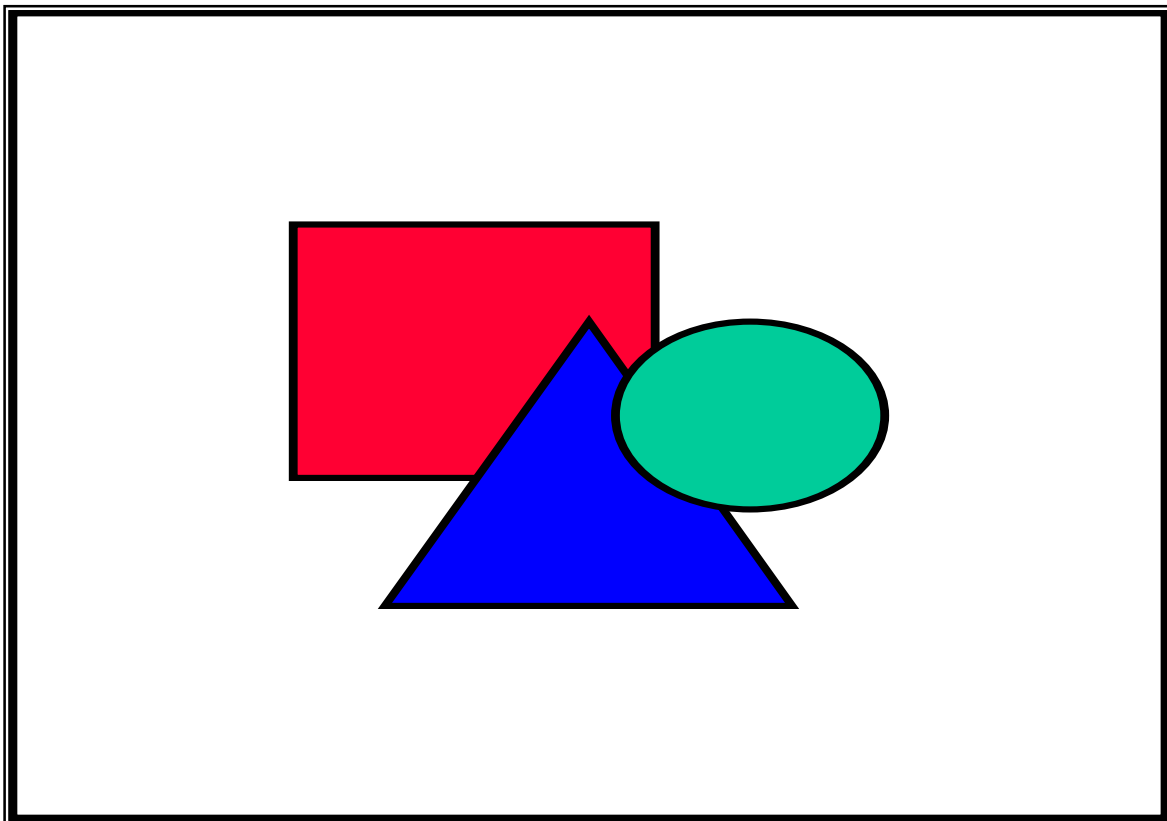


Figure 5 Map of Bay River Area

From about 1730 to 1736, John and Solomon Wetherington where living in the area on the south side of the Bay River, land now included in Pamlico County formed in 1872 from parts of Craven and Beaufort Counties.

Sometime after 1736 and before 1745 it appears that John and Solomon Wetherington migrated to the Stoney Town Creek and Briery Run area of Craven County on the north side of the Neuse River. This area later became part of Lenoir (Dobbs) County and is also known as Contentea Neck.

In 1745 Francis Stringer sold 100 acres to **Solomon Wetherington** on Tomico [?] Branch.

Also in 1745 Simon Bright sold **John Wetherington** 160 acres in Craven County on the North side of the Neuse River and the north side of Briery Branch.



Figure 6 Map of Stoney Town Creek Area, Lenoir County.

Unfortunately, most early records of Lenoir County perished in a courthouse fire. Only some deed indexes remain and some early bible records. A few land grants survive in the state archives and some deeds recorded in Craven County name Lenoir county Wetheringtons.

Many internet sources name Thomas Wetherington, the son of Solomon, as being the father of Solomon Wetherington (1761-1840) however, no specific sources have been identified by this researcher and no citations are offered to verify or establish this claim.

Solomon Wetherington's will of 1766 recorded in Craven County names his wife Ann, and children, Robert, Thomas, Mary, and Elizabeth Wetherington. An inventory of his estate also survives in Craven County records.

In the name of god amen I Solomon witherinton of Erquon
 County being Sick and weak of body but of Perfect Sence and Reason
 breinde thank's be to god for it. I Doe make and give this my last
 will and testament in manner and form as followeth I making first
 all other wills before by me made first I Comyt. my sole heire being
 of Jesus Christ hoping and beleiving that he by his meritorious death
 our Redemtion hath Purchais'd Eternal Salvation for the same and my
 Body to the Earth to be buried in Christiane manner after the
 shew of my Executors hereafter mentioned and as for my worldly
 goods I Dispose of in manner and form as followeth - - - - -

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas witherinton wron
 son and Heir to him and his heirs for Ever - - - - -

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter mary Ranile
 wron son and Heir to her and her heirs for Ever - - - - -

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elisabeth hatus
 wron son and Heir to her and her heirs for Ever - - - - -

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Roboro witherinton
 wron feather bed and furnitue half Duffin of Plakes two Dishes
 wron Basin and the new Iron Pot to him and his heirs for Ever - - - - -

and all the Rest of my Estate wron mentioned both with
 in and without Hand I Give to my well Belov'd wife in our
 her natural life or widow hood I Reserving all other wills
 before by me made Doe Constitutz make and give my
 Loving wife ann witherinton Thomas witherinton and Roboro
 witherinton my sole and sole Executors of this my last
 will and testament as witness whereunto I have hereunto

I sh. my hand and fixed my Seal
 Solomon ^{his} witherinton
 mark

Jonathan mcherson
 Joseph Brunter, surt

Robt. Wetherinton S. C. Sur?

Figure 7 Will of Solomon Wetherington, 1766, Page 1

April Craven Inferior Court 1766.
 Present His Majesty's Justice —
 The within said Will and Testament of Solomon
 Wetherington was Exhibited into Court and proved
 by the Oath of Joseph Bruton Evidence thereto —
 who swore that he saw the Testator sign seal Pub-
 lish and declare the within to be and contain his
 Last Will and Testament and that at the Time
 thereof he was of Sound disposing Memory —
 Robert Wetherington one of the Executors
 therein Named Qualified as such —
 Agreeable to Law —
 Ordered that Mr. Secretary have Notice ^{Thereof} that
 Letters Testamentary Issue thereon Accordingly
 Just Christ^r Needles C. J. C.

Figure 8 Will of Solomon Wetherington 1766 Page 2

A transcription of these two pages reads:

[Page 1]

In the name of god amen I Solomon Witherenton of Craven County being sick and weak of body but of Perfect senceant Rememberance thanks be to god for it. I do make and order this, my last will and testament in maner and form as followeth making void all other wills made before by me. I comet my soul to the Perfection of Jesus Christ hoping and believing that he by this meritorious ??? and ??? hath Purchased Eternal Salvation for the same and my Body to the Earth to be buried in Christian maner after the ??? of my Executors hereafter mentioned and as for my worldly goods I depose of in maner are form as followeth

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son **Thomas Witherinton** won sou and Pigs to him and his heirs for Ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **Mary Ramse** won sou and Pigs to her and her heirs for Ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **Elizabeth Lutus** won sou and Pigs to her and her heirs for Ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son **Robart Witherinton** won feather bed and furniture and half Dussen of Plates two Dishes won Bafen and the new iron pot to him and his heirs for Ever.

And all the Rest of my Estate unmentioned both with in and without I lend to my will Beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood. I Revoking all other wills made before me Doe Constitute make and ordain my Loving **wife Ann Witherington, Thomas Witherenton, and Robart Witherington** my ??? and Sole Executors of this my Last will and testament as witness whereunto I have unto let my hand and fixed my seal.

Solomon Witherenton
(his mark)

Jonathan Makforson
Joseph Bruton, [Jurt]

Robert Witherington, Exec [in small print]

[Page 2]

April Craven Inferior Court 1766.

Present His Majestys Justices _____

The within Last Will and Testament of **Solomon Witherington** was Exhibited into Court and proved the oath of Joseph Bruton. Evident thereto who sowre that he saw the Testator sign Seal Publish and Declare the within to be and contain his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time thereof he was of sound disposing memory.

Robert Witherington one of the Executors therein Named Qualified as such _

Agreeable to Law _____

Ordered that Mr. Secretary have notice there that Letters Testamentory have thereon accordingly

Test Chris T. Neale, CJC



An inventory of his estate also survives in Craven County estate records and a transcription of the items repeats some of the items bequeathed in his will:

An inventory of the Estate of Solomon Witherenton Deceased taken the 20th day of June 1766. By Robt Witherenton Executor.

3 beds and furniture	6 chairs
3 Bedsteads 1 Tub	1 linen wheel
3 Pots 1pr Trucks	1 Wooden Wheel
2 chests 3 pails	2 s??s
a parcel of Ho?s	1 chest of drawers
1 horse 3 Piggins	3 ades 1 halter king
3 empty barrels	5 hoes
1 flat iron 1 belt buckles	1 Brass mortar
1 Hackle 1 file	1 Hard mill
2 Hides 2 gimblats	1 case of bottles
1 saddle and bridle	2 Crank bottles
6 head of cattle	1 grindstone
1 hand saw 2 augers	1 Adz 2 Planes
2 drawing knives	1 case of knives and forks
12 earthen tea cups and saucers	3 tea pots 1 drinking half
6 sugar cups 1 milk pot	2 half tumblers
12 teaspoons	5 pewter dishes 4 basons
12 pewter plates 15 spoons	6 iron candlestick snuffers
1 iron skillet 1 Razor	4 books 2 clasp knives
1 stone mug 3 jugs	6 small punch bowls 1 hone
5 earthen Parringons ?	1 pot trammel 3 pot hooks
1 pr shovel and tongs	1 part woolen carts 1 frying pan
1 loom 2 gears 2 slase	2 reaphooks 1 tea kettle 1 sifter
1 pr spoon molds, 1 pocket bottle	1 side saddle 1 pr. Iron wedges
1 looking glass	2 pr. Horse geers, 9 bridle buckles
1 saddle hammer	1 claw hammer 1 Cart saddle
a small Qty of leather	2 leather lifters
1 pair shears 1 pr. scissors	1 sword or cutlass
1 flax brake 2 baskets	about 3 pecks lime

Robert Witherenton, Executor

Sworn to in open Court July 1766.
and ordered to be recorded.

Test Chris Neale, CJC

[End Transcription]

Chapter 3 Early Tuscarora Area Wetheringtons

Several versions of the origins of early Tuscarora Wetheringtons exist.

One of the more popular published accounts reports four Wetherington brothers came to North Carolina from Northumberland, England in 1732. The four brothers, Solomon, William, Thomas, and James, all bachelors, started homesteads along a small creek in Craven County in the area now known as Tuscarora. The creek allegedly owns its name to the marital status of the brothers, becoming Bachelor Creek. Alas, this charming, folksy tale is unfortunately a family myth.¹

More recently, other researchers have located Solomon's father, Robert Wetherington (1682 – 1722) recording a will in Calvert County, Maryland.² The will names children: Solomon, John, Mary, Elizabeth, and Dorcas and stepbrother, Benjamin Rice. The migration of John and Solomon from Maryland to the Bay River area of North Carolina occurred between 1722 and 1730. About 1745 John and Solomon Wetherington appear in recorded deeds in the Stoney Town Creek area of Craven County (now Lenoir County). Researchers name this Solomon (b. 1703 or 1704) as the father of Thomas Wetherington (1730 – 1774).³ Thomas Wetherington resided in Dobbs County, reportedly married a daughter of Abraham Taylor and had 7 children. These children were: ⁴

1. William Wetherington 1759 – 1844 m. Susannah Coward
2. Solomon Wetherington 1761 – 1840 m. Mary Moore
3. James Wetherington (1763-) m. dau of Peter Yates
4. Thomas Wetherington (1765-) m. Elizabeth Taylor
5. Joseph Wetherington (1767-) m. Nancy Pritchard
6. Sarah Wetherington (1769 -) m. Abraham Taylor
7. Frederick Wetherington

The only fact in the family tale is the group of brothers. The family legend has the brothers arriving about 1732 and the Wetherington brothers were actually born in Dobbs County in about 1759-1770.

A colonial land grant for Solomon Wetherington (b. 1703) exists, but the property is listed on the Neuse River, near Stoney Town Creek in present day Lenoir County, not Bachelor Creek in Tuscarora. The Wetherington brothers purchased land on Bachelor Creek about 1790-1800, and a large patent for 640 acres was granted in the Bachelor Creek area to Abraham Taylor, Solomon's brother-in-law.⁵

Another family tale of land grants from the king also proves untrue; the record reveals the elder Wetherington brothers purchased grants from the Crown near Kinston and later the State of North Carolina, but the bulk of their recorded transactions were lands purchased from private landowners. There are no colonial

land grants to Wetheringtons for property in the Bachelor Creek area. The only proven significant grants are to Abraham Taylor, brother-in-law to Solomon Wetherington.

The names of Solomon, William, Thomas, and James Wetherington are also listed in the 1790 Craven and Lenoir county census as heads of families.⁶ This listing supports the brothers being born about 1759 – 1767. In the 1800 Craven county census, these four names appear again, all men being listed as less than 45 years of age.⁷ Also a brother, Joseph Wetherington, is listed in Craven County between 1800 and 1840.^{8,9,10}

The 1790 census lists James Wetherington, Andrew Richardson, and Alexander Bogey. Andrew Richardson and Alexander Bogey are well-documented landowners in the Tuscarora area, so it appears James was established in the Bachelor Creek area by 1790. Also in 1793 James sold land in the area to Andrew Richardson.

Colonial North Carolina land grants mention Bachelor Creek by name in a 1754 grant to Richard Graves.¹¹ The name Bachelor Creek also appears on the Moseley map of 1733. Another spelling, Batchelder's Creek, likely derives from the Swiss Palatine settlers prior to 1733 and is the most widely accepted source of the creek's name and not the brother's marital status. The name Tuscarora does not appear in early Crown land grants (1639 – 1775). The North Carolina Gazetteer lists Tuscarora as being settled about 1825, but the Bachelor Creek area was apparently well settled by the 1790s. The name Tuscarora does not appear to be in common usage until the advent of the North Carolina and Atlantic railroad in the late 1850s. The creek in Tuscarora currently called Rollover Creek joins Bachelor Creek to the southeast of the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church. This watercourse was called Limbo Branch in the early 1800s and the name Rollover does not appear in county records until 1858.¹² The name Rollver comes from a curve in the stream where the creek "rolls over" onto itself. Early Wetherington deeds (circa 1800) also mention a Tomahawk Branch¹³, Deep Branch, Ash Branch, Moore's Branch, Beaver Dam Branch, and a Limbo Bridge.¹⁴

Other Wetherington deed transactions in Craven County prior to 1775 also include Robert in 1768, and Thomas in 1770.¹⁵

Land transactions in Dobbs County (Lenoir) name Solomon, Robert, John, and Nathan Wetherington prior to 1775.¹⁶

Solomon Wetherington 1761- 1840 appears to have been raised in Dobbs County. In 1795 Solomon purchased land from John West on the south side of the Neuse River and east side of Moseley Creek (Land now in Craven County and north of Dover, NC).¹⁷ Solomon subsequently sold land to Levi West in 1796 in the same area, east of Moseley's Creek and west of the Snake Hole Branch, lands also in Craven Township No. 3, near Dover, NC.¹⁸

The first record of Solomon Wetherington in Bachelor Creek was recorded a deed to Solomon from Abraham Taylor in 1796 and listed as 98 acres of land on both sides of Bachelor Creek, beginning at Benjamin Fordham's 1st line where it crosses Bryery Branch. The land was purchased for £98 and deed witnessed by Lewis Fonville and David Hudler. By 1800-1810, there were numerous deeds for Bachelor Creek land naming Solomon Wetherington.

Solomon's sister, Sarah, married Abraham Taylor in 1787 in Craven County. These Taylors also resided in Tuscarora in 1790 along with several other Taylor relations.

The current best fit of information yields the following proposed family tree:

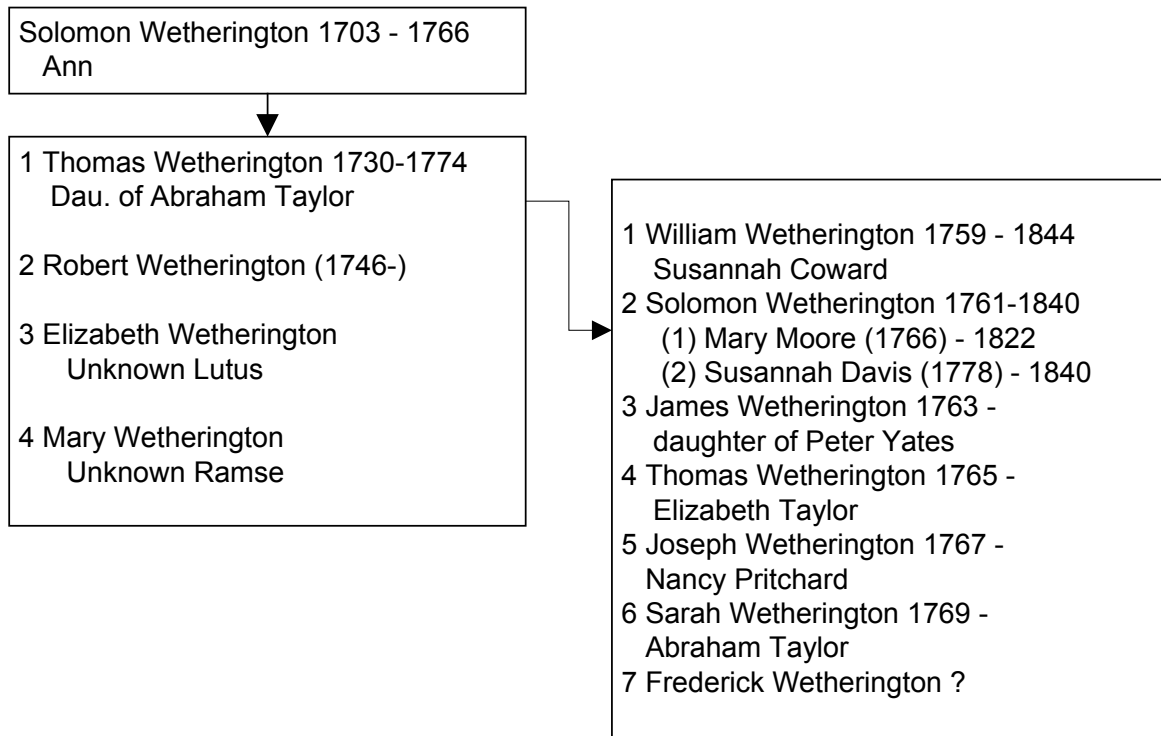


Figure 9 Elder Solomon Wetherington Family Tree

The elder Solomon Wetherington was born in Maryland about 1703, moved to the Bay River area about 1730 and later to the Contentnea Neck area about 1745. He was the father of 4 known children and the grandfather of Solomon Wetherington 1761-1840.

Thomas Wetherington appears to have raised his family in the area of Stoney Town (Stoneyton) Creek, land now in Lenoir County on the west side of the Neuse.

Deed transactions by Thomas' son, Solomon, in the 1780's were for land on both sides of the Neuse River, including the Moseley Creek and Snake Hole Branch area.

Solomon's siblings, James, Sarah, and Thomas migrated to the Tuscarora area about 1780-1790. About 1796 Solomon and family migrated to the Tuscarora area. Solomon's brothers, William and Joseph, joined the other siblings and established homes in the Tuscarora area.

Some Internet family trees also name a sixth son, Frederick Wetherington, but this name does not appear in any known early Craven records.

About 1800 the Wetherington brothers, Solomon, Joseph, James, William, Thomas and sister, Sarah Wetherington Taylor are living in the area of Tuscarora. From this point there is a wealth of data in Craven County records on these Wetherington families and their relations.

Chapter 4 Solomon Wetherington 1761 – 1840

Solomon Wetherington was born in 1761 in the Dobbs County, NC five miles from Kingston (now Kinston in Lenoir County). ^{1,2,3}

The Internet is a copious source of genealogical information on Solomon, but most of the information is undocumented and equivocal. Records in Craven County conflict with much of the Internet information and the loss of many early Lenoir County records leaves many reported claims unproven. This researcher gives precedence to the county records over undocumented Internet sources.

Recent researchers report Solomon as the son of Thomas Wetherington, and the grandson of Solomon Wetherington (1703-1766). Other older sources from circa 1920 report Solomon as the son of Richard Wetherington.⁴ A Richard Whetenton and son, Solomon, appears in Johnston County, NC records but this Solomon was a separate entity. Records show our Solomon was born in Dobbs County, married Mary Moore, and moved to the Moseley Creek area on the Lenoir – Craven County line prior to the 1790 census. About 1796 Solomon and family relocated to Bachelor Creek in Tuscarora along with Solomon's brothers and families.

Solomon Wetherington's service in the Revolution is well documented. ⁵ A 1780 Dobbs County Militia roster includes Soloman Witherington in Captain Harvey's company. ⁶ Pension records have Private Solomon Wetherington serving several enlistments as a private soldier. ⁷ He was awarded a pension at the age of 73 for his service in the Revolution. ⁸ A Solomon Wetherington is listed in a 1788 voter list of Dobbs County.⁹ Other Dobbs County records have a Solomon Wetherington named in deeds from 1784 – 1798. ¹⁰

See Chapter 23 Revolutionary and Civil War Wetheringtons

Solomon Wetherington married **Mary Moore** c. 1766 – 1822 in 1782. ¹¹ Mary Moore (aka O'Moore) was the daughter of **Richard Moore** of Contentnea Creek, an area now in Lenoir and Greene County. ^{12,13} Deed transactions also indicate Solomon conferring property in the Wheat Swamp area of northern Lenoir County.¹⁴ It is not known when Solomon and Mary Wetherington moved to the Craven County area, however by 1790, Solomon Whittington is listed the Craven County census in the Moseley creek area along with one male less than 16 years of age and four females.¹⁵ This listing is consistent with a wife and the birth dates of their first four children. Deed transactions also indicate Solomon and Mary Wetherington were likely living in western part of Craven County, north of Dover in the Moseley Creek area about 1790.¹⁶ Solomon purchased land in the Bachelor Creek area first in 1796, and by 1805 Solomon appears well established in the Bachelor Creek area. There are several deeds for Solomon and his brothers in the Bachelor Creek area. Solomon Wetherington is also listed in the 1800¹⁷, 1820¹⁸, 1830¹⁹ and 1840²⁰ Craven County census. During the period of 1800-1840,

Solomon and his brothers, James, Joseph, Thomas, and William all lived in the Bachelor Creek area in Craven County, NC. ²¹

In 1820, Solomon conveyed property on Bachelor Creek to two sons William and Thomas via a gift deed:

Solomon Wetherington to William & Thomas Wetherington 1820 ²²

Craven Deed Book 41 Page 491 (GIFT DEED)

Solomon "giveth unto" William and Thomas land on the west side of Bachelor Creek beginning at McCubbins patent... To Smith's Pond... 50 acres apiece. Witnessed by Gideon and Will(iam) Wetherington. Proved by the grantor, March Term 1820.

In 1828, Solomon conveyed his property on Limbo Branch (now known as Rollover Creek) to two sons, James and Solomon, Jr. via a gift deed:

Solomon Wetherington to James Wetherington & Solomon Wetherington 1828 ²³

Craven County Deed Book 46 Page 206 (GIFT DEED)

For \$2.00 land on both sides of Bachelor Creek in the fork of Limbo Branch where Limbo enters pocosin. To John H. Richardson's line... From Hudler's Pond... to Stanley's line... Reserved a life estate for myself and wife Susan of house and plantation. Witnessed by Mary Civils and Jeremiah Heath. Proved Feb Term 1829 by the grantor.

Four of Solomon's sons received land directly from their father as gift deeds. However there are no records of any direct conveyances to sons Jesse, Joseph, Richard, or Jeremiah.

Mary Moore Wetherington died in 1822 and was buried in the family graveyard in Tuscarora. ²⁴ Solomon married **Susannah Davis** on September 20, 1823 in Craven County. ²⁵ Most researchers report no children by this marriage.

The issue of Solomon Wetherington is problematic, as his will of 1840 does not directly name his heirs. One source of confusion is the Church of Latter Day Saints' record reporting 17 heirs. Two of the LDS reported heirs are proven incorrect by other county records therefore the total of 17 is in error. An often-repeated tale of LDS records saving the list of heirs before the estate papers were lost appears to be a fabrication. Although three receipts may have been lost from the estate file, the summary of the estate dispersement clearly indicates 13 heirs, not the 17 heirs common listed in many accounts.

One argument for the heir count discrepancy is the possible death of the heirs prior to Solomon's death or settlement, but this supposition is not valid as all of the potential heirs were alive for several years after the death of Solomon Wetherington.

It also appears that the younger Wetherington siblings associated with 2nd wife, Susannah Davis, and her will of 1840 reveals names of several of the younger siblings, including daughter Nancy which brings the known heir count to eleven.

An unmarried Mary Wetherington lived with Solomon Wetherington for 20 years from 1850 to 1870 and is most likely the 12th heir.

Reportedly, the youngest daughter and 13th heir, Susan Wetherington, is not named directly but she does appear in the household of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. in the 1840 census as a widow with a male child, her son Thomas Outlaw.

This leaves two widely reported children of Solomon Wetherington as suspect: Jeremiah Wetherington and Lovicy Wetherington. Reported as children by numerous researchers, no records have been found in Craven County proving or disproving these persons as issue of Solomon Wetherington.

The fact remains at this time all of the proven children and reported children were alive at the dispersement of the estate. Therefore it is most likely there were only thirteen true heirs (children) to Solomon Wetherington's estate.

The children of **Solomon Wetherington** and **Mary Moore**: ^{26, 27, 28, 29}

Known by their estate receipts of 1843 (1–10).

1. **Sarah Wetherington** (1783 – after 1850) Sarah married **Alexander Taylor** (1776- after 1850) in 1803 in Craven County. ³⁰ Alexander is listed in the 1840 Craven census³¹ and the 1850 census lists Alexander Taylor along with Sarah and a possible grandson, Isaac Taylor, age 21. ³²

The children of Alexander Taylor and Sarah Wetherington: ³³

- a. Isaac Taylor (1803-)
 - b. James Taylor (1804-) m. Sally Jones
 - c. Jane Taylor (1805-) m. Arnold Watson
 - d. Robert Taylor (1812-)
 - e. Mary (Polly) Taylor (1814-) m. Nehemiah Riggs (1793- 1869)
 - f. Lewis Taylor (1817-) m. Elizabeth Glover
 - g. Alexander Taylor, Jr. (1817-) m. Phebe Wetherington
 - h. Stephen Taylor (1823-) m. Rebecca Wetherington
2. **Jesse Wetherington** (1785/91 – 1863) Jesse married **Lydia P. Davis** in 1812 in Craven County.³⁴ Lydia (b.1776-9) was the daughter of Lawson Davis (1753-) and Dorcas Adams.³⁵ Lydia's brother was Lawson Wesley Davis, also a Tuscarora resident. ³⁶ Jesse and Lydia appear in the 1820 Craven census³⁷, the 1830 Carteret census ³⁸, and the 1840, 1850 and 1860 Craven County censuses. ^{39, 40, 41}

Jesse Wetherington and Lydia Davis had four known children: ⁴²

- a. Erasmus Samuel Wetherington 1813 – 1893 married Marina ⁴³
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- b. Lawson Davis Wetherington (1820- after 1880) married Dove Littleton ⁴⁴
- c. Beneta Davis Wetherington 1820-1903 married John Stewart ⁴⁵
- d. Clement Lemuel Wetherington 1824-1906 married Julia A. White ⁴⁶

See Chapter 7, Jesse Wetherington

3. **Hannah Wetherington** (c. 1785- after 1842) married a **Woolard**.⁴⁷ Hannah Woolard received a share of Solomon Wetherington's estate in 1842 and an heir receipt is in the estate file.⁴⁸ Hannah's possible younger sister, Susan, later married a Carney (Canney) Woolard, but the relationship of Carney to Hannah's husband, if any, is unknown. Hannah does not appear in any other Craven records.
4. **Richard Wetherington** (1790 - after 1850) married **Nancy Carroll** on June 6, 1813 in Craven County.⁴⁹ Nancy Carroll is also listed in some genealogies as Nancy Carol Lamotte or Lanette. There may have been a previous marriage for Nancy prior to Richard Wetherington. Richard does not appear in the Craven census for 1820 or 1830. The 1840 Stokes County, NC census lists Richard Wetherington, age 40-50, a son, age 16-20, and 4 females in the household.⁵⁰ The 1850 Davidson County, NC census lists Richard age 60, Nancy age 54, and a Mary E. Wetherington, age 28.⁵¹
5. **William Henry Wetherington** (1795- after 1860) married **Elizabeth (Betsey) Moore** in 1822 in Craven County and lived in the Tuscarora area.⁵² A receipt for William's share of Solomon's estate survives. William Wetherington appears in the 1840, 1850, and 1860 Craven census. The children of William Wetherington and Elizabeth Moore were: ⁵³
 - a. Riley Wetherington 1829 - 1863 m. Mary Ann Taylor. ^{54,55}
 - b. Hannisville (Hansey) Wetherington (1823-) m. Isaac Harrison ^{56, 57}
 - c. Robert Wetherington (1842 -) ⁵⁸
6. **Anna Wetherington** (1797- after 1860) married **John Taylor** on January 21, 1820 in Craven County.⁵⁹ John Taylor died before 1850. Anna also received a share of Solomon's estate. John and Anna appear in the 1840 and 1850 Craven census. Anna is listed as an apparent widow in the 1860 Craven census.

The children of Anna Wetherington and John Taylor were: ^{60,61}

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1821-1824)
 - b. William Taylor (before 1825)
 - c. Ivey Taylor (1825 -)
 - d. Frederick Taylor (1827 -) possibly married Penelope Woolard⁶²
 - e. John Taylor (1829 -)
 - f. Solomon Taylor (1825- 1830)
 - g. Nancy Taylor (1825-1830)
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- h. Josiah Taylor (1831 -) m. 1st Mary Stewart Moore ⁶³, 2nd Clara Ann Bratcher ⁶⁴
 - i. Mary Ann Taylor (1839 -) married Riley Wetherington ⁶⁵
7. **Thomas Wetherington** (1798-after 1870) married (1st) **Susanna Davis** in 1820 in Craven County⁶⁶ and married (2nd) Keziah Tyson (1804- after 1860) on November 12, 1828 in Craven County.⁶⁷ Thomas does not appear in the 1830 or 1840 Craven census, but his son, Absolum appears in the 1841 Craven school census.⁶⁸ Thomas and Keziah Wetherington moved to Gibson County, TN prior to 1850 and they appear in the 1850 and 1860 Gibson County census along with their children.^{69,70} A Thomas Wetherington appears in the 1870 Marion County, Oregon census as age 72, born in NC.⁷¹

The child of Thomas Wetherington and Susanna Davis:

- a. Ira Witherington (1827 -)

The children of Thomas Wetherington and Keziah Tyson were: ^{72,73}

- b. Absolum Witherington (1829-) m. Harriet Glisson⁷⁴
 - c. Henry T. Witherington (1831 -) m. Ellender
 - d. Julia Ann Witherington (1835-) born in TN.
8. **Joseph Wetherington** (1802 - after 1842) married **Mary Ann Fooks** (Fewkes) in 1831 in Craven County.⁷⁵ He does not appear in the 1830, 1840, 1850, or 1860 Craven censuses. Joseph received a share of his father's estate. Joseph appears only the estate record of Solomon Wetherington and the marriage bonds of Craven county.
9. **Solomon Wetherington, Jr.** 1804-1880 married (1st) **Rachel Matthews** 1798-1853 in 1832 in Lenoir County⁷⁶ after Rachel's death in 1853 ^{77,78}, he married (2nd) **Harriet Ipock Avery** (aka Averitt) in 1854 in Craven County.⁷⁹ Solomon died in 1880 from dropsy ^{80,81} and was buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora.⁸²

The children of Solomon, Jr and Rachel Matthews were: ⁸³

- a. John Herring Wetherington 1833 – 1910 m. Siddle Daugherty.⁸⁴
- b. Mary Elizabeth Wetherington 1835 – 1917 m. James Harriett.⁸⁵
- c. James Thomas Wetherington 1837 – 1917 m. Charlie Ann Averitt.⁸⁶
- d. Holland Ann Wetherington 1840 – 1882 never married.⁸⁷

Rachel Matthews died in 1853 in Craven County and was buried in the family graveyard at Tuscarora. ^{88,89} Solomon, Jr. married (2nd) **Harriet Ipock Avery (Averett)** widow of Stephen Averitt in 1854 in Craven County.⁹⁰ Craven County Court minutes record Clement L. Wetherington was appointed the guardian for William John and Charles Ann Averitt.⁹¹ The

children from her 1st marriage also lived in the home in Tuscarora, daughter Charlie (aka Challey, Charlene) and son, William J. Averitt.⁹² Harriet Wetherington died in 1884 and was buried in a family cemetery at Oak Forest⁹³ on Asbury Road in Craven County with her 1st husband, Stephen Averitt, and son, William J. Averitt (1840) – 1861. ⁹⁴

The children of Solomon, Jr. and Harriet Ipock Averitt were: ^{95,96,97}

- e. Oliver Hazard Perry Wetherington 1860-1919 m. Nannie Daugherty. ⁹⁸
- f. Henry Clay Wetherington 1858 – 1859 ⁹⁹
- g. Edward Duffy Wetherington 1862 – 1942 ¹⁰⁰ never married.
- h. Nannie Caroline Wetherington 1855- 1935 ¹⁰¹m. 1st John G. Smith 1839-1889 ^{102,103}, 2nd Jesse Atkinson 1852-1918 ¹⁰⁴

See Chapter 9, Solomon Wetherington, Jr.

10. **James Wetherington** (1805- after 1850) James Wetherington is listed in the 1840 Craven census with an apparent wife and 3 young males and 1 young female.¹⁰⁵ James and **Nancy** Witherington¹⁰⁶ 1803 – 1879 moved to Gibson County, TN sometime after 1840. A letter from James and Nancy dated 1850 in Gibson County, TN to family in Craven County also survives.¹⁰⁷ There is also a James R. Wetherington (1805-1843) married to a Nancy Keen that is sometimes attributed to the the son of Solomon, however, a personal letter to Jeremiah Heath in 1850 from James and Nancy in Gibson Co, TN appears to settle the issue with James' migration to Tennessee.

The children (all born in NC) of James and Nancy Wetherington were: ^{108,109}

- a. Alexander Witherington (1836-)
- b. Stephen Witherington 1837-1929 ¹¹⁰ m. Elizabeth
- c. Ann Witherington (1839-)
- d. Daniel Witherington 1840-1819 ¹¹¹ m. Julia

Named in the will of Susannah D. Wetherington of 1840 (11th heir).

11. **Nancy Wetherington** (1810- after 1880) married **Lemuel Davis**, the son of Clement L. Davis and Dorcas Wetherington, in 1835 in Craven County.¹¹² Lemuel Davis died about 1843 and his estate was recorded in Craven County.¹¹³ C. L. Davis and Nancy appear in the 1840 Craven census in the Tuscarora area.¹¹⁴ Lemuel died about 1843 and Nancy appears as an apparent widow in the 1850 and 1860 Craven censuses. ^{115,116} Nancy Wetherington Davis appears in the 1870 and 1880 Craven census in the household of George and Mary Davis Lewis. ^{117, 118}

The children of Lemuel Davis and Nancy Wetherington were: ¹¹⁹

- a. Joseph S. Davis (1837 –)
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- b. John S. Davis (1839 –)
- c. Mary D. Davis (1841 -) m. 1st Alfred Wetherington¹²⁰, 2nd George Lewis¹²¹
- d. Jane L. Davis 1843 - 1892 m. Daniel Daugherty 1832 - 1893 ^{122, 123}

The apparent sister living with brother, Solomon, Jr. (12th heir):

12. **Mary Wetherington** (1788 – c. 1872) Mary appears in the 1850¹²⁴, 1860¹²⁵ and 1870¹²⁶ census, an apparent spinster, living in the household of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. in Tuscarora. Mary does not appear in the heir receipts for the estate of Solomon Wetherington of 1843. Some researchers have incorrectly reported the marriage of this Mary to Hardy Smith in 1834. Hardy Smith, the crier or auctioneer for the Solomon estate married a Mary Wetherington, but Hardy Smith's estate record indicates his wife, Mary, died in January 1850. ¹²⁷ Hardy died about April 1850 and the two children, John G. and Mary Smith were wards of Clement L. Davis until his death in 1855, when Solomon, Jr. became their guardian.¹²⁸ Subsequently, the children are often incorrectly reported as issue of this Mary Wetherington, however this Mary would have been over 50 years of age at the birth of John G. Smith. The parents of this Mary Wetherington Smith are also unknown. The circumstances of Mary living with Solomon, Jr. for over 20 years suggests a close family tie, such as a sister.

The apparent sister living with brother, Solomon, Jr. (13th heir):

13. **Susan Wetherington** (1808- after 1850) married **Hardy Outlaw** in 1825 in Craven County.¹²⁹ The 1840 Craven County census lists additional persons on the household of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. consistent with Susan Outlaw and her son Thomas.¹³⁰ A second marriage occurred on November 17, 1840 in Craven County, when Susan Outlaw married **Canny (aka Corney or Canady) Woolard**, a possible relative of Hannah Wetherington Woolard. Craven County Court minutes for 1848 reveal a Canada Woolard returning a list of taxables for his property of 25 acres on the south side of Bachelor Creek.¹³¹ The 1850 Craven census lists a Corney and Susan Wetherington with a Thomas Outlaw in the household, Susan's son by 1st husband, Hardy Outlaw.¹³²

The known child of Susan Wetherington and Hardy Outlaw:

- a. Thomas E. Outlaw 1829- 1898 m. Mary Brinkley 1831- 1903 ^{133, 134}

Widely reported as children of Solomon Wetherington, but no supporting or contradictory records were found in Craven County records:

14. **Jeremiah Wetherington** (1789 – c. 1848) married **Nancy Charlotte Davis** in 1816 in Craven County.¹³⁵ Jeremiah is listed in the 1820¹³⁶ and 1830¹³⁷ and 1840¹³⁸ Craven County census. In the 1830 Craven census.

Jeremiah is listed with a female (age 30-40) and 2 male and 3 female minors under 15 years of age. No direct proof of Jeremiah being the son of Solomon has been found in any Craven County records. Also Jeremiah does not appear in the 1790 household of Solomon Wetherington, as he should have been listed if born in 1789.

The six known children of Jeremiah Wetherington and Nancy Davis were: ¹³⁹

- a. Dorcas Wetherington (1818 - b.1876) married Redding (Rigdon) Taylor.¹⁴⁰
- b. Amos Wetherington 1820 – 1893 married 1st Mary Frances Owens¹⁴¹ and 2nd Clarky Cannon Yates.¹⁴²
- c. Rebecca Wetherington 1820 – 1898 married Stephen Taylor.¹⁴³
- d. Phoebe Wetherington (1827 - 1909) married 1st, Alexander Taylor,¹⁴⁴ and married, 2nd, Caswell Wood¹⁴⁵.
- e. Abner Wetherington (1830 - 1865) married Elizabeth Hawkins.¹⁴⁶
- f. Alfred Wetherington (1832-1865) married Mary D. Davis.¹⁴⁷

See Chapter 8 Jeremiah Wetherington.

15. **Lovicy (aka Vicie) Wetherington** (1790/3- after 1860) married 1st a **Hardy**. Vicie Wetherington Hardy married 2nd Thomas C. Smith in Craven County in 1848.¹⁴⁸ Vicity, age 60, is listed in the 1850 Craven census along with Thomas Smith, age 46. ¹⁴⁹ Thomas C. Smith died before 1853 and his estate record names Lovicy as receiving a year's widow's provision.¹⁵⁰ In the 1860 census, Vicity Smith, age 80? (strike through on census) is in the household of Rhoderick S. Wetherington, son of John C. Wetherington, along with Lawson D. Wetherington in Tuscarora.¹⁵¹ No records proving Lovicy to be a daughter of Solomon has been found. No record of issue for Lovicy has been found.
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Coaven county Northcarolina
 I Solomon Wetherington Senior being
 in sound mind and memory do make and
 Ordain this my last will and testimony
 In manner and form following first I
 recommend my soul to god that give Secondly
 my will to is that my personally property
 shall be disposed of as follows that is
 to say first I give and bequith to my
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 and Samuel Davis be my lawful
 Executors and managers according to this
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 Samuel Davis Jr.

Figure 10 Will of Solomon Wetherington, 1839 ¹⁵²

A public sale of his personal property reveals the following personal items and purchasers: ¹⁵³

**Invetary and County sale of the property of Solomon
Wetherington, senr dec. Vandue the 20 of August 1840**

Page 1

Dollars.Cents

1 plow, 1 ads. 1 frow	Abraham Taylor	0.50
2 hoes, 1 spade	Widdow	0.10
2 hoes 2 ascas	Solo Wetherington	0.50
3 hoes. 1 spade	Erasmus S. Wetherington	0.55
1 Basc of trumpery	Joseph Green	0.55
2 cutting ascas	Widdow	0.40
1 guge, 1 pare of stiliyards	Solo Wetherington	1.50
1 saddle, 1 bag	Joel Debrule	4.00
1 Warping bares, screals, sprulls	Widdow	0.20
1 Pine table	John Taylor	0.55
1 Pine desk	John Taylor	2.65
1 handsaw. 1 knife. 1 pare of shears	L. W. Davis	1.00
1 bag. 1 jair. 3 gugs	Widdow	1.50
1 barrel with some meal	Widdow	0.95
2 trayes. 1 bole. 2 meal bags	Widdow	1.30
1 measure and trumpeary	John Stewart	0.25
2 tubs. 1 half barrel. 2 barrels	Thomas Gray	0.85
1 jare. 1 bottle of turpintine	Widdow	0.26
1 coffey mill. 1 girddle	Widdow	0.55
1 tin bake and 3 pans	Widdow	0.50
1 Lot of trumpery	Lewis White	0.90
1 wood bole. 1 bunch of candle	Widdow	0.10
1 gin. 3 barrels. trumpery	James Wetherington	0.70
1 Frow. 1 asc. 1 howel. 1 cumperses	John Stewart	1.05
1 mortar. 1 wood mill. Barrels. 1 table	Solo Wetherington	0.60
1 hogshhead with some riece.1 barrel	Solo Wetherington	2.35
5 barrels. 2 sives	Solo Wetherington	0.55
4 washing tubs	Widdow	0.51
1 Pot	William Wetherington, Sr	1.80
1 Pot. 1 uven	Joel Debrull	0.95
2 Pots	Widdow	0.50
2 spiders. 1 led	Widdow	0.45
1 teekittle	Widdow	0.50
2 Pot trammels	Widdow	1.00

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1 Woolen Wheel	Widdow	2.61
1 Grindstone	Lewis White	0.50
1 Pot, 1 Jare, 1 tub	Widdow	0.25
3 Pales & holer	Widdow	0.81
1 Tin Bucket, 1 Chern, 1 bole	Widdow	0.81
1 Pine Chest, 1 Ads	James H. Pritchette	1.55
1 Side saddle	Widdow	0.25
1 croskut saw. 1/3 of said saw	James Wetherington	0.36
1 Shot gun	Lawson D. Wetherington	2.70
1 Pine table	Widdow	2.00
2 dimajohns	Lewis Taylor	0.65
1 stand with drawers	Widdow	1.45
2 Erthen boles, 1 pitcher	Widdow	0.86
8 spoons, 5 knives and forks	Widdow	0.71

6 Knives and forks	Widdow	1.16
1 Basket of trumpery *	Lawson D. Wetherington	1.40
1 water, 1 table, 1 tube	Widdow	0.51
1 pair of smoothing irons	Dixon Bogey	0.82
1 pair of tongs and shuvel	Widdow	0.45
1 pair of hand ions	Widdow	1.50
3 candle sticks, 1 tub, 1 coffey pot	Widdow	0.76
1 lot of crockerware	Widdow	1.21
1 lot of crockerware	Lawson D. Wetherington	0.90
1 Decanter, 5 tumblers	Widdow	0.31
1 Lot of plates	Widdow	1.00
1 boefat with som trumpeary	Widdow	1.11
1 Lot of toots	Widdow	0.61
1 Dish. 1 pitcher	Widdow	0.51
1 Dining table and tilet	James Gray	5.10
1 Bible	Jesse Wetherington	1.00
1 Lot of books	Lawson D. Wetherington	0.60
1 Desk of drawers	Widdow	2.00
1 looking glass, 1 towel	Widdow	0.48
8 Seting Chers	Widdow	0.80
9 Seting Chers	Widdow	0.51
3 Baskets. 1 hackel. 2 pare of Cards	Widdow	1.10

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2 Slaes	Durent Bracher	2.10
3 Slaes	Widdow	1.61
2 Pare of gears	Widdow	0.56
2 pare of gears	Widdow	0.51
2 pare of gears	Widdow	0.71
1 Chest of bottles with nurishments	Widdow	1.81
1 Pine chest	Widdow	0.80
1 Chest. 1 Trunk	Widdow	0.86
1 Dress Table	Dixon Bogey	1.70
1 Lining wheal	Widdow	1.51
1 Bunch of spun cotton	Widdow	0.26
1 Bed stid and furnature	Widdow	29.75
1 Bed stid and furnature	Widdow	29.75
1 Bed stid and furnature	Lawson D. Wetherington	15.25
3 Piller cases. 5 towels	Widdow	0.28
1 set of bed curtens	Widdow	1.76
1 Cadder, 2 home made blankets	Widdow	2.26
2 Sheats	Widdow	1.41
1 Counterpin*	Erasmus S. Wetherington	3.40
1 Counterpin	Henry S. Shute	4.00
1 Bed quilt	Widdow	2.51
1 Counterpin	Jesse Wetherington	4.05
1 Counterpin	Widdow	4.05
1 Counterpin	William Murphey	4.55
1 Counterpin	Widdow	4.56
1 Bed quilt	Widdow	2.24
2 Table clothes	Widdow	1.11
2 Table clothes	William Murphey	1.125
2 Barrels with som cotten	Widdow	0.40
2 Tubs of scrap wool	Joseph Green	0.30
1 Hogshead with som onions	Joel Debruill	0.30
14 pound of wool, 28 per pound	Widdow	3.92

10 pound of wool, 27 per pound	Joel Debruel	2.70
10 pound of wool, 26 1/2 per pound	M. C. Bogey	2.65
10 pound of wool, 27 per pound	Discon Bogey	2.70
11 3/4 residue of wool 25 per pound	William B. Wetherington	2.93 3/4
1 tub of sope	Widdow	1.01

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1 tub. 1 half barrel	Widdow	0.05
3 barrels one tray	Jesse Wetherington	0.10
1 fattub with som fat	Widdow	2.26
2 tubs. 1 barrel	Widdow	0.20
1 barrel with som meat	Widdow	8.15
1 plow	L. W. Davis	1.10
1 plow and geares	Durent Bracher	0.80
1 cart	Lewis Bracher	4.00
1 cart and gears	Joel Debrull	8.00
Som corn	Widdow	2.61
Som shucks	Solo Wetherington	0.50
1 Basket of potatoe	Solo Wetherington	0.75
1 Duch oven and led. 1 skillet	Widdow	0.90
2 Sides of leather in tan	James Wetherington	1.20
Pottery. 23 in number	Widdow	1.65
1 lot of crockerware in use	Widdow	0.10
2 barrels and 1 basket	Solo Wetherington	0.15
1 Bay mare	Joel Debrewell	39.50
1 Bay colt	James Wetherington	45.00
10 sheep	Elijah Taylor	17.20
10 sheep	Lewis White	15.75
10 sheep	Thomas Gray	14.25
10 sheep	Jesse Wetherington	12.35
10 Sheep	Jesse Wetherington	9.25
5 sheep	Lewis Taylor	3.75
1 Seer white back	Alexander Taylor	17.00
1 Black and white pid hefer	Lewis Taylor	11.10
1 Bell Cow and calf	Widdow	15.00
1 Black cow and calf	Erasmus S. Wetherington	14.00
1 Cow and calf brinded	Giles Moore	9.05
1 Cow and frostey earling	Nathan More	16.15
1 Black Steer	Widdow	7.60
1 Red heffer	James N. Beasley	8.50
1 ditto ditto	James N. Beasley	10.30
1 stack of oats	James H. Pritchette	4.80
1 sow and pigs	Solo Wetherington	6.05
1 sow and 3 shoats	Widdow	2.25

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7 shoats	Solo Wetherington	14.75
Stock mark	Solo Wetherington	0.25
Crop on the right side of the lane	Widdow	22.75
Crop on the left next to the land	James H. Pritchette	38.75
Balance on the Creek of Crop	Solo Wetherington	9.00
Cotton Pach	Widdow	0.25
Garden at the weel	Widdow	0.50
1 Sithe and Crade	James Wetherington	1.75
1 2 gallon Jug	James Wetherington	0.50

1 Negro man, Balaam	Natham Daughety	80.00
sold at private sale by consent		
3 Frowes one wheal barrow	James Wetherington	0.40
One Pot	Joel Debrulle	0.05

Notes and accounts that came into my hands as Executor
To the will of Solomon Weitherington Senr Decest

Note of eightly dollars became due the 13 of September 1840	80.00
Note of twenty one dollars will be due the 4 of Deember 1840	21.00
Note of fifty dollars given on demand the 25 of September 1838	50.00
Note of twenty four dollars on demand the 11 of May 1839	24.00
Note of twelve dollars on demand the 24 of May 1840	12.00
Note of Two dollars and forty cents on demand the 21 of March 1840	2.40
Note of four dollars given on demand the 11 of February 1836	4.00
Note of twelve dollars and 50 cents on demand the 29 of July 1836	12.50
Note of six dollars and 25 cents on demand the 17 of November 1833	Doubtful
Note of eighty five cnets no debt now	
Account of one dollar and eighty cents March 1840	1.80
Account of four dollar and 75 cents March 1840	4.75
Account of one dollar and fifty cents for Meat 1839	1.50
The widow told me their was forty eight dollars and .45 cents In mony for which she gave me a receipt Certefying it to be the Mony left at the Descesture of the testator	48.45

November the 10 = 1840 Lemuel Davis Executors

[Note: Trumpery: frivolous, decorative items. Counterpin: a beadspread.]

The Estate of Solomon Wetherington, Sr, Deceased		(Balance Sheet)
Oct 1, 1840	To cash paid to J. F. Pastuer administing (?) fee	2.00
Nov 10, 1840	Ditto pd M. Stevenson Coffin	15.00
Nov 30, 1840	Ditto pd Hardy Smith crying property	3.00
Dec 25	Ditto pd S. Witherington, Jr. acct	32.70
Feb 1841	Ditto pd Testators note and interest	1.55
	Expense of proving will . . .	5.10
To Executors com . . .		
	In amount of receipts \$1,024.85	51.24
To expense of this settlement & return		2.75
Balance due estate		911.51

		1024.85

½ balance to Widdow = \$ 455.75/100

13 heirs to divide the residue \$ 455.75 each have \$35.05/100

[End transcription]

Know all men by these presents that I
 Susanna Wetherington being sick in body but
 in sound mind and memory knowing that all
 that born must die do make and ordain this my
 last will and testimony In the name of
 god amen I give and bequeth my proper
 ty as follows first I give and bequeth to my
 Cousin Phely Bogey my tester bed ~~stead~~ and
 and bed and furniture that belongs to ~~that~~ being
 the belong to me before marriage I further give to
 said Phely Bogey my blue painted chest and the
 lock and key to her her keys and assigns I give
 and bequeth to Elender Debrule my white
 plank the red painted table my side saddle my big
 wheel and cards and my flat Irons to her her keys
 and assigns I give and bequeth to James Wether-
 ington my loose close drawer or press and
 my beaufatt to him his keys and my hand Irons
 to him his keys and assigns I give and beque-
 th to my Cousin Mariar Shute my linen wheel I
 give a to her her keys and assigns I give and
 bequeth to my two brothers Jhon Davis the other name
 not recollecte ten cents a piece my will is that
 my wearing cloths be equally divided among the
 following woman Rachel Wetherington Nancy Weth-
 ington and Mariar Shute and Elender Debrule
 my will is that said Elender shall have my three
 shaf and four shaf ^{loom} gears and a twenty eight beer
 slay my will is that mariar Shute has my two
 and thirty slay and my six and twenty beer slay
 and my other loom gears I give and bequeth to
 Nancy Davis my loom the balanc or residue of
 my property that may be found after my death my
 will is that it be sold on a credit of six months
 and said proceeds or what the ~~property~~ shall
 and all the money or claims that shall be due
 to my said estate and if leaving any money
 by me my will is that all of said money

Figure 11 Will of Susanna Wetherington, 1839, Page 1

or moneys that shall be due to my said Estate
 and all the money my property shall bring that all
 said moneys after paying my debts or just claim
 against my Estate be equally divided among
 the following persons to wit Mary Marier Shute
 and Elender Debrale and Phely Bogey my will
 is that Marcus C. Bogey be my lawful Executor
 to this my last will and testimony and have full
 power to act ther on this the 13 of September
 1840 In testimony of her unto set my hand and seal

Attest Samuel Davis, J.
 Jeremiah Heath

Susanna Wetherington Pearl
 H. C. P. 1840

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Graves County Court.

November Term A.D. 1840
 The foregoing last will and testament of Susanna
 Wetherington was proved to the Court, and in due form
 of law by the oath of Samuel Davis one of the
 subscribing Witnesses thereto. Thomas C. Pargary
 qualified as Executor. Ordered that said will
 be Registered, and that letters testamentary issue
 thereon.
 Attest J. G. Scott, J. C.

Figure 12 Will of Susanna Wetherington, 1839 Page 2

A transcription of Susanna Wetherington's will of 1840 follows: 154

[Transcription of Susanna Wetherington Will 1839, Page 1]

Know all men by these presents that I **Susanna Witherington** being sick in body but in sound mind and memory knowing that all men born must die do make and ordain this my last will and testamony in the name of god amen.

Item I give and bequeth my property as follow first I give and bequeth to my **cousin Pheby Bogey** my fester (feather) bead stead and bed and furniture that belongs to that being the belong(ing) to me before marriage. I further give to said **Pheby Bogey** my blue painted chest and the lock and key to her her heirs assigns.

Item I give and I bequeth to **Elender Debrule** my white plank the red painted table my side saddl(e) my big wheel and cards and my flat irons to her her heirs and assigns.

Item and bequeth to **James Witherington** my eløese close drawer or press and and my beaufatt ~~to him his heirs an~~ and my hand irons to him his heirs and assigns.

Item I give and bequeth the to **my cousin Mariar Shute** my linen wheel I give a to her her heirs and assigns.

I give and equeth to **my two brothers Jhona Davis** the other name not rekolected ten cents a peace.

My will is that my wearing cloth(e) s be equally divided among the following women **Rachel Witherington, Nancy Witherington** and **Marier Shute** and **Elender Debrule** my will is that said **Elender** shall have my three shaft and four shaft loom geers and a twenty eight beer.

Slay my will is that **Mariar Shute** has my two and thirty Slay and my six and twenty beer slay and my other loom geers. I give and bequeth to **Nancy Davis** my loom the balance or residue of my property that may be found after my death my will is that it be sold on a credit of six months and said proceeds or what half ~~property shall~~ and all the money or claims that shall be due to my said estate and if leaving any money by me my will is that all of said money or moneys that shall be due to my said estate and all the money my property shall bring that all said moneys after paying my debts or just claim against my estate be equally divided among the following persons to wit **Marier Shute** and **Elender Debrule** and **Pheby Bogey** my will is that **Marcus C. Bogey** be my lawful Executor to this my last will and testamony and have full power to act ther on thes the 13 of September 1840. In testamony of her unto set my hand and seal.

Susanna Witherington {SEAL}

Attes **Lemuel Davis**
Jeremiah Heath

\$ 1 fee

M. C. Bogey (in small print)

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Craven County Court

November Term A. D. 1840

The foregoing last will and testament of **Susanna Witherington** was proved (illegible) Court and in due form of law by the oath of **Lemuel Davis** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. **Marcus C. Bogey** qualifies as Executor. Ordered that said Will to be Registered and that latters testamentary ?fore.

Attests J. S. Stanley

[End transcription]

**Account of Sales of the Property of the Late
Mrs. Susan Wethington, Deceased October 10, 1840
Registered January 13m 1841 Book folio 262 to 265 by J. G. Stanley**

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(Dollars.Cents)

4 weeding hoes	Jessey Wethington	0.30
2 club axes & 1 spade	Elijah Bracher	0.60
1 hatchet & 1 hammer	James Wethington	0.35
1 lot of gourds	Jessey Wethington	0.10
1 hackel	Joel Debrewel	0.25
1 lot wooping bars	James Wethington	0.20
3 large gourds	Solo Wethington	0.10
1 keg iron bound	James Wethington	0.50
3 jugs & 2 jars	Joel Debrewel	1.50
1 tray & two piggins	Johnathan Davis	0.30
1 tin baker & pans	Elijah Bracher	0.60
1 spider & griddle	Joel Debrewel	0.50
1 coffee mill	Henry Shute	0.50
2 barrells & some cotton	Joel Debrewel	0.80
5 1/2 lbs wool	Elijah Bracher	1.59 1/2
1 lot scales & weights	Joel Debrewel	0.10
5 pewter spoons	L. W. Davis	0.30
6 knives & forks	John Clemmons	0.85
1 lot ditto	Joel Debrewel	0.25
combs & shears	L. W. Davis	0.45
1 large waiter & bason	J. H. Richardson	0.30
1 chest of drawers	Hardy Smith	3.05
1 large pitcher	Joel Debrewel	0.25
1 bottle & jug spirits turpentine	Redden Wethington	0.25
1 lot plat(e)s	James Wethington	0.70
2 books	Ann Foscue	0.05
1 padlock	Joel Debruhl	0.25
1 large dish	Mrs. S. Wethington	0.30
1 ditto ditto	Lamuel Davis	0.60
5 bowles	Wm. Wethington Sr.	0.50
1 cannester & pepper box	Joel Debrewel	0.10
1 milk pot & grater	Mrs. S. Wethington	0.01

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1 set cups & saucers	James Wethington	0.35
1 bottle camphor	Lamuel Davis	0.45
5 tumblers & 5 saucers	John Taylor	0.25
1 lot tumpery	Joel Debrewel	0.75
1 looking glass & towel	Elijah Bracher	0.65
8 chairs	John Taylor	1.60
1 sheet	Joel Debrewel	0.55
1 sheet & blankets	Solo Wethington	1.40
1 blanket & bed quilt	Solo Wethington	5.25
1 do cover white	Charles Stephenson	3.30
1 cadder	Solo Wethington	1.15
1 pr pillow cases	Edmond Williams	0.45
1 pr ditto ditto	L. W. Davis	0.20

1 pr ditto ditto	Edmond Williams	0.25
2 bags	Joel Debrewel	0.10
4 towels	Jessey Wethington	0.40
2 table cloths	Joel Debrewel	1.25
1 small bag coffee	Elijah Bracher	0.20
1 bunch spun cotton	Lewis Bracher	0.70
1 table cloth	Joel Debrewel	0.30
1 lot bottles	Solo Wethington	0.60
1 bottle honey & sugar box	John Taylor	0.30
1 chest	Charles Stephenson	1.40
1 scillet	Edmond Williams	0.25
1 small pot & hooks	John Taylor	0.60
1 large ditto ditto	John Clemmons	0.40
1 dutch oven	John Taylor	1.00
1 spider & led	John Stewart	1.00
1 pott tramells	John Clemmons	0.75
1 ditto ditto	John Taylor	0.40
1 lot pans & mug	Jessey Wethington	0.35
1 pr large bowles (bowls)	James Wethington	0.35
1 milk piggin	John Clemmons	0.15
1 tray & 2 bowles	Joel Debrewel	0.60
1 churn	John Clemmons	0.20
1 butter pott	L. W. Davis	0.05
1 lot gourds	Solo Wethington	0.15
1 tin bucket	Thos Gray	0.35
1 lot tubs & ?	John Taylor	0.15
1 ditto ditto	Abraham Taylor	0.60
2 tubs	Solo Wethington	0.02 1/2
1 pott	James Wethington	0.15
1 stove pott	Solo Wethington	0.65
1 barrel with some soap	Wm. Wethington, Sr.	1.05
1 fat tub and fat	Joel Debrewel	2.50
1 barrel & some pork	Lewis Bracher	0.75
1 lott trumpery	Redden Wethington	0.25
3 small hogs	Lewis Bracher	5.50
1 sow	James Wethington	2.30
1 cow & calf	Solo Wethington	11.75
1 steer	Lewis Bracher	8.50
1 small cotton patch	Elijah Bracher	1.95
1 garden	James Wethington	0.95
1 ditto	Charles Stephenson	2.60
crop as it stands	Charles Stephenson	21.00
corn in the shuck	Joel Debrewel	0.35
8 fowls	James Wethington	0.90
1 bed & furniture	Jessey Wethington	22.00
1 pr shovel & tongs	Joel Debrewel	0.55
1 lot trumpery	James Wethington	0.20
1 tea kettle & candle maker	Edmond Williams	0.55
1 coffee pot tin	James Wethington	0.20
1 ditto ditto	James Wethington	0.05
1/2 dozen spoons	L. W. Davis	0.05
3 candle sticks	Johnathan Davis	0.17
1 table tub & ?	Joel Debrewel	0.60

M. C. Bogey, Executor

Then were John H. Richardson, Esq., Jeremiah Heath and Hardy Smith appointed as committee to audit and settle the accounts of Marcus C. Bogey, executor of Susan Witherington.

Attests J. G. Stanley

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Estate of Susan Wethington, Deceased

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Febry	No 1	To her note paid Lamuel Davis, executor of Solo Wethington, deceased \$200.39	
		To interest on same	59.11
	No 2	Joel Debrewels Account	25.00
	No 3	Jeremiah Heath Account	2.00
	No 4	Hardy Smith Ditto	1.50
	No 5	George S. Attmore Ditto	2.00
	No 6	G. S. Attmore Ditto	4.00
	No 7	S. S. Backus Ditto	13.50
	No 8	James G. Stanley, Clerk of Court	3.70
	No 9	Solo Wethington Account	0.35
	No 10	Elijah Bracher & Henry Shute & C. C. Stephenson Note	9.74
		Commissions \$626.39 the amount Of estate at 5 for cents	31.31
			\$352.60

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1847

Febry	No 1	By amount received as one half of Solo Wetherington Deceased estate	\$455.75
	No 2	By amount of account of sales of estate of Susan Wethington, deceased	\$134.79
		By Cash in amount received as executor	\$35.85
			\$626.39
			\$626.39
			352.60

		Balance Due	\$273.79

We the undersigned committee appointed by Craven County Court to audit and Settle the accounts of M. C. Bogey, Executor of Susan Wethington, deceased, do find a balance of two hundred and seventy three dollars and seventy nine cents.

February 1846

John H. Richardson

Jeremiah Heath

Hardy Smith

[End transcription]

Susanna Davis Wetherington died in October 1840, soon after Solomon. Her will left the bulk of her estate to three women: Maria Shute, Ellender Debruhl, and her cousin Phoebe Bogey.¹⁵⁵ Also named in the will is James and Nancy Wetherington, son of Solomon Wetherington and 1st wife Mary Moore. Rachel [Mathews] Witherington, the 1st wife of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. also is named. Susanna's will was witnessed by James Wetherington and Solomon Wetherington, sons of of Solomon Wetherington and 1st wife Mary Moore.

The will mentions two women named Nancy. One Nancy Witherington would be Nancy Witherington, the wife of James Wetherington. The other Nancy appears to be Nancy Witherington Davis, the daughter of Solomon Sr, and wife of Lemuel Davis. There are no receipts for the disbursement of Susanna's estate in Craven county records. With the death of Susanna Wetherington also in 1840, Marcus Cicero Bogey, neighbor and executor of her estate, signed for the other 50% of the widow's legacy left by Solomon to Susanna Davis Wetherington.¹⁵⁶

Solomon Witherington died in Craven County on June 28, 1840.¹⁵⁷ He was buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora.¹⁵⁸ His will of June 11, 1839 is recorded in Craven County, naming his 2nd wife, Susanna Davis Wetherington and Lemuel Davis as executors.¹⁵⁹ However Susanna died soon after Solomon in November 1840 and Lemuel Davis handled the estate affairs.

The will of Solomon Wetherington is recorded in Craven County Will Book D page 10 on June 11, 1839, (see image above) but does not name the heirs/children.¹⁶⁰ Reportedly the original estate papers were copied or transcribed by the Church of LDS and or researcher, Elizabeth Moore before it was lost or damaged.¹⁶¹ The LDS record names the following 17 heirs: Sarah, Jesse, Hannah, Mary, Jeremiah, Richard, Lovicy, William, Anna, Thomas, John, Joseph, Solomon, James, Holland, Susan, and Nancy.¹⁶² The remaining names listed above (18 to 22) do not appear in the LDS record for Solomon, estate papers, or as purchasers at the estate sale of 1840. The estate records of Solomon Witherington includes receipts for 10 of the heirs, see below.

The estate record contains receipts for the following ten heirs: ¹⁶³

Thomas Wetherington	\$35.05	January 14, 1843	Signature
Richard Wetherington	\$35.05	August 21, 1842	Signature
Hannah Woolard	\$35.05	August 18, 1842	Made Mark
Solomon Wetherington	\$35.05	December 16, 1842	Signature
Jesse Wetherington	\$35.05	August 21, 1842	Made Mark
William Wetherington	\$35.05	August 21, 1842	Signature
Joseph Wetherington	\$35.05	August 21, 1842	Made Mark
Anna Taylor	\$35.05	September 13, 1842	Made Mark
James Wetherington	\$35.05	September 24, 1842	Signature
Alexander Taylor	\$35.05	September 12, 1842	Made Mark
<i>(Husband of Sarah Wetherington)</i>			

The estate papers reveal there were thirteen (13) heirs to Solomon Wetherington's estate but only ten (10) heirs are proven by name in the estate residue receipts. There are three receipts missing from the estate papers. An inspection of the original documents on file in the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh verifies the remaining papers match the current microfilm record. One page of original receipts (8 remaining on this sheet) has a portion of the page cut away. It is not known if this sheet was used for the missing receipts or cut away and simply used for another purpose. Two other individuals receipt in the file makeup the ten (10) heirs on file. Only 3 disbursement receipts appear missing from the records.¹⁶⁴ The LDS files record of 17 children is incorrect. Also even if some of the estate papers were damaged or lost, the surviving papers clear indicate there were only 13 heirs.

Nancy Wetherington Davis, wife of Lemuel Davis, is name in the will of Susannah Wetherington in 1840, and accounts for the 11th heir.

Mary Wetherington, spinster, lived with Solomon Wetherington, Jr. from 1850 through 1870. Mary is likely the 12th heir, however she was not the Mary Wetherington, wife of Hardy Smith.

It is known that several of the unnamed potential heirs of Solomon were still alive in 1842. Jeremiah died about 1848,¹⁶⁵ Lovicy (Vicey) died after 1860,¹⁶⁶ Redding died after 1870¹⁶⁷, Susan died after 1880¹⁶⁸, and Mary died after 1870.¹⁶⁹ Silas, Rueben, and Pollie are not considered potential heirs by this researcher, but they were all alive in 1843.

John C. Wetherington, Redding Wetherington, and Holland Wetherington Amyett, wife of Francis Amyett, are disproved as heirs by a Gift Deed granted by their father, William Wetherington, Sr in 1827.¹⁷⁰ These three Wetheringtons were the children of William Wetherington, Sr. and Susanna Coward. John C. and Redding Wetherington are again recorded as the sons of William Wetherington in a deed of 1834.¹⁷¹ A deed from Redding Wetherington to Solomon Jr in 1845 also names William Wetherington (d. 1844) as the father of Redding and exempts the sale of William's gravesite in the deeded tract.¹⁷²

This leaves the following Wetheringtons as contenders for the remaining heir:

Group 1 – Lived in the Tuscarora area per the Craven census:

Jeremiah Wetherington died about 1848 and lived in Bachelor Creek area. Lovicy Wetherington Smith lived in Tuscarora in the 1860 Craven census.

All of Group 1 lived in the Tuscarora area per various Craven records and are the most likely candidates for the two unconfirmed Solomon Wetherington heirs.

Group 2 – Reported by other researchers as children:

Pollie (aka Mary) Wetherington married Reuben Anderson in 1818.
Reuben Witherington (1795 -) twin – Lived in Pitt County.
Silas Witherington (1795-) twin – Lived in Pitt County.

None of Group 2 are named in census records in the Tuscarora area or in Tuscarora area deeds and therefore are less likely candidates for Solomon's unconfirmed heirs.

Group 3- Conclusively disproved by other documents: ^{173,174}

Redding Wetherington (1809-1891) was the son of William Wetherington Sr.
John C. Wetherington (1800– after 1840) was also the son of William, Sr.
Holland Wetherington Amyett Cummings (1806 – after 1880) was the daughter of William Wetherington, Sr.

These three people lived in Tuscarora but were not children of Solomon Wetherington but the children of Solomon's brother William Wetherington, Sr. and his wife Susan Coward.

In Conclusion

The popular list of Solomon's 17 children cannot be verified with existing Craven county records. The reportedly 'saved' transcription by the LDS church is also in doubt as the conflicting gift deed of 1827 granted William Wetherington, Sr disproves two of the children listed in the LDS record. Furthermore even if the LDS 'saved' the estate records and recorded the entire set of heirs, the surviving estate records agree there were only 13 heirs to the well documented estate other than wife Susannah Davis Wetherington. The only obvious missing components of Solmon's estate papers are the 3 missing disbursement receipts. The LDS record on line at familysearch.com listing the devisees of Solomon's will lists the popular, although incorrect, 17 children above.¹⁷⁵

See Chapter 5 More Tuscarora Area Wetheringtons.

Unproven by this researcher, the status of Jeremiah, Lovicy, and Susan could not be proven. Craven County records at this time reveal only 11 known children, and a count of thirteen heirs. If the list of fifteen above is correct, then for an unknown reason, two of the fifteen did not receive a portion of the estate, although they were known to be alive at the event.

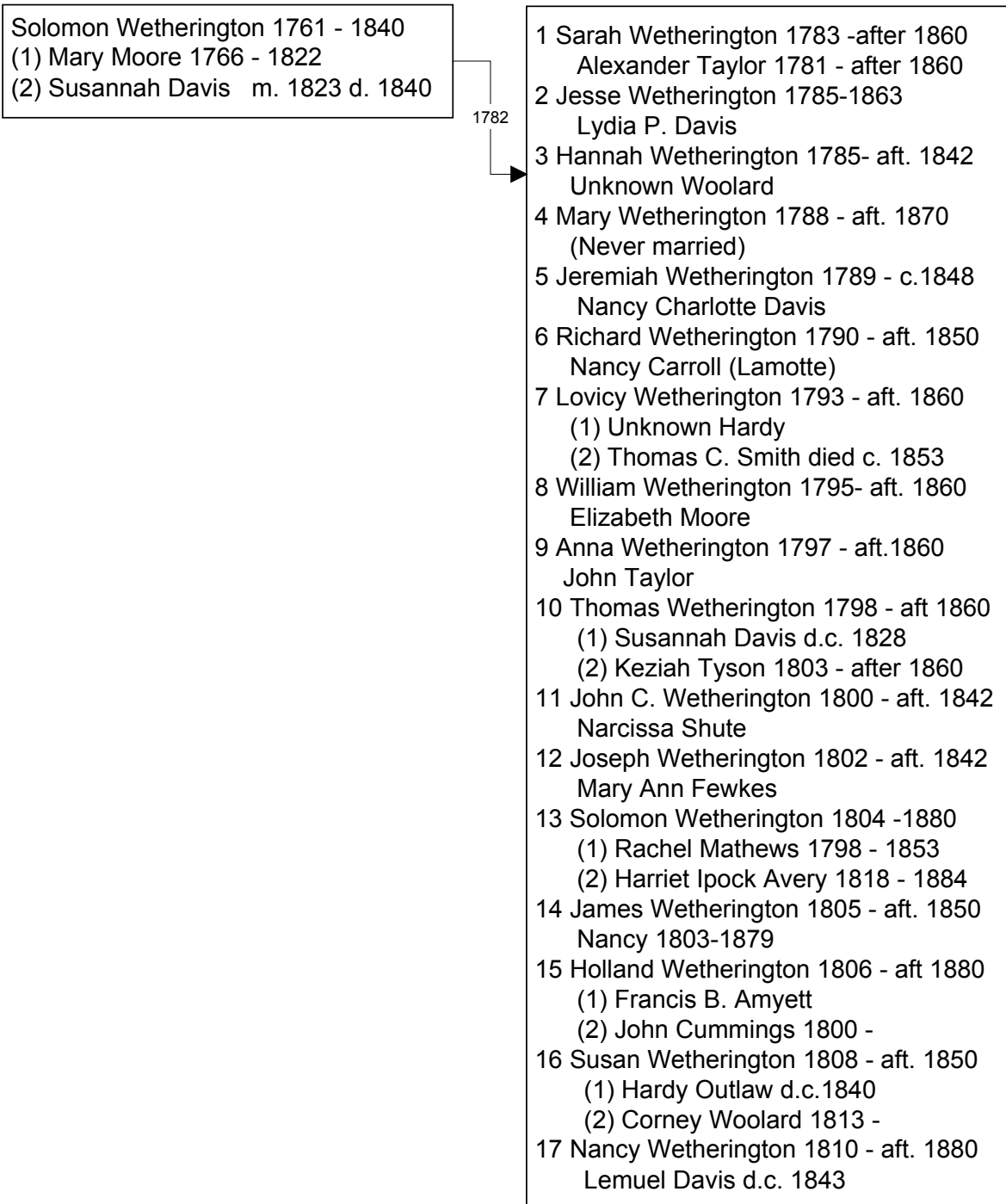


Figure 13 *Solomon Wetherington Traditional Tree*

The traditional family tree of Solomon Wetherington as reported by LDS records and numerous internet shources.

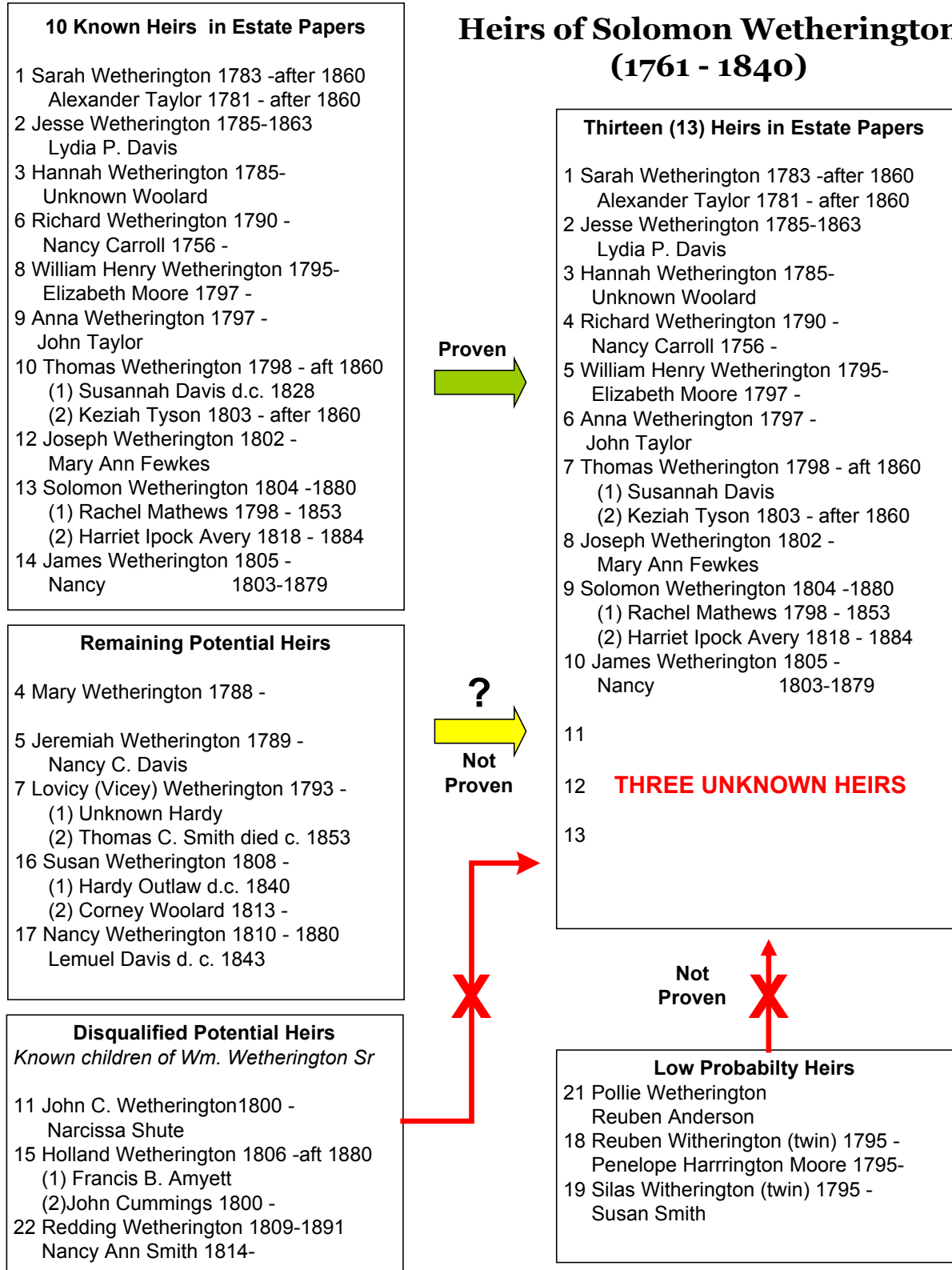


Figure 14 Solomon Wetherington Revised Tree

Chapter 5 More Tuscarora Area Wetheringtons

Solomon Wetherington was a prominent figure in the Tuscarora area from 1800-1840 and also one of the best documented early Wetheringtons in Craven County. He was not, however, the sole Wetherington patriarch of Tuscarora. At least five households of Wetheringtons lived in the Tuscarora area in 1800. ¹

The Wetherington households in Tuscarora during 1800 were **James, Joseph, Solomon, Thomas, and William Witherington**, reportedly all brothers of Solomon. ² Solomon's sister, Sarah, was married to Abraham Taylor and also lived in the Tuscarora area. ^{3, 4}

Revolutionary war pension records of Solomon and William reveal they were brothers. ⁵ The brothers appear to have migrated along with Solomon from the Sandhills area of Craven and Lenoir counties to the Tuscarora area prior to 1800.⁶ By 1830 Joseph, Solomon, Thomas, and William Witherington remain in the Tuscarora area. ^{7,8} James Wetherington disappears from the Craven census after 1800 having left the area.

James, Joseph, and Thomas Wetherington were reportedly the brothers of Solomon and William Wetherington, but the relationship is not confirmed in Craven county records. James appears to have migrated after the 1800 census and Thomas appears to have died after 1830, and Joseph Wetherington appears to have died after 1840.

The Craven census between 1800-1840 records the number of males in each of these Witherington households, shown below. The estate papers of Solomon Wetherington reveals the name of seven sons. ⁹ A gift deed from William Wetherington, Sr. reveals the names of two of his sons. ¹⁰

No records yet found in Craven County reveal the names of Thomas and Joseph Witherington's sons. It appears that all of the elder Witheringtons in the 1800 census are brothers, so therefore it is likely that any younger Witherington's in the later 1820-1850 census are the children of the four Witherington brothers that resided in Tuscarora from 1800 - 1840.

An accounting of the households of Solomon Wetherington and his brothers:

Father	Males	Known Male Children - Comments
Solomon	7	Jesse, Richard, William, Thomas, Joseph, Solomon, James
William	2	John C., Redding
Joseph	2	Undetermined
Thomas	4	Undetermined
Total Males	15	

With Solomon's brother James Wetherington leaving the area in the early 1800's, this places at least 15 male children in the Tuscarora area. In addition to the nine names in the table above, the five unplaced known male Wetheringtons of the area include **Jeremiah Wetherington, William B. Wetherington, Horatio Wetherington, Gideon Wetherington,** and **Wallace Wetherington.** These five males account for the majority of the males revealed by this research, making these unplaced males most likely sons of Joseph or Thomas Wetherington.

Gideon Wetherington died about 1826 in Craven County. He does not appear in any Craven county census. Three marriages are recorded in Craven County but his estate papers name only one child, **Mary**, and her guardian, William Wetherington. Gideon's 3rd wife, **Nancy Simmons**, later married John Hall.^{11,12} Gideon's estate lists property on Beaver Dam Creek on the north side of Tuscarora and the deed is listed in Craven County.^{13,14} The relationship between William and Gideon Wetherington is not known, but there are several Craven deeds where one of these two Wetheringtons is witnessing a deed for the other. The estate papers of Gideon also list a payment to **Horatio Wetherington**, but the relationship is not named in the estate papers.

Horatio Wetherington also lived in the Tuscarora area in 1820.¹⁵ Horatio married **Hester Civils** on April 20, 1815 in Craven County.¹⁶ Horatio was murdered in 1833, leaving a large unnamed household.¹⁷ Horatio did not leave a will or estate records, nor is he listed in any Craven County deeds. Only this New Bern newspaper article in The Sentinel dated February 22, 1833 has been found:

Two sailors, belonging to the Revenue Cutter Dallas, have been committed to the jail of this county, charged with the murder of Mr. Horatio Worthington. The deceased was a farmer, who resided a few miles from this place; and a more inoffensive man never existed. As the charges against the accused are to undergo judicial investigation, we decline giving publicity to the particulars of the case which we have heard.

Jeremiah Wetherington (1789- about 1848), reportedly a son of Solomon, however the 1790 Craven census of Solomon's household does not list a 2nd male child, (Jesse being born about 1785) and Solomon's estate record does not name Jeremiah via a receipt for a share of the estate. Jeremiah's widow, Nancy Charlotte Davis Wetherington appears in the 1850 census in the household of Richard Davis. Most researchers include Jeremiah as a son of Solomon Wetherington, but no definite record has been located in Craven County by this researcher.

See Chapter 8 Jeremiah Wetherington.

By 1840 - 1860 almost all of the male Wetheringtons living in Tuscarora are the descendants of Solomon Wetherington and Mary Moore. The known exceptions are:

1. **John C. Wetherington** (1800 – after 1842) was the son of **William Wetherington, Sr.** and **Susannah Coward**. John C. appears to have died before 1860 as his wife **Narcissie Shute Wetherington** (1816-) is listed in her father's household in 1860. **Roderick** and **Hannah Wetherington**, minor children of John C. Wetherington, were living with **Henry Shute** and his wife, **Maria Stevenson** in 1850. In 1860 Hannah, age 25, was still in the Shute household along with her mother Narcissie Shute Wetherington.
2. **Rhoderick Shute Wetherington** (1839) - 1862 was listed in the 1860 census, age 19, in Tuscarora, and died in the Civil war at Garysburg, NC of disease. ¹⁸ Rhoderick never married and his estate passed to his sister **Hannah Ann Wetherington**, the wife of **Asa Mallard**. ¹⁹ He was the son of John C. Wetherington and Narcissa Shute.
3. **Wallace Wetherington** (1801 - after 1850) appears in the 1840 Craven census listed with an apparent wife and no children. ²⁰ Wallace Wetherington married **Mary Civils** in 1842 in Craven County. ²¹ In the 1850 census, Wallace is listed in the 9th township near Perfection, an apparent widower.²² The lineage of Wallace Wetherington has not been determined, but he was likely a son of either Joseph or Thomas Wetherington.
4. **William B. Wetherington** (abt. 1788 - after 1870) William B. is most likely a son of one of Solomon's brothers, either Joseph or Thomas, but the relationship is not confirmed. Another researcher, George Wetherington, reports William B. Wetherington as the son of Robert Wetherington, the son of Solomon Witherington (1703 - 1766).
5. **Redding Wetherington** ²³ (1809-1891) Redding Witherington was born on February 18, 1809 and died on March 19, 1891, the son of William Wetherington and Susannah Coward. ²⁴ He married **Nancy Ann Smith** ²⁵ daughter of Sherod T. Smith, in 1836 in Craven County.²⁶ Redding received deeds in Craven County in 1834, one from John C. Wetherington and another from Jeremiah Wetherington. ²⁷ In 1849 Washington Carman released a Redding Wetherington from a mortgage in Craven County. ²⁸ The 1850 Weakley County Tennessee census list Redding Withingdon age 42, and wife Nancy, age 37. ²⁹ Also in the household is a M. Amyett age 22. Living in the area is Graves Fonville, age 50, from Craven County, North Carolina. The 1870 Weakley County, TN census lists Redding and son William Witherington. ³⁰ Two deeds exist in Craven County records that name Redding as the son of William Wetherington, Sr.

See Chapter 6 William B. Wetherington.

The result of this research indicates there were a large group of Wetherington families living in Tuscarora by 1850. More than half of the group, although not as well documented appear to be all nephews of Solomon Wetherington via his brothers Joseph, Thomas, and William Wetherington. These three brothers lived in the Tuscarora area in there later years and are the most likely candidates for the progenitors of the list of 15 males.

Overview of Early Tuscarora Wetheringtons
All Five sons of Thomas, Sr. known to have lived in Tuscarora

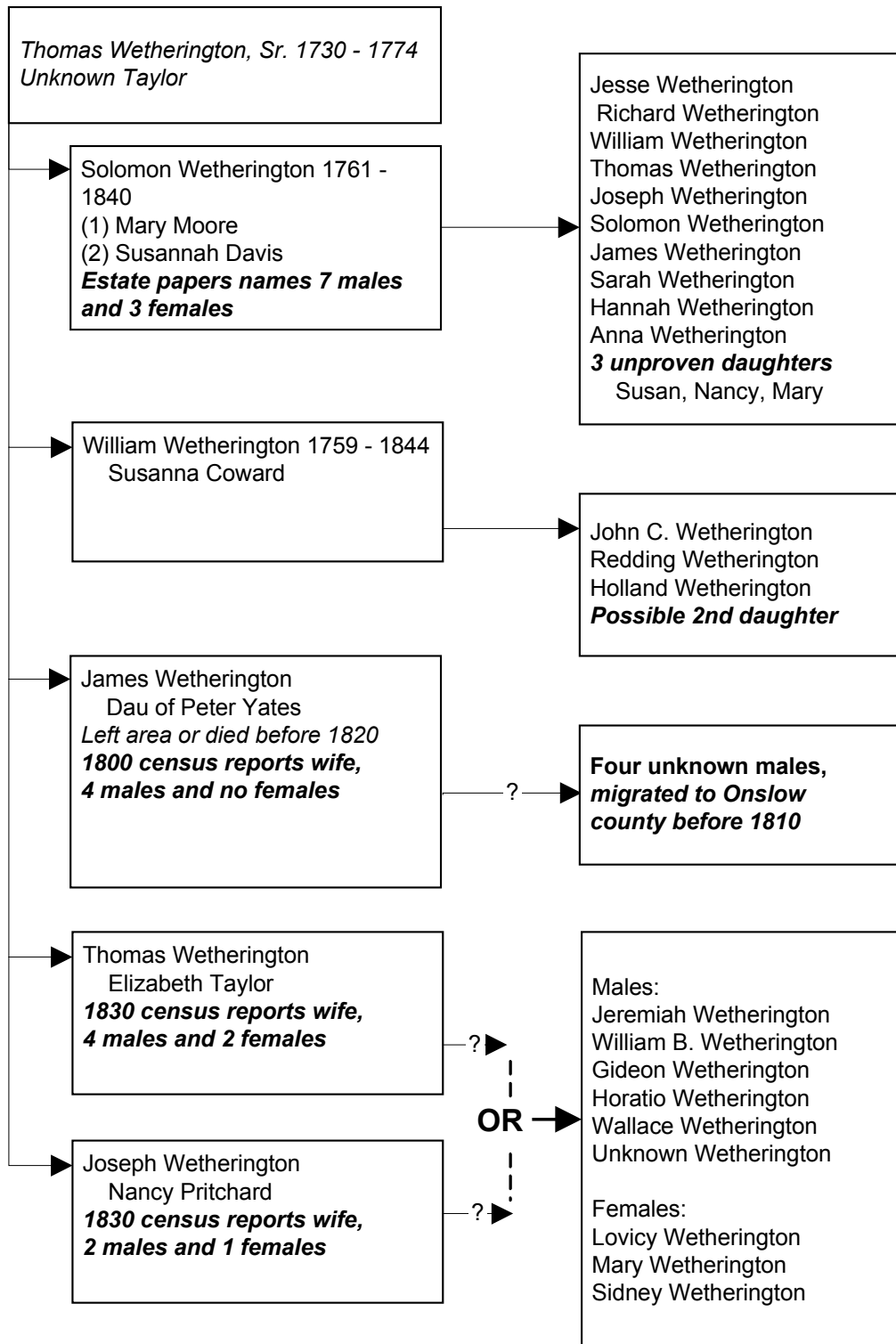


Figure 15 Wetherington Families in Tuscarora 1800 - 1840

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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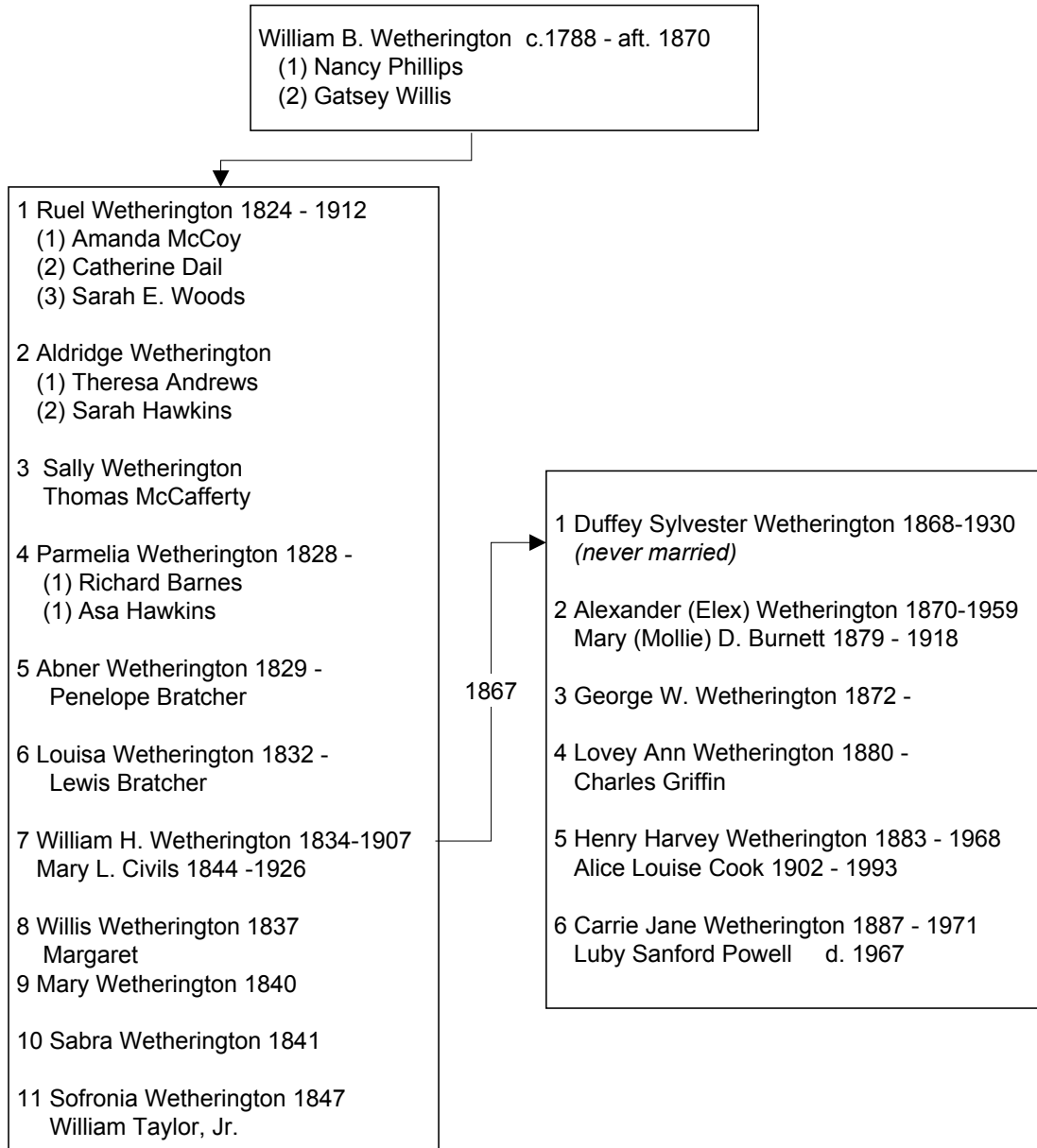


Figure 16 William B. Wetherington Family Tree

Chapter 7 Jesse Wetherington 1785 – after 1860

Jesse Wetherington, the eldest son of Solomon Wetherington and Mary Moore, was born in 1785 and died after 1860 in Craven County. Jesse married **Lydia Penelope Davis**, the daughter of Lawson Davis and Dorcas Adams, in 1812 in Craven County. ¹ Jesse also appears in the 1812 Muster Rolls in the 2nd Regiment, Craven County. ² Jesse appears in the 1820 Craven census ³ and in 1830, he appears in the Carteret County, NC census. ⁴ In 1840, 1850 and 1860, Jesse and family appear in Craven County censuses. ^{5,6,7} There are no estate records or deed transactions for Jesse or Lydia Wetherington in Craven County records. Jesse Wetherington does appear in the estate record of Solomon Wetherington in 1842, receiving a share of his father's estate.⁸ Jesse and Lydia's burial place is unknown, however is most like the Wetherington family cemetery on Rollover Creek. ⁹

Jesse Wetherington and Lydia Davis had 4 known children:

1. **Erasmus Samuel Wetherington** 1813 – 1893 was born in Craven County in 1813. ^{10,11,12} Erasmus married **Marina** about 1837. Marina was born on December 21, 1812 and died on November 25, 1890. Marina was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora.¹³ Erasmus is listed in the 1840 Craven County census with 2 females and 1 male in his household. ¹⁴ In the 1850 census Erasmus Wetherington is listed with wife, Mariana, and children Mary, James, Samuel, Lemuel, Julia, Marcus, and William. ¹⁵ In the 1860 Craven census, Erasmus is listed with two further children, Redding, and Francis M. Wetherington (male). ¹⁶ Erasmus died on February 24, 1893 and was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora.¹⁷

The children of Erasmus S. and Marina A. Wetherington were: ^{18,19}

- a. James Riley Wetherington (1837) –1862 (never married)
 - b. Mary J. Wetherington (1838-)
 - c. Samuel S. Wetherington 1840 – 1901 m. Betsey Civils (1840) - 1921
 - d. Lemuel T. Wetherington 1842 –1900 m. Celia Ann Taylor 1848-1908
 - e. Julia Wetherington (1844-)
 - f. Marcus Wetherington (1846-) ²⁰ m. Susan Mayo
 - g. William H. Wetherington 1848-1898 m. Angeline Debruhl
 - h. Redding Wetherington (1850-) m. Matilda Hudnell
 - i. Francis M. Wetherington (1853-)
2. **Lawson Davis Wetherington** (1815 or 1820- after 1880) married **Dove Littleton** in Craven County in 1844. ²¹ Elva Littleton, a widow and mother of Dove, granted Lawson a deed in 1846. ²² The 1850 census lists Lawson Wetherington living in the household of George Carraway near the home of his brother Erasmus Wetherington. ²³ The 1860 Craven census lists L. D. Wetherington living next door to Solomon Wetherington in Tuscarora. ²⁴ The

1870 Craven census lists Lawson living in the home of Solomon Wetherington. ²⁵ The 1880 Craven census lists Lawson living with his brother, Clement L. Wetherington. ²⁶ Lawson divorced Dove before 1850 and there were no known children by this marriage. ²⁷ A likely son, **Thomas Wetherington**, (1867-) appears in the 1880 census in the home of his uncle, Clement L. Wetherington.

3. **Beneta Davis Wetherington** 1820-1903 was born on October 10, 1820 and died on August 10, 1903 ²⁸ Beneta married **John Stewart** 1809 –1881 in Craven County in 1839. ²⁹ Beneta died in 1903 in Morehead City, NC. ³⁰ John and Beneta W. Stewart were buried in the Stewart Cemetery at Tuscarora. ³¹

The children of John Stewart and Beneta Davis Wetherington were: ^{32,33}

- a. Frances Ann Stewart 1839 – 1920 m. Cannon Smith
- b. William Riley Stewart 1841 – 1876 m. Maria (Mary) Bogey
- c. James Haywood Stewart (1843-) m. 1st Wealthy Civils 2nd Susan Bratcher
- d. Sabra Jane Stewart 1844 – 1909 m. Thomas E. Eubanks
- e. Kinion (Canaan) Ball Stewart 1851 – 1928 m. Frances Ipock 1854-1934
- f. John Clemmie Stewart 1846 – 1938 m. Delila Smith 1849 - 1938
- g. Eleanor Stewart (1848 – 1926) m. Redding Eubanks
- h. Jesse P. Stewart (1854- 1924) m. Mary Henrietta Smith
- i. Mariah M. Stewart 1859 – 1879 m. John C. Moore 1855 - 1923
- j. Nancy Shepard Stewart 1860 – 1931 m. Wiley A. Moore 1850 - 1931
- k. Hattie L. Stewart 1862 – 1937 m. Richard B. Heath 1855 - 1919

See Chapter 21, John Stewart.

4. **Clement Lemuel Wetherington** 1824-1906 was born on December 20, 1824 and died on April 2, 1906. Clement married **Julia Ann White** in Craven County in 1849. ³⁴ Julia died at the age of 68 years on August 8, 1894. In the 1850 and 1860, Clement and Julia live in the household along Clement's parents, Jesse and Lydia Wetherington. ^{35,36} C. L. Wetherington also served as a Justice of the Peace in Craven County about 1875. ³⁷ Both Clement and Julia Wetherington were buried in the Asbury Methodist Church cemetery in Craven County. ³⁸

The children of Clement L. Wetherington and Julia A. White were: ^{39, 40}

- a. Nathaniel Franklin Wetherington 1850 – 1908 m. Julia F. Hawkins
- b. Mary Frances Wetherington (1853 - 1911)
- c. Jesse P. Wetherington (1856 -)
- d. Elizabeth T. Wetherington 1859 - 1937 m. J. H. Ipock 1847 - 1937
- e. John C. Wetherington (1862-)

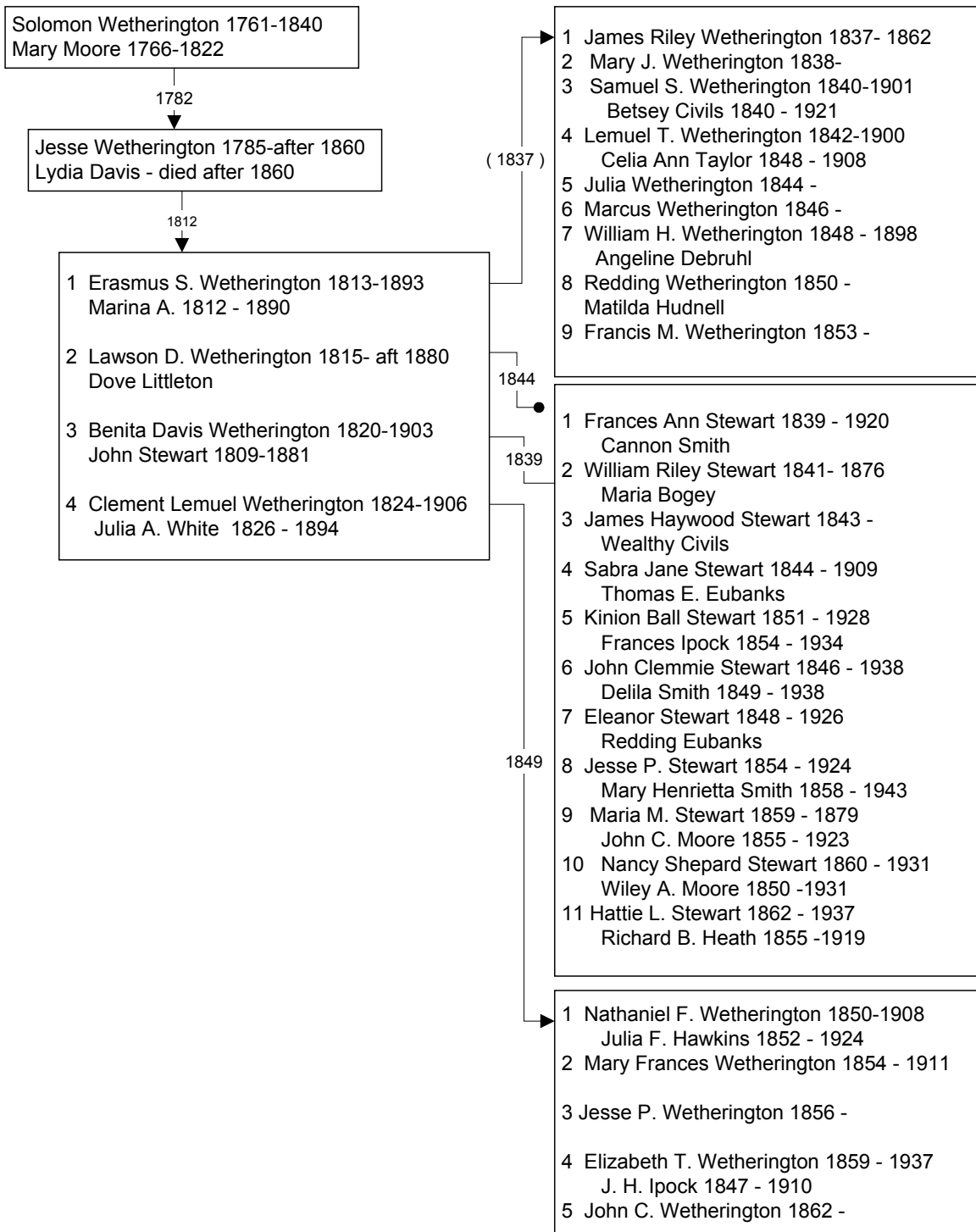


Figure 17 Jesse Wetherington Family Tree

Chapter 8 Jeremiah Wetherington 1789 -

Jeremiah Wetherington, reportedly a son of Solomon Wetherington and Mary Moore, was born about 1785 and died before 1850 in Craven County, NC. Jeremiah married **Nancy Charlotte Davis** in 1816 in Craven County. ¹ Little is known about Jeremiah, his name does not appear in the surviving Solomon Wetherington's estate papers. This researcher concludes Jeremiah was most likely the son of Solomon's brother, Thomas. In 1832, the Craven county Sheriff auctioned 100 acres of land near Bachelor Creek belonging to Jeremiah for \$36 to Asa Jones. ²

There are two records of Jeremiah Wetherington receiving land grants in the Bachelor Creek area in 1834. He appears to transfer these lands in the same year. ³ Jeremiah granted a deed to Solomon Wetherington, Jr in 1834 and in 1834 Jeremiah granted a deed to Reading Wetherington on the North side of Bachelor Creek. ⁴

Other than the deed transactions and census enumerations, little is known about Jeremiah after his marriage. He lived in the Bachelor Creek area and reportedly died about 1848 or 1849. Although several of the younger sons of Solomon Wetherington received gift deeds from their father, there are no recorded deeds from Solomon to Jeremiah or Jeremiah's brother, Jesse Wetherington. The gravesite of Jeremiah and wife Nancy Davis is also unknown. Although there was a relatively large number of people living in the Bachelor Creek area, most of the gravesites have disappeared with time, only stone markers now survive in any of the Tuscarora cemeteries.

LDS church records list Jeremiah as the son of Solomon Wetherington, however no Craven county records support this parentage. Of the sons and reported sons of Solomon Wetherington, only Jeremiah cannot be substantiated or disproved. ⁵ The 1790 census lists four minors of Solomon, one being male, consistent with Jesse Wetherington, the eldest son. Jeremiah, reportedly born in 1789, does not appear in the household statistics for Solomon Wetherington in the 1790 census.

In the 1800 Craven county census, Solomon Wetherington's household lists 4 minor males, and 5 minor females. If Jeremiah were living in the household, there would have been 5 minor males counted: Jesse, Jeremiah, Richard, William, and Thomas. Estate records and gift deeds confirm the parentage of Jesse, Richard, William, and Thomas. It appears neither the 1790 or 1800 Craven census can confirm the possibility of Jeremiah living in the household of Solomon Wetherington.

After the death of Jeremiah about 1848, Nancy Wetherington appears in the 1850 Craven County census in the household of Richard and Catherine Davis, along with her son, Alfred Wetherington.

The estate records of Alfred Wetherington in 1865 summon the siblings listed below to the settlement of the estate. ⁶

The children of Jeremiah Wetherington and Nancy C. Davis were: ⁷

1. **Dorcas Wetherington** (c. 1818 – before 1877) married **Redding Taylor** (1816-) on March 15, 1836 in Craven County. ⁸ Dorcas died about 1876 as Redding Taylor married 2nd, Catharine Fornes 1830-1905 in December 1876. ⁹ The burial site of Dorcas and Redding is unknown, and Catherine F. Taylor was buried in the Asbury Church cemetery.¹⁰

The children of Dorcas Wetherington and Redding Taylor were: ^{11,12}

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1839-)
 - b. Susan J. Taylor (1841-)
 - c. Caroline Taylor (1845-)
 - d. Daniel Taylor (1848-)
 - e. Lemuel Freeman Taylor (1848-) m. Sophia Ann Foy (1851-) ¹³
 - f. Martha A. Taylor (1852-)
 - g. Phoebe A. Taylor (1858-)
2. **Amos Wetherington** 1820 – 1893 married **Mary Frances Owens** in Jones County on November 30, 1848. ¹⁴ Mary Frances Owens, the daughter of Archibald and Frances Owens, was born in Jones County in 1822 and died in 1870 in Jones County.¹⁵ Amos later married a young widow, Clarky Jane Cannon Yates.¹⁶ Clarky was born on September 15, 1844 in Jones County and died in June 12, 1917 in New Bern, NC. ¹⁷

The children of Amos Wetherington and Mary Owens were: ^{18,19,20}

- a. Christopher Columbus Wetherington 1849- 1937 m. 1st Mary Collins, m. 2nd Brancey Collins, Mary L. Cain ^{21, 22, 23, 24}
- b. Wealthy Ann Wetherington 1851-1930 m. John Ed Taylor ²⁵
- c. Walter Wetherington (about 1853-) likely died young.
- d. Abner B. Wetherington 1853 – 1932 m. 1st Georgina Eubanks and 2nd Beneta Jane Eubanks ^{26,27}
- e. Edward Wetherington 1867-1917 m. Mary Catherine Heath ²⁸
- f. Frances Ann Wetherington (c. 1860) – c. 1897 m. William James Osteen²⁹
- g. Elizabeth Wetherington (c.1860) -c 1894 m. Harvey Tom Bratcher ³⁰
- h. Amos T. Wetherington 1868-1934 m. Nancy Virginia Eubanks ³¹

The children of Amos Wetherington and Clarky Jane Cannon Yates were: ³²

- i. Hebron Wetherington (1871)- 1953 m. Almedia Gilbert ³³
 - j. Arpelia Wetherington 1873- 1954 m. Curby McCosley ³⁴
 - k. Odious Linwood Wetherington 1877-1932 m. Lenora Wetherington ³⁵
 - l. Thomas Wetherington (1880-) (*possible twin*), likely died as infant
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m. Narcissis Wetherington (1880-1897) (*possible twin*) m. Thomas J. Hawkins ³⁶

See Chapter 10, Amos Wetherington

3. **Rebecca Wetherington** (1820 – 1898) married **Stephen Taylor** in 1843 in Craven County.³⁷ Rebecca died in 1898 and was buried in the Gethsemane FWB Church cemetery at Tuscarora. ³⁸

The children of Stephen Taylor and Rebecca Wetherington were: ³⁹

- a. John Edward Taylor 1844-1924 m. Wealthy Ann Wetherington 1851-1930
- b. Nancy Taylor (1847-)
- c. Celia Ann Taylor 1848-1908 m. Lemuel T. Wetherington 1842-1900
- d. Penelope Taylor (1852-1858) -1914 m. William H. Wilson 1850-1918
- e. Alvana Taylor (1855-)
- f. Margaret Taylor 1846 – 1926 m. James Avery

4. **Phoebe Wetherington** 1825 - 1909 m. **Alexander Taylor** in 1843 in Craven County. ⁴⁰ In 1881 Phoebe married 2nd, Caswell Wood 1815 – 1895 in Craven County. ⁴¹ Phoebe and Caswell Wood are buried in the Asbury church cemetery. ⁴²

The children of Alexander Taylor and Phoebe Wetherington were: ⁴³

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1838-)
- b. Isaac Taylor (1835-)
- c. Henry Taylor (1848-)

5. **Abner Wetherington** (1830 –1870) ⁴⁴ married **Elizabeth Hawkins** in 1854 in Craven County. ⁴⁵

The children of Abner Wetherington and Elizabeth Hawkins were: ⁴⁶

- a. Olive J. Wetherington 1854 –1931 m. William H. Watson 1861 – 1937 ⁴⁷
- b. Charles Henry Wetherington 1864 – 1937 m. Nancy J. Herring 1872-1960

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6. **Alfred Wetherington** (1832 -1869) married **Mary D. Davis** in 1858 in Craven County.⁴⁹ After Alfred's death about 1869 Mary married **George P. Lewis** in 1870 in Craven County. ⁵⁰ In the 1880 Craven census, Nancy Wetherington Davis, Solomon's youngest daughter, a widow, lived with George Lewis and Mary Davis Lewis. ⁵¹

The only known child of Alfred Wetherington and Mary Davis:

- a. Samuel M. Wetherington, (1859-) ⁵²
-

The children of George Lewis and Mary D. Davis were: ⁵³

- b. Elizabeth Lewis (1873 –)
- c. George Lewis (1875 –)
- d. Lena Lewis (1877 –)
- e. James Lewis (1879 –)

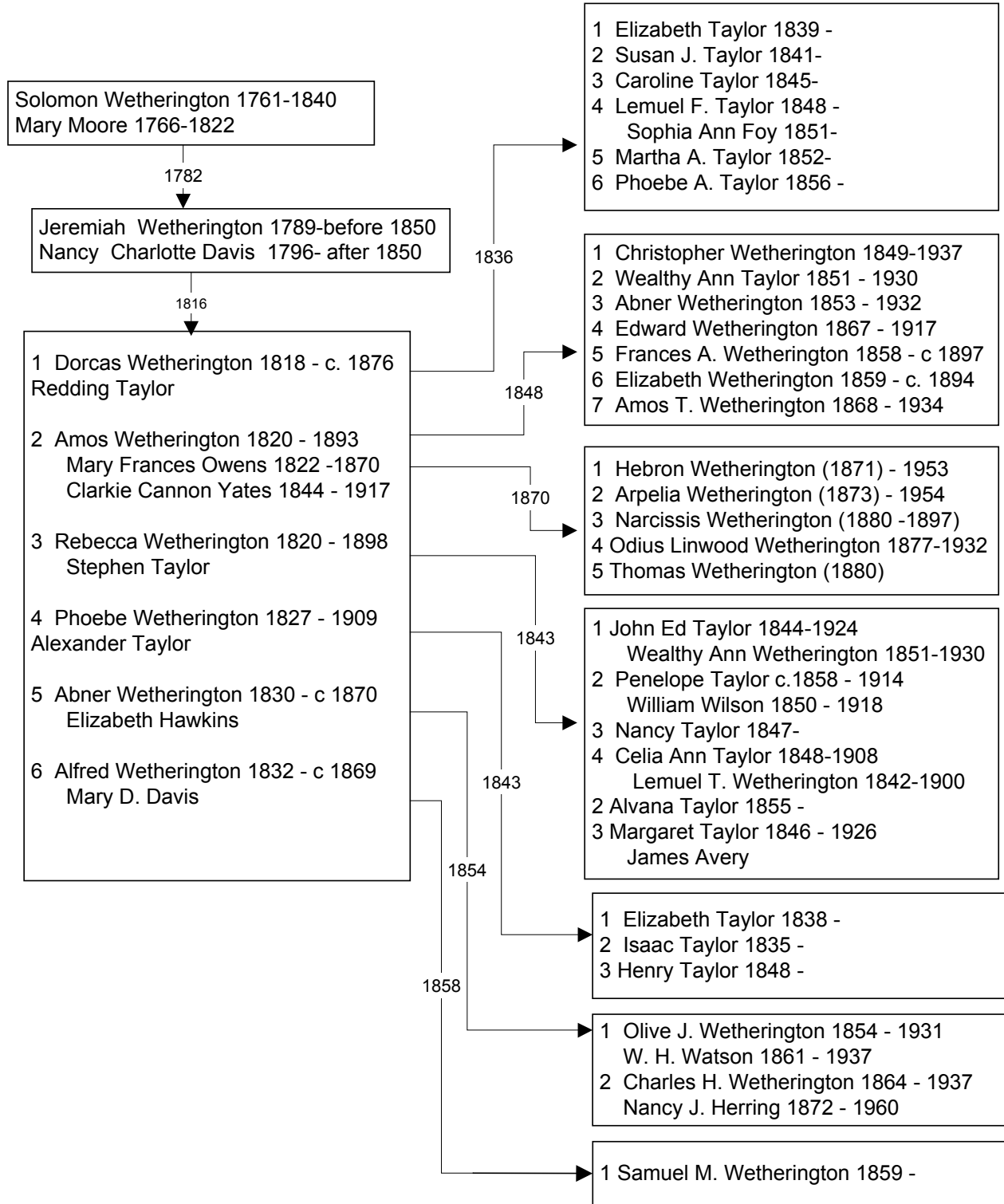


Figure 18 Jeremiah Wetherington Family Tree

Chapter 9 Solomon Wetherington Jr. 1804-1880

Solomon Wetherington, Jr. 1804-1880, the son of Solomon and Mary Moore, was born on January 39, 1804. Solomon married (1st) **Rachel Matthews** (1798-1853) in 1832 in Lenoir County ¹ and 2nd **Harriet Ipock Avery** (aka Averitt) on February 22, 1854 in Craven County. ² The marriage license was lost and Jeremiah Heath married them a second time on December 10, 1854. ³ His gravestone also records he was baptized on Mary 10, 1824. A prominent farmer, Solomon appears in the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 Craven census. Solomon died in on April 13, 1880 from dropsy ⁴ and was buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora. ⁵ His obituary appeared in the 1880 New Bern Weekly Journal. ⁶

A prominent farmer and landowner, the 1850 Craven County census lists Solomon Wetherington farming assets as 6 horses and mules, 90 head of cattle, 107 sheep, and 60 pigs. He also produced 800 bushels of corn, 500 bushels of sweet potatoes, and 200 pounds of wool. The 1850 industrial schedule lists Solomon as a turpentine maker, with assets of \$8,175, 9 employees, and producing 1500 barrels of turpentine. Also Solomon appears on the 1850 slave schedule holding 18 slaves. ⁷



Figure 19 Solomon Wetherington Home c. 1850

A December 3, 1853 newspaper account for a runaway slave:

\$50 Reward.

Runaway from the subscriber, a negro man named AMOS, but more generally called AMOS MONTFORD. The said negro is about five feet six inches high, and of light complexion. He has a wife at Mr. Daniel Andrew's in whose neighborhood he may be probably lurking. All persons are forbidden from harbouring or employing said negro, and I warn Captains of Vessels and others from carrying him away as in either case I am determined to rigidly enforce the law against all persons so offending. The above reward will be given for his confinement in Jail or delivery to me so that I can get him.

November 26, 1853.

Solomon Wetherington.

An 1861 newspaper account thanks Solomon for the support of the local Confederate militia with his donation of fresh vegetables to the troops:

From the New Bern Daily Progress, February 11, 1862: ⁸

Mr. Editor – Allow me through the columns of your paper to publicly thank Mr. **Solomon Wetherington**, of this county, for his kin and considerate contribution of vegetables and other luxuries to my Company (Core Creek Volunteers) during their service in this place. Such acts of thoughtful consideration are deserving the highest praise and are duly appreciated both by myself and the men of my Company, and I, take this opportunity of returning him our thanks for his repated acts of patriotic devotion to the necessities of the soldiers of his country.

R. A. Rusell, Capt. Core Creek Volunteers

From the Newbern Daily Journal of Commerce, Tuesday, July 23, 1867:

We learn by a passenger on the train last evening that still another Robbery has been perpetrated in the region of Tuscarora, about 10 miles from the city. We did not learn the name of the party robbed, but hear that they took everything he had. This was night before last. On yesterday in broad daylight, four Negroes went to the residence of Mr. **Solomon Wetherington** near Tuscarora, but Mr. Wetherington not showing any fear they departed. It was thought to be the party that did the robbing the night before.⁹

Solomon's obituary appeared in the Newbernian, April 17, 1880:

Died. - At his residence in Core creek section, Craven county on Tuesday, April 13th, 1880, Mr. Solomon Wetherington, aged 76 years.

Mr. Wetherington was widely known in this section as a hardworking, thrifty and successful farmer, and for years was considered one of Craven's landmarks. For fifty years he had been a consistent member of the Free Will Baptist Church and his door stood ever open for the admission of the preacher of any denomination. He was very generally liked, and from his frequent visits to this city, his genial and honest face will be as keenly missed upon our streets, as that of any of our old resident citizens. Some six months ago, evidently having a premonition of his early demise, he ordered from Mr. Geo. W. Claypoole of this city, a marble tombstone to be erected at his grave upon his death, and the ad remainder of the uncertainty of life, having been completed for months, with the exception for the time of his death, was on Tuesday called for, by sorrowing relatives, and now marks the last resting place of one who if he could not lay claim in life to superior brilliancy of intellect, went down to his grave, loved by his relatives and respected by his neighbors for his honesty and sterling integrity. Peace to his ashes.

The children of Solomon Wetherington, Jr. and Rachel Matthews were: ¹⁰

1. **John Herring Wetherington** was born on February 18, 1833 in Craven County and died November 20, 1910.¹¹ He married **Siddie Daugherty**, born May 19, 1844 and died on May 29, 1908 in Craven County. ¹² John Herring Wetherington and Siddie D. Wetherington are buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora.

The children of John H. Wetherington and Siddie Daugherty were:

- a. Mary Elizabeth Wetherington 1866 – 1914 married J. A. Ringgold ¹³
 - b. Richard Wetherington 1868-1940 married Leuetta Garner 1878 – 1970 ¹⁴
 - c. John Edward Wetherington 1872-1952 married Mary Daly 1876-1971 ¹⁵
 - d. Harvey Mason Wetherington 1874 – 1876 ¹⁶
 - e. Solomon Wetherington 1878-1881 ¹⁷
 - f. Macon Frank Wetherington 1880 – 1916 ¹⁸ m. Cornelia L. Wethington ¹⁹
 - g. Claude H. Wetherington 1880 – 1943²⁰ m. Eliza Pernita Daugherty ²¹
 - h. Debbie A. Wetherington 1884-1960 m. John H. Herring 1883 –1969 ²²
 - i. A. A. Wetherington – died as infant, age 30 days – no dates ²³
 - j. Rachel Wetherington – died as infant – no dates ²⁴
2. **Mary Elizabeth Wetherington** 1835 – 1917, married **James Harriett** of Jones County in 1852.

Their children were: ²⁵

- a. John Harriett (1854 – 1856)
 - b. Rachel Wetherington Harriett (1856 – 1888) m. Frank H. Henderson
 - c. Matt Nathaniel Harriett (1859 – 1921) m. Idella Bynum 1880 – 1953
 - d. George Kornegay Harriett (1861 – 1918)
 - e. Sam S. Harriett (1865 – 1920)
 - f. Susan M. Harriett (1863 – 1903) m. John Martin Hargett (1863 – 1927)
 - g. Maken Thomas Harriett (1868 – 1928) m. Elinor Robinson (1875 – 1900)
 - h. Charles Peter Harriett (1871 – 1929) m. Rosa Elvira Wooten (1881 – 1951).
 - i. Timothy G. Harriett (1872 – 1923)
3. **James Thomas Wetherington** 1837 – 1906, was born on October 28, 1837 and died on January 26, 1906 in Craven County. ²⁶ James married **Charley Ann Averitt**, the daughter of Harriet Ipock Averitt and Stephen Averitt. Charlene was born on May 27, 1848 and died on July 19, 1901 in Craven County.²⁷ James T. and Charlene A. Wetherington are buried in the Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery. Along with Charlene's mother, Harriet A. Wetherington, other Averitts and the infants below were buried on the family farm called Oak Forest off Asbury Road.

The children of James Thomas and Charley A. Wetherington were:²⁸

- a. Mabel Rivers Wetherington September 3, 1861 – September 27, 1861
 - b. William Thomas Wetherington 1862- 1941 m. Alice C. Arnold 1873-1914 ²⁹
 - c. Sarah C. Wetherington 1865 – 1937 m. John W. Stewart 1853-1919 ³⁰
 - d. Herbert Matthews Wetherington 1867 – 1917 never married
 - e. Harriet Cary Wetherington – March 24, 1872 - August 8, 1872
 - f. Julia Elizabeth Wetherington 1873- m. William H. Hill ³¹
4. **Holland Ann Wetherington** was born on 1840 and died on 1882. Holland Ann never married and was buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora. ³²

Rachel Matthews died on August 21, 1853 in Craven County and was buried in the family graveyard at Tuscarora.³³ Solomon, Jr. married (2nd) **Harriet Ipock Avery** (aka Averitt), widow of Stephen Averitt on February 22, 1854 in Craven County.³⁴ Two children from her 1st marriage also lived in the home in Tuscarora, daughter Charlie (Charlene) and son, William J. Averitt.³⁵ Harriet Wetherington died in 1884 and was buried in a cemetery at OakForest off Asbury Road in Craven County with her 1st husband, Stephen Averitt, and son, William J. Averitt.

The children of Solomon, Jr. and Harriet Ipock Averitt were: ³⁶

5. **Oliver Hazard Perry Wetherington** 1860-1919 was born on October 29, 1860 and died November 15, 1919 in Craven County. **Nannie A. Daugherty** 1861-1921 on April 15, 1881 in Craven County. Oliver and Nannie Wetherington are buried in Maplewood cemetery in Kinston, NC. ³⁷ There children were:
 - a. Bertha Wetherington 1883-1945 m. Waldron S. Richardson 1878–1958 ³⁸
 - b. Infant Son 1888-1888 ³⁹
 - c. Florence Wetherington 1889–1976 m. Lehman Wetherington 1874–1945⁴⁰
 - d. Julia Wetherington 1892 – 1978 never married ⁴¹
 6. **Henry Clay Wetherington** 1858 – 1859 was born on January 16, 1858 and died on July 19, 1859. Henry was buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora. ⁴²
 7. **Edward Duffy Wetherington** 1862 – 1942 was born on March 7, 1862 and died on February 16, 1942 in Craven County. Edward ‘Duff’ Wetherington never married and lived with several relatives over the years. He wished to be buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora and the burial required a mule cart to transport the coffin to the gravesite, as the path to the cemetery was not accessible by auto. ⁴³ His was the last known burial in the Solomon Wetherington cemetery on Rollover Creek in Tuscarora.
 8. **Nannie (Nancy) Caroline Wetherington** was born August 6, 1856 in Craven County. Nannie C. Wetherington married 1st **John G. Smith**, son of Hardy Smith and Mary Wetherington, on March 5, 1872 in Craven County. ⁴⁴
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Nannie and John G. Smith had one child:

- a. Harriet Smith 1877 - married Thomas Alexander Dillon 1867-1931 ⁴⁵

John G. Smith, the son of Mary Wetherington and Hardy Smith, was born on May 5, 1839 and died on May 11, 1889 and was buried in the Wetherington family cemetery in Tuscarora. ⁴⁶ Nannie later married **Jesse Atkinson**, the son of Benjamin Atkinson and Jennie Adams. Jesse Atkinson was born on August 1, 1852 and died on November 17, 1918. ^{47,48} Jesse Atkinson was buried in the Harris – Lane Cemetery (Hickory Grove) off Lane Farm Road near Fort Barnwell. Nannie Atkinson died on January 2, 1935 and was buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, NC. ^{49,50}

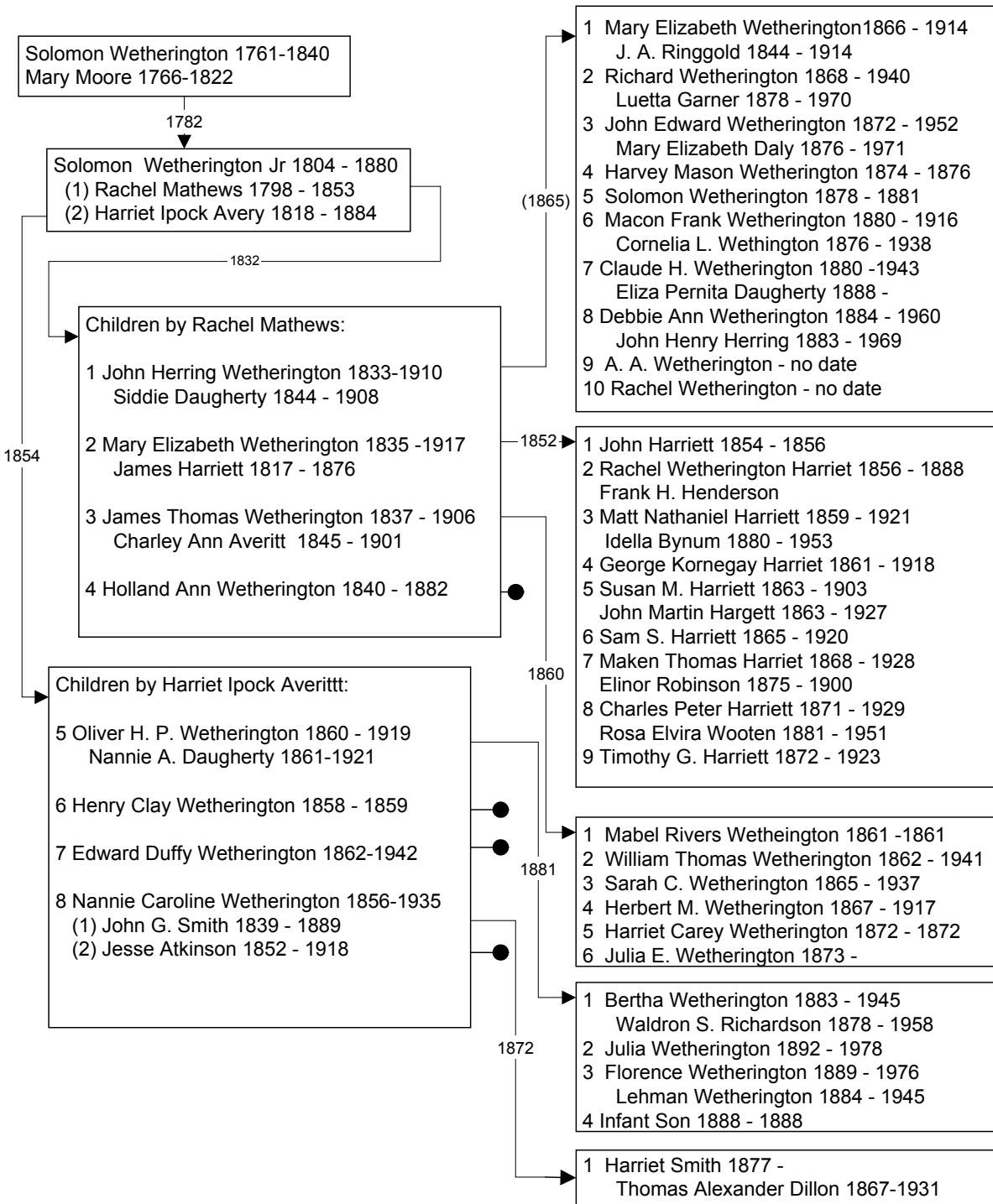


Figure 20 Solomon Wetherington Jr. Family Tree

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 1st **Mary Frances Owens** in Jones County on November 30, 1848.¹ 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.² Amos and Mary appear in the 1850 Jones County census in the White Oak District along with son, Christopher.³ 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.⁴ 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.⁵ 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 9th Township in Tuscarora.⁶ 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.⁷ Clarky, the daughter of Jeremiah and Charlotte Cannon^{8,9} was born on September 15, 1844 in Jones County and died in June 12, 1917.¹⁰ Amos and Clarky Wetherington appear in the 1880 Jones County census with several of the children by this marriage.¹¹

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.¹² In 1891 they sold the property and may have moved to New Bern.¹³ Amos Wetherington died on September 19, 1893 and was buried in the Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern.¹⁴

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

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 while 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. ^{15,16}

The children of Amos Wetherington and Mary Francis Owens were: ^{17,18,19}

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.²⁰ 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 2nd, **Brancey Collins**, the sister of Mary, on March 3, 1881 ²¹. Brancey Collins was born in Jones County about 1856. ²² A son, Orin Carey Wetherington was born September 22, 1882.^{23,24} When a postal office was started in Tuscarora in 1892, C. C. Wetherington was the first postmaster there.²⁵ Christopher married a 3rd time in Florida to Mary L. Cain. ^{26, 27, 28, 29} 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.³⁰ Christopher died on November 7, 1937 and is buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery in Dover, FL. ³¹

The children of Christopher Wetherington and Mary Collins were: ³²

- 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 ³³

The children of Christopher Wetherington and Brancey Collins were:

- d. Oren Carey Wetherington (1882?) - 1972 m. Dessar Register ^{34,35}
- e. Gerialie Wetherington (1888 -)
- f. Bedford F. Wetherington 1890 – 1962 ³⁶

No known issue by Mary L. Cain.

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.³⁷ 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, 1930.³⁸ Both were members of the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church.³⁹ Wealthy and John Taylor are buried in the cemetery next to the Gethsemane FWB Church in Tuscarora.⁴⁰



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.⁴¹
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 5.⁴² He appears next in the 1880 Craven census living in Tuscarora with Wealthy and John E. Taylor.⁴³ Abner married **Georgina Eubanks** on January 19, 1882 in Craven County.⁴⁴ 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.⁴⁵ Abner married 2nd, **Beneta Jane Eubanks**, Georgina's sister, on December 27, 1883 in Craven County.⁴⁶ 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.⁴⁷

Abner Wetherington and Beneta Jane Eubanks had nine children.^{48,49}

- 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. 1st Amy Register, 2nd, 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 9th Township along with younger brother, Amos T. Wetherington. Edward married **Mary Catherine Heath** on December 3, 1881 in Craven County. ⁵⁰ 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. ⁵¹ Mary died on May 24, 1944 and was also buried in Jasper in the Hardison-Wetherington cemetery. ⁵²

The children of Edward Wetherington and Mary C. Heath were: ⁵³

- a. Infant son 1882 –1882
 - b. Johnnie Ed Wetherington 1884 – 1946 m. Ada Daugherty 1879-1957 ⁵⁴
 - c. Mary Ida Wetherington 1887 –1983 m. Ernest Daugherty ⁵⁵
 - d. Joe Harper Wetherington 1891 –1980 never married ⁵⁶
 - e. Emma Leinster Wetherington 1885 – 1966 m. Charles Stocks ⁵⁷
- 6. Frances Ann Wetherington** was born about 1860 in Jones County. She married **William James Osteen** on July 17, 1873 in Craven County. ⁵⁸ William was born about 1855 and died in 1912 in Craven County. ⁵⁹ 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. ⁶⁰ After the death of Frances, William J. Osteen married Laura F. Riggs on June 30, 1897 in Craven County. ⁶¹ William and Laura lived in Newport, NC in 1910 along with his second family. ⁶² 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: ⁶³

- a. Nellie Osteen 1875 –
 - b. Mary Frances Osteen 1877 – 1910
 - c. Richard C. Osteen 1882 – 1917 m. Martha C. Lee ⁶⁴
 - d. William W. Osteen 1888 - 1981 m. Jenette May Odum 1890 - ⁶⁵
 - 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. ⁶⁶ Harvey and Elizabeth are listed in the 1880 Craven census but no children were listed. ⁶⁷ Elizabeth died about 1894 - 1900 and was buried in the Bratcher cemetery in Tuscarora. ⁶⁸ In 1900, Harvey T. Bratcher, widower, appears in the Craven census, 9th Township, along with three children. ⁶⁹

The children of Elizabeth T. Wetherington and Harvey Bratcher were: ⁷⁰

- a. Brice M. Bratcher 1879 - 1941 – m. Mary Vandiford 1880 - 1960 ⁷¹
- b. Susan Mary Bratcher 1886 – married Walter D. Jones ⁷²
- 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. ⁷³ Amos T. married **Nancy Virginia Eubanks** on March 15, 1892 in Craven County. ⁷⁴ 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: ^{75,76,77}

- 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 2nd 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 2nd 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, 2nd -?- 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 ⁷⁸, and raised a second family in Jones County.

The children of Amos Wetherington and Clarky Jane Cannon were: ⁷⁹

9. **Hebron Wetherington** (1871) - 1953 was born about 1871 in Jones County. He married **Almedia Gilbert**. ⁸⁰ Hebron and family appear in the 1910

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.⁸¹ 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.⁸²

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, 1932.⁸³ Odie married **Lenora Wetherington** on March 2, 1900 in Craven County.⁸⁴ Odie and Nora Wetherington are buried in Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern.⁸⁵

The children of Odie and Nora Wetherington were:⁸⁶

- a. Linwood F. Wetherington 1899 - 1953 m. 1st Alyce B. Jackson⁸⁷, and 2nd Mary J. Meekins⁸⁸
- b. Alma Wetherington 1904 – m. G. B. Griffin
- c. Wilma Wetherington 1905 – m. Archie W. Bryant, Jr.
- d. Helen Wetherington 1912 - 1917⁸⁹

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".⁹⁰ Narcissie married **Thomas J. Hawkins** on November 28, 1894 in Craven County.⁹¹ 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).⁹²

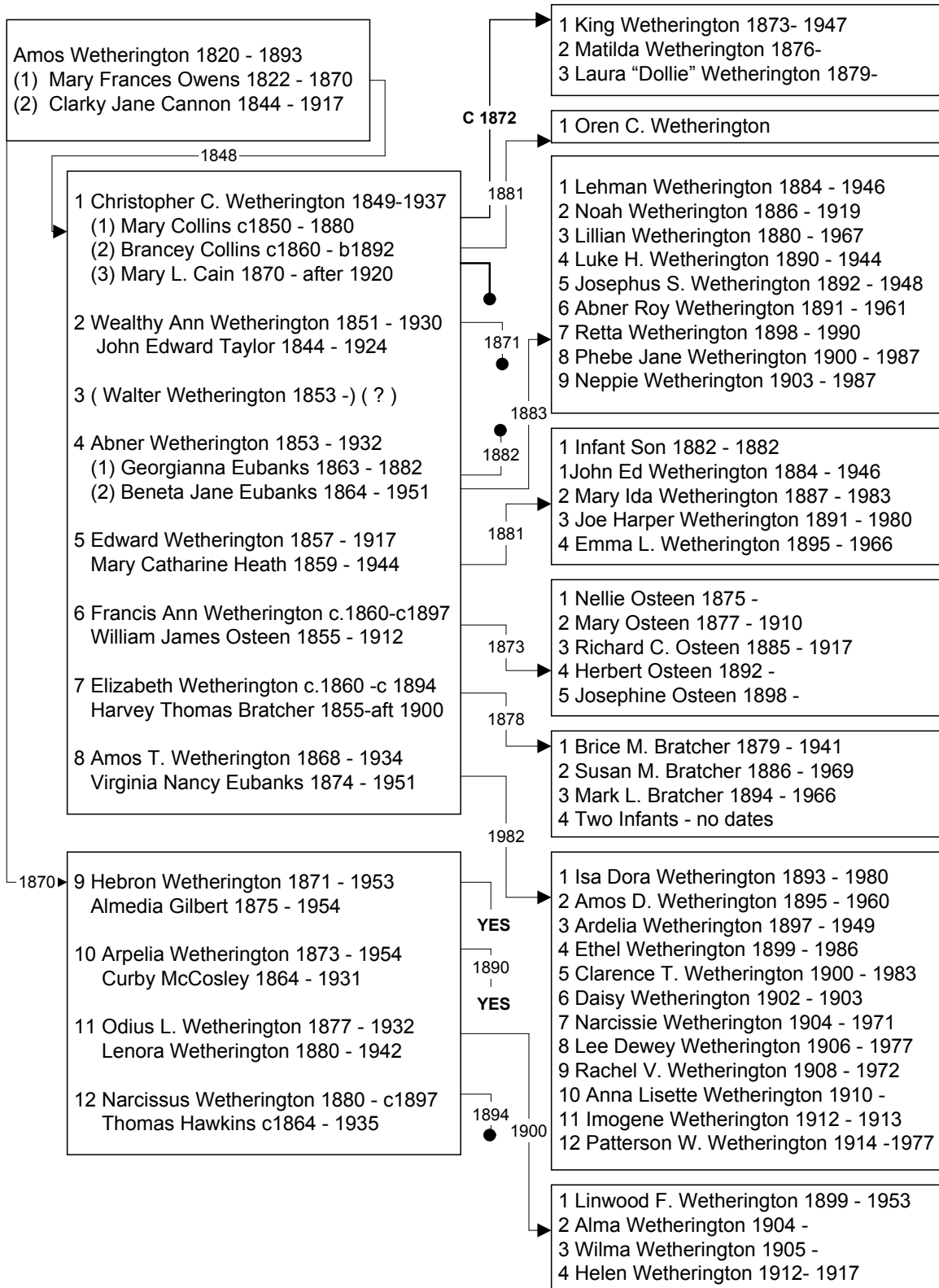


Figure 22 Amos Wetherington Family Tree

Chapter 11 Abner B. Wetherington 1853-1832

Abner B. Wetherington, the son of Amos Wetherington and Mary Frances Owens, was born April 28, 1853 in the White Oak District of Jones County.^{1,2} Abner appears in the 1860 Jones County census in his parent's household and Abner's mother died about 1870 and his father remarried a young widow, Clarky Cannon Yates. In the 1870 Jones County census, Abner was living with his mother's youngest brother, Elijah Owens in the White Oak District.³ In 1880, Abner appears in the Craven County census in the household of John Ed Taylor and Wealthy Ann Taylor, his sister, living in Tuscarora.

Abner Wetherington married **Georgina Eubanks** on January 19, 1882.⁴ The marriage was performed by Cannon Smith, Georgina's uncle, and witnessed by Thomas Eubanks. Georgina was the daughter of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra Jane Stewart.⁵ Georgina was born on May 10, 1863 and died in childbirth on September 27, 1882 in Tuscarora, NC. Georgina E. Wetherington and her child wer buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora.⁶

After the death of Georgina, Abner married her sister, **Beneta (Beneter) Jane Eubanks** on April 28, 1883.⁷ The marriage was performed by John Humphrey, JP, and was witnessed by Thomas Eubanks. They made their home in Tuscarora on Wetherington Road (now SR 1230, Rollover Creek Road). Abner made his living in the lumber business and had a sawmill on his property on Rollover Creek in Tuscarora. His sons, Josephus and Noah, were also engaged in the family business. Josephus ran the small steam tram and moved felled timber along their private tramlines to the mill. Noah and brother-in-law, Herman Stewart also worked in the operation. In 1913, the operation was relocated for a time to Bolton, NC, but later the family returned to Tuscarora. Abner Wetherington's lumber business was also connected with his younger brother, Amos T. Wetherington's lumber business in Clarks, NC.

A dedicated member of the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscarora, Abner and family appear on the first church rolls of 1916 and also as the Treasurer (1916- 1932).⁸ In the fall of 1932 Abner suffered a stroke and died withing a few weeks. Abner died on November 6, 1932 and was buried in the graveyard across from the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist church in Tuscarora.⁹ Beneta Jane died on June 2, 1942 and was also buried in the Gethsemane church graveyard.¹⁰



Figure 23 The Clarks Milling Company, 1913

The children of Abner Wetherington and Benita Jane Eubanks were:

1. **Lehman Wetherington** was born on September 19, 1884 in Tuscarora. ¹¹ He married **Florence Wetherington**, the daughter of Oliver Hazard Perry Wetherington and Nannie Daugherty on June 15, 1918 in Craven County. ¹² Florence was born on April 28, 1889 in Tuscarora. Lehman and Florence made their home in Clarks, NC where Lehman operated a farm supply store. The store built about 1905 by his father Abner, still stands in 2006. ¹³ Lehman died on February 9, 1946. ¹⁴ After Lehman's death, the store was sold to Howard M. Wethington and wife, Bertha, who operated the store for many years into the 1970s. Florence, a long-time schoolteacher at Jasper School, died on February 17, 1976. ¹⁵ Lehman and Florence Wetherington are buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston, along with Oliver, Nannie, and Florence's sister Julia. ¹⁶

The only child of Lehman Wetherington and Florence Wetherington: ¹⁷

- a. Julia Helen Wetherington 1919 - 1972 m. Ethan Beeson ¹⁸

2. **Noah Wetherington** was born on July 7, 1886 in Tuscarora. ¹⁹ Noah married **Mary Letha Moore** on May 24, 1907 in Craven County.²⁰ Letha Moore was the daughter of Wiley A. Moore and Nancy Shepard Stewart was born on September 19, 1890 in Tuscarora. ²¹ Noah worked with his father, Abner, in the family lumber business. Noah died of influenza on January 26, 1919 in Craven County. ²² He was buried in the Stewart cemetery in Tuscarora, and later re-interred in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery in the 1950s by his son Elbert Ray Wetherington. ²³ Letha Moore Wetherington died on July 5, 1958 in New Bern and was buried in the New Bern Memorial cemetery.



Figure 24 Noah Wetherington

The children of Noah Wetherington and Mary Letha Moore were: ^{25,26}

- a. Elbert Ray Wetherington 1909-1971 m. Adaltha Rodgers 1909-1999
- b. Delilah Wetherington 1911 -2002 m. J. Milton Speight 1908-1961
- c. Thelma Jane Wetherington 1912 - 1977 m. Levi V. Norris 1894-1966
- d. Mamie C. Wetherington 1914 - m. George Thomas Ipock 1906 -1993
- e. Nannie B. Wetherington 1916 - m. Jay Lee Humphrey 1916 - 1990
- f. Noah Janet Wetherington 1919 - m. 1st Samuel J. Debruhl 1919 - 1967, m. 2nd, Victor Haywood Conway
- g. Beatrice Wetherington m. 1st Charles Raymond Pigott 1924 - 1958 married 2nd, C. W. Scott

See Chapter 13, Noah Wetherington

3. **Lillian Wetherington** was born on May 24, 1888 in Tuscarora. ²⁷ She married **Herman Eason Stewart** in December 1908 in Craven County. ²⁸ Herman Stewart was the son of John C. Stewart and Delila Smith. Herman worked with Abner and Noah Wetherington in the timber business and later worked for the postal service, in the early years delivering mail with a horse and buggy. Lillian W. Stewart died on March 17, 1967 and was buried in the Greenleaf Memorial Park in New Bern. ²⁹ Herman E. Stewart died on November 14, 1968 and was also buried in the Greenleaf Memorial Park. ³⁰

The children of Herman Stewart and Lillian Wetherington were: ^{31,32}

- a. Elma Stewart 1909 - 1909
- b. Lottie Lucille Stewart m. -?- Adams
- c. Edna Earl Stewart m. George S. Cook
- d. Guy Eugene Stewart – d. 1998 m. Mae Bell Simpson
- e. Ruth Ennis Stewart - d. 2002
- f. Walter Herman Stewart – 1993 m. Jane Hudson
- g. Lillian Christine Stewart 1921-1921

See Chapter 21, John Stewart

4. **Luke Herbert Wetherington** was born in 1890 in Tuscarora. ³³ Luke married **Mary Alice Dickerson** about 1915. ³⁴ Luke became a Baptist minister and was also Superintendent of the Middlesex Childrens Home. More details on Luke Wetherington, Jr. and his family may be found in the book, *A Chosen Vessel, The Luke H. Wetherington Story*. Luke died in 1944 was was buried in the new section of Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern. Mary Alice Wetherington died in 1972 and is also buried at Cedar Grove. ³⁵



Figure 25
Luke H. Wetherington, Sr. ³⁶

The children of Luke H. Wetherington and Mary A. Dickerson were:

- a. Luke H. Wetherington, Jr. 1916 - 1993 m. Mabel Guthrie - d. 1996
 - b. William Eubanks Wetherington (1920) - d. 1996 m. Geneva Pearl Humphrey
5. **Josephus S. Wetherington** was born on February 24, 1892 in Tuscarora. ³⁷ He married 1st **Amy Register** on March 27, 1912 in Craven County.³⁸ Amy Register Wetherington was born on October 20, 1891 and died on June 8, 1928 in Tuscarora and was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. ³⁹ Josephus married 2nd **Mabel Baker** and moved to the Baltimore, MD area. Josephus Wetherington died in April 1948. ⁴⁰

The children of Josephus Wetherington and Amy Register:

- a. Infant Son 1913 - 1913
- b. Harold Wetherington
- c. Clifton Wetherington - d. (1980)

The children of Josephus Wetherington and Mabel Baker:

- d. Robert Wetherington
- e. Richard Wetherington

6. **Abner Royal Wetherington** was born on May 16, 1891 in Tuscarora. Abner Royal married **Lorena Manning** 1897 - 1985, of Greene county, NC. ⁴¹ They lived in northern Greene County until the death of Lorena's father, and then moved to Clarks. Abner Roy died on December 15, 1961 in Craven County and was buried in the Greenleaf Memorial Park in New Bern. Lorena died in 1985 and is also buried at Greenleaf.⁴² Abner and Lorena Wetherington's farm became the Craven County Industrial Park at Clarks in the 1980's.

The children of Abner Roy and Lorena Manning were:

- a. John Roy Wetherington 1917 - 1989 m. Victoria Elizabeth Riggs ⁴³
- b. Virginia Doris Wetherington 1920 - 1990 m. George E. Grady ⁴⁴

7. **Henrietta 'Retta' Wetherington** was born on July 25, 1898 in Tuscarora. ⁴⁵ Retta married **Leon William Cook** on April 18, 1916 in Craven County. ⁴⁶ Leon Cook was born on July 26, 1898 and died on July 6, 1965. ⁴⁷ Retta W. Cook died on June 5, 1990 in Craven County and along with her husband, they are buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery. ⁴⁸

The children of Leon W. Cook and Retta Wetherington: ^{49,50}

- a. Mabel Cook 1917 – m. John D. Simpson 1916 - 1993
- b. Elizabeth Cook 1920 - m. Thomas Rogers
- c. Elbert A. Cook 1922 - m. Belle McLawhorn
- d. Vera Christine Cook – 1925 –1956 m. Manly L. Conner, Jr. ⁵¹

8. **Phebe Jane Wetherington** was born on October 30, 1900 in Tuscarora. ⁵² Janie married **Wiley Augustus "Gus" Moore** on April 3, 1920 in Craven County. ⁵³ Wiley "Gus" Moore, born in 1898, was the son of Wiley A. Moore and Nancy Shepard Stewart of Tuscarora. Gus was a farmer and lived in several areas of Craven County including Tuscarora, Clarks, and Spring Garden. Wiley Augustus Moore died on January 20, 1971 in Craven County and was buried in the Greenleaf Memorial Park in New Bern. Janie Wetherington Moore died in 1987 and is also buried at Greenleaf. ⁵⁴

The children of Wiley Moore and Janie Wetherington:

- a. Mildred Marie Moore 1921 - m. Charlie Brice Morris 1915 – 1998 ^{55,56}
- b. Wiley Augustus Moore, Jr. 1935 - 1978 m. Jewell Fay Felts ⁵⁷

See Chapter 16, Wiley A. Moore

9. **Neppie Wetherington** was born on July 16, 1903 in Tuscarora. ⁵⁸ Neppie married **Charles L. Hines** on September 22, 1923 in Craven County. ⁵⁹ Charles was the son of Charles and Mary Hines of Tuscarora. Charles and Neppie lived on Rollover Creek at the Abner Wetherington homeplace. Charles Hines was a dairy farmer and Neppie, a homemaker, also sold Avon products in the area for many years. Neppie W. Hines died in 1987 and was buried in the Greenleaf Memorial Park in New Bern. Charles Hines died in 1984 and is also buried at Greenleaf. ⁶⁰

The children of Charles Hines and Neppie Wetherington were: ⁶¹

- a. Lillian Beatrice Hines m. Samuel Weeks
- b. Charles L. Hines m. 1st Christine Lee, m. 2nd, Edna Worley
- c. Mary Jane Hines m. 1st __?__ Spence, m. 2nd, Rex Williams





Figure 26 Abner Wetherington Family, circa 1931

***l-r front row:** Doris Wetherington, Lillian Hines, Christine Cook, Marie Moore, Elbert Cook, Walter Stewart, William E. Wetherington; **2nd row seated l-r,** Wealthy Taylor, Abner Wetherington, Charles Hines (in Abner's arms), Jane Eubanks Wetherington, **3rd row l-r,** Janet Wetherington, Helen Wetherington, Luke H. Wetherington, Jr, Rena Manning Wetherington, Neppie Wetherington Hines, Nannie Wetherington, John Roy Wetherington, Elizabeth Cook, **4th row l-r,** Florence Wetherington, Helen Wetherington Delilah Wetherington, Ruth Stewart, Lottie Stewart, Edna Stewart, Guy Stewart, Retta Wetherington Cook, Wiley Augustus Moore, Janie Wetherington Moore, Alice D. Wetherington, Ray Wetherington, Mabel Cook, **back row,** Lehman Wetherington, 3 unidentified males.*

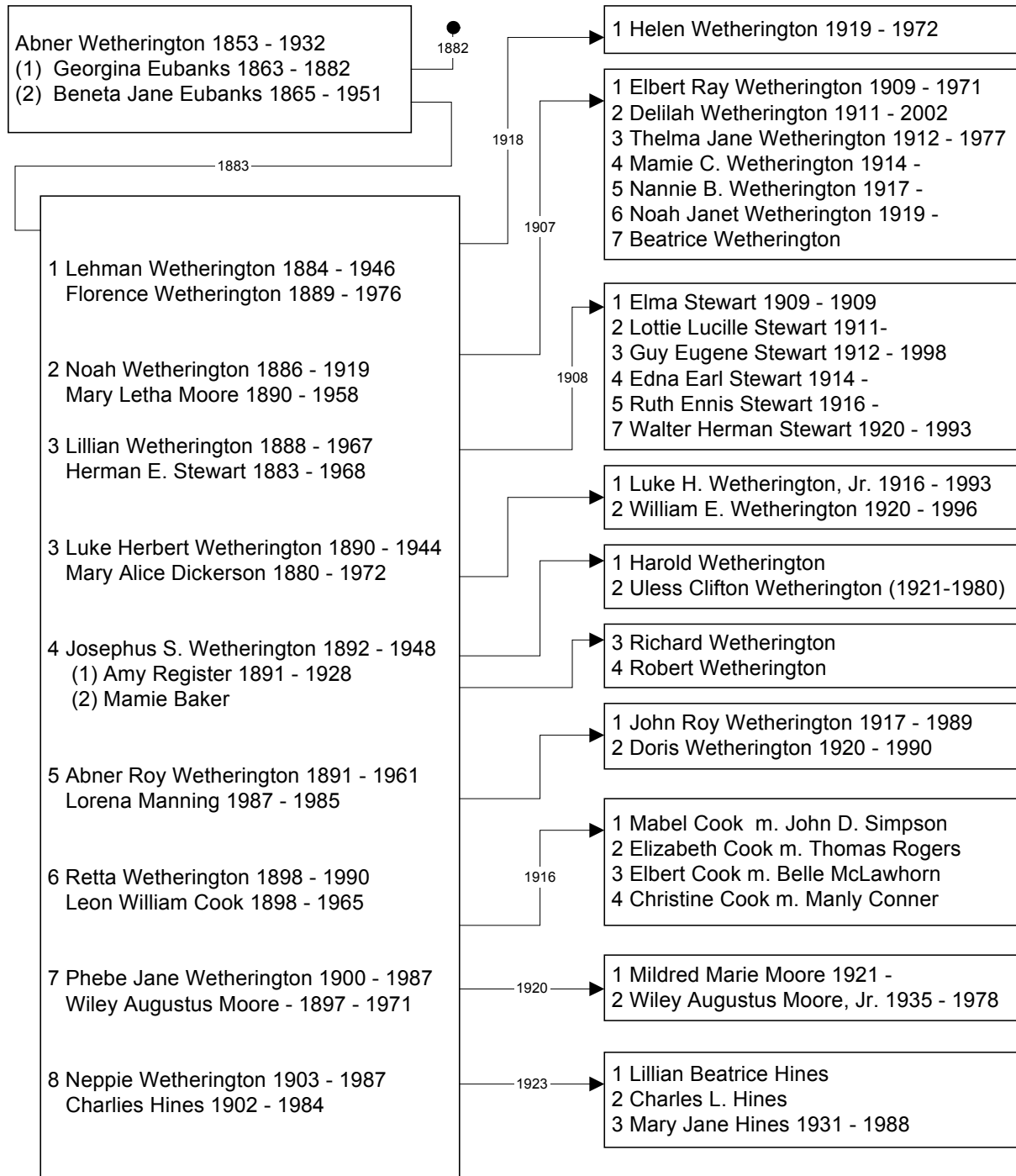


Figure 27 Abner Wetherington Family Tree

Chapter 12 Amos T. Wetherington 1868 – 1934

Amos T. Wetherington, the son of Amos Wetherington and Mary Owens, was born in Jones County, NC on March 2, 1868.¹ Amos and wife, Mary, are listed in the 1870 Jones County census, but Amos T. is not listed in the household. Mary died shortly after in 1870, so young Amos was likely in the care of other family members. Amos appears first in the 1880 Craven census, in the household of Edward Wetherington, his brother in the 9th Township of Craven County.²

Amos married **Virginia “Ginny” Nancy Eubanks** on March 15, 1892 in Craven County.³ Virginia was the daughter of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra Jane Stewart of Clarks. Virginia Eubanks was born on March 9, 1874 in Craven County, and died on March 24, 1951 in Craven County.⁴ Amos T. Wetherington was in the saw mill business along with his uncle and brother in law, Abner Wetherington of Tuscarora. Amos and Virginia Wetherington made their home in Clarks, in the 8th Township about 1900. Amos and Virginia appear in the 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930 Craven censuses. A two-story home, now demolished, stood north of the Wetherington general store in Clarks. Due to the size of the home, the large family, and many welcome friends, the home became know as the "Wetherington Hotel".⁵ Another smaller home, reportedly built by Amos T. Wetherington about 1880, still remains on Clarks Road near New Liberty Road and was owned for many years by Robert B. and Vera Pittman. Involved in many ventures, Amos T. Wetherington was also Secretary of the Clark Brick and Tile Company, and a local magistrate. Amos T. Wetherington died on September 19, 1934 in Craven County and was buried at the Gethseman Free Will Baptist Church cemetery.⁶

The children of Amos T. Wetherington and Nancy Virginia Eubanks were: ⁷

1. **Isadora Wetherington** was born on July 19, 1893. Izzie married **Samuel Lane Pittman**, son of Charles Manly Pittman and Annie Gooding.⁸ Samuel L. Pittman was born on September 13, 1880 and was killed in an auto accident on June 26, 1938 near Kinston, NC. Isa W. Pittman lived for many years at 404 Hoke Street in the Green Springs area of New Bern. Isa died on January 17, 1980 and along with her husband, Samuel, they are buried in the Maplewood cemetery in Kinston, NC with the Charles M. Pittman family.⁹

The children of Samuel L. Pittman and Isadora Pittman were: ¹⁰

- a. Charles Manly Pittman 1915 -1988 m. Bessie Ensley 1912 - 2000
 - b. Samuel Lane Pittman, Jr. 1925 - 1970 m. Mildred Pauline Scurlock
 - c. Ethel Joyce Pittman m. Ross Simpson
2. **Amos Darrow Wetherington** was born on April 14, 1895. Amos Darrow married **Madge Russell**, 1903 - 1954. Amos died on January 13, 1960 and was buried in the family cemetery in Havelock, NC.¹¹

The children of Amos D. Wetherington and Madge Russell:¹²

- a. Annie Virginia Wetherington 1922 - 1924
 - b. George Darrow Wetherington c. 1924 - 1975 m. Josephine M. Hemmen
 - c. Lillian Marie Wetherington m. Ernest Herbert Bryan
 - d. Grace H. Wetherington 1931- 2004 never married
3. **Ardelia Wetherington** was born on April 25, 1897. Delia married **James Harold Lokey** in 1921 in Craven County. Ardelia died on July 18, 1949 in Craven County and was buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery. James H. Lokey remarried and died in 1979 and was also buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery. ¹³

The children of James H. Lokey and Ardelia Wetherington were: ¹⁴

- a. James H. Lokey, Jr. d. 2000 m. Carolyn Hunnings
 - b. Hattie Virginia Lokey m. Stanley Supenski
4. **Ethel Wetherington** was born on February 4, 1899. Ethel married **Laurie McRay Lancaster** on September 23, 1917 in Craven County.¹⁵ Laurie, a farmer, was killed in 1931 by lightning near a tobacco barn. Ethel married 2nd, William Maple Pinnix, a New Bern pharmacist. Ethel died July 20, 1987 and was buried in Cedar Grove cemetery with her 1st husband. There were no children by this 2nd marriage. ^{16,17}

The children of L. M. Lancaster and Ethel Wetherington: ¹⁸

- a. Darrow McRay Lancaster m. Ida Maxwell
 - b. Virginia Lake Lancaster m. Clay Secor
 - c. Laurie McRay Lancaster, Jr. m. Margie Thomas
5. **Clarence Thomas Wetherington** was born October 1, 1900. Clarence never married and died on April 27, 1983.¹⁹
6. **Daisy Wetherington** was born October 23, 1902 and died on November 17, 1903. Daisy was buried in the Stewart cemetery in Tuscarora.²⁰
7. Narcissie Wetherington was born July 7, 1904. Narcissie married 1st, **Richard McLawhorn** on December 25, 1919. After Richards's death, Narcissie married John Council "Tony" Craft. There were no children by this 2nd marriage. Narcissie died on October 13, 1971 as a result of an auto accident.²¹

The children of Richard McLawhorn and Narcissie Wetherington:

- a. Florence Mae McLawhorn 1923 - 1931
 - b. Ernestine McLawhorn 1924 - 1925
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- c. Richard Earl McLawhorn
- d. William Hassel McLawhorn
- e. Robert Glenn McLawhorn

8. **Lee Dewey Wetherington** was born on June 20, 1906. Dewey married **Daisy Coombs** on March 13, 1929. Lee Dewey died in May 15, 1977 and was buried at Pinelawn cemetery near Kinston, NC. ²²

The children of Lee Dewey Wetherington and Daisy Coombs:

- a. Lee Dewey Wetherington, Jr. 1930 - 1960 m. Billie Taylor
- b. Laurie E. Wetherington 1932 - m. Roselia Jones
- c. Louis Amos Wetherington 1933 m. Vernetta Schultz
- d. Lindy Glenn Wetherington 1935 - m. Elizabeth Ann McDaniel
- e. Pompey Karl Wetherington 1943 - m. Sandra Kay Aduddell.

9. **Rachel Virginia Wetherington** was born on October 24, 1908. Rachel married **Herman Richard King** on February 28, 1929. Rachel Wetherington King died in July 1972.²³

- a. Herman Richard "Sonny" King 1929 - m. Evelyn Huffman
- b. Arthur H. King 1931 - m. Norma Davis
- c. Rosemary King 1934 - m. Vernon Grant
- d. Michael Bryan King 1944 - m. Linda Huggins

10. **Anna Lisette Wetherington** was born September 9, 1910. Lisette married **Arthur James Kennedy** on May 19, 1932. After Arthur Kennedy's death, Lisette W. Kennedy married ? Thurman. There were no children by the 2nd marriage.²⁴

The only child of Anna Lisette Wetherington and Arthur J. Kennedy:

- a. Sharon Ann Kennedy 1942 - m. Delbert Casey.

11. **Marjory Imogene Wetherington** was born August 1912 and died March 1913. Marjory I. Wetherington was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora.²⁵

12. **Patterson Wade Wetherington** was born April 15, 1914. Patterson married Ola Nell McManus on August 26, 1934. Patterson died April 1, 1977 in Craven County and was buried in Greenleaf Memorial Park. ²⁶

The children of Patterson W. Wetherington and Ola Nell McManus:

- a. Nicky Lee Wetherington
 - b. Patricia C. Wetherington m. ? Moats
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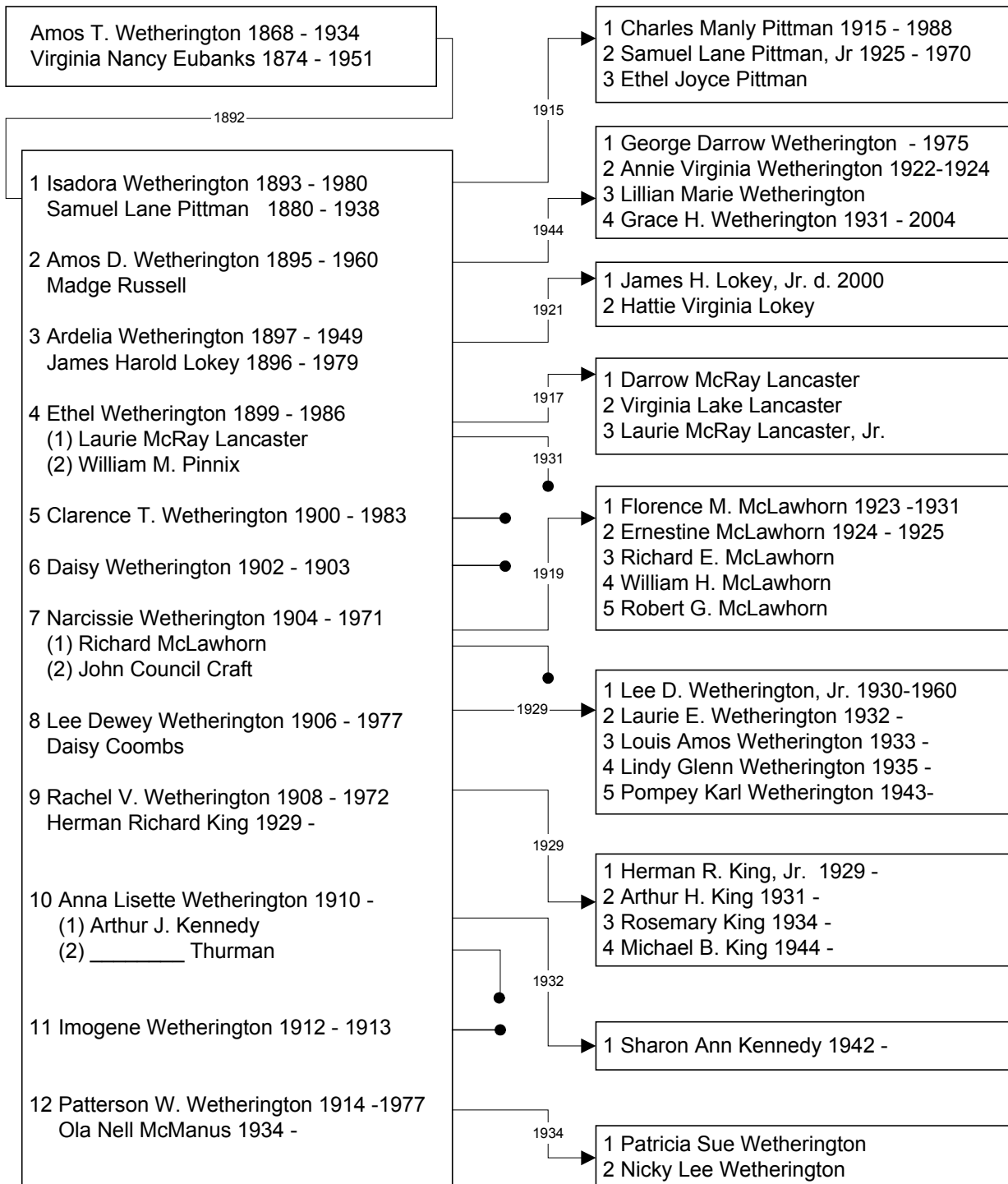


Figure 28 Amos T. Wetherington Family Tree

Chapter 13 Noah Wetherington 1886 – 1919

Noah Wetherington, the son of Abner B. Wetherington and Beneta Jane Eubanks, was born on July 6, 1886 in Tuscarora. ¹ Noah appears in the early Sunday school records of the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist church beginning in 1892. ² Noah married **Mary Letha Moore** on May 24, 1907 in Craven County. ³ Letha Moore, born on September 19, 1890, was the daughter of Wiley Augustus Moore and Nancy Shepard Stewart. ⁴ Noah and Letha lived in Tuscarora on the south side of Tomahawk Branch on the Tuscarora-Rhems Road. Noah and several of his brothers worked with their father, Abner, in the lumber business. Noah and brother-in-law, Herman Stewart, along with Josephus Wetherington cut local timber and also ran a sawmill in Tuscarora.



Figure 29
Noah and Letha Wetherington

In the influenza epidemic of 1918-1919, Noah became ill and died on January 26, 1919 leaving Letha and several small children. Noah was buried in the Stewart Cemetery and in the 1950s his remains were relocated to the New Bern Memorial cemetery to the Elbert Ray Wetherington family plot. ⁵ Letha made a living for a time as a midwife and infant nurse and later worked for Dr. Christopher S. Barker in New Bern for many years. Letha died on July 6, 1958 and was buried in the New Bern Memorial cemetery. ⁶

The home place was displaced in the 1970s by the construction of the US 70 bypass. The home was moved to Sanders Lane near Clarks and remodeled extensively.

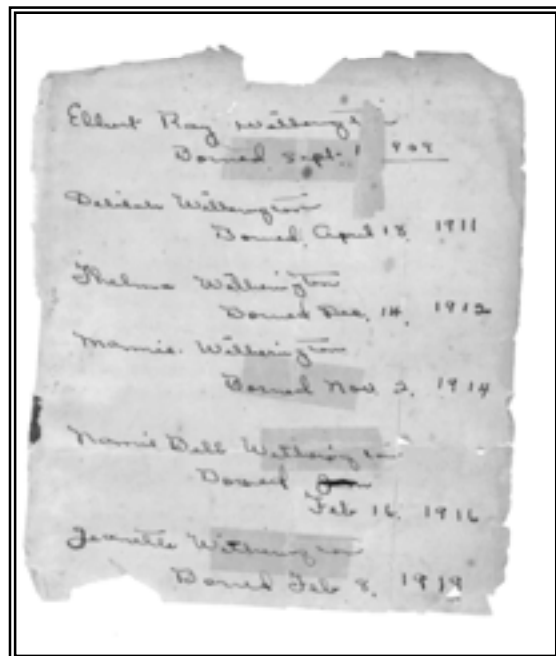


Figure 30 *Family Bible Record of Letha M. Wetherington*



Figure 31 Letha Wetherington and Daughters

L to R: Letha, Thelma, Adaltha, Delilah, Nannie, Mamie, and seated, Beatrice.

Photo circa 1953.

The children of Noah Wetherington and Mary Letha Moore:

1. **Elbert Ray Wetherington** was born on September 1, 1909 in Tuscarora. Ray married **Adaltha Rodgers**, born January 10, 1909 in Greene County, NC. For a time, Ray Wetherington worked the family farm, but later sold the farm to his sister, Delilah and brother-in-law, Milton Speight. In the early 1950's Ray worked with his brother-in-law, Jay Lee Humphrey, for the Traveler's Oil Co. He became a New Bern City fireman and also worked for the Pollock Funeral Home. Ray and Adaltha made their home for many years on Colonial Way in New Bern. Ray Wetherington died on November 17, 1971 and was buried in the New Bern Memorial cemetery with his parents. Adaltha R. Wetherington died on November 9, 1999 and was also buried in the New Bern Memorial Cemetery.

The children of E. Ray Wetherington and Adaltha Rodgers:

- a. William Ray Wetherington married Mary Clark
 1. William Ray Wetherington, Jr. 1956 – m. 1st Alasia Carol Willis
 2. John Wetherington

- b. Jean Rodgers Wetherington 1936 - married Robert Morris Boyd
 - 1. Robert M. Boyd, Jr. 1959 - m. Regina Inez Canady
 - 2. Lisa Anne Boyd 1966 - 1986

c. Barbara Gray Wetherington 1946 -

- 2. **Delilah Wetherington** was born on April 18, 1911 in Tuscarora. Delilah married **Joseph Milton Speight**, the son of Cary H. Speight, was born on October 6, 1908 in Greene County, NC. They farmed in Greene County in the 1930's and later purchased the Noah Wetherington home from E. Ray Wetherington. Milton and Delilah farmed the homeplace until Milton's death. Milton Speight died on December 12, 1963 in Craven County and his son Charles Milton Speight ran the farm until it was acquired by the highway right-of-way about 1970. Delilah and her family moved to Grantsboro, NC and she lived there until her death in 2002. Milton and Delilah W. Speight are buried in the Greenleaf cemetery in New Bern, NC.

The children of Joseph Milton Speight and Delilah Wetherington, born in Greene County, NC:

- a. Charles Milton Speight 1933-1999 m. Lelar Tyndall 1936-
 - 1. Tony Keith Speight 1959 -
 - 2. Teresa Lynn Speight 1960 - m. Gregory Harris 1954 -
- b. Irene Speight 1938 - m. Donald Ward (1939) - 2001
 - 1. Milton M. Ward m. _____
 - 2. Cindy Ward m. Richard Smith
 - 3. Angie Ward m. Bryant Dilda

- 3. **Thelma Wetherington** was born on December 14, 1912. Thelma Wetherington married **Levi Vance Norris** after the death of his 1st wife, Effie Cordelia Shute. ⁷ Levi, the son of George J. Norris and Queenie Allie McLawhorn, was born on September 30, 1894. Levi and Thelma were married on January 5, 1929 in Craven County. They eventually purchased a small farm on the Tuscarora–Rhems road adjacent to the old Tuscarora Methodist church. Levi Norris



Figure 32
Levi Norris Home, Tuscarora

died on December 24, 1966 and Thelma died on January 16, 1977. Levi and Thelma were buried in the Greenleaf cemetery in New Bern. The child of Levi Norris and Effie C. Shute:

- a. Effie Almira Norris 1925- m. Robert Guy Register, Jr. ⁸

The child of Levi Norris and Thelma Wetherington:

- a. Allie Ruth Norris 1931- m. Daniel Douglas Mallard 1926 – 1998
1. Daniel Vance Mallard 1950 – 1984 m. Gloria Darlene Morris
 2. David Craig Mallard 1955 - m. 1st Amy Wetherington, 2nd Jeannie French
 3. Randall Norris Mallard 1963 – m. Sandra Denise White 1963 -
4. **Mamie Catherine Wetherington** was born on November 2, 1914 in Tuscarora. Mamie attended Jasper School in the 1920s. She married **George Thomas Ipock** on March 5, 1931 in Craven County. G. T. Ipock was born on Ipock September 27, 1906. G. T. Ipock was the son of Edward T. Ipock 1871-1929 and Addie S. Ipock 1881 – 1960. After their marriage, Mamie and G. T. lived for a time in Tuscarora, operating a store on the location of the older Oliver Wetherington store by the NC and Atlantic railroad. They later moved to Greenville, NC where G. T. worked for a Ford dealership for many years until his retirement. G. T. Ipock died on September 27, 1993 and was buried in Pinewood Memorial Park in Greenville, NC. Mamie died on July 19, 2003 and was also buried in the Pinewood Memorial Park in Greenville, NC.



Photo courtesy of George Wetherington.

Figure 33 Jasper School, 1927

Mamie Wetherington, front row, 2nd from right.

The children of G. T. Ipock and Mamie Catherine Wetherington:

- a. George Thomas Ipock, Jr. 1935 – m. Dorothy -?-
 1. Mark Thomas Ipock 1958 -
 2. Paul Anthony Ipock 1961 -
 3. Susan Elaine Ipock 1968 -
 4. David Edward Ipock 1972 -
 - b. Linda Lou Ipock 1933 – m. Leon Raymond Hardee 1934 -
 1. Debra Lou Hardee 1954 – m. Ronnie Wayne Leggett 1951-
 2. Doreen Kay Hardee 1956 – m. David Edward Cox 1952 -
 3. Donna Lynn Hardee 1958 – m. Robert Jefferson 1948 -
 4. Leon Raymond Hardee, Jr. 1961 – m. Karen H. Stokes 1963-
 - c. Elma Ipock 1931 - 2000 m. Wallace Odum
 1. Reid Odum 1953 - 1975
 2. Christopher Wayne Odum (deceased)
 - d. Peggy Ipock m. E. L. Daughtridge
 - e. James Raymond Ipock m. Evelyn -?-
5. **Nannie Belle Wetherington** was born on February 16, 1916 in Tuscarora. She graduated from Jasper High School in 1933. Nannie married Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr, son of Jay Lee Humphrey and Rosa Pittman, on November 11, 1936 in Craven County. Jay Lee Humphrey was born on September 7, 1916 in Clarks, NC. After their marriage they lived in Clarks in the former home of John C. Stewart. In the early 1940's they lived in a small home in Tuscarora near the former Oliver Wetherington store. In 1958 they built a home in Clarks, NC.

Nannie worked for many years in the office of Dr. Charles Ashford, Sr in New Bern. After his death she worked for Dr. Graham Barden of New Bern. A long-time member and Sunday school teacher of the Gethsemane FWB church. She became a member of the First Baptist church in New Bern in the 1960s.

Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr died in 1990 and was buried in the Greenleaf cemetery in New Bern.



Figure 34
Nannie B. Wetherington

Photo circa 1932

The children of Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr and Nannie Belle Wetherington:

- a. Jay Lee Humphrey, III 1939 – 1999 m. Joann Hoyle 1942
 1. Leigh Ellen Humphrey 1965 - m. 1st Douglas Cumbo, 2nd Robert Scurry
 2. Jay Lee Humphrey IV 1969 – m. Melissa Diane Muse (divorced)
- b. Rose Marie Humphrey 1941- m. 1st Mark S. Dunn, Jr, 2nd Robert Bernardo
 1. Mark S. Dunn, III 1967 - m. Carol Lumpa 1962
 2. Letha Dunn 1970 -
- c. William Christopher Humphrey 1944- m. 1st Elaine Cowell, 2nd Chris Johnson, 3rd Sherry Ussery

(Children of William and Chris Johnson)

 1. Michael Johnson Humphrey *(adopted)*
 2. Willam C. Humphrey, Jr. 1978 -
 3. James Grey Humphrey 1982 -
- e. Rex Allen Humphrey 1951 – m. Ava Jane Garrett 1945-

6. **Noah Janet Wetherington** was born on February 8, 1919 in Tuscarora. Janet married 1st Samuel J. Debruhl on November 7, 1936 in Craven County. Samuel Debruhl, the son of William T. Debruhl and Annie Andrews, was born on December 1, 1919 in Craven County. Sammy Debruhl died on February 13, 1969 and was buried in the Russell Cemetery near Fort Barnwell, NC. Divorced from Sammy Debruhl, Janet married 2nd Victor Haywood Conway (1926 -) on October 4, 1957 (no children by 2nd marriage).

The children of Samuel Debruhl and Janet Wetherington:

- a. Noah Tildon Debruhl 1939– 1999 m. 1st ___?___ and m. 2nd Ellie ___?___
 1. Lisa Debruhl m. a ___?___ Gage
 2. Richard Debruhl
 - b. Lanette Debruhl 1937 - m. Joseph Dudley
 - c. Nancy Jane Debruhl 1940 - m. William Cook
7. **Beatrice Wetherington** (1924-) married 1st Charles R. Pigott 1924 – 1958, the son of Charles D. Piggott and Mamie Riggs. After the death of Charles Pigott Beatrice married 2nd widower C. W. Scott.

The children of Charles R. Pigott and Beatrice Wetherington:
(later adopted by C. W. Scott)

- a. Mike Scott m. Amy Barbour
 - b. Larry Scott m. Sheila -?-
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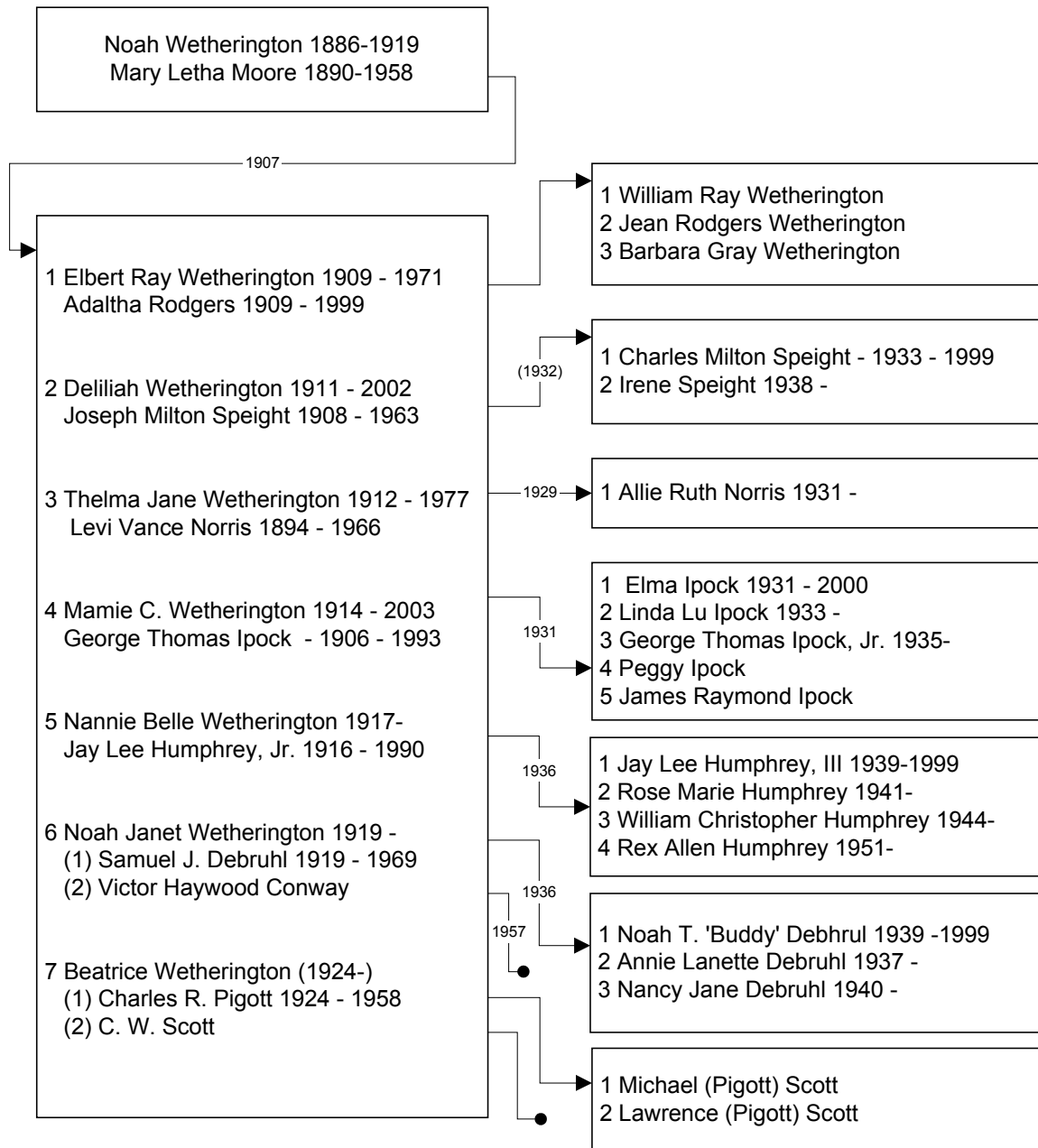


Figure 35 Noah Wetherington Family Tree

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 2nd 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.

Jonathan (aka John) Davis, the brother of Suannah Davis Wetherington, also lived in the Tuscarora 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 2nd 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 2nd, 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 Tuscarora area, relocating to the nearby Asbury area on Core Creek in the 9th Township of Craven County.

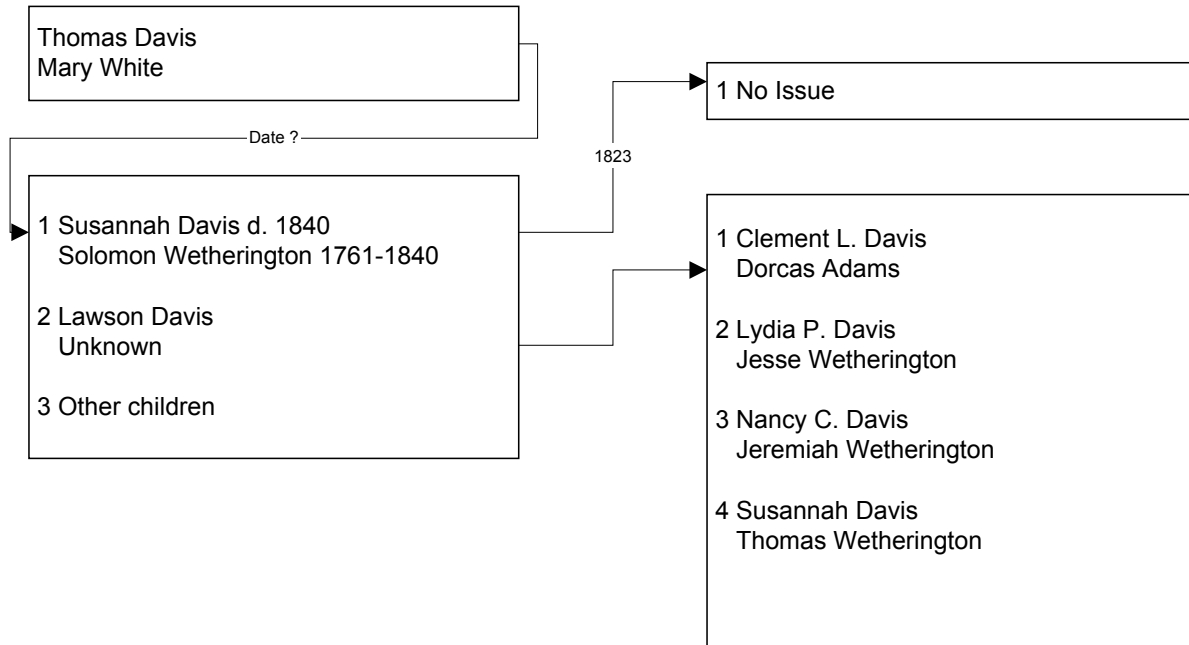


Figure 36 Davis Family Tree

Some of the Davis family connections to the Wetheringtons of Tuscarora

Chapter 15 Taylor Families

At least two generations of the Abraham Taylor family lived in the Tuscarora area between 1790 and the middle 1800s. The early Wetheringtons were closely connected to this Taylor family in the Tuscarora area.

Reportedly, Solomon's father, Thomas Wetherington, married a daughter of Abraham Taylor, Sr in Lenoir County.

Abraham Taylor, Sr also held a patent for 640 acres in Contentnea Neck and an Abraham Taylor, Jr held a patent for 640 acres at Bachelor Creek.

Abraham Taylor, Jr married Sarah Wetherington, a sister of Solomon Wetherington, in 1787 in Craven County. It appears that Abraham Taylor lived on his holdings in Tuscarora and between about 1785 – 1800 Sarah's brothers, Solomon, Thomas, William, Joseph, and James migrated from Lenoir County to the Rollover Creek area of Tuscarora.

Although many family accounts claim Solomon Wetherington received land grants for property on Bachelor Creek, the land records reveal that Solomon purchased property from Abraham Taylor in 1796. Other tracts were purchased from Andrew Richardson and Francis Moore. There were several land grants held by Abraham Taylor, Jr. in the Bachelor Creek area, but there are no recorded grants for Solomon Wetherington in the Bachelor Creek area in Craven County records.

Alexander Taylor (1776- after 1860) married Sarah Wetherington (1783 – after 1860), the daughter of Solomon Wetherington in April 4, 1803 in Craven County.¹ Alexander is listed in the 1840 Craven census² and the 1850 census lists Alexander Taylor as deaf along with Sarah and a probable grandson, Isaac Taylor, age 21.³ Another Isaac Taylor, age 47, is also listed in the 1850 Craven census, their likely son. ⁴ Alexander and Sally Taylor also appear in the 1860 Craven census. ⁵

The children of Alexander Taylor and Sarah Wetherington: ⁶

- a. Isaac Taylor 1803 -
 - b. James Taylor 1804 – m. Sally Jones
 - c. Jane Taylor 1805 – Arnold Watson
 - d. Robert Taylor 1812 -
 - e. Mary Taylor 1814 – Nehemiah Riggs
 - f. Lewis Taylor 1817 – m. Elizabeth Glover
 - g. Alexander Taylor 1819 – m. 1st Phoebe Wetherington
 - h. Stephen Taylor 1823 – m. Rebecca Wetherington
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John Taylor married Anna Wetherington (1797 – after 1860) a daughter of Solomon Wetherington, on January 21, 1820 in Craven County.⁷ John apparently died before 1850.⁸

The children of Anna Wetherington and John Taylor were: ^{9,10}

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1821-1824)
- b. William Taylor (before 1825)
- c. Ivey Taylor (1825 –)
- d. Frederick Taylor (1827 –) married Penelope Woolard ¹¹
- e. John Taylor (1829 –)
- f. Solomon Taylor (1825- 1830)
- g. Nancy Taylor (1825-1830)
- h. Josiah Taylor (1831 –) m. 1st Mary Stewart Moore ¹², widow of Wiley Moore, 2nd Clara Bratcher Perkins
- i. Mary Ann Taylor (1839 -) married Riley Wetherington ¹³

Redding Taylor married Dorcas Wetherington (1818/19-), the daughter of Jeremiah Wetherington on March 15, 1836 in Craven County. ¹⁴

The children of Dorcas Wetherington and Redding Taylor were: ^{15,16}

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1839-)
- b. Susan J. Taylor (1841-)
- c. Caroline Taylor (1845-)
- d. Daniel Taylor (1848-)
- e. Lemuel Freeman Taylor (1848-) m. Sophia Ann Foy (1851-) ¹⁷
- f. Martha A. Taylor (1852-)
- g. Phoebe A. Taylor (1858-)

Stephen Taylor married **Rebecca Wetherington** (1820) – 1898, the daughter of Jeremiah Wetherington, in 1843 in Craven County. ¹⁸ Rebecca died in 1898 and was buried in the Gethsemane FWB Church cemetery at Tuscarora. ¹⁹

The children of Stephen Taylor and Rebecca Wetherington were: ²⁰

- a. John Edward Taylor 1844-1924 m. Wealthy Ann Wetherington 1851-1930
- b. Nancy Taylor (1847-)
- c. Celia Ann Taylor 1848-1908 m. Lemuel T. Wetherington 1842-1900
- d. Penelope Taylor (1852-1858) -1914 m. William H. Wilson 1850-1918
- e. Alvana Taylor (1855-)
- f. Margaret Taylor 1846 – 1926 m. James Avery

Alexander Taylor, Jr married **Phoebe Wetherington** 1825 – 1909, daughter of Jeremiah Wetherington, in 1843 in Craven County. ²¹ In 1881 Phoebe married 2nd, Caswell Wood 1815 – 1895 in Craven County.²² Phoebe and Caswell Wood are buried in the Asbury church cemetery. ²³

The children of Alexander Taylor and Phoebe Wetherington were: ²⁴

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1838-)
- b. Isaac Taylor (1835-)
- c. Henry Taylor (1848-)

Other Taylor family connections were:

Richelda Taylor, the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Taylor, married **John Moore**, the father of John Clayton Moore on February 5, 1852 in Craven County. John and Richelda are buried in the Moore family cemetery in Tuscarora.

See Chapter 17 John Moore Family.

Elizabeth Taylor married Thomas Wetherington, the brother of Solomon, on January 11, 1788 in Craven County.

Josiah Taylor, the son of John Taylor and Anna Wetherington, married **Mary Stewart Moore**, the widow of Wiley Moore (1804-1850) in 1851 in Craven County. Mary Taylor died about 1877 and Josiah married 2nd Clara Ann Perkins in 1878 in Craven County.

Lewis G. Taylor, son of James O. and Sallie Taylor was born in 1838 and died in 1919. Reportedly never married, his sister, Mary Taylor, born about 1832 married an unknown Wetherington. Lewis G. Taylor is buried in Clarks, NC on the south side of the Craven County Industrial Park in the Taylor Cemetery.

Chapter 16 Wiley Augustus Moore 1804 -

The name Moore appears in early Tuscarora area records in 1798, in a deed from Thomas Wetherington to a Francis Moore for 100 acres on Bachelor Creek and Deep Branch. ¹ In 1808 Francis Moore sold this property to Solomon Wetherington. ² An 1820 deed to Gideon Wetherington mentions a Moore lease to land on Beaver Dam Branch, the area of the now John Moore homeplace. ³

By 1850, Wiley A. Moore and John Moore appear in Tuscarora records but it is not known if they recent arrivals to the area or related to the Moore's of the early 1800's. The relationship between John Moore 1816-1892 and Wiley Moore (1804 -c. 1850) is not currently known. Both men appear in Tuscarora prior to the Civil War and the family groups live in close proximity to one another. This researcher speculates John and Wiley were likely related. Old family photographs from the John Moore family also contained a photograph of Augustus Moore. ⁴ Another Moore family, Charles Moore (1807-) also lived in the Tuscarora area in 1860 near John Moore and this relation is unclear at this time. ⁵

Wiley Moore (1804 -1850) married **Mary Stewart** (1820 - 1877) on July 21, 1841 in Craven County. ⁶ The relationship, if any, between this Mary Stewart and John Stewart (b. 1809) is also unknown at this time. Wiley and Mary appear in the 1850 Craven census along with three apparent children and a free black, Augustus Moore.⁷ The 1850 census lists a young child 4 months of age, named George Moore. Wiley A. Moore (1850-1931) is apparently this child due to a census transposition. Wiley Moore's tombstone in the Stewart Cemetery reads born 1849, ⁸ but the family bible of Letha Moore Wetherington, his daughter, states he was born on March 14, 1850 making the younger Wiley's birthdate coincide with the 4 months of age reported in the 1850 census for George (Wiley) Moore. ⁹ Wiley's death certificate in Craven County also gives his birth date of April 14, 1850. ¹⁰ Wiley Moore was buried in the John Moore family cemetery in Tuscarora, but the marker has deteriorated. ¹¹ A William Moore also lived in the Tuscarora area in the 1840 Craven census. ¹²



Figure 37 Bible Record of Wiley A. Moore

The children of Wiley Moore and Mary Stewart were: ¹³

1. Lucy Moore 1847 – m. Robert Ange
2. Charles Moore 1848-
3. Wiley Moore 1850 – 1931 m. Nancy S. Stewart

Wiley Moore died in 1850 or early 1851 as his widow, Mary Stewart Moore married Josiah Taylor (1832 -) in May 1851 in Craven County. ¹⁴ Josiah and Mary Taylor appear in the 1860 Brunswick County, NC census with their children: George, David, and Mary. Also listed in the 1860 census were Mary's children Lucy, Charles, and William G. "Gus" (Wiley Augustus).

The children of Josiah Taylor and Mary Stewart Moore were: ¹⁵

1. George Taylor 1852 -
2. David Cicero Taylor 1855 – m. Eveline -?- and 2nd Alice -?-
3. Mary J. Taylor 1859 –
4. Parneta "Puss" Taylor 1861 -

By 1870, Josiah and family had returned to Craven County as they appear in the Tuscarora area in the 1870 census. Also listed in the household were (David) Cicero Taylor, Parneta Taylor, Augustus Moore, Lucy Moore Ange and her husband, Robert Ange. Mary Stewart Taylor died prior to 1877, as Josiah married 2nd, Clara Ann Bratcher Perkins in 1877. ¹⁶

Wiley A. Moore (aka Granpa Gus) was born on March 14, 1850. ¹⁷ Family speculation suggested Wiley was illegitimate prior to this research as he was reticient in nature and little was known of his early years. Research has uncovered a birth record, the marriage of his parents, and being raised as a stepson by Josiah Taylor.

Wiley A. Moore married Nancy (aka Nannie) Shepard Stewart, the youngest daughter of John Stewart and Beneta Davis Wetherington on October 23, 1879 in Craven County. ¹⁸ Nancy Shepard Stewart was born in on January 26, 1859 and died on January 13, 1931. ¹⁹ Wiley and Nancy appear in the 1880 Jones County census in the Pollocksville District. ²⁰ By 1900, Wiley and Nancy S. Moore lived in Tuscarora on a farm near

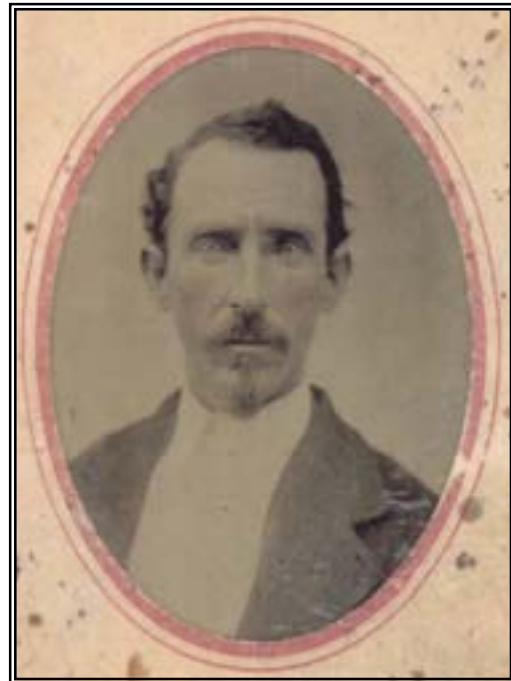


Figure 38 W. A. Moore, c. 1880

the intersection of Dry Monia Road and the railroad. ²¹

Another Moore family, John Clayton Moore, lived across the railroad from Wiley and Nancy S. Moore. Wiley and Nancy Moore both died in 1931 and are buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. ²² Wiley and family appeared in the 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 Craven County censuses in the Tuscarora area.

The children of Wiley Augustus Moore and Nancy Shepard Stewart were:

- A. **Clifford Edward Moore** 1881-1971 married **Gertrude Register** 1884-1968. Their children: ²³
 - a. Noland Ed Moore (1906) - 1986 –m. Roberta Tilghman (1916) -2002
 - b. Nellie Moore 1909 – 1998 m. Wilhelm Dixon (1916) - 1998
 - c. Nina Moore 1911 - 1995 m. Moulton Hawkins –1919 - 2001
 - d. Norfleet Mann Moore 1918 – 1999
 - e. Roland G. Moore – 1921 – 1962 never married

 - B. **Laura J. Moore** 1885-1981 married **J. A. (Ebb) Register** 1879-1949 in 1903 in Craven County. ²⁴ Their children: ^{25,26}
 - a. Christobel Register 1905 – 1922 m. Leroy “Pete” Thomas ²⁷
 - b. Albert Benton Register 1908
 - c. Edna Register 1910 –m. Clarence Morton
 - d. Lucille Register 1914 – 1995 m. Dillard P. Wallace (1905) - 1989
 - e. Wade A. Register 1917 –
 - f. William Carl Register 1922 - 1996
 - g. Earl Lynell Register 1926 –1999 – m. Dorothy Bryan

 - C. **William Thomas Moore** 1887-1954 married **Bedia Pearl Register** 1892-1954 in 1908 in Craven County. ²⁸ Their children:
 - a. Louise Moore 1915 – 2001 m. Foy Richard Morton (1909) -1972
 - b. Hazel M. Moore 1914 – 1987 m. W. T. “Jack” White
 - c. Margaret E. Moore 1918 - 2002 m. Reid Wayne Barwick
 - d. Amy E. Moore 1921 – married Charlie Dock Newell 1914-1985
 - e. William Thomas Moore 1923 – 1957 married Myrtle Benton 1917 -
 - f. Alton M. Moore 1927 – 2000
 - g. Audrey Pearl Moore 1930 – m. J. W. Kenly
 - h. Maude Moore (1909) - 2000 m. John Stanley Adams (1904) - 1979

 - D. **Mary Letha Moore** (1890-1958) married **Noah Wetherington** 1885-1919 in 1907 in Craven County.²⁹ Their children: ³⁰
 - a. Elbert Ray Wetherington m. Adaltha Rodgers
 - b. Delilah Wetherington m. Milton Speight
 - c. Thelma Jane Wetherington m. Levi Norris
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- d. Mamie Catherine Wetherington m. George Thomas Ipock
- e. Nannie Belle Wetherington m. Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr.
- f. Noah Janet Wetherington m. (1st) Sam Debruhl (2nd) Victor Conway
- g. Beatrice Wetherington m. (1st) Charles R. Pigott (2) C. W. Scott

See Chapter 13, Noah Wetherington

E. **Wiley Augustus Moore** (1898-1971) married **Janie Wetherington** 1900-1987 in 1920 in Craven County. ³¹ Their children:

- a. Mildred Marie Moore 1921 - m. Charlie Brice Morris 1915 - 1998
- b. Wiley Augustus Moore, Jr. 1935 – 1978 married Jewel Felts

F. **Robert L. Moore** 1902 - 1974 m. **Sadie Smith** 1910 - 1988.

- a. Ronald Smith Moore 1934 – 1985 m. Patricia Ann Rowe
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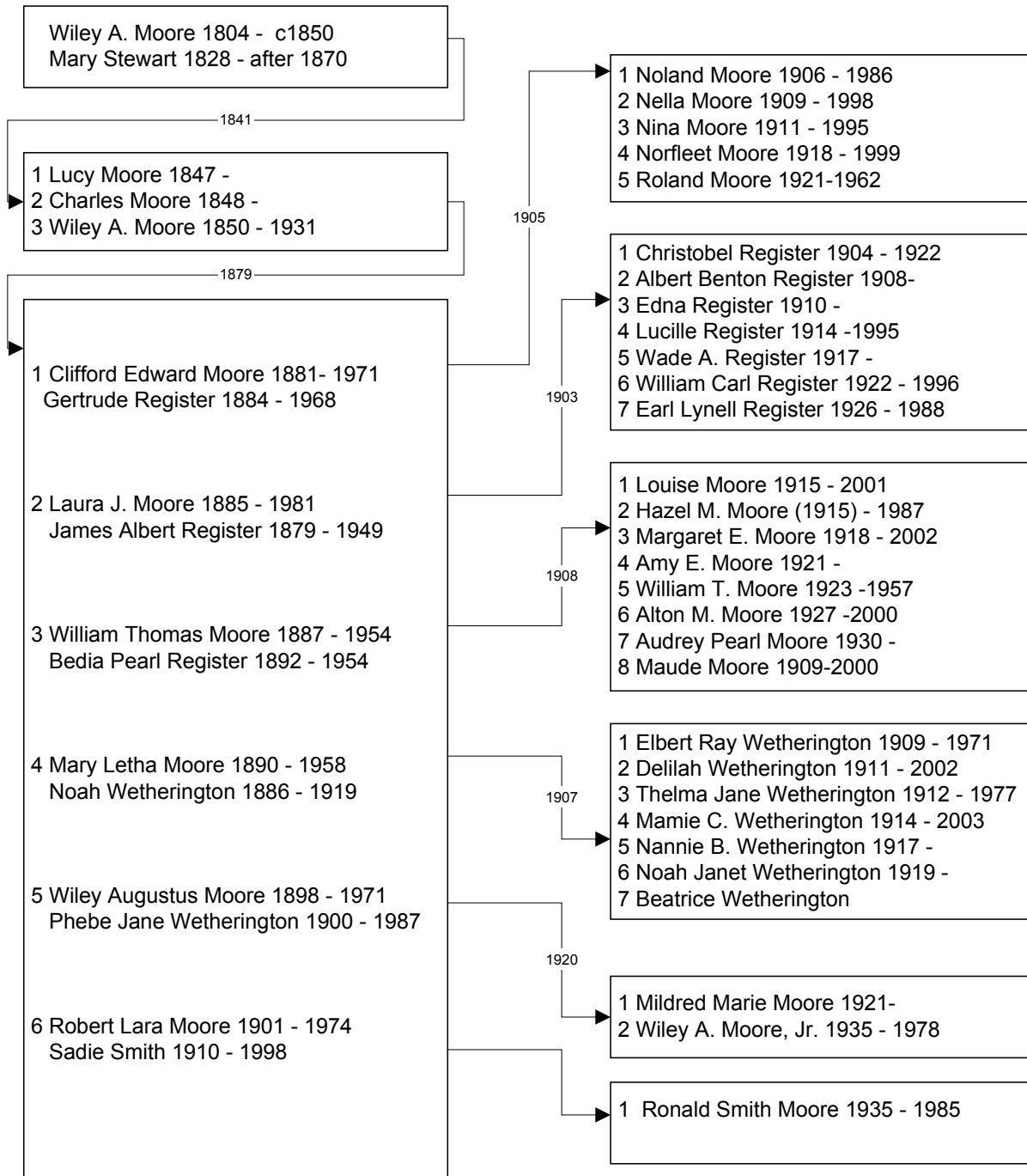


Figure 39 Wiley Augustus Moore Family Tree

Chapter 17 John Moore 1816 -

The relationship between John Moore (1816-1892) and Wiley Moore (1804 – 1850) is not currently known. Both men appear in Tuscarora prior to the Civil War and the families live in close proximity to one another. This researcher speculates John and Wiley were likely related. Another Moore family, Charles Moore (1807) also lived in the Tuscarora area in 1860 near the John Moore farm and this relation is unknown at this time.

John Moore was born in 1816 and died in 1892. John married 1st Phyllis -?- and 2nd, **Richelda Taylor**, 1827-1887, the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Taylor. John and Richelda are buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora (Moore Cemetery).

The children of John Moore and Phyllis were:

1. **Challie T. Moore** 1846-1924 married John Quincy Adams Flybus 1840 – 1919. Challie and John Flybus and daughter, Sarah, are buried in the family cemetery near Dry Monia Road. There was one known child:
 - a. Sarah Flybus 1870 – 1899 m. Alex Watson 1863 - 1930
2. **Sarah Emma Moore** 1849 – married John C. Thomas on October 10, 1869 in Craven County. ¹

The children of John Moore and Richelda Taylor were:

3. **John Clayton Moore** was born on January 11, 1853 and died on December 8, 1923. Clayton married **Maria M. Stewart** on January 11, 1879. Maria, the daughter of John Stewart and Beneta D. Wetherington, died on September 4, 1879 in childbirth and was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. Clayton married (2nd) **Mary A. Corbett**, the daughter of James M. Corbitt and Annie Brinkley. ² Mary A. Corbett was born on December 21, 1862 in Pitt County, NC and died on March 1, 1947 in Tuscarora.



Figure 40 John Clayton Moore and Maria S. Moore, c. 1879

The children of John and Mary Corbitt Moore were:

- a. Maggie V. Moore 1883-1884
 - b. Ann Moore 1885 –1940 m. George R. Stewart 1877 - 1965
 - c. Walter Moore 1888 –
 - d. Henry Grady Moore 1891-1947 m. Rosa Wooten d. 1947
 - e. Mattie L. Moore 1892 – 1967 m. George D. Stevenson 1891-1963
 - f. Shepard N. Moore 1895-1988 m. Susie R. Becton 1893-1941
 - g. John Leon Moore 1897 – 1956 m. Ellen Arnold Price
 - h. Nannie Victoria Moore 1900 - m. Mortimer T. Collison
 - i. Clyde Theodore Moore 1903 – 1985
 - j. Herbert Wallace Moore 1906 – 1971
 - k. Royce C. Moore 1908-1993 m. Katie Ipock (1908) - 1998
4. **Ebenezer B. Moore** 1857 - 1933. In 1880 Ebenezer Moore lived with his sister, Challie Moore Flybus. In the 1930 Craven census Ebenezer Moore appears as a widower, living as a boarder in the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ed (Mary Heath) Wetherington in Jasper. E. B. Moore and his wife, **Victoria Heath** (1867 – 1928) are buried in the Hardison – Wetherington Cemetery in Jasper, NC. ³ Victoria Heath was the daughter of John S. Heath and Mary Wadsworth. ⁴ There were no known children.
5. **Caroline Moore** was born on May 5, 1858 and died on September 24, 1928 in Craven County. Caroline married **Richard Erwin Humphrey** on February 24, 1874 in Craven County. They made their home in Tuscarora and were members of the Gethsemane Baptist church. Their death certificates indicate they were buried in the family cemetery in Tuscarora, but there are no extant markers for the graves. The children of Caroline Moore and Richard Erwin Humphrey were:
- a. Susan Mary Humphrey 1874 – 1953 m. John Wm. Tippet 1861-1926
 - b. John Richard Humphrey 1877 – 1931 m. 1st Lola Moore d. 1905 , 2nd Lucy C. Wetherington 1882-1978
 - c. Martha Humphrey 1878 –
 - d. Daisy Humphrey 1885 m. Gene Dixon
 - e. Unknown infant
6. **Mary Moore** was born in 1862 and died about 1879 - 1880. Mary married **Levi Humphrey** on March 12, 1878 in Craven County. Levi Humphrey was the brother of Richard Ewin Humphrey and son of William B. Humphrey and Susan Watson. Mary apparently died soon after the marriage, likely in childbirth.
7. **Kitty Moore** was born in 1863 and died 1954 in Elizabeth City, NC. Kitty married **Levi Humphrey** in 1881 in Craven County after the death of Levi's first wife, her sister, Mary. Levi and Kitty Humphrey were members of the Gethsemane Baptist Church and lived in the Tuscarora area. Levi Humphrey
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was born on July 24, 1853 and died on December 8, 1924 in Craven County. Levi Humphrey was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. After Levi's death, Kitty M. Humphrey lived with her daughter, Daisy H. Weeks and son-in-law Earl S. Weeks in Tuscarora. The children of Kitty Moore and Levi Humphrey were:

- a. Benjamin Franklin Humphrey 1881-1964 m. Pearl Skinner 1893-1925
 - b. Daisy Humphrey (1895 -) m. Earl S. Weeks
8. **James Moore** was born about 1865 and died after 1933. James married **Cornelia Corbitt** about 1889 and in 1900 lived in Tuscarora with his wife and five children:
- a. Ida M. Moore 1891 –
 - b. Thomas E. Moore 1893 –
 - c. Hymon Moore 1895 –
 - d. Ada Moore 1897 –
 - e. Mary Moore 1900 –
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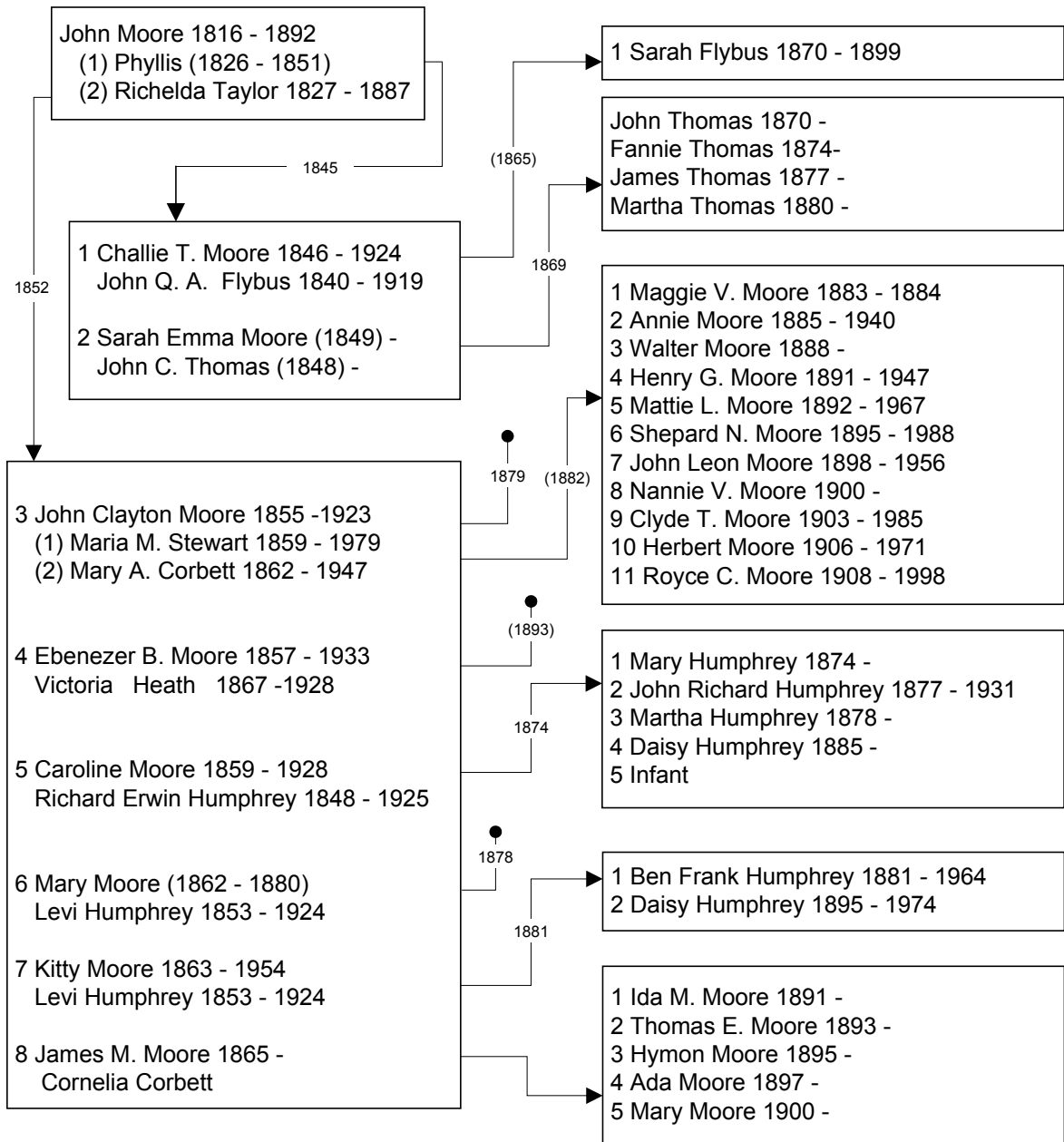


Figure 41 John Moore Family Tree

Chapter 18 Register Family

The Register family migrated into Craven County after 1880 via Jones County, NC and earlier Duplin County, NC. Four Register brothers, **William D., John Frank, Joseph Elijah, and James Monroe Register**, all sons of **John Register** and **Sarah Padrick**, relocated to Craven County by 1900. The death certificate of James M. Register states his father was John Register of Sampson County and James' mother was Sarah Padrick of Onslow County. The 1860 Onslow county census lists a John Register, turpentine farmer, and wife Sarah, along with several other siblings, including Lectra and Mary Register.

William D. Register was born on June 23, 1851. He married **Elzie Mercer**, the daughter of John Mercer of Jones County about 1876. The family moved to Tuscarora in Craven County after 1880. This Register family lived just west of Tuscarora, on a farm near the forestry service lookout tower. William D. Register died on April 10, 1920 in Craven County and was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. His wife, Elzie Mercer Register was born July 21, 1856 and died on November 3, 1922 in Craven County. Elzie M. Register was buried in the Spring Garden cemetery in the 9th Township, Craven County.

The children of William D. Register and Elzie Mercer were:

1. John Frank Register 1876-1930 m. Sarah Penelope Daugherty 1876 - 1931
 - a. Allie Franklin Register 1899 – 1960 m. Mabel J. Cox
 - b. William Penn Register 1901 – 1948 m. Cleo Mae Grimes
 - c. James Clinton Register 1904 – m. Eula Mae Cox
 - d. Hyman S. Register (1908 –) m. Ellis Swain Croom
 - e. Paul Harold Register (1913 -) m. Mary Madelon Dixon
 - f. John Rossie Register 1906-1910
 2. James Albert "Ebb" Register 1879-1949 m. Laura J. Moore 1885-1981
 - a. Christabell Register 1905 –1922 m. Leroy Thomas
 - b. Albert Benton Register (1908) – moved to California
 - c. Edna Register 1910 – 2002 m. Clarence Morton
 - d. Lucille Register (1914) – 1995 m. Dillard Parrott Wallace (1905) - 1989
 - e. Wade A. Register (1917 -)
 - f. James A. Register, Jr. 1919 – 1984 m. Edna Skinner
 - g. William Carl Register (1922)–1996
 - h. Earl Lynell Register 1925-1999 m. Dorothy Bryan
 3. Gertrude Register 1884-1968 m. Clifford Edward Moore 1881 -1971
 - a. Nolan E. Moore 1906 - 1986 –m. Roberta Tilghman
 - b. Nella Moore (1909) –1998 m. Wilhelm Dixon d. 1998
 - c. Nina Moore (1911) - 1995 m. Moulton Hawkins d. 2001
 - d. Norfleet Mann Moore 1918 – 1999
 - e. Roland G. Moore – 1921 – 1962
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4. Minnie Register 1887 –1921 m. Floyd W. Stewart
 - a. Glennie Stewart m. D. D. French
 - b. Benton F. Stewart 1901-1904
 - c. Ethel Stewart (1904) – 1996 m. Gray Wheeler
 - d. Horace D. Stewart (1910 –)
 - e. Delilah Elsie Stewart (1914–) m. John Ed Wetherington, Jr. , 2nd C. C. Warner
 - f. Edith Stewart (1918–) m. M. M. York
5. Mamie Register (twin) 1890 – married __?__ French
6. Amy (Amie) Register (twin) 1890 –1928 m. Josephus S. Wetherington
 - a. Harold Wetherington
 - b. Uless Clifton Wetherington - 1921 died c. 1980
7. Bedia Pearl Register 1892 – 1954 m. Willie Thomas Moore
 - a. Louise Moore 1915 – 2001 m. Foy Richard Morton (1909) -1972
 - b. Hazel M. Moore (1915) – 1987 m. Jack White
 - c. Margaret E. Moore 1918 - 2002 m. –R. W. Barwick
 - d. Amy E. Moore 1921 – married Dock Newell
 - e. William Thomas Moore 1923 – 1957 married Myrtle Benton 1917 -
 - f. Alton M. Moore 1927 – 2000
 - g. Audrey Pearl Moore 1930 – m. J. W. Kenly
 - h. Maude Moore (1909) - 2000 m. John Stanley Adams
8. Verma M. Register 1897– m. Luke Jones 1867-1948 moved to Norfolk VA
 - a. Gibbs Register 1913 -
 - b. Otis L. Jones 1915 –
 - c. Maurice Jones 1918 –
 - d. Raymond Jones 1925 –
 - e. Kenneth C. Jones 1927 –
9. Dessar Orena Register m. Oren Carey Wetherington (1882?) – 1972
 - a. Infant Wetherington 1908-1908

Joseph Elijah Register was born on October 6, 1858. Joseph appears in the 1880 Onslow County census in the Richlands district with mother, Sarah Register and brother, James M. Register. It is unknown when he migrated to Craven County, Joseph married **Sena May Mercer**, the daughter of John Mercer of Jones County and they lived in Clarks, NC where Joseph ran a farm supply store. The brick two-story structure still stands in 2006 and is now the residence of

Charlotte M. Stevenson. Sena M. Register was born on July 11, 1862 and died on October 6, 1936. Sena was the daughter of John Mercer and Sena Ann Banks. Joseph and Sena Register are buried in the Beech Grove Methodist church cemetery.

The children of Joseph E. Register and Sena M. Mercer were:

1. Mark Wayne Register 1884- 1962 m. Lula White
2. Fred Monroe Register 1894 – 1970 m. Eugenia Noble 1905 - 1984
3. Joseph Delton Register 1908 - 1984
4. Montress Register (1882) - m. Elijah Eubanks (1879) -
5. Nona M. Register 1889- 1977 m. 1st W. T. Grover, 2nd Bateman F. Lawrence
6. Mollie O. Register 1887-1969 - m. Elijah James Taylor 1879-1955
7. Florence R. Register 1892 - m. Arthur S. Lamm
8. Thelma Register m. George Scott
9. Beulah Rae Register 1897 - 1991 m. 1st C. D. Boswell 2nd, John Hardell
10. Dollie Register m. Guy C. Eubanks

James M. Register was born in 1863 and died on November 26, 1941. James married **Annie L. Mercer** about 1899. Annie was born in 1870 and died in 1950. James was a farmer and lived in the Tuscarora area. James and Annie Register are buried in the Gethsemane Church cemetery in Tuscarora.

The children of James M. Register and Annie Mercer were:

1. Ferney M. Register 1900 – 1927 never married
2. Robert Guy Register 1904 –1980 m. Clarabell Cook – 1904 - 1986
3. Emmett Odell Register 1904 – 1981 m. Effie Francis Adams 1906-1989
4. Ralph Henry Register 1908 – 1966 m. Mildred Lee Brittain 1914 - 2002
5. Nathaniel V. Register 1912- 2002 m. Lois Griffin 1912 - 2002
6. James Manley Register (1914) –1991 m. Helen Marie Murry

John Frank Register 1852 - 1928 m. **Polly Ann Mercer**. John F. Register lived in the Fort Barnwell area and was buried in the Ft. Barnwell Baptist Church cemetery. Pollie died in 1916 and is also buried in the Ft. Barnwell Baptist Church cemetery.

1. Senie A. Register 1879 –1944 m. Edward H. French 1880-1965
 2. Sherman W. Register 1882 - 1937 m. 1st Bettie Daugherty, 2nd Annie Turnage
 3. Ella D. Register (1887) - 1923 m. Floyd W. Stewart
 4. Willie Register (1888-)
 5. Lizzie B. Register (1892-) m. _____ Kirkman
 6. Clyde Alfonzo Register (1894-) – 1972 m. Gladys Jones
 7. Carrie Mae Register (1896-)
 8. Sidney J. Register (1898-)
 9. Frank John Register (1902-) - 1970
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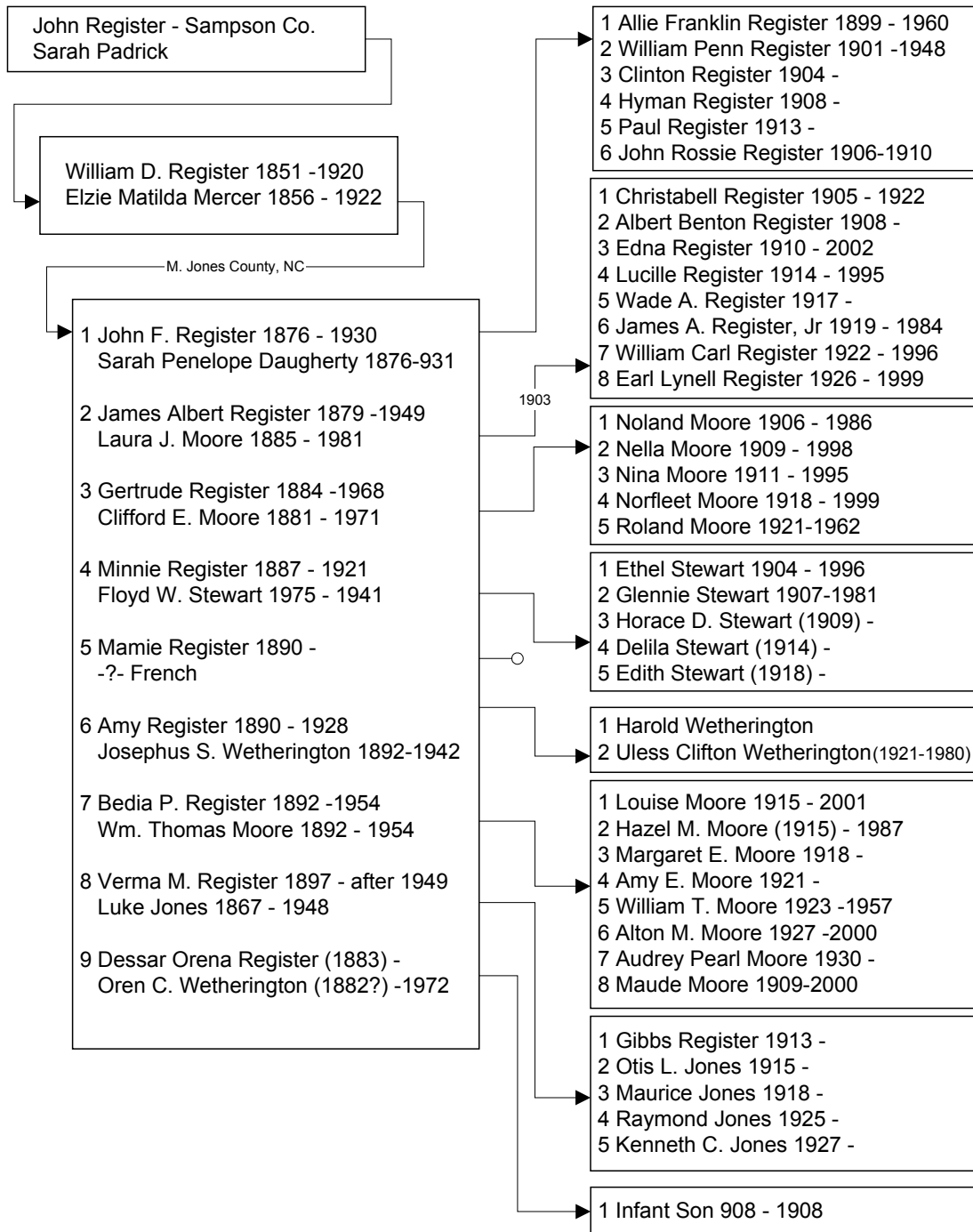


Figure 42 Family of Willam D. Register

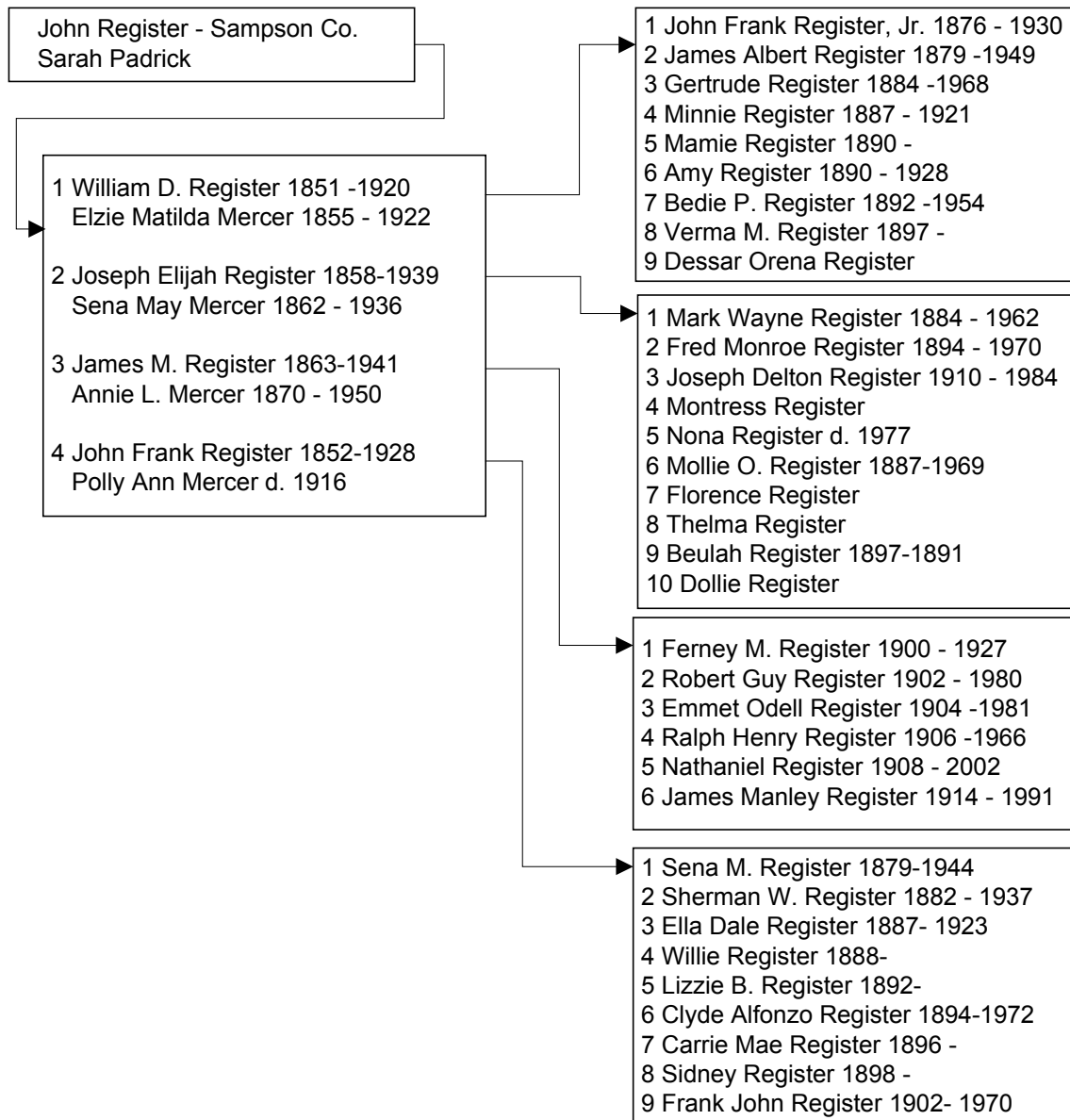


Figure 43 John Register Family Tree

Chapter 19 Lewis Bratcher Family

The Bratcher family has a long history in Craven County and the Tuscarora area. The estate of **Roger Bratcher** was recorded in Craven County in 1784. An **Abbey Bratcher** married David White in 1788 in Craven County. Numerous Bratcher family members lived in the Tuscarora area in the period before the Civil War.

The Bratcher family cemetery existed in Tuscarora on Tuscarora-Rhems Road at Tomahawk Branch. The cemetery was relocated to the Gethsemane Church about 1970, but no Bratcher markers or dates survive. Only the infant Stewart gravestones survived the relocation.

On a Civil War era map, the Bratcher home appears near Tuscarora on the west side of the Tuscarora Road. (*See map Chapter 25*).

Durant Bratcher, born about 1808, appears in the 1840 Craven census in the Tuscarora area. Durant also appears in the estate files of Solomon Wetherington in 1840, purchasing farm implements at the estate auction. Durant Bratcher was buried in the Bratcher cemetery on Tomahawk Branch in Tuscarora but no dates are available.

Reuben Bratcher, a turpentine farmer of Tuscarora, appears in the following newspaper account:

From the Newbern Daily Journal of Commerce, Tuesday, July 23, 1867:

Another Murder. – We are again called upon to record another atrocious murder committed on the person of **Reubin Bratcher** at Bachelor Creek in this county and almost within site of the steeples of this city. The murder was committed on Saturday last while Mr. Bratches [Bratcher] was in the woods chipping turpentine boxes. It is supposed to be the work of Sturgiss and as the murdered man was one of the most important witnesses against Sturgiss, and as it is not probable he would have been shot for money or valuables at such a distance in the woods while at hard work.

Lewis Bratcher, born about 1808, reportedly married **Mary Avery**, born about 1807. ¹ Lewis and Mary appear in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 Craven census. Lewis occupation listed in the census was wheelwright and blacksmith. Mary Avery Bratcher died in December 1873 in Tuscarora. A newspaper account of her death exists and a family story relates that Mary Bratcher died from burns received when her dress caught fire while boiling clothes in an outdoor wash pot.^{2,3} Lewis married ^{2nd}, **Louisa Wetherington** on October 29, 1874 in Craven County. ⁴ Louisa was the daughter of William B. Wetherington. ⁵ Lewis and Louisa, b.1832, appear in the 1880 Craven census with Matilda Bratcher, age 15, relationship unknown. There were no known children by the ^{2nd} marriage. ⁶

The children of Lewis Bratcher and Mary Avery were:

1. John L. Bratcher 1837 – married Sarah F. Wetherington on June 6, 1876 in Craven County. The 1880 census lists the couple but no children.
2. Dennis Bratcher 1839 –
3. Caroline Bratcher 1845 – 1927, never married
4. Susan J. Bratcher 1844 – 1923 married Haywood Stewart on October 13, 1885 in Craven County. There were no children by this 2nd marriage for Haywood Stewart.
5. Enoch Bratcher 1848 –
6. Harvey Thomas Bratcher (1854– after 1930) married Elizabeth Wetherington on December 14, 1878 in Craven County. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Lewis Bratcher and witnessed by Gus (W. A.) Moore. Elizabeth W. Bratcher died between 1894 -1900 and H. T. Bratcher and children are listed in the 1900 Craven Census. Elizabeth W. Bratcher was buried in the Bratcher cemetery in Tuscarora, but no marker or information survived. Harvey T. Bratcher married 2nd Maggie Guthrie on December 25, 1900 in Craven County. The children of Harvey T. Bratcher and Elizabeth Wetherington were:
 - a. Brice M. Bratcher 1879 – 1941 m Mary Vandiford
 - b. Susan Mary Bratcher (1884) - m. Walter D. Jones
 - c. Mark L. Bratcher 1893 - 1966 m. Onnie Smith

The children of Harvey T. Bratcher and Maggie Guthrie were:

- d. Louis Bratcher
 - e. Jenny Bratcher
 - f. Female Bracher married M. P. Marshall
7. Penelope Bratcher 1846– m. Abner Wetherington, the son of Wm. B Wetherington.

The children of Abner Wetherington and Penelope Bratcher were:

- a. Louis Wetherington 1868 –
 - b. Alice Wetherington 1870 –
 - c. Rufus Wetherington 1872 –
 - d. Benjamin H. Wetherington 1874 –
 - e. Victoria Wetherington 1876 –
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- f. Walter Wetherington 1878 -

Next Generation

Brice M. Bratcher, the son of Harvey Thomas Bratcher and Elizabeth Wetherington, married Mary Vandiford on August 23, 1902 in Craven County, NC. Mary M. Vandiford was born on 1880 and died 1960. Brice and Mary are buried in the Greenleaf cemetery in New Bern.

Their children of Brice M. Bratcher and Mary Vandiford were:

- a. Bessie Bratcher 1903 – 1980 m. Veston Goff Stewart 1900 - 1981
 - b. Joseph David Bratcher – 1906 – 1975 m. Cleo Grimes Register 1908-1980
 - c. Jesse Harvey Bratcher d. 1951 m. Elsie Daly Wetherington 1911 -
 - d. Gertrude Estelle Bratcher 1912 – 1995 m. Paul Howell 1915 - 1991
 - e. Richard “Dick” Bratcher 1915 – 1978 m. Margaret Dowdy
 - f. Roberta Elizabeth Bratcher 1918-2003 m. Walter K. Wilson 1913-1983
 - g. Preston McLain Bratcher (1921) – 1996 m. Pauline H.
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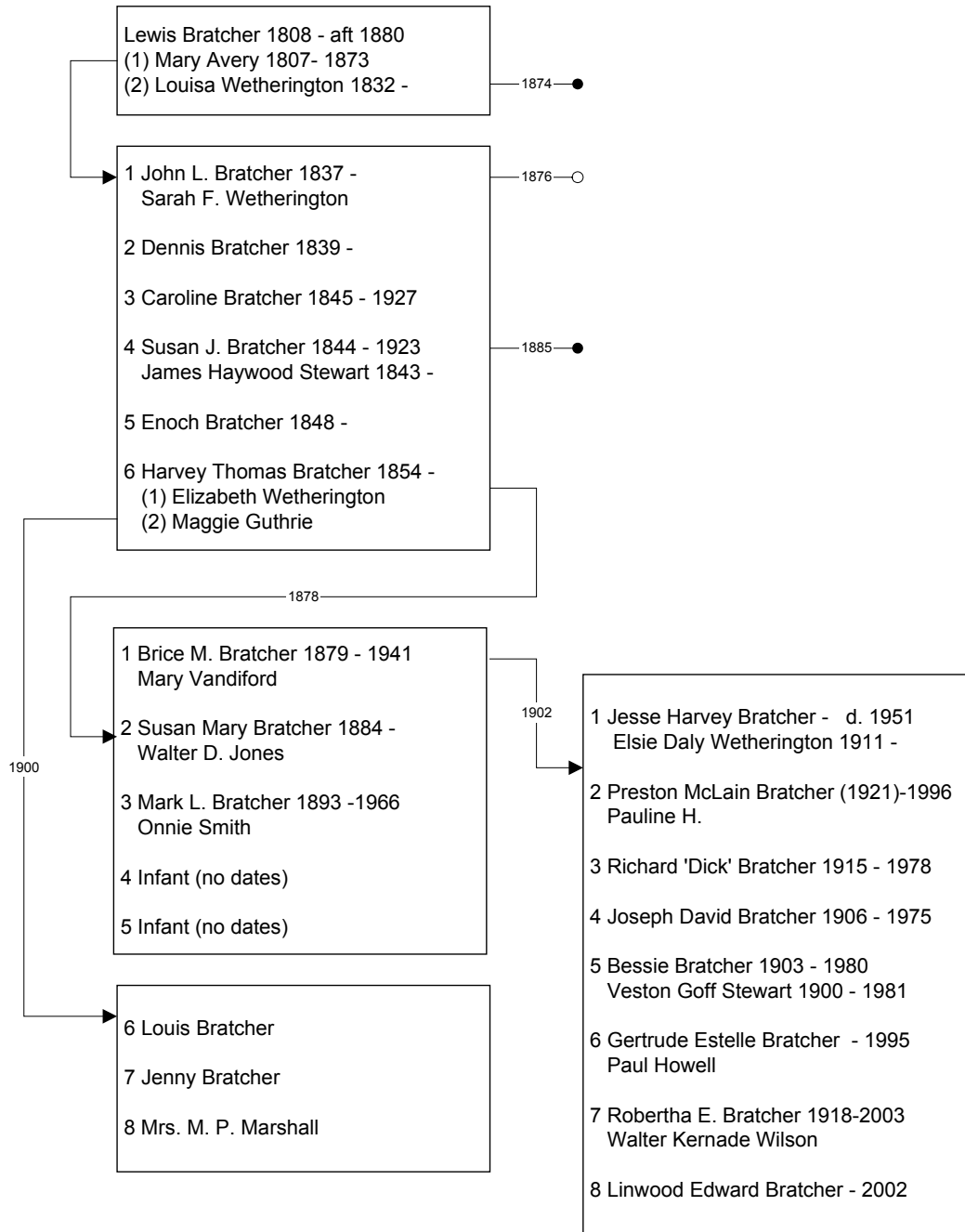


Figure 44 Lewis Bratcher Family Tree

Chapter 20 Redding Eubanks 1801 -

Redding (Redmond) Eubanks (1801 – after 1870) appears in the 1850 Jones County census in the Pollocksville District with his wife, **Rachel** (1811- after 1880), and 9 children.¹ Sometime before 1860 he moved to Craven County and appears in the 1860 Craven census in Richardson's District (now the 8th Township).² A cooper and turpentine maker by trade, he lived in the area south of Clarks, NC, on SR 1225. He last appears in the 1870 Craven census in the 8th Township³ and Redding and wife Rachel are believed to be buried in the family burying ground off SR1225 in Clarks, now long abandoned, un marked, and unsurveyed.

The children of Redding Eubanks and Rachel Eubanks were: 4,⁵

1. **Nathan Eubanks** 1825 –
2. **Thomas E. Eubanks** 1829 –1908 married **Sabra Jane Stewart** 1844-1909, daughter of John Stewart and Beneta Wetherington about 1860. Thomas and Sabra were residents of Clarks, NC, living on the Eubanks homeplace south of Clarks on SR1225. Thomas and his wife, Sabra, are buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora.

The children of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra Jane Stewart were:

- a. George Thomas Eubanks 1861 – m. 1st Cassandra White, 2nd Mary E. Lewis
 - b. Georgina Eubanks 1863-1882 m. Abner B. Wetherington
 - c. Benita (Beneter) Jane Eubanks 1865-1942 m. Abner B. Wetherington
 - d. Rachel Oretta Eubanks 1867 – 1931 - m. W. G. Ipock
 - e. Freddie E. Eubanks 1869 – 1888 never married, died in accident
 - f. John W. Eubanks 1871-
 - g. Nancy Virginia Eubanks 1874 – 1951 m. Amos T. Wetherington
 - h. Jenetta “Nettie” Eubanks 1876 –1962 m.1st James T. McCoy, 2nd James R. Howell
 - i. Elijah Eubanks 1879 – m. Montray (Montress) Register 1883-
 - j. Erma O. Eubanks 1882 – m. H. M. Yancy
 - k. Ernest A. Eubanks 1886 – 1917 m. Lula Taylor
 - l. Guy C. Eubanks 1890 – m. Dollie B. Register
3. **Nancy Eubanks** 1820 – 1914 – buried in the Stewart Cemetery. Apparently never married.
 4. **Lott Eubanks** 1836 – (listed as Lottie in 1860)
 5. **Ezekiel Eubanks** 1838 – m. Unknown –
 - a. Ezekiel Eubanks 1864 -
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6. **William Eubanks** c. 1839 – 1885 m. Rebecca -?-. He appears in the 1870 Craven County census in the 5th Ward of New Bern, occupation vendor and an obituary dated 1885. ⁶

The children of William Eubanks and Rebecca were:

- a. William R. Eubanks 1879 –
7. **Cassandra Eubanks** 1840 – m. **Herman Polk Ange** on February 18, 1875 in Craven County.

The children of Herman Polk Ange and Cassandra Eubanks were: ⁷

- a. Mary A. E. Ange 1876 –
b. Herman P. Ange 1878 –
8. **Redding Eubanks** 1845– m. **Eleanor Stewart** in Craven County.

The children of Redding Eubanks and Eleanor Stewart were: ⁸

- a. Cyrus Eubanks 1870 –
b. Cora Eubanks 1874 –
c. Henry Eubanks 1877 –
d. John Eubanks 1878 –
9. **Mary A. Eubanks** 1849 –

Second Generation

The children of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra Jane Stewart were:

- a. **George Thomas Eubanks** 1861 – 1938 married **Cassandra White** 1868-1919 and 2nd **Mary E. Lewis** in Lenoir County in 1920.⁹ All are buried in the Beech Grove Cemetery.

The children of Thomas Eubanks and Cassandra White were:

1. Thomas Herbert Eubanks 1892-1965 m. Elizabeth Davis
2. Sadie M. Eubanks 1897 – Lewis H. Taylor
3. Jerry M. Eubanks 1898 – of Raleigh
4. John F. Eubanks 1901 – of Richmond

The children of Thomas Eubanks and Mary E. Lewis were:

5. William G. Eubanks of Kinston
 6. Daughter m. E. G. Hamilton of Kinston
 7. Daughter m. Robert Moore of Kinston
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- b. **Georgina Eubanks** 1863-1882 m. **Abner B. Wetherington** 1853-1932. Georgina died in childbirth in 1882 and was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora, NC.
- c. **Benita (Beneter) Jane Eubanks** 1865-1942 married **Abner B. Wetherington** 1853-1932 in 1883 after the death of her sister, Georgina.
See Chapter 11 Abner Wetherington
- d. **Rachel Oretta Eubanks** 1867 – 1931 m. **W. G. Ipock** 1836-1905 on October 2, 1900 in Craven County. Rachel and W. G. Ipock are buried in the Asbury Cemetery.
- e. **Freddie E. Eubanks** 1869 – 1888 never married, was killed in a hunting accident in Jones county, and was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora, NC.
- f. **John W. Eubanks** 1871-
- g. **Nancy Virginia Eubanks** 1874 – 1951 m. **Amos T. Wetherington** 1868-1934
See Chapter 12 Amos T. Wetherington
- h. **Nettie Eubanks** 1876–1962 married 1st **James T. McCoy** 1875-1902 in 1900 and 2nd **James R. Howell** 1874 – 1957.
1. Marie McCoy 1902 – m. Fred Morton
 2. Carrie Howell 1903 – m. -?- Hall
 3. John Howard Howell 1911 - 2006
 4. James Harper Howell 1915 - 1989
 5. Luellen Howell 1918 – 2006 m. -?- Murphy
- i. **Elijah Eubanks** 1879 – m. **Montray (Montress) Register** 1882 -
1. Nancy Eubanks
 2. Alfie Eubanks
- j. **Erma O. Eubanks** 1882– m. H. M. Yancy on April 24, 1901.
- k. **Ernest A. Eubanks** 1886 – 1917 m. Lula Taylor on November 11, 1908 in Craven County.
1. Earl Eubanks 1917 -
- l. **Guy C. Eubanks** 1890– m. **Dollie B. Register** 1901 –
1. Louise Eubanks ¹⁰
 2. Guy C. Eubanks, Jr. ¹¹
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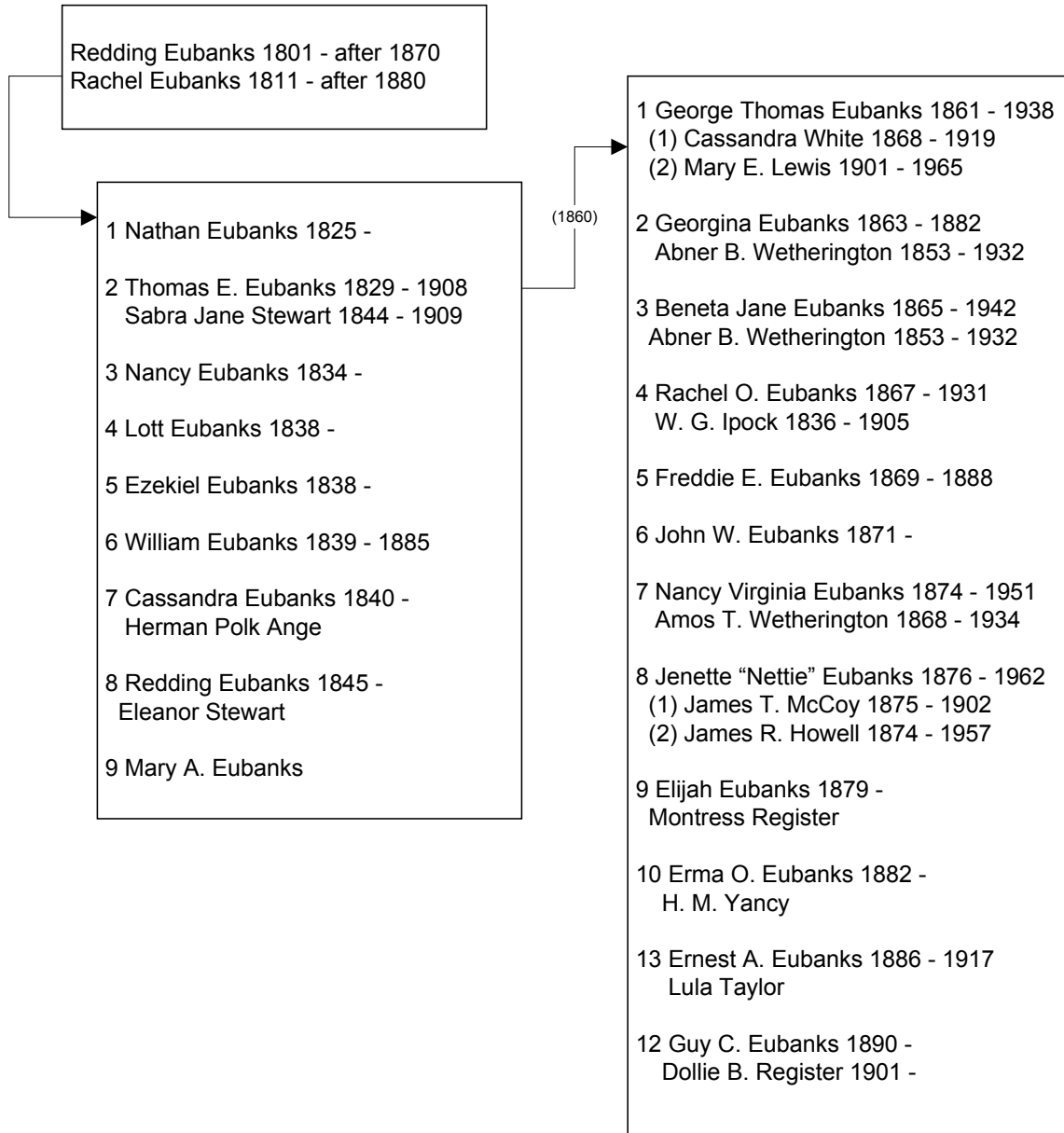


Figure 45 Redding Eubanks Family Tree

Chapter 21 John Stewart Family 1809 - 1881

John Stewart was born in 1809 and died in 1881. ¹ John married **Beneta Davis Wetherington**, the daughter of Jesse Wetherington, on February 6, 1839 in Craven County. ² Beneta was born in 1820 and died in 1903. ³ John Stewart and Beneta Wetherington Stewart are buried in the Stewart Cemetery at Tuscarora. ⁴

LDS Internet records report John Stewart's parents as **Ellenor Stewart** and **John Fonville**. ⁵ There is not a marriage recorded in Craven County for Ellenor, however Ellenor Stewart, born about 1776, appears in the 1850 Craven census in the household of James Stewart, John's brother. ⁶

John Stewart's other brother was **William Riley Stewart** who moved to Tennessee and married and then moved to California where he died. ⁷ Bible records indicate that John Stewart was the son of **William Stewart** and **Nellie Stewart** and Nellie was the daughter of **Daniel Stewart**, a soldier of the Revolution. William Stewart was drowned at sea. ⁸

The children of John Stewart and Beneta D. Wetherington were: ^{9,10}

1. Frances Ann Stewart (1839 – 1920) m. Cannon Smith 1836 - 1917
2. William Riley Stewart 1841 – 1876 m. Maria Bogey
3. James Haywood Stewart 1843 - 1926 m. 1st Wealthy Civils, 2nd Susan Bratcher d. 1923
4. Sabra Jane Stewart 1844 – 1909 m. Thomas E. Eubanks 1828- 1903
5. Kinion (Canaan) Ball Stewart (1851 – 1928) m. Frances Ipock (1854-1934)
6. John Clemmie Stewart 1847 – 1938 m. Delila Smith 1849 - 1938
7. Eleanor Stewart (1848 – 1926) m. Redding Eubanks (1845) -
8. Jesse P. Stewart 1853 - 1924 m. Mary Henrietta Smith 1858 - 1943
9. Mariah M. Stewart 1859 – 1879 m. John C. Moore 1955 - 1923
10. Nancy Shepard Stewart 1860 – 1931 m. Wiley A. Moore 1850 - 1931
11. Harriet L. Stewart 1862 – 1937 m. Richard B. Heath 1855 - 1919

1. Frances Ann Stewart married **Cannon Smith** on July 2, 1858 in Craven County.¹¹ Cannon Smith was the son of Cannon Smith (b. 1796). In the 1860 Craven census, Cannon Sr. appears with wife, Susan in Richardson's District. ¹² This is the Susan Smith (1822 – 1895) was buried in the Stewart Cemetery. ¹³ Cannon Smith Jr. (1836-1917) later became a minister. Cannon Smith Jr. was buried in the Morehead City, NC Cemetery. The children of Frances Stewart and Cannon Smith were: ¹⁴

- a. Mary Henrietta Smith 1857 –1943 m. Jesse P. Stewart 1853 - 1924
 - b. Henry Smith (1859-)
 - c. Reta D. Smith (1862-)
 - d. Allen T. Smith (1863-)
 - e. Sarah E. Smith (1868-)
 - f. Easter E. Smith (1870-)
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- g. Octavo Smith 1872 – 1931 m. W. A. Adams 1864 - 1939
- h. Joel Smith (1875-)
- i. Bethel Smith (1878-)

2. William Riley Stewart was born on April 29, 1841 and died on March 13, 1876. ¹⁵ William Stewart married **Maria Bogey** (1843) -. William R. Stewart was buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. Riley and Maria Stewart appear in the 1870 Jones County census.

The known children of W. Riley Stewart and Maria Bogey:

- a. Alex Stewart (1866) -
 - b. Joseph Stewart 1870
4. **James Haywood Stewart** was born about 1843. He married 1st **Wealthy Civils** (1845) – 1883 and James married 2nd, **Susan Bratcher** on October 13, 1885 in Craven County. ¹⁶ There were no known children by this second marriage.¹⁷ Also in the household are a son, James, wife, Alice and three grandchildren. There are no other known children. The children of James H. Stewart and Wealthy Civils:

- a. Sarah J. Stewart (1866-)
- b. James T. Stewart 1870 - 1949 m. Alice J. Wetherington
- c. Sylvester C. Stewart 1871)
- d. George F. Stewart (1874)
- e. Elvarina Stewart (1876)
- f. Henderson H. Stewart (1878)
- g. Infant Son Stewart d. 1883

4. Sabra Jane Stewart was born on September 14, 1844 and died on January 14, 1909 in Craven County. Sabra married **Thomas E. Eubanks** about 1861. Thomas Eubanks was born on December 16, 1829 and died on April 25, 1903 in Craven County. Thomas Eubanks was the son of Redding and Rachel Eubanks from Jones County. In the 1870 Craven census Sabra Jane and Thomas Eubanks live in the 8th Township. The children of Sabra Jane Stewart and Thomas E. Eubanks were:

- a. George Thomas Eubanks m. 1st Cassandra White m 2nd Mary E. Lewis
- b. Georgina Eubanks m. Abner B. Wetherington, died in childbirth, 1882
- c. Beneta Jane Eubanks m. Abner B. Wetherington
- d. Rachel O. Eubanks m. W. G. Ipock
- e. Frederick E. Eubanks 1869 – 1888 never married
- f. Nancy Virginia Eubanks m. Amos T. Wetherington
- g. Jenetta (Nettie) Eubanks m. 1st James T. McCoy m. 2nd James. H. Howell
- h. Elijah Eubanks (1879-) m. Montress Register

See Chapter 20 Redding Eubanks.

6. **Kenyon B. Stewart** 1851 - 1928 married **Frances Ipock** 1854-1934. Kenyon and Frances Ipock Stewart are buried in the Willis Cemetery on SR 1436 in the 1st Township.

- a. Darrell A. Stewart 1914 - 1935
- b. Charles Duion Stewart 1918 - 1929

6. **John Clemmie Stewart** was born on in 1846 and died in 1938. John married **Delila Smith** on July 14, 1870 in Craven County. ¹⁸ Delila Smith daughter of Cannon Smith (b. 1796) and Mary Smith was born on August 2, 1849 and died on May 31, 1938 in Craven County. John and Delila lived in Clarks, in the 8th township of Craven County. For many years they lived in a home across from the Wetherington/Wethington store in Clarks, now demolished. John and Delila Stewart are buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. The children of John Stewart and Delila Smith were:

- a. Daniel L. Stewart 1871- m. Alice W. Taylor
- b. Elizabeth Stewart 1873- m. E. E. Ipock
- c. Bertha D. Stewart married Joseph Rhem Avery ¹⁹
- d. Floyd W. Stewart 1875- m. 1st Minnie Register, 2nd Ella Moore, 3rd Alice Mills
- e. George R. Stewart 1878- m. Annie Moore
- f. Herman Eason Stewart 1883- 1968 m. Lillian Wetherington 1888-1967
- g. Leroy R. Stewart 1893 –

See second generation listed in detail below.

7. **Eleanor Stewart** (1848-1926) m. **Redding Eubanks** on December 21, 1865 in Craven County and lived in Jones County. The children of Eleanor Stewart and Redding Eubanks: ²⁰

- a. Eleanor Eubanks 1867 -
- b. Cyrus Eubanks 1870 –
- c. Cora Eubanks 1874 –
- d. Henry Eubanks 1877 –
- e. John Eubanks 1878 –

8. **Jesse P. Stewart** (1854-) married **Mary Henrietta Smith** (1857-1943), on December 15, 1878 in Craven County. ²¹ Mary was the daughter of Cannon Smith, Jr. (b. 1836). The children of Jesse Stewart and Mary H. Smith were:

- a. Bernice Stewart 1879-1900
 - b. Lizzie Stewart 1881 –
 - c. William A. Stewart 1884 –
 - d. Ferdinand C. Stewart 1885 – m. Myrtle C. __?__ 1892 -
 - e. Rosa P. Stewart 1895 –
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9. **Maria M. Stewart** was born on February 20, 1859 and died on September 4, 1879 in Craven County. Maria married **John Clayton Moore** in January 22, 1879 in Craven County.²² She died in childbirth. There were no known children by this marriage. Clayton Moore married 2nd, Mary A. Corbett 1862-1947 of Pitt County, about 1885 and there were ten children by this marriage.

See Chapter 17 John Moore

10. **Nancy Shepard Stewart** was born in on January 26, 1859 and died on January 13, 1931. Nancy S. Stewart married **Wiley A. Moore** on October 23, 1879 in Craven County. Wiley Augustus Moore was born on March 14, 1850 and died in 1931. Wiley A. Moore was the son of Wiley A. Moore and Mary Stewart. Nancy and Wiley lived in Tuscarora, NC near across the railroad from the John C. Moore farm. Nancy and Wiley are buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. The children of Nancy Shepard Stewart and Wiley Augustus Moore were:

- a. Clifford E. Moore m. Gertrude Register
- b. Laura J. Moore 1885-1981 m. James Albert Register
- c. William Thomas Moore 1888- 1954 m. Bedie Pearl Register
- d. Mary Letha Moore 1890-1958 m. Noah Wetherington
- e. Wiley Augustus Moore 1898-1971 m. Phebe Jane Wetherington
- f. Robert Lara Moore 1901 – 1974 m. Sadie Smith

See Chapter 16 Wiley Augustus Moore.

11. **Harriet L. Stewart** was born on December 23, 1862 and died on June 21, 1937 in Craven County. Harriett married **Richard B. Heath** on September 21, 1882 in Craven County. Richard Heath was born on November 4, 1855 and died on June 11, 1919 in Craven County. Harriett and Richard Heath are buried in the Heath Cemetery near Cove City in the 3rd Township. The children of Harriet L. Stewart and Richard B. Heath were:

- a. William T. Heath 1891 – 1891
- b. Richard B. Heath 1900 – 1958

Second Generation

The children of John Clemmie Stewart (son of John Stewart) and Delila Smith (daughter of Cannon Smith) were:

1. **Daniel L. Stewart** 1871- m. Alice W. Taylor 1877 -
 2. **Elizabeth Stewart** 1873- before 1938 m. E. E. Ipock of Ernul, NC
 3. **Bertha D. Stewart** m. **Joseph Rhem Avery**
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- a. Goldie F. Avery 1901 - 1903
 - b. Joseph Rhem Avery
 - c. Paul Avery
4. **Floyd W. Stewart** was born on May 25, 1875 and died on April 15, 1941 in Craven County. Floyd married 1st, **Minnie M. Register** (1887-1921), the daughter of William D. Register (1851-1920) and Elza Matilda Register. He married 2nd, **Ella D. Moore** on January 27, 1923, and married 3rd **Alice Mills** (1892 – 1960). In the 1930 census Floyd Stewart and family lived in the 8th Township on Washington Road. Floyd Stewart, Minnie Register Stewart and Alice Mills Stewart are buried in the Spring Garden Baptist Cemetery in the Spring Garden area of Craven County.

The children of Floyd W. Stewart and Minnie Register (1887-1921) were:

- a. Benton F. Stewart 1901-1904
- b. Ethel Stewart 1903 - 1996 m. Oliver Gray Wheeler 1899 - 1991
- c. Glennie Stewart 1906 - 1981 m. Durwood D. French 1903 - 1964
- d. Horace D. Stewart 1910 –
- e. Delilah Elsie Stewart 1914 – m. 1st John Ed Wetherington, Jr., 2nd C. C. Warner
- f. Edith Stewart 1918 – m. M. M. York

The child of Floyd Stewart and Ella Dale Moore (1887–1930):

- g. Dale Stewart m. Gene Adams

The children of Floyd Stewart and 3rd wife Alice Mills (1892-1960) were:

- h. Alice Mills Stewart 1926 – m. Neil Windley
 - i. Floyd W. Stewart, Jr. 1929 –
1. **George Riley Stewart** was born in 1877 and died in 1965. George married **Annie Moore** 1885-1940, the daughter of John C. Moore and they lived in Clarks, in the 8th Township of Craven County and operated a general store there for many years. George Stewart was postmaster at Clarks (PO in the Stewart store) from 1910 to 1915. His wife, Annie Moore Stewart, was postmistress in Clarks from 1915 until her death in 1940. George and Annie M. Stewart are buried in the new section of the Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern, NC. The children of George Stewart and Annie Moore were:
- a. Lucille Stewart 1915 –
 - b. George Marion Stewart 1901 – 1960
 - c. Goldie Stewart 1906-1941 m. 1st ____ Earp, 2nd Charlie Brice Morris
 - d. Geneva Humphrey Stewart 1923 – (adopted, daughter of Ben Franklin Humphrey and Pearl Skinner Humphrey) m. William Wetherington
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6. **Herman Eason Stewart** was born on August 27, 1883 and died on November 14, 1968 in Craven County. Herman married **Lillian Wetherington** in January 1908 in Craven County. Lillian Wetherington was the daughter of Abner B. Wetherington and Beneta Jane Eubanks. Lillian W. Stewart was born on May 24, 1888 and died on March 17, 1967 in Craven County. The children of Herman Stewart and Lillian Wetherington were:
- a. Elma Stewart 1909-1909
 - b. Lottie Lucille Stewart 1911 – m. Lynn E. Adams
 - c. Guy Eugene Stewart (1912) –1998 m. Mae Bell Simpson
 - d. Edna Earl Stewart 1914 – m. George Simmons Cook
 - e. Ruth Ennis Stewart 1916– 2002
1st Elbert Jolly, 2nd Charles Cyril Edwards
 - f. Walter H. Stewart 1920 –1993 m. Mary Jane Hudson
5. **Leroy R. Stewart** (1893) appears in 1910 census and 1916 Gethsemane Sunday school roll – (About 1930 Leroy lived in Wilmington, NC.)
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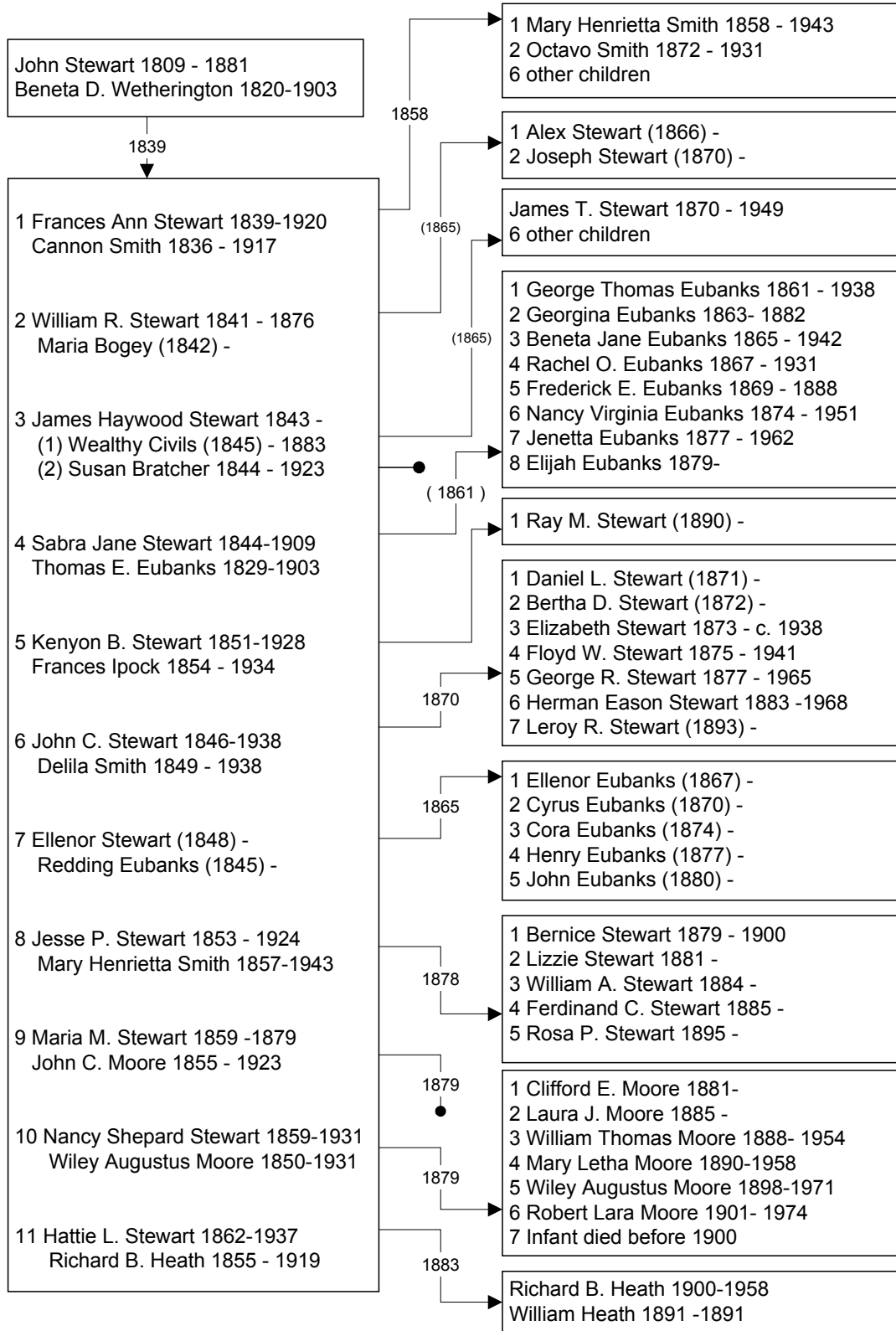


Figure 46 John Stewart Family Tree

Chapter 22 Revolutionary and Civil War Wetheringtons

Soldiers of the revolution, Solomon Wetherington and his brother William Wetherington, Sr. served several enlistments. A transcription of their service records follows: ¹

SOLOMON Witherington. (*Minutes of Craven Co., NC, Superior Court, October Term 1832, pages 132-138.*)

On 25 October 1832 Solomon Witherington of Craven County, aged 71 years, made a declaration on oath in open court before Judge Joseph J. DANIEL to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832. He declared: "That when about fourteen years of age, he served as a substitute, for John DISMAL, who was drafted by Capt. Menan PATRICK, at Kinston Lenoir County No. Carolina, but at what precise time, this applicant entered the service, he is unable to state, being now advanced in years, and very young when he enlisted. - That they were ordered to rendezvous, at Kinston, and thence under the command of Genl. Will. BRYAN, Col. Will. CASWELL, Capt. John STRINGER, McILVEAN, Lieut Thomas SHUTE, together with Blaney HARPER Ensign, Isler Kilpatrick first sergeant, James COWARD second sergeant, and Elijah JOHNSON, corporal, they marched through No. Carolina and South Carolina, without the occurrence of any affair, worthy of mention, until they reached a place, called the white house, on the Savannah river, which divides... South Carolina from Georgia, At that place they descried a party of soldiers, of the british, on the opposite side, and thereupon immediately fired upon them, they then marched, to Augusta old field, about a mile below the town of Augusta, and lay there one week, until the british evacuated Augusta, whereupon the americans entered the town. After remaining at Augusta, a very short time, we marched from the town of Augusta, to Brier Creek in Georgia where we engaged with the british. The engagement took place, between one and two o'clock, and resulted in the defeat of the [preceding two words lined out] and dispersion of the American forces, our light horse fared very badly and were nearly all destroyed. This applicant in the general dispersion which ensued, fell in with sixteen of the american forces, and they agreed to make James NOBLES, one of the number, Captain of the sixteen, After wandering about in the woods, for sometime, on their way home, they reached the Savannah river, where it was quite broad, and found in the river an old raft of plank, all of the sixteen immediately got upon it, but they were unable to cary it across the stream, this they therefore abandoned, and perceiving an old canoe on the opposite side of the river, they all agreed to give Dick JOHNSON, One of their number, one hundred dollars, to swim across, and bring over the canoe; after some hesitation, he agreed to make the attempt, and pulled off his clothes, and jumped into the stream, but after swimming twenty or thirty yards, he returned to the same bank whence he started and refused to go. All the surrounding country, being alarmed at the victory of the enemy, and our situation, growing more and more hazardous, this applicant, swam across the river, obtained the canoe, and then the whole party gained the opposite bank. after reaching this side of the river, we travelled upon the banks of the same, until we came to, a house called the two sisters, which was occupied by two women, and where there was a ferry. They informed us that the British had just passed, and gave us some hominy, of which we partook very heartily, We then retraced our steps, down the river, and ultimately reached the white house, where we found our baggage, waggons, &c - of which we took possession, no body being then in charge, and remained there three days, - on the third day, the remnant of our light horse, came up. and on the fourth day, our brigade came up. and we marched down to a small place, called Puryburg, where we continued to remain, until our time was out. - Col: William CASWELL here took command of our regiment and under him we marched to Charleston, thence through Georgetown, and Wilmington N. Carolina, to Kinston in No. Carolina, having served five months, which added, to the time consumed in

travelling home, made five months, and eighteen days. This applicant never asked for, nor received a discharge, from any person, being at that time very young, fond of the service anxious, to see the world, and ambitious of distinction. About two years after the discharge of this applicant, (when he was sixteen years of age,) at Purrysburg in South Carolina, he was drafted at Kinston No. Ca. as well as this applicant can recollect under the command of Genl. Richard CASWELL, Col. Benjamin AXUM, and Col. Richard CASWELL, he marched to cross creek (now Fayetteville) thence up to Hillsboro, and from the latter place, they took up their line of march, for South Carolina, they crossed the Yadkin river, and near Lynchs creek, were joined by Genl. GATES, Under the general command, of Genl. GATES, they proceeded on to Camden. but before they reached the latter place, they were met by the British, and an engagement took place, which resulted in the complete discomfiture of the Americans. - This applicant was not present in the engagement, but was left, a short distance from the battle ground, on the road, quite sick. the first person he saw, after the defeat was, "tory John COX" as he was afterwards called, he informed this applicant of the complete overthrow of the american army, this man was a very valiant soldier, and much attached to the cause of the whigs, but subsequently, became a rank tory. Col. Benjamin AXUM came up and informed this applicant that all was lost, and he must take the best care of himself, that he could, and this applicant accordingly made his escape, and after a long and tedious journey, finally succeeded, in reaching Kinston No. Carolina. Upon this tour of duty he served three months; This applicant never received a discharge, as the troops were completely dispersed, the remnant of them, never was called together afterwards, and this declarant never applied for a discharge. This applicant was engaged, as a substitute, afterwards for Christopher Taylor, to guard the magazine of arms & amunition, which was kept in Kinston, under Capt. Saml. CASWELL, and Genl. William CASWELL, and served three months, he has no date, by which he can fix upon the time, of his service, and never made any endeavor, to preserve any memorandum, or any thing else, by which his memory, might be aided, and refreshed, upon the matter, as he never expected, to receive any compensation, at a future day, for the same, and could not anticipate, any possible advantage, that might arise from it. This declarant next volunteered, in August, 1782, under Genl. LILLINGTON, and marched with Capt. Matthew MOSELY, and Major Will: SHEPARD, from Kinston to intercept Major CRAIG, who at the head of some British forces, was reported to be on his way, from Wilmington, to Newbern No: Ca: The Americans fell in with him at Hargetts, in Jones County, and after a smart brush, he retreated, & came to New Bridge, over Trent river, where our piquet guards, engaged with his lighthorsemen, they again retreated, and, finally succeeded in reaching Newbern, without any further molestation. This applicant then went to Trenton, where, after serving the ten days out, for which they enlisted, they were releived, and marched back, to Kinston under Major SHEPARD. This applicant never received any formal discharge from this service. This applicant again served as a substitute, for, Nathan Witherington, who was drafted by Capt. Ezeriah Moore, and ordered to rendezvous at Kinston; thence under the command of Capt. Thomas GATLIN, they marched for Wilmington, and whilst on their way, having received the news, that peace was proclaimed, between this and the mother country, they were disbanded and returned home. This declarant has no documentary evidence, by which he can support the facts herin contained, He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll, of the agency of any state." /s/SOLOMON Witherington [Test. :JEDW PAULS

In answer to the interrogatories Witherington stated he was born "In Lenoir County, N. Ca. near Kinston, on the 4th of October A. D. 1761." His age is recorded "in the family bible, which is now in the possession, of my eldest brother, who is now living in Craven County, N. C." He stated "I was living when called into service, near Kinston in Lenoir County, N. Carolina; I served as a substitute three times, viz: for John DISMAL, Christopher Taylor, and Nath. Witherington, was drafted once and volunteered once."

He recollected "Genl. William BRYAN, Col. Will. CASWELL, Genl. Richard CASWELL, Genl. LILLINGTON, Genl. GATES, and Col. Benj. AXUM." As to receiving a discharge, he replied "I never did, for I never applied for one." Persons who could testify to his veracity and soldierly services were "Richard RICHARDSON, Andrew H. RICHARDSON, Caleb WOOTEN, Joseph Witherington, & William Witherington." /s/ SOLOMON Witherington 25 October 1832 [Test.:] EDW. PAULS

"We Richard RICHARDSON, and Caleb WOOTEN, residing in the County, of Craven No. Carolina, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with, Mr. Solomon Witherington, . . . we beleive him to be seventy one years of age;..." /s/RICHARD RICHARDSON, CALEB WOOTEN [Test. :] EDW. PAULS

"We... have been for a number of years acquainted with, Mr. Solomon Witherington, who is our neighbour, that we believe he is, of the age of seventy one years, and that he has been long reported, and beleived in the neighborhood, to have been a revolutionary soldier, and that we concur in that opinion." /s/ WILL. Witherington, A. H. RICHARDSON, JOSEPH (x) Witherington [Test. :] EDW. PAULS

The Court declares their opinion the applicant was a revolutionary soldier and certifies "that it appears, that there is no clergyman, residing in the neighborhood, of the applicant, but that Richard RICHARDSON, Caleb WOOTEN, A. H. RICHARDSON, Will. Witherington and Joseph Witherington,... are residents in the county of Craven, and are credible persons, and that their statements are entitled to credit." J.J. DANIEL J.S.L.E. [Judge Superior Court of Law and Equity]

[See Chapter 4 Solomon Wetherington]

WILLIAM Witherington. (Minutes of Craven Co., NC, Superior Court, October Term 1832, pages 126-132.)

On 25 October 1832 William Witherington of Craven County, aged 73 years, made a declaration on oath in open court before Judge Joseph J. DANIEL, to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832. He declared "That at the instigation of General CASWELL, who was his neighbor, in the forepart of the year, 1776, he volunteered in Capt. Thomas Williams company, and repaired to Kinston, within five miles of which place, he resided, and under General CASWELL, they marched through Duplin, and Sampson Counties, on to Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, and thence to, Moores Creek, where General CASWELL, had an engagement, with the tories, under, McLEOD, McDANIEL and CAMPBELL, the tories were easily routed, as the engagement lasted, only about ten minutes, This applicant was not in the engagement, having been sent, off with others by General CASWELL, on a scouting party, under Leiut. Barwell MOURNING, and was at the time of the engagement, about a mile and a half distant, In this expedition, Captain Jesse COBB of Lenoir County commanded, a company of minute men, after the affair of Moore's Creek they returned, homewards, and after the necessary and usual delays, reached Kinston, and was there discharged, This applicant residing near Genl. CASWELL, never received a formal discharge, - never having applied for it. This applicant served in this town, in the militia, between two and three months. A short time after the discharge of this applicant, he volunteered, under Genl. CASWELL, at Kinston and marched in the company of Capt. Thomas Williams, for the town of Wilmington N. Ca. and was stationed there three months. Col. JARVIS was the Colonel of one of the regiments, Richard CASWELL Jr. was colonel to this applicants regiment, and Burwell MORNING, lieutenant, Jesse COBB of Lenoir, was Captain of one of the companies, whilst stationed at Wilmington, the Independence of the states was declared by Congress, on July 4th 1776, and six weeks after that time, we broke up at Wilmington, and marched home for Kinston, where this applicant was discharged by Genl. CASWELL, he retained his discharge, until some time after peace was declared, but not thinking that it would ever be of any value to him, he did not preserve it, and it is now lost. This applicant served in this tour three months. In February 1777. this applicant again volunteered, under Captain Samuel CASWELL, and was placed

under the general command of Genl. William CASWELL, to guard the magazine of arms, and amunition, in Kinston No. Carolina which was collected there for the use of the troops, there were in all about sixty men, upon this duty, in which we served three months, and this applicant received his discharge, at the end of that time, from Genl. William CASWELL, but has lost the same,... In April 1777. this applicant again served, as a substitute for John CREECH, who was drafted, by Capt. Menan PATRICK, in Kinston. and was in Captain Thomas PASTEUR's company; under Genl. SUMNER, Col. Richard CASWELL, and Captain PASTEUR, they marched from Kinston, up through Johnston and Wake counties, Salisbury and Charlotte, into South Carolina. In Charlotte, and Salisbury, the light horse belonging to this applicant's regiment, and the British light horse, had several engagements, but, they resulted in nothing of a decisive character, In this campaign we never met the enemy, and it was therefore not characterized by, any active operations, and our time of service being about to expire, we began to retrace our steps back through No. Carolina. When we reached the Yadkin River, this applicant was discharged, by Genl. SUMNER, but he has lost the same,... One KNIGHT was adjutant, and JOHNSON Captain, in some of the companies, who were, associated with this applicant, in this campaign. Jesse BRYAN was Lieut. in this applicants company, and Ephraim PRYOR, Ensign. In this campaign this applicant served, in all five months and eleven days. In August 1782. this applicant again volunteered under General LILLINGTON, in Kinston and marched under his command, and that of Capt. Matthew MOSELY, to intercept Major CRAIG, a british officer who was then on his way, from the South to Newbern. They met him at Harget's, in Jones County, and had a, short engagement, the British retreated to New Bridge over Trent River, and our Piquet guards engaged with the light horse belonging to the British, who again retreated, and made good their way to Newbern. The Americans, immediately after their last engagement, came on to Trenton in Jones County, where we remained eight days, and marched thence, under Major William SHEPARD, to Kinston, having agreed to serve only ten days. for the special purpose of, opposing Major CRAIG, in his march to Newbern. This applicant has no documentary evidence, to substantiate the facts, herein set forth." His name is not on the pension roll of any state. /s/WILL. Witherington [Test.:] EDW. PAULS

Richard RICHARDSON and Caleb WOOTEN of Craven County certify their acquaintance with William Witherington. /s/RICHARD RICHARDSON, CALEB WOOTEN [Test. :] EDW. PAULS

Witherington answered the interrogatories. He was born "In Lenoir County, N. Carolina, about five miles from Kinston, on the 16th day of July A. D. 1759." His age is recorded "in our old family bible, which I have in my possession at home." He stated "When called into service, I lived in the county now called Lenoir, about five miles from Kinston and there I continued to reside, until within the last thirty years, when I removed into the county of Craven where I have ever since lived, and continue to reside Three times I volunteered, and once I was a substitute, for John CREECH, who was drafted, under Captain Menan PATRICK, in April 1777." He recollected "Genl. Richard CASWELL, Genl. William CASWELL, Genl. SUMNER, Genl. LILLINGTON, Captain Saml. CASWELL, Capt. Thomas Williams, & Captain Jesse COBB; I do not recollect, the names, of any of the regiments, and we never were associated, with any of the regiments of the line, except those we met with accidentally, on our marches, We were engaged with the tories, at Moores Creek, as detailed in my first term of service, stationed at Wilmington N. C. three months, and guarded the magazine at Kinston, under Genl. CASWELL three months; In April 1777. I marched through No Carolina into South Carolina, and was subsequently, engaged in the attempt, to intercept Major CRAIG,... I received a discharge from Genl. CASWELL, Genl. Will. CASWELL, and Genl. SUMNER, but I have lost all three of them,..." Persons who can certify as to his character and veracity include Richard RICHARDSON, Andrew H. RICHARDSON, Joseph Witherington, and Solomon Witherington. /s/WILLIAM Witherington [Test. :] EDW. PAULS

"We... have known, Mr. Will. Witherington, for a long number of years, . . . we have been his neighbours, for a long time,..., he has ever since we have been acquainted with him, borne the reputation of having served faithfully in the revolutionary war." /s/A. H. RICHARDSON, JOSEPH (x) Witherington, SOLOMON Witherington [Test. :] EDW. PAULS

The Court declare the applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood. Richard RICHARDSON, Caleb WOOTEN, Joseph Witherington, Andrew H. RICHARDSON, and Solomon Witherington are residents of Craven. [Test. :] J. J. DANIEL J.S.L.E.

[End Transcription]

A condensed version of these records also exists, including details on a Daniel and Joseph Witherington, in Revolutionary War pension abstracts: ²

Witherington, Daniel, NC Line, S7932, sol was b 4 Feb 1756 in Dobbs Co NC & he lived there when he enl & after the Rev he lived in Duplin Co NC where he was living when he appl 28 Nov 1832

Witherington, Joseph, NC Line, S1938, sol lived in Halifax Co NC when he enl & he lived there until 1788 then moved to Martin Co NC & in 1813 he moved to Williamson Co TN where he lived when he appl 5 Sep 1832

Witherington, Solomon, NC Line, S7936, sol was b 4 Oct 1761 at Kingston In Lenor Co NC & he lived there when he enl & he also srv as a sub for at Nathan Witherington, he appl 25 Oct 1832 in Craven Co NC

Witherington, William, NC Line, S7953, sol was b 16 Jul 1759 about 5 miles from Kingston in Lenor Co NC & he lived there when he enl & about 1802 he moved to Craven Co NC where he lived when he appl 25 Oct 1832, a Solomon & Joseph Witherlnton were witnesses In 1833 in Craven Co NC, the Rev sol wm. Witherington d 28 Dec 1844 & his wid (not named) d 4 May 1845 leaving only 1 child, towit; Reding Witherington who was living in 1855 & an inquiry was made the son on 1 Jan 1854 from Dresden TN by one John J. Drewry, the Rev sol Wm. Witherington had m 17 Sep 1797 to Susanna Coward In Green Co NC.

The bible records of Sara L. Stewart, a descendant of Solomon Wetherington, contain a copy of a 1921 request for Solomon Wetherington's records. ³

Rev. War Records Section

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S. F. 7936 Dept. of the Interior

Bureau of Pensions

Washington, D. C. July II, 1921

Sara Louise Stewart,
75 Craven St.,
New Berne, N. C.
Madam :-

In reply to your request of _____ received June 27 for a statement of the military history of Soloman Witherington, a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired information as contained in his application for pension on file in this bureau.

Dates of enlistment	length of service	Rank	Officers under whom service was rendered		State
			Captain	Colonel	
At age of 14 yrs.	5 mos. 18 days	Pvt.	John Stringer	Wm. Caswell	N. C.
1777	3 mos			Richard Caswell Benj. Axum	
	3 mos.		Samuel Caswell		
Aug. 1782	10 days		Mathew Mosely Thos. Gatlin	Major Wm. Shepard	

Battles engaged in, Brier Creek White House

Res. of soldier at enlistment, near Kinston in Lenoir County, N. C.

Date of application for pension, Oct. 25, 1832. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application, Craven County, N. C.

Age at date of application, born Oct. 4, 1761 near Kinston, N. C.

Respectfully ,

Washington Gardner

Commissioner.

Figure 47 Solomon Wetherington Pension Record, 1921

Chapter 23 The Meeting House and Gethsemane Church

The Bethel, NC conference in 1829 at Bay River of Free Will Baptist Church ministers lists several churches in Craven County, among them, a church on Bachelor Creek. It was not identified as the Liberty Meeting House, however there were no other churches known to the Bachelor Creek area.

A conference in Martin County in 1853 lists ministers, among them Jeremiah Heath, Abram Taylor, and R. A. Wetherington. In 1856, the conference minutes indicate all ministers credentials passed examination except for R. A. Wetherington, a controversial minister for his day. Jeremiah Heath lived in the Core Creek area, and Abram Taylor, lived in Tuscarora. R. A. Wetherington's lineage and homeplace is unknown.

A conference in 1860 at Post Oak, Craven County decided R. A. Wetherington's credentials would be examined by committee and he subsequently refused to submit to the committee during the 1861 convention at Gum Swamp in Pitt Co.

A Confederate military map from the Civil War places several homes in the Tuscarora area and the Liberty Meeting House. During the Civil War, an 1864 Baptist conference meeting at Elm Grove in Pitt County names the Liberty (Meeting) church at Tuscarora, but no delegates from the church attended the conference due to the war.

Tradition has the old Liberty Meeting House located on or beside the site of present day Gethsemane cemetery. The building was used by both Methodists and Baptists congregations until the Methodists erected a church in Tuscarora about 1890.

In 1887, Oliver and Nannie Wetherington conveyed a tract to the Methodist church. ¹ An article from the New Bern Weekly Journal in March 1887 states that Rev. D. W. Porter, Methodist minister, preaches at Liberty Church once a month.² By the 1960s the small Tuscarora congregation had dwindled and also due to better transportation, members moved to other, larger churches in Craven County. Located on the Tuscarora- Rhems road, the church has been incorporated into a residence.



Figure 48
The Tuscarora Methodist Church

With the construction of the Methodist Church in the late 1880s, the Liberty Meeting House became a domain of the Free Will Baptists.

In 1884, the New Bern Weekly Journal reveals: ³

The Free Will Baptists held their quarterly meeting at Liberty last Saturday and Sunday. Elder Slaughter was present and conducted the meeting.

In 1885, the New Bern Weekly Journal reveals: ⁴

There is a small Sunday school here (Tuscarora), twas visited by our energetic Disciple friend, Dr. Harper, on last Sunday, who of course imparted a great deal of spirit an life in the exercises. Though it is just beginning, we have great hopes of its increase and prosperity. (Unknown religious demonination).

Also in 1887, Mrs. Bettie Charlton was teaching public school at the Liberty schoolhouse in Tuscarora. ⁵ This building was built in 1884 and also called Liberty.⁶

In 1890, Thomas E. and Mary Brinkley Outlaw (Thomas was a grandson of Solomon Wetherington 1761-1840) conveyed a tract of land in Tuscarora to William Tull Civils, Trustee for the Free Will Baptist church.⁷ The fate of the old Liberty building is unknown. Tradition has it was moved and incorporated in the present day Gethsemane church building, but the actual facts have not been determined.

The deed of 1890 is considered the starting date of the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church. Apparently the Baptist membership of the Liberty church rolled over in the new Gethsemane church. No records or membership roll of the Liberty church are known to exist.

The earliest church records for the Gethsemane church are Sunday school rolls from the 1890s, where the lists abound with Wetheringtons and their relations.

The first church adult membership list is dated 1916, but the list appears to have been annotated afterwards with death dates, etc., so the list likely represents the period around 1916 and not an enrollment at a specific date but an ongoing listing.



Photo courtesy of Lelar T. Speight

Figure 49 *Group at Gethsemane Church, circa 1914*

Abner B. Wetherington is kneeling at the left on the front row.



Photo by R. Allen Humphrey 2002

Figure 50 *The Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church, 2002*

From The Gethsemane FWB Church Records ⁸

The membership roll dated 1916 listed only the names and a few death dates. The list had been annotated below with further detail on the members.

Details on the September 23, 1916 Revised List of 44 male members: ⁹

Archibald Adams – resident of Tuscarora and father of William Allen Adams. Buried in the Stewart cemetery.

Cannon Lee Adams – son of William Allen Adams and Octavo Smith.

D. F. Atkinson – Frank Aktkinson, farmer in 8th Township in 1920.

Fred Leon Ball – husband of Della Wetherington.

Brice M. Bratcher – son of Harvey T. Bratcher and Elizabeth Wetherington and a Tuscarora resident. Married Mary Magdalen Vandiford.

William Tull Civils – died 1920 – Trustee of the church, represented the FWB church on the church land deed of 1890 from Thomas E. and Mary Outlaw.

Leon William Cook – Tuscarora resident and husband of Henrietta ‘Retta’ Wetherington, daughter of Abner B. Wetherington.

W. T. Flowers – A farmer in Tuscarora 1910 census, born in England.

John Quincy Adams Flybus – Tuscarora resident and son of William Flybus and husband of Challie T. Moore. John and Challie are buried in the Moore family cemetery in Tuscarora.

James R. Howell – Rollover Creek Road resident and 2nd husband of Nettie Eubanks McCoy Howell. James and Nettie are buried in Cedar Grove cemetery in New Bern.

Levi Humphrey – d. 1924 – son of William Humphrey and Susan Watson and husband of Kitty Moore Humphrey. Levi was buried in the Stewart cemetery.

Richard Irwin Humphrey – a Drymonia Road resident, brother of Levi Humphrey and husband of Caroline Moore. Buried in the Moore family cemetery.

Luke Jones, Ruling Elder - husband of Verna Register, daughter of William D. Register, resident of Tuscarora.

Clifford E. Moore - son of Wiley A. Moore and Nancy Stewart, married Gertrude Register.

Willie Thomas Moore – son of Wiley Moore and Nancy S. Stewart, Willie married Bedie P. Register. W. T. and Bedie are buried in the church cemetery.

Ferney Register – Son of James M. Register and Annie L. Mercer. A Tuscarora resident, he never married. Buried in the church cemetery.

James Albert Register – Tuscarora resident and son of William D. Register and husband of Laura J. Moore. Buried in the church cemetery.

James Monroe Register – brother of William D. Register of husband of Annie L. Mercer. James and Annie are buried in the church cemetery.

William D. Register – Born in Sampson county, NC. Married Elzie Mercer Register. Buried in the Stewart cemetery.

W. W. Register

Rev. Cannon Smith – son of Cannon Smith and husband of Frances Ann Stewart, born in Tuscarora, also resided in Carteret County, and buried in Morehead City, NC.

Daniel L. Stewart – son of John C. and Delila Smith Stewart of Clarks.

Floyd W. Stewart – son of John C. Stewart. Floyd married 1st Minnie Register, daughter of William D. Register, 2nd Ella D. Moore and 3rd, Alice Mills.

George R. Stewart, Ruling Elder – son of John C. Stewart, husband of Annie Moore Stewart, operated a general store and post office at Clarks, buried in the Cedar Grove Extension cemetery in New Bern.

Herman Eason Stewart – son of John C. Stewart and a Tuscarora resident, he later moved to New Bern. Herman married Lillian Wetherington, daughter of Abner B. Wetherington. Herman and Lillian are buried in the Greenleaf cemetery.

James Haywood Stewart - son of John Stewart and Benita D. Wetherington. Married 1st Wealthy Civils and 2nd Susan Bratcher.

John C. Stewart, Deacon – son of John Stewart and Benita Davis Wetherington, husband of Delilah Stewart, resident of Clarks, all are buried in the Stewart cemetery.

Leroy Stewart – son of John C. Stewart and Delila Smith.

John Edward Taylor - son of Stephen Taylor and Rebecca Wetherington, a resident of Rollover Creek Road and husband of Wealthy (Welthana) Taylor. John, Wealthy, and Rebecca are buried in the church cemetery.

Louis G. Taylor – resident of Clarks, never married, son of James O. and Sarah Taylor. Buried in Craven County Industrial Park.

Abner B. Wetherington – Treasurer - son of Amos Wetherington and husband of Beneta (Beneter) Jane Eubanks, a resident of Rollover Creek Road, buried in the church cemetery.

Amos T. Wetherington – Clarks resident and son of Amos Wetherington and brother of Abner B. Wetherington. Married Nancy Virginia Eubanks. Amos and Virginia are buried in the church cemetery.

Duffy S. Wetherington – Clerk – son of William H. Wetherington and Mary L. Civils. Lived on the south side of Rollover Creek and all are buried in the Stewart cemetery.

James Lemuel Wetherington – discontinued – husband of Serena Taylor , infant child buried in Stewart cemetery, was the son of Lemuel T. Wetherington and Celia Ann Taylor. His parents are buried in the church cemetery.

John Edward Wetherington – husband of Mary Daly Wetherington and son of John Herring Wetherington.

Josephus S. Wetherington – Tuscarora resident later moved to Baltimore about 1930. Son of Abner B. Wetherington and Beneta Jane Eubanks. He married 1st Amy Register and 2nd Mabel Baker.

Leon R. Wetherington – son of John Edward Wetherington and Mary Daly.

Noah Wetherington – Tuscarora resident and son of Abner B. Wetherington. Noah married Letha Moore. Buried in the Stewart cemetery in 1919, he was reinterred in the New Bern Memorial cemetery with wife Letha.

Richard H. Wetherington – son of John Herring Wetherington and husband of Luetta Ann (Etter) Garner Wetherington.

Royal Wetherington – Abner Roy Wetherington, son of Abner B. Wetherington and Beneta Jane Eubanks, married Lorena Manning.

Talmadge Johnson Wetherington – son of Charles H. Wetherington and husband of Julia Elizabeth (Bessie) Daugherty.

Wardie Wetherington – son of James L. Wetherington and Cerenia Taylor.

Further details on the September 23, 1916 Revised List of 74 female members:

Annie Adams – Annie Wetherington, wife of Robert O. Adams.

Octavo Smith Adams – daughter of Cannon Smith and Frances Ann Stewart and wife of William Allen Adams. William and Octavo are buried in the Stewart cemetery.

Rella Adams – daughter of Octavo Smith Adams, later married -?- Carr.

Mary V. Arthur

Bettie D. Atkinson - wife of D. Frank Atkinson

Daisy P. Atkinson – daughter of D. F. and Bettie Atkinson

Bertha Stewart Avery – daughter of John C. Stewart and Delila Smith. Married Joseph Rhem Avery.

Della M. Wetherington Ball – wife of Fred L. Ball, daughter of Samuel S. Wetherington and Bettie Civils Wetherington.

Caroline Bratcher –daughter of Lewis Bratcher, sister of Harvey Thomas Bratcher, never married.

Mary Magdelene Vandiford Bratcher – wife of Brice M. Bratcher.

Alice R. Carmack – wife of Henry Carmack, lived in Clarks where he was a brickyard worker.

Perlie Cayton – wife of C. A. Caton and daughter of David C. Taylor

Mariam Waters Cook – wife of William W. Cook.

Retta (Henrietta Wetherington) Cook –daughter of Abner B. Wetherington and wife of Leon William Cook. Buried in New Bern Memorial cemetery.

Ethel Cox - wife of Grover C. Cox, a farmer in Perfection.

Sarah M. (Baum) Dillon – mother of Thomas A. Dillon, Thomas was postmaster in Tuscarora.

Linister Dixon – wife of Robert E. Dixon, farmer of Jasper.

Dollie Register Eubanks – daughter of Joseph E. Register and wife of Guy C. Eubanks.

M. L. Eubanks

Montress Register Eubanks – daughter of Joseph E. Register and Senia Mercer Register, the wife of Elijah Eubanks.

Lula Taylor Eubanks - wife of Earnest A. Eubanks, the son of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra J. Stewart.

Ella Flowers – likely daughter of W. T. and May Flowers.

Gennie Flowers - likely daughter of W. T. and May Flowers.

Challie T. Moore Flybus – sister of John Clayton Moore and wife of John Q. A. Flybus, buried in the Moore family cemetery in Tuscarora.

Mamie Register French – daughter of William D. Register.

Lovie Wetherington Griffin – wife of Charles H. Griffin of Tuscarora, daughter of William H. Wetherington and Mary L. Civils.

Debbie Ann Wetherington Herring – daughter of John Herring Wetherington and Siddie Daugherty. Married J. A. Herring.

Nettie Eubanks Howell – daughter of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra Jane Stewart. Wife of James R. Howell, buried in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Caroline Moore Humphrey – daughter of John Clayton Moore and wife of Richard Irwin Humphrey, lived on Drymonia Road. Likely buried in Moore family cemetery.

Daisy Humphrey – daughter of Levi Humphrey and Kitty Moore. Married Earl S. Weeks, relocated to Elizabeth City, NC.

Kittie Moore Humphrey – Daughter of John Clayton Moore and 2nd wife of Levi Humphrey, lived on Drymonia Road.

Verna Register Jones – daughter of William D. Register and wife of Luke Jones, later moved to Norfolk, VA.

Eula Lawrence – the daughter of Bateman F. Lawrence and 1st wife, Laura.

Nona M. Register Lawrence – daughter of Joseph E. Register and Sena Mercer Register.

Bedie Pearl Register Moore – daughter of William D. Register and wife of William T. Moore.

Emma Moore - likely the daughter of John Moore and Richelda Taylor and sister of John Clayton Moore.

Gertrude Register Moore – daughter of William D. Register and wife of Clifford E. Moore.

“Nannie” Nancy Stewart Moore - Daughter of John Stewart and Benita Davis Wetherington and wife of Wiley A. Moore.

Madie Bell Moran

Julie Powell

Annie L. Mercer Register - wife of James M. Register, buried in church cemetery.

Elzie A. Mercer Register – wife of William D. Register. Buried in Spring Garden cemetery.

Laura J. Moore Register – daughter of Wiley A. Moore and Nancy S. Stewart. Married James Albert Register.

Lula C. (White) Register - wife of Mark Wayne Register.

Sennie Mercer Register – wife of Joseph Elijah Register. Buried in the Beech Grove Methodist cemetery.

Fannie (Frances) A. Smith – the daughter of John Stewart and Benita Davis Wetherington. Married Cannon Smith.

Annie Moore Stewart – wife of George R. Stewart, Clarks resident and daughter of John C. Moore. Buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Delia Smith Stewart – daughter of Cannon Smith and wife of John Clemmie Stewart of Clarks.

Mamie Stewart – daughter of James T. Stewart and Alice Wetherington

Lillian Wetherington Stewart – daughter of Abner B. Wetherington and wife of Herman E. Stewart. Buried in Greenleaf cemetery.

Mary Henrietta Smith Stewart - daughter of Cannon Smith and Frances Stewart, and wife of Jesse P. Stewart.

Minnie M. Register Stewart 1887 -1921 - daughter of William D. Register and 1st wife of Floyd W. Stewart.

Susan Bratcher Stewart d. 1922 – daughter of Lewis Bratcher, wife of James Haywood Stewart.

Clara Ann Bratcher Taylor died 1920 –widow living with her sister, Mary Bratcher Webster.

Dora Taylor

Weltha (Wealthy) A. Wetherington Taylor – daughter of Amos Wetherington and Mary Owens. Wife of John Edward Taylor. John and Wealthy are buried in the church cemetery.

Mary E. Bratcher Webster – died 1922, daughter of Durant Bratcher, wife of John Webster, Tuscarora resident.

Ammie (Amy) Register Wetherington d. 1928 – daughter of William D. Register, wife of Josephus S. Wetherington.

Beneter (Benita) Jane Eubanks Wetherington – Daughter of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra Stewart. The 2nd wife of Abner Wetherington, buried in the church cemetery.

Bessie Estelle Wetherington - daughter of John Ed Wetherington and Mary E. Daly, married William Franklin Daugherty.

Bettie Civils Wetherington – daughter of Stephen Civils and Ann Anderson, wife of Samuel S. Wetherington, died in 1920.

Carrie Wetherington – daughter of William H. Wetherington and Mary L. Civils, married Luby S. Powell in 1920.

Cerena A. (Taylor) Wetherington – discontinued membership – wife of James Lemuel Wetherington, their infant child was buried in Stewart cemetery

Dessar Register Wetherington – wife of Oren C. Wetherington and daughter of William D. Register – their infant son was buried in the church cemetery.

Letha Moore Wetherington – daughter of Wiley A. Moore and Nancy S. Stewart. Married Noah Wetherington. Buried New Bern Memorial cemetery.

Luetta A. Garner Wetherington – wife of Richard H. Wetherington, the son of John Herring Wetherington.

Mary (Mamie) Catharine Wetherington – daughter of John S. Heath and wife of Edward Wetherington.

Mary L. (Civils) Wetherington – daughter of Stephen Civils and Ann Anderson, widow of William H. Wetherington. The mother of Duffy S. Wetherington, buried in the Stewart cemetery. Lived on the south side of Rollover Creek.

Mollie (Mary D.) Wetherington died 10-17-1918, the wife of Elex (Alexander) Wetherington. Mary was buried in the church cemetery.

Nancy Virginia Eubanks Wetherington – daughter of Thomas E. Eubanks and wife of Amos T. Wetherington.

Nannie Wetherington - possibly the wife of Charles H. Wetherington.

Maggie Whitley - wife of James H. Whitley of Tuscarora

Martha Whitley – daughter of Martha and James H. Whitley

Erma O. Eubanks Yancy – died - daughter of Thomas E. Eubanks and Sabra Stewart. Married H. M. Yancy in 1901.

Last Name	First Name	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	3-5	06	07	08	09	10	13	14	15	16	17
Bratcher	George	X	X																				
Bratcher	Gertrude	X																					
Bratcher	Harvey Thomas	X	X			X	X	X	X	X													
Bratcher	Mamie											X											
Bratcher	Mary	X	X				X	X	X														
Butchard	M.				X																		
Charlton	George											X	X	X	X								
Civils	Etouna					X																	
Civils	Myrtle					X																	
Cook	Clarabell																		X	X	X	X	X
Cook	George S.																		X	X	X		X
Cook	Leon W.														X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Cook	Louise																		X	X	X	X	X
Cook	Mary																		X	X	X	X	
Cook	Sam											X							X	X	X		X
Daugherty	Carrie		X																				
Dillon	J. E.	X																					
Dillon	R. A.	X																					
Dillon	Ralph																		X	X	X		
Eubanks	Ezekiel				X																		
Ewell	Charlie																		X	X	X	X	
Flowers	Ella																	X	X	X			
Flowers	Ginnie																	X	X	X			
Flowers	Robert																X						
Flowers	W. T.																	X	X				
French	Mamie Register						X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Grady	George																			X	X		
Grady	J. C.																						X
Grady	Mary																					X	X
Grady	Mrs.																			X			
Grady	Olive																			X	X		X
Griffin	Geneva																	X	X	X	X	X	X
Griffin	George																			X	X		
Griffin	Gladys																	X	X	X	X	X	X
Griffin	Harvey							X															
Griffin	Myrtle																					X	X
Griffin	Vance							X															
Griffin	Willie																				X		X
Henderson	E. S.											X											
Humphrey	Daisy													X				X	X	X	X	X	X
Humphrey	Frank	X	X		X	X						X											
Ipock	Addie																			X			
Ipock	Addie Laura																			X			
Ipock	Berches																			X			
Ipock	E. T.																			X			

Last Name	First Name	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	3-5	06	07	08	09	10	13	14	15	16	17
Ipock	G. T.																		X				
Ipock	Katie																		X				
Ipock	Raymond																		X				
Jackson	Alice																						X
Jackson	Ashley																						X
Jackson	Marvin																						X
Jackson	Ollen																						X
Jackson	Robert																						X
Jackson	Robert																						X
Jackson	U. S.																						X
Jones	Clarence											X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Jones	Luke								X	X			X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jones	Susan Mary														X	X	X						
Kilpatrick	Jane																		X				
Lamm	Solomon															X	X						
Manning	Damie																						X
Manning	Ernest																						X X
Manning	Letha																						X X
Manning	Lorena																						X X
Manning	Willie																						X X
Moore	Annie					X	X		X			X											
Moore	Clifford E.					X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X			X		
Moore	Clyde																		X	X	X	X	X
Moore	Gladys													X									
Moore	Gradie																	X					
Moore	Herbert																			X	X		X
Moore	Larie																			X	X	X	X
Moore	Laura					X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X				
Moore	Leon															X		X	X	X	X		X
Moore	Luther								X		X	X	X										
Moore	Mattie													X	X								
Moore	Maud																				X		X
Moore	Nannie Vic																		X	X	X	X	X
Moore	Royce																				X		X
Moore	Shepard N.															X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Moore	Tethermore															X							
Moore	Walter											X	X	X	X								
Moore	Wiley												X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Moore	Willie T.					X	X	X				X	X	X	X		X	X					
Osteen	Richard C.									X													
Osteen	Willie									X													
Phillips	Eligah/Elisah			X		X																	
Potter	Annie														X								
Potter	Bettie														X								
Potter	Dempsey														X		X	X					

Chapter 24 The Cemeteries of Tuscarora

Several various compilations of cemetery records in Craven County exist. This chapter examines the cemeteries in Tuscarora in more detail with annotations on the deceased.

A. The Solomon Wetherington Cemetery

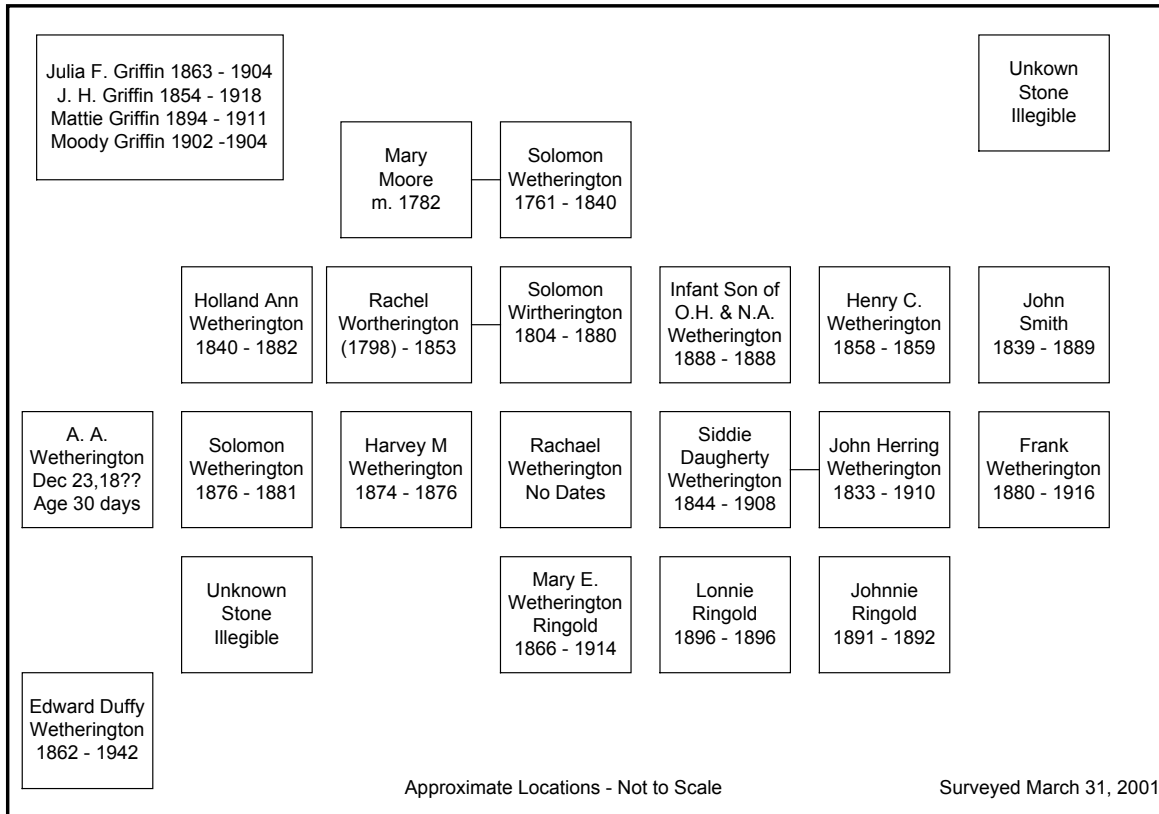
Located in the woods behind the Solomon Wetherington, Jr. home, the earliest known interment is Mary Moore Wetherington of 1822. A deed of 1811 mentions a graveyard and a deed of 1834 mentions the “old graveyard”. Interments are the mostly the family of Solomon Wetherington, Jr, his parents, and the John Herring Wetherington family. The last interment was Edward Duffy Wetherington in 1942, at this time the road was so overgrown a mule cart was enlisted to move the casket to the cemetery. One curious note is the various spellings of the name Wetherington. The cemetery, known to Nannie B. Wetherington as a child in the 1920s, had many old wooden markers that have perished.



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Figure 52 *Solomon Wetherington Cemetery*

LAYOUT OF SOLOMON WETHERINGTON CEMETERY



The Solomon Wetherington Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Information
Griffin, J. H.	04/26/1854	12/26/1918	Purchased the Solo Wetherington tract
Griffin, Julia F.	01/01/1863	10/18/1904	Wife of J. H. Griffin
Griffin, Mattie C.	06/18/1894	01/18/1911	Dau of J. H. and Julia Griffin
Griffin, Moody M.	08/25/1902	12/20/1904	Son of J. H. and Julia Griffin
Moore, Mary married in 1782	--	--	Wife of Solomon Wetherington, died about 1822
RINGGOLD, Johnie L.	11/21/1891	01/17/1892	Son of J.A. and M. E. Ringgold
RINGGOLD, Mary E.	08/12/1866	05/04/1914	Wife of J. H. Ringgold, daughter of J.H. Wetherington
RINGGOLD, Lonnie	1896	1896	Son of J.A. and M. E. Ringgold
Smith, John G.	05/04/1839	05/11/1889	Son of Hardy Smith and Mary Wetherington
Wetherington, A.A.	12/23/NoYr	Age 23 days	Son of J. H. and Siddie Wetherington
Wetherington, Edward Duffy	03/07/1862	02/16/1942	Brother of Solomon Wetherington Jr
Wetherington, Harvey M.	03/08/1874	09/01/1876	Son of J. H. and Siddie Wetherington
Wetherington, Henry C.	01/16/1858	07/19/1859	Son of Solomon and Harriett Wetherington
Wetherington, Holland Ann	06/28/1840	10/16/1882	Dau of Solomon and Rachel W., never married
Wetherington, Infant Son	05/01/1888	05/01/1888	Son of O. H. and N. A. Wetherington
Wetherington, J. H.	02/18/1833	11/20/1910	John Herring, son of Solomon, Jr. (1804-1880)
Wetherington, Rachel	--	--	Dau of J. H. Wetherington and Siddie Daugherty
Wetherington, Siddie D.	05/19/1844	05/29/1908	Wife of J. H. Wetherington, Siddie Daugherty
Wetherington, Soloman	10/04/1761	1840	Soldier of the Revolution (reported died June 28)
Wetherington, Solomon	03/10/1876	09/20/1881	Son of J.H. and Siddie Wetherington
Wetherington, M. Frank	01/08/1880	09/21/1916	Son of J.H. and Siddie Wetherington
Wetherington, Solomon	01/30/1804	04/13/1880	Solomon, Jr. Baptised 03/10/1824
Wortherington, Rachel	55y 1m 13d	08/21/1853	Consort of Solomon Wortherington (married 1832)

B. The Stewart Cemetery

Located off Tuscarora Rhems Road south of the US 70 Bypass, the cemetery is named for the Stewart family. John Stewart married Beneta Davis Wetherington, the daughter of Jesse Wetherington and granddaughter of Solomon Wetherington in 1839. Besides the Stewart family many other relations and Tuscarora residents were buried in the cemetery between 1876-1939. Long neglected, many of the old wooden markers had deteriorated prior to the beginning of maintenance by the Gethseman Free Will Baptist church. The oldest known interment is William Riley Stewart in 1876 and the latest is W. A. Adams in 1939.

The Stewart Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Information
Adams, Archibald	Oct 1818	11/24/1916	Age 98 – Resident of Tuscarora
Adams, Calvin Cordell	10/11/1907	10/22/1908	Son of R.O. and Annie Adams
Adams, James D.	09/04/1896	08/16/1902	Son of D. R. and Annie Adams
Adams, Lorenzo S.	06/18/1868	08/30/1902	Son of Archibald and Rebecca
Adams, Mirah Pearl	06/12/1908	12/12/1911	Dau of R. O. and Annie Adams
Adams, Octavo	12/22/1872	01/09/1931	Wife of W. A. Adams, daughter of Cannon Smith
Adams, Rebecca	12/30/1838	02/25/1904	Wife of Archibald Adams
Adams, Reller G.	07/30/1894	10/01/1894	Son of D.R. and Annie Adams
Adams, W. A.	04/10/1864	02/28/1939	Resident of Tuscarora
Avery, Goldie F.	10/14/1901	06/13/1903	Dau of J.R. and B.D. Avery
Daugherty, Daniel	06/01/1832	11/26/1893	Son of Ephraim Daugherty
Daugherty, Jane L.	10/11/1849	09/18/1892	Jane L. Davis, Wife of Daniel Daugherty
Eubanks, Frederick	07/16/1869	11/15/1888	Son of Thomas E. and Sabra J.
Eubanks, Nancy	84 years	08/18/1914	Sister of Thomas E. Eubanks
Eubanks, Sabra J(ane Stewart)	09/14/1844	01/14/1909	Wife of Thomas E. Eubanks
Eubanks, Thomas E.	12/16/1828	04/25/1903	Son of Redmond Eubanks (1808)
Hines, Albert Barker	12/20/1919	02/09/1922	Son of Charlie and Mary Hines
Hines, William Eugene	04/08/1921	04/15/1921	Son of Charlie and Mary Hines
Humphrey, Levi	07/24/1853	12/08/1924	Husband of Kitty Moore Humphrey
Kilpatrick, Betty May	10/01/1890	11/08/1891	Dau of W.B. and Mary Kilpatrick
Kilpatrick, Francis	02/17/1822	01/06/1887	
Kilpatrick, Margaret	06/29/1838	03/28/1920	
MANNING, Herbert D.	02/14/1891	02/17/1916	Son of L.H. and M.A. Manning, bro of Lorena W'ton
Moore, Annie	11/28/1912	02/05/1914	Dau of G.B. and Annie Stewart
Moore, Nancy S.	1959	1931	'Nannie' Shepard Stewart, wife of W. A. Moore
Moore, Wiley A.	1849	1931	Wiley Augustus Moore, son of Wiley b. 1804
Phillips, Renner	12/15/1878	05/18/1916	
Register, William D.	06/23/1851	04/10/1920	One of four brothers from Onslow county
Smith, Susan	10/22/1822	06/27/1895	2 nd Wife of Cannon Smith
Stewart, Beneta D.	10/10/1820	08/10/1903	Beneta Davis Wetherington, Wife of John Stewart
Stewart, Benton F.	07/24/1901	10/31/1904	Son of F.W. and Minnie Stewart
Stewart, Delila Smith	1849	1938	Wife of John C. Stewart
Stewart, Elma	12/08/1908	12/17/1909	Dau of H. E. and Lilla Stewart
Stewart, John	07/21/1809	06/18/1881	Husband of Beneta Davis Wetherington
Stewart, John Clemmie	1847	1938	Son of John Stewart (b. 1809)

The Stewart Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Information
Stewart, John Gordon	03/29/1908	07/02/1909	Son of G.R. and Annie Stewart
Stewart, Lillian Christine	12/04/1921	12/14/1921	Dau of H.E. and Lilla Stewart
Stewart, Mariah M.	02/20/1859	09/04/1879	1 st Wife of J. C. Moore, Daughter of John Stewart
Stewart, Mary Louise	09/29/1900	10/14/1901	Dau of D.L. Stewart and Mary Ann Taylor Stewart
Stewart, Sabra J.	08/06/1902	05/02/1903	Dau of George and Carolina Stewart
Stewart, W. M. R.	04/29/1841	03/13/1876	Son of John Stewart, William Riley
Taylor, Annie E.	09/06/1855	09/10/1910	2 nd Wife of James O. Taylor, Annie Elizabeth Pryle
Taylor, Evelene	09/30/1856	08/09/1885	1 st Wife of D.C. Taylor
Taylor, Margaret	03/14/1855	11/22/1902	1 st Wife of James O. Taylor, Margaret Hardison
Taylor, Ruth	12/24/1857	09/04/1902	Dau of D.C. and Alice Taylor
Thomas, Catharine E.	11/10/1865	02/17/1934	John A. and Catharine E.
Thomas, Christabell (Register)	04/09/1905	08/25/1922	Wife of Leroy Thomas, daughter of J. A. Register
Thomas, Infant Daughter	08/22/1922	08/22/1922	Dau of Leroy Thomas and Christabell Register
Thomas, John A.	01/26/1860	06/11/1932	John A. and Catharine E.
Thomas, Lenda Adell	03/01/1900	05/29/1902	Dau of C.A. Thomas
WEEKS, Infant Son	01/06/1891	01/25/1891	Son of N.T. and L. Weeks
WEEKS, Infant Son	07/17/1894	07/20/1894	Son of N.T. and L. Weeks
WEEKS, Infant Son	05/25/1923	05/25/1923	Son of E.S. and Daisy Weeks
WEEKS, Julia	01/01/1822	02/03/1901	Wife of J. T. Weeks, mother of N. T. Weeks
WEEKS, Linda	02/01/1854	06/18/1936	Wife of N.T. Weeks
WEEKS, Nathaniel T.	03/31/1858	10/15/1939	Tuscarora Resident, father of E. S. Weeks
Wetherington, Daisy	10/23/1902	11/17/1903	Dau of A.T. and Virginia Eubanks Wetherington
Wetherington, Duffey S.	09/01/1868	10/18/1930	Son of Mary L. Civils Wetherinton
Wetherington, Erasmus (Samuel)	12/21/1813	02/24/1893	Son of Jesse Wetherington
Wetherington, Georgina	05/10/1863	09/27/1882	1 st Wife of Abner Wetherington
Wetherington, Infant Son	02/09/1913	02/10/1913	Son of J. S. and Amie Register Wetherington
Wetherington, Lonia	10/08/1890	01/07/1897	Dau of J.L. and Cerenia
Wetherington, Lula F.	1893	1985	Dau of J. L. and Cerenia
Wetherington, Margy Imogene	08/05/1912	03/13/1913	Dau of A.T. and Ginnie
Wetherington, Marina	12/21/1812	11/25/1890	Wife of Erasmus S. Wetherington
Wetherington, Mary L. (Civils)	08/12/1844	05/08/1926	Wife of William H. Wetherington
Wetherington, William H.	06/06/1834	08/25/1907	Father of Duffey S. Hus of Mary L.
Williams, Fleetwood	01/02/1902	05/01/1902	Dau of M. C. and Mary Wetherington Williams

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C. The Gethsemane Church Cemetery

Located on the Tuscarora Rhems Road at the Gethsemane FWB Church, the cemetery is also the site of the Liberty Meeting House, an ante-bellum church meeting house. The cemetery is maintained by the Gethsemane church, its earliest known interment was Rebecca Wetherington Taylor 1820 - 1898, daughter of Jeremiah Wetherington.

When the US 70 bypass was built in the 1970s, the Bratcher Cemetery was incorporated in the Gethsemane church cemetery. The relocated graves were not marked except for two Stewart infant gravesites. The unmarked relocated graves are listed in the Bratcher Cemetery listing.



Figure 53 Gethsemane FWB Church Cemetery

The Gethsemane Church Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Comments
Adams, Alvin	36 Years	08/30/1909	Resident of Tuscarora
Anderson, Pearl B.	08/12/1942	-0-	W.E. and Pearl B. Anderson
Anderson, W. E. (Bill)	05/18/1917	05/21/1986	W.E. and Pearl B. Anderson
Avery, Maggie	05/06/1846	04/10/1926	Margaret Taylor Avery, Dau of Rebecca Taylor
Benton, James William	01/02/1911	06/03/1912	Son of W.R. and Gertrude Benton
BURCH, Edna Hobbs Prevost	10/01/31	-0-	Daughter of Charles Prevost, wife of E. L. Burch
BURCH, Ernest Lester	10/01/1928	04/01/2000	
Cook, Mariam E.	10/19/1869	07/24/1956	Willie M. and Mariam E.
Cook, Willie M.	02/12/1866	03/06/1935	Willie M. and Mariam E.
HALL, William Kevin	--	09/08/1981	
HILL, Lewis R.	11/07/1936	07/17/1992	
Hines, Charlie	07/02/1875	01/10/1939	Mary Frances and Charlie
Hines, Mary Frances	03/11/1885	08/01/1966	Mary Frances and Charlie
Jackson, Louise Heath	09/13/1925	-0-	Wife of William Tull Jackson
Jackson, Viola Agnes Hines	03/29/1904	03/01/1988	Daughter of Charlie and Mary Hines
Jackson, William C. ' Buck'	09/27/1898	05/31/1966	Husband of Viola Hines Jackson
Jackson, William Tull	11/20/1922	04/24/2003	Son of Wm. C. Jackson
Kraft, Nancy B. Pitts	02/22/1952	01/23/2000	Granddaughter of Charles Prevost

The Gethsemane Church Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Comments
Linville, Dana Rena		07/23/97	Daughter of Tom and Kelly Linville
Merritt, Anna Clara	10/27/1905	10/23/1928	Clara Hines, Wife of L. F. Merritt, Jr.
Moore, Bedia Register	11/02/1892	07/05/1954	Bedia Register and W.T. Moore
Moore, Bryan Thomas	09/24/1975	01/19/1981	Son of Thomas and Lois B. Moore
Moore, Eddie	05/31/1905	08/29/1905	Son of Charles and Josephine Moore
Moore, Ruby	08/19/1906	12/09/1908	Infant of Charles and Josephine Moore
Moore, Myrtle Benton	10/14/1917	-0-	Myrtle B. and Willie T. Moore Jr
Moore, Willie Thomas	06/13/1887	08/08/1954	Bedia Register and W.T. Moore
Moore, Willie Thomas, Jr	01/17/1923	12/24/1957	Myrtle B. and Willie T. Moore Jr
Morton, Foy R.	07/13/1909	12/07/1972	Foy R. and Louise Moore
Morton, Louise M.	04/08/1912	10/21/2001	Louise Moore, dau of Wm T. and Bedie Moore
Prevost, Charles Walton	11/11/09	10/31/1995	Clarks Resident
Prevost, Goldie Hobbs	04/16/1910	11/07/1996	Wife of Charles Prevost
Register, Annie L.	1870	1950	James M. and Annie L. Mercer Register
Register, Dorothy Bryan	--	-0-	Wife of Lynell Register
Register, Ferney M.	01/01/1901	08/07/1927	Son of James M. and Annie Register
Register, James A.	02/06/1879	03/04/1949	Laura Moore. and J.A. Register
Register, James M.	1863	1941	James Monroe and Annie L. Register
Register, John Rossie	01/28/1906	10/02/1910	Son of J.F. and Pennie Register
Register, Laura Moore	03/19/1885	07/17/1981	Laura M. and J.A. Register
Register, Earl Lynell	1925	1999	Son of James A. Register
RIVENBARK, Anne	06/08/1940	09/11/1940	Dau of W.C. and Sena Rivenbark
RIVENBARK, Carolyn	01/11/1937	01/11/1937	Dau of W.C. and Sena Rivenbark
Stewart, Baby	03/30/1939	03/30/1939	Son of Guy E. and Maebell Stewart
Stewart, James H.	11/01/1901	11/04/1902	Son of James T. and Alice J. Wetherington Stewart
Stewart, Mary C.	08/12/1892	10/12/1902	Dau of James T. and Alice J. Wetherington Stewart
Taylor, John Ed	10/12/1844	04/13/1924	Son of Stephen Taylor & Rebecca, Hus of Wealthy A.
Taylor, Rebecker	78 years	09/14/1898	W of Stephen Taylor, Dau of Jeremiah Wetherington
Taylor, Wealthy Ann	06/15/1851	12/19/1930	Dau of Amos Wetherington, wife of John Ed Taylor
Tilghman, Jesse	02/05/1905		Jesse and Lucille
Tilghman, Lucille	11/08/1918	10/21/1970	Jesse and Lucille
Tyndall, Christine	11/19/1917	08/11/1940	Dau of Jim B. and Phoebe Tyndall
Tyndall, Jim B.	06/07/1893	02/10/1961	Phoebe R. and Jim B.
Tyndall, Phoebe	07/26/1897	06/07/1893	Phoebe R. and Jim B.
Tyndall, Sue McNeil	02/27/1927	09/15/1935	Dau of Jim B. and Phoebe Tyndall
Wetherington, Abner	04/28/1853	11/06/1932	Abner Wetherington and Benter Jane Eubanks
Wetherington, Alice Louise Cook	05/24/1902	05/09/1993	Wife of H. H. Wetherington
Wetherington, Amos T.	03/02/1868	09/19/1934	Son of Amos Wetherington amd Mary F. Owens
Wetherington, Benter Jane	03/02/1865	06/02/1942	B. J. Eubanks, wife of Abner, dau of Thomas Eubanks
Wetherington, C. A.	03/10/1848	06/03/1908	Celia Ann Taylor ., wife of Lemuel T. Wetherington
Wooden Post, next to C. A. W'ton	--	--	Unknown
Wetherington, Clarence T.	10/01/1900	04/27/1983	Son of Amos T. Wetherington and Va. Eubanks
Wetherington, Elex	04/02/1870	06/16/1959	Alexander, son of William H. W'ton and Mary Civils
Wetherington, Essie R.	10/18/1906	10/18/1906	Dau of Elex and Mollie (Mary) D. Wton
Wetherington, Henry H.	08/07/1883	10/09/1968	Henry H. and Louise Cook Wetherington
Wetherington, Infant	03/27/1908	04/02/1908	Son of Oren Carey and Dessar Orena Register W'ton
Wetherington, Katie Phillips	07/07/1911	03/08/1990	Wife of Lonnie Lee Wetherington
Wetherington, L. T.	06/12/1842	12/11/1900	Lemuel , son of E. S. Wetherington, husband of C.A.

The Gethsemane Church Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Comments
Wetherington, Leslie	02/26/1912	01/07/1981	Son of Elex Wetherington and Mollie
Wetherington, Lonnie L.	05/03/1904	09/14/1991	Son of Elex Wetherington and Mollie
Wetherington, Maggie M.	10/18/06	10/18/06	Daughter of Elex and Mollie (Mary) Wetherington
Wetherington, Mary D.	12/25/1877	10/19/1918	Mary D. Burnett, wife of Elex Wetherington
Wetherington, S. S.	08/10/1840	02/16/1901	Samuel, Son of Erasmus S. Wetherington and Marina
Wetherington, Uless A.	11/10/1909	02/16/1911	Son of Claude H. and Neter (Pernita) Wton
Wetherington, Virginia E.	03/9/1874	03/24/1951	Virginia Eubanks, Wife of Amos. T. Wetherington
Wetherington, William C.	12/26/1909	09/01/1911	Son of Richard H. and Luetta A. Wton
Wetherington, William D.	12/10/1921	05/09/1993	Son of Henry H. Wetherington and Alice Louise Cook
Wetherington, William H.	08/27/1848	05/23/1898	Son of Erasmus S. Wetherington
Williams, Mary Jane Hines, R.N.	09/26/1931	07/16/1988	Daughter of Neppie Wetherington Hines

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D. The Bratcher Cemetery

Relocated to the Gethsemane church about 1970, the cemetery was moved due to the construction of the US 70 bypass in 1973. Originally on the eastern side of the Tuscarora Rhems Road beside Tomahawk Branch.

The Bratcher Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Comments
Bratcher, Elizabeth W.	(1860)	(bef. 1900)	Sister of Abner Wetherington , daughter of Amos
Bratcher, George	--	--	
Bratcher, Infant	--	--	Child of Elizabeth Wetherington Bratcher
Bratcher, Infant	--	--	Child of Elizabeth Wetherington Bratcher
Bratcher, Jackson	--	--	
Bratcher, Rudolph W.	--	--	
Stewart, James H.	11/01/1901	11/04/1902	Dau of James.T. and Alice J. Wetherington Stewart
Stewart, Mary C.	08/12/1892	10/12/1892	Dau of James .T. and Alice J. Wetherington Stewart
Taylor, Clara Ann	(1840)	1920	Daughter of Durant Bratcher
Webster, Mary E.	(1836-40)	1922	Daughter of Durant Bratcher, married John Webster
Bratcher, Durant	(1808)	--	
UNKNOWN	--	--	
UNKNOWN	--	--	

The record of the Bratcher cemetery removal does not report interment dates, the dates given above are based on census information and death certificates from Craven County. Only the relocated infant Stewart markers survive in the Gethsemane cemetery.

E. The John Moore Family Cemetery

Located behind the Moore homestead on Dry Monia Road in Tuscarora.

The John Moore Family Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Comments
Flybus, Challie Taylor	05/05/1846	05/30/1924	Dau of John Moore, wife of John Q. A. Flybus
Flybus, John Q. A.	01/25/1840	09/04/1919	Husband of Challie Taylor Moore
(WATSON), Sarah Flybus	12/23/1870	02/01/1899	Dau of John Flybus, wife of Alexander Watson
Humphrey, Caroline Moore *	(5/05/1858)	(9/24/1928)	Unmarked – Daughter of John C., wife of Richard E.
Humphrey, Mary	(1862)	(1879-80)	Unmarked – Dau John C., 1 st wife of Levi Humphrey
Humphrey, Richard Erwin *	(5/16/1848)	(02/01/1925)	Unmarked – Husband of Caroline Moore
Moore, John	10/16/1816	04/23/1892	Husband of Richelda Taylor Moore
Moore, John Clayton	01/11/1855	12/08/1923	Son of John Moore
Moore, Maggie V.	12/17/1883	09/10/1884	Daughter of John C. Moore and Mary A. Corbitt
Moore, Mary A.	12/21/1862	03/01/1947	Mary A. Corbitt, 2 nd wife of John C. Moore
Moore, Richelda Taylor	04/20/1827	05/07/1887	Dau of Abraham Taylor, wife of John Moore b. 1816
WATSON, -----	12/23/1870	01/31/1890	Wooden Marker
WATSON, George W.	07/04/1893	07/02/1915	Son of Alex Watson & Sarah Flybus
UNKOWN			2 sites, 1 metal marker, 1 wooden marker (1996)

(* Interment known per Craven Co. Death Certificate)

G. The Bogey - Richardson Cemetery

Located off SR1224 on Lee Moore Rd (timber road).

The Bogey – Richardson Cemetery			
Name	Birth	Death	Additional Comments
Bogey, Marcus Cicero	04/13/1798	12/14/1868	Executor of Sussanah D. Wetherington Estate
Bogey, Margaret (Fleetwood)	03/29/1797	09/11/1872	Wife of Marcus C. Bogey
Matthews, Fannie H.	01/06/1850	09/28/1878	Dau of John H. and P. Richardson
RICHARDSON, Penelope (Bogey)	02/14/1821	05/01/1873	Wife of John H. Richardson
RICHARDSON, John Hiser	06/09/1808	11/05/1874	
UMARKED			Several unmarked sites

Figure 54 The Bogey Family Cemetery

Marcus Cicero
Bogey 1798 - 1868





- A. *The Solmon Wetherington Cemetery*
- B. *The Stewart Cemetery*
- C. *The Gethsemane FWB Church Cemetery*
- D. *The Bratcher Cemetery (original site, now relocated to Gethsemane FWB)*
- E. *The John Moore Family Cemetery*
- F. *The Bogey – Richardson Cemetery*

Figure 55 Tuscarora Cemetery Locator Map

Chapter 25 A View of Tuscarora

The North Carolina Gazetteer lists Tuscarora as being settled circa 1825 and named for the Indians who formerly lived in the area.¹ Craven County deeds name several families living in the area prior to 1800. Some of the names found on deeds from the 1790s are Benejah Bogey, Abraham Taylor, Solomon Wetherington, Andrew H. Richardson, David Hudler, James Mackelroy, and Francis Moore.

The Bogeys lived on the southernmost prong of Bachelor Creek near SR 1224, Tuscarora Rhems Road. The Bogey home was known as the Red House during the Civil War, and appears in Union army records. The home is long vanished but the Bogey-Richardson cemetery remains. Marcus Cicero Bogey 1798 – 1868, buried in the family plot there, was a wealthy farmer and the executor of Susanna Davis Wetherington's estate in 1840.

Abraham Taylor, Jr. received a grant in 1785 for 640 acres on Bachelor Creek. Numerous Taylors lived in Tuscarora in the early 1800's and were connected to the Wetheringtons by several marriages.

Ancestors of the Davis family of the Asbury area lived in Tuscarora in the early 1800s. Members of Another prominent Craven family, Andrew, Richard, and John H. Richardson also had sizeable land holdings there.

One family story relates the name of Bachelor Creek to early, unmarried Wetherington brothers, however the name is most likely of Swiss Palatine origin, and an alternate spelling, Batchelder's Creek, also appears in early records. The name Bachelor Creek appears on the Moseley map of 1733, at least 50 years before the Wetheringtons arrived in the Tuscarora area of Craven County.

The name Tuscarora does not appear in early deeds but many watercourse names still identifiable are named. The most often used references are Bachelor Creek, Deep Branch, Hudler's Pond, Tomahawk Branch, Beaverdam Branch, and Limbo Branch. The name Rollover Creek does not appear until the Civil War, prior to the 1860's it was called Limbo Branch. The term Rollover first appears to have been used for an area along a section of Limbo Branch. The name Rollover Creek appears to come into use as the prevalent name for the watercourse and area after the Civil War.

Tomahawk Branch was a prong of Bachelor Creek north of the Liberty Meeting House (Gethsemane church) and south of the Atlantic and NC railroad. The construction of the US 70 highway by-pass in the 1970s all but obiterated the old watercourse.

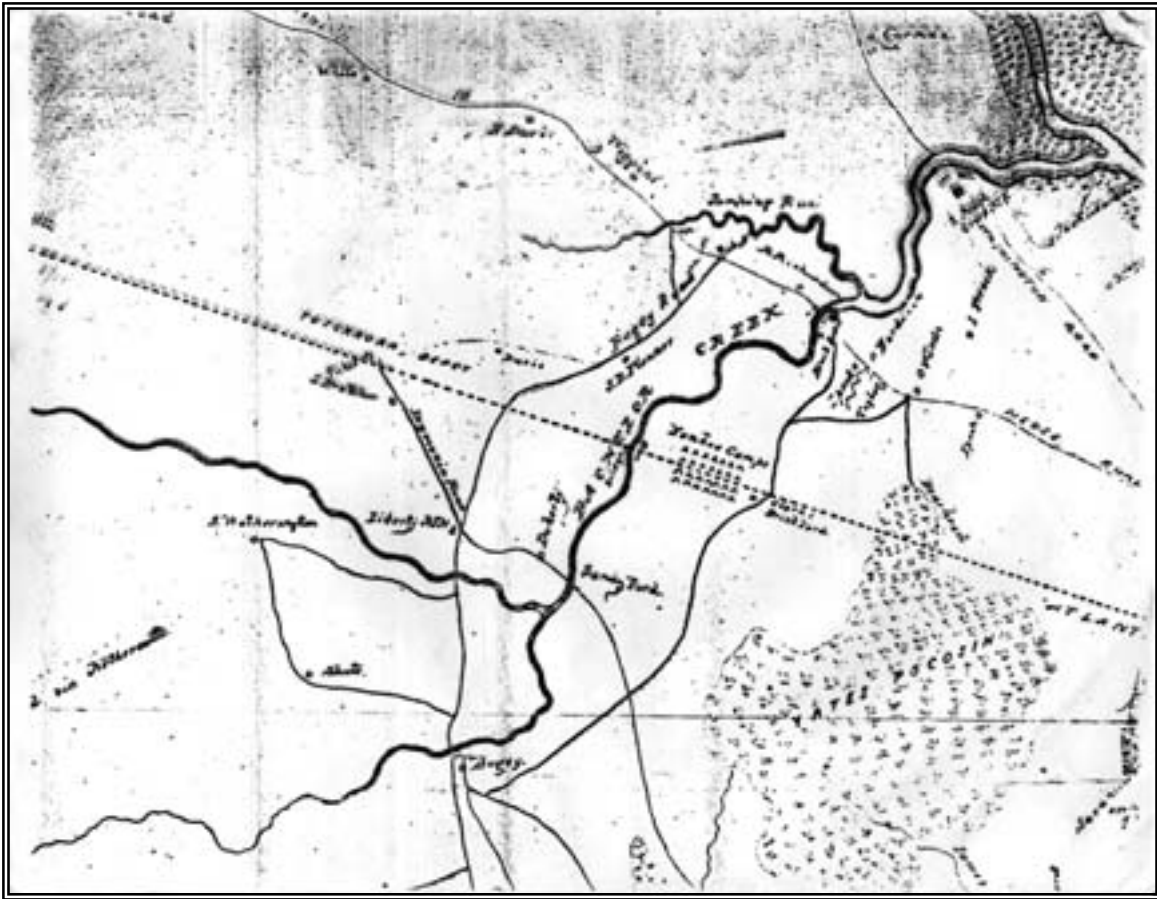


Figure 56 *Lt. Colonel Guion Map of Tuscarora*

A Confederate Civil War map (c. 1862-1864) shows the Clarks and Tuscarora area. Locations include Solomon Wetherington, Jr., Marcus C. Bogey, Bratcher, Shute, and others. (Excerpt from a larger map of the county drawn by Lt. Col. Guion from memory, from the Perkins Library Collection, Duke University)

The Tuscarora area began to prosper with the advent of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad during the late 1850s. A depot was built in Tuscarora, and with the new transportation mode available, the area became a timber resource and the Richardsons operated a lumber business.

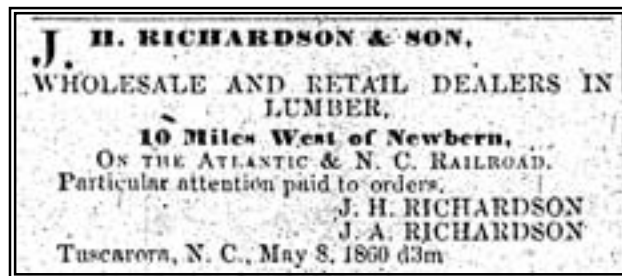


Figure 57 *Early Tuscarora Advertisement, 1860*

Many of the land holders made a living from the naval stores business, turpentine resin was collected from the pines, tar kiln beds, aka “tarkle beds”, were used to process pitch, and others earned a living as a cooper, producing barrels for turpentine shipment.

In addition to the small landowners, others such as Solomon Wetherington, Jr. had numerous enterprises. Solomon raised several crops, held 18 slaves, and also was a producer of turpentine. In 1850, Solomon owned 2,000 acres and produced 1500 barrels of turpentine with 9 laborers earning an average wage of 90 dollars a month.²

During the Civil War and during early Reconstruction, the area was a lawless place. No civil authority existed and either side seized whatever valuables or commodities they could forage from the local residents. An account from 1867 exists where Solomon Wetherington, Jr. stood down a gang of Negro pillagers. On the other hand, the same paper lists an account of the murder of Reubin Bratcher while tending his turpentine boxes in the pinewoods.

From the New Bern Journal of Commerce, July 23, 1867:

We learn by a passenger on the train last evening that still another **Robbery** has ben perpetrated in the region of Tuscarora, about 10 miles from the city. We did not learn the name of the party robbed, but hear that they took everything he had. This was night before last. On yesterday in broad daylight, four negroes went to the residence of Mr. **Solomon Wetherington** near Tuscarora, but Mr. Wetherington not showing any fear they departed. It was thought to be the party that did the robbing the night before. ³

Another Murder – We are again called upon to record another atrocious murder committed on the person of **Reubin Bratcher** at Bachelor Creek in this county and almost within site of the steeples of this city. The murder was committed on Saturday last while Mr. Braches [Bratcher] was in the woods chipping turpentine boxes. It is supposed to be the work of Sturgiss and as the murdered man was one of the most important witnesses against Sturgiss, and as it is not probable he would have been shot for money or valuables at such a distance in the woods while at hard work. ⁴

Law and order gradually returned and in 1882 a post office was established by the railroad. A listing of the post masters for Tuscarora, NC: ⁵

Christopher C. Wetherington	5 Oct 1882
Robert A. Dillon	3 Apr 1884
James M. Moore	31 May 1892
Thomas A. Dillon	28 Dec 1900
Hattie Dillon, Acting	29 Apr 1931
Hattie Dillon	21 Jul 1931
Discontinued	15 Feb 1938

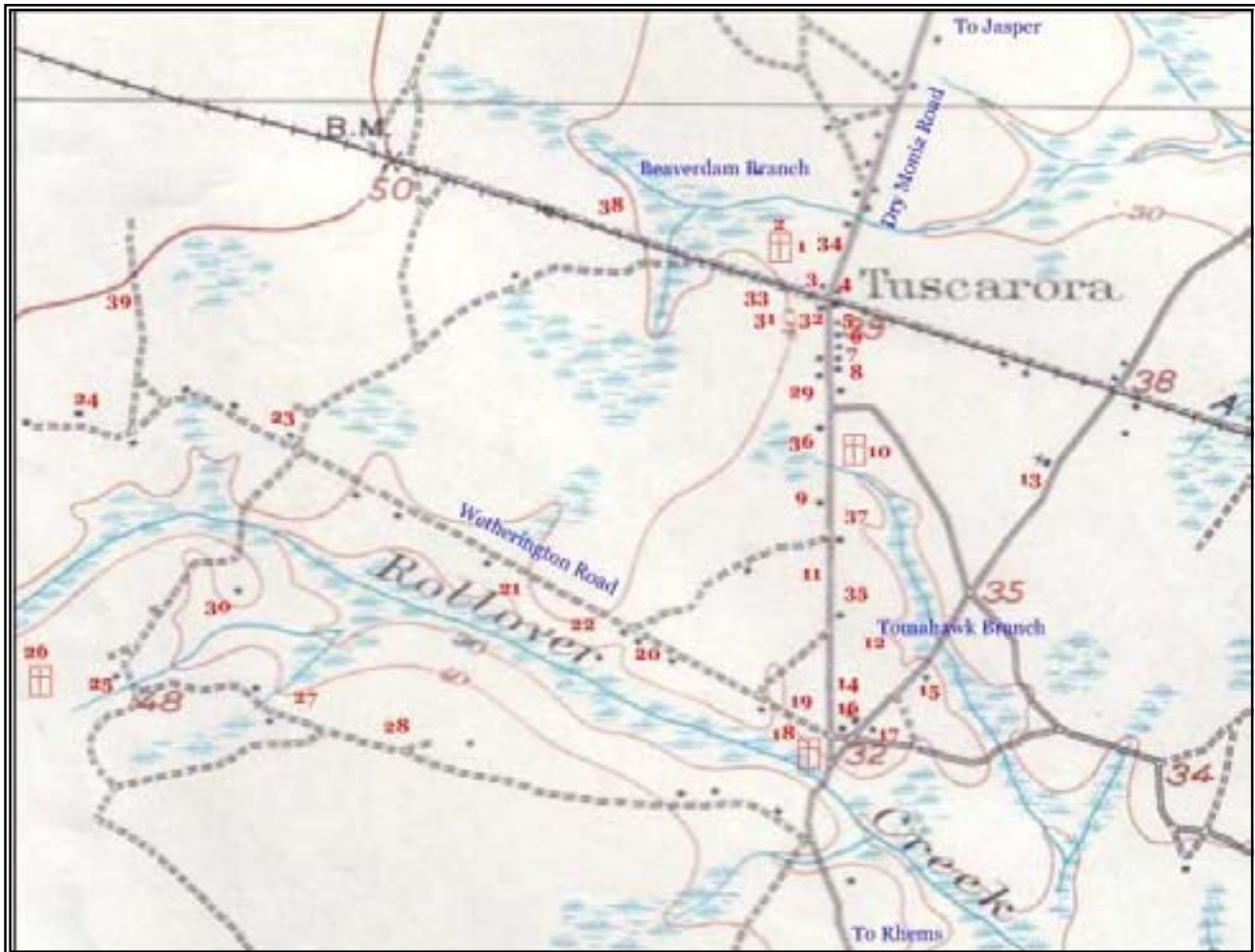


Figure 58 Map of Tuscarora, NC circa 1930

Map Legend

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 John C. Moore Farm | 14 Jackson Home | 27 Mary Civils Wetherington |
| 2 Moore Cemetery | 15 Joyner Home | 28 Leon & Retta Cook |
| 3 PO and Tom Dillon Home | 16 Gethsemene FWB Ch. | 29 Mary Bratcher Webster |
| 4 RR Freight Depot | 17 Herman E. Stewart Home | 30 Wiley A. Moore, Jr. |
| 5 OHP Wetherington Store | 18 Cemetery | 31 Wiley A. Moore, Sr. |
| 6 Wm. A. Adams Home | 19 Harvey Griffin Home | 32 Earl S. Weeks |
| 7 William & Marion Cook | 20 Abner Wetherington | 33 Clifford E. Moore |
| 8 Methodist Church | 21 John & Wealthy Taylor | 34 Sutton Home |
| 9 Noah Wetherington | 22 Nettie Eubanks Howell | 35 Widow Jackson |
| 10 Bratcher Cemetery | 23 OHP Wetherington | 36 Nathaniel Thomas Weeks |
| 11 Tuscarora School | 24 Fred & Marie Morton | 37 Skinner Farm |
| 12 Stewart Cemetery | 25 Solomon Wetherington, Jr. | 38 James M. Register |
| 13 Church (Black) | 26 Solo Wetherington Cem | 39 Josephus S. Wetherington |

1. **John Moore Farm** - located north of the railroad near Beaver Dam Branch, home place of John Moore family.
 2. **Moore Cemetery** - located on the Moore farm above, the oldest known interment is John Moore, born 1816, and there are numerous unmarked graves.
 3. **Tuscarora Post Office** – was located in the northwest corner of the railroad and Drymonia Road. There were several postmasters, Thomas Dillion served thirty years, from 1900 to 1931 and his wife, Hattie Smith Dillon, superseded him until the post office was discontinued in 1938.
 4. **Atlantic & NC Railroad Depot** - was located in the northeast corner of the railroad and Drymonia Road.
 5. **Oliver Wetherington Store** – was located in the southeast corner of the railroad and Drymonia Road.
 6. **William Allen Adams House** - located south of the railroad, property was in this area was acquired by W. A. Adams from Amos Wetherington in 1885. The date of the structure is unknown.¹
 7. **William and Mariam Cook Home** – located south of the railroad the house was later purchased by Levi Norris.
 8. **Tuscarora Methodist Church** – Originally the Baptists and Methodists shared the use of the Liberty Meeting House, a new Methodist structure was built about 1890 on this site, the church became inactive in the 1960-70s. It has been converted into a private residence.
 9. **Noah Wetherington** – the home was located on the west side of the present US 70 bypass and was relocated during the highway construction. Noah's son, Elbert Ray Wetherington operated the farm in the 1930's and sold it to his brother-in-law J. Milton Speight. It remained in the Speight family until the property was acquired by the highway right-of-way. Levi Ricks purchased the house and relocated the structure to Clarks, NC.
 10. **Bratcher Cemetery** – was located on the northeast side of the current US 70 highway interchange. The highway reconstruction removed the known graves to the Gethsemane Church cemetery. A listing of the graves removed from the site exist, only two infant grave markers survived the relocation.
 11. **Tuscarora School** – was located on the southwest side of the current US 70 highway interchange. The wooden frame L-shaped structure contained was 2-3 schoolrooms and was built about 1881.
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12. **Stewart Cemetery** – located on the southeast side of the current US 70 highway interchange. The oldest known interment is John Stewart, born 1809. The cemetery fell into disuse after the 1920s and many wooden markers have since disappeared. The Gethsemane Church now maintains the cemetery and this genealogical and historical resource is being preserved.
 13. **Unnamed Church** – A dirt road once existed and ran from the Gethsemane church to the railroad, east of Tuscarora. A soil survey map of the area in 1902 locates a church on this road.
 14. **Jackson Home** – located adjacent to the Gethsemane Church, the Jackson family once occupied this wooden structure.
 15. **Joyner Home** – was located on the now grownover road behind the Stewart Cemetery.
 16. **Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church** – established in 1890, is a wooden frame structure with additions. Reportedly the Liberty Meeting House, was moved from the southwest corner of the current intersection to the church's present northeast corner location. One tradition states the current church incorporated the older building into its structure.
 17. **Herman E. Stewart Home** – located on the south side of Gethsemane Church Road, the home was built about 1910-1925.
 18. **Gethsemane Cemetery** – Also referred to as the Wetherington cemetery, this cemetery has been known as the Gethsemane Church cemetery in more recent years. Once the site of the old Liberty Meeting House, the oldest known interment is Rebekkah (Wetherington) Taylor 1820 – 1898.
 19. **Harvey Griffin Home** – was located in the northwest corner of the Gethsemane FWB Church intersection.
 20. **Abner B. Wetherington Home** – was located on Wetherington Road (now Rollover Creek Road). An abandoned silo remains on the old homeplace.
 21. **John and Wealthy Taylor** – located on the south side of Rollover Creek Road in a group of pines. The wooden home and detached kitchen was built about 1870-1880 by John Ed Taylor. The ruins of John E. Taylor's woodwork shop is nearby the house.
 22. **James R. and Nettie Eubanks Howell** - located on the south side of Rollover Creek Road, date unknown.
 23. **Oliver Hazard Perry Wetherington** – once owned a house on the north side of Rollover Creek Road, now demolished.
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24. **Fred and Marie Morton** - lived at end of Rollover Creek Road, the home no longer exists, a modern two story home stands on the site.
 25. **Solomon Wetherington, Jr** – built about 1850, the home has been extensively modified from its original design.
 26. **Solomon Wetherington Cemetery** – Also known as the Griffin Cemetery, the cemetery is on a trail behind the horse barn on the old homestead. The oldest known interment is Solomon Wetherington 1761 – 1840. Many wooden markers known to have existed in the 1920-30s have deteriorated completely. Old Wetherington deeds also refer to the cemetery in 1820 and in the 1840's as the old cemetery. The oldest known interment is Mary Moore, 1st wife of Solomon Wetherington, died 1822.
 27. **William H. Wetherington** – the home of William and wife Mary Civils, was located on the south side of Rollover Creek, sometimes referred to as “across the creek”.
 28. **Leon and Retta Cook** – an abandoned, small wooden structure on the south side of Rollover Creek still remains. Leon and Retta Cook lived here in the early 1900's.
 29. **John Webster** – the home was located on the west side of SR 1224 in Tuscarora, was the home of John Webster and wife Mary Bratcher Webster.
 30. **Wiley A. Moore, Sr** – was located south of the railroad in a now overgrown area, the homesite of Wiley “Gus” Moore and wife Nancy Shepard Stewart.
 31. **Wiley A. Moore** – lived in a house once located on the south side of Rollover Creek, across from the Solomon Wetherington homeplace.
 32. **Earl S. Weeks** – the home was located on the southwest corner of the intersection of SR 1224 and the railroad.
 33. **Clifford E. Moore** – also lived on the old Wiley A. Moore homeplace south of the railroad.
 34. **Sutton Home** – located north of the railroad near the John Moore farm.
 35. **Widow Jackson** – lived in a small wooden home once located between the Stewart cemetery and SR 1224.
 36. **Nathaniel Thomas Weeks** – the home was located on the west side of SR 1224.
 37. **Skinner Farm** – was located on the east side of the current US 70 highway bypass
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38. **James M. Register** – the farm and home was located west of Tuscarora near the current firetower.
39. **Josephus S. Wetherington** - Josephus' father Abner owned a small house on a lane at the end of Wetherington Road (Rollover Creek Road). Josephus and wife Amy Register lived there for a time.

Chapter 26 A History of Clarks

The community of Clarks in the 8th Township derives its name from Henry J. B. Clark's brickyard, the North State Brick Company, located in the area prior to the Civil War. The brickyard was listed in the 1860 census and was located on the Guion map of 1864. The startup of this brickyard coincided with the completion of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad from Beaufort to Goldsboro, NC about 1858. Prior to the railroad there would have been no effective transportation for the community's products.

During the Civil War, Union forces built earthwork fortifications on the east side of Bachelor Creek, on both sides of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. The Clark's brickyard area was used a depot for supplies for the fortifications and the large Yankee camp between the creek and the brickyard on the north side of the railroad. ¹

One of the oldest homes in the area was the John Humphrey home located near the brickyard, purchased by John Humphrey in 1878 from E. R. Stanley, the home originally a log structure. The house built prior to the Civil War, burned in 1966. Most of the extant structures in the community date to about 1880-1910. ²

Never a large community, the 1893 North Carolina directory lists a population of 25. About 1910-20, there were three merchants in the community, George R. Stewart's general store and post office, the Joseph E. Register store (farm equipment) and the Abner Wetherington store (aka Craven Supply Co, farm equipment).

In 1883 John Humphrey was a Justice of the Peace, in 1893, a North Carolina directory lists George Thomas Eubanks as a magistrate in the 8th township. Amos T. Wetherington was also a magistrate in the 8th township.

John Humphrey was appointed postmaster for Clarks in 1892, but does not appear to have served according to postal records.³ At one time the Post Office in Clarks was in the George R. Stewart store, later it was located in the George and Mattie Moore Stevenson home (formerly the Joseph E. Register Store) until the service was discontinued in 1962. The post masters for Clarks were: ⁴

<i>Postmaster</i>	<i>Service Date</i>
George Thomas Eubanks	21 July 1892
Annie A. Taylor	15 April 1907
George R. Stewart	27 June 1910
Annie Moore Stewart	4 March 1915
Goldie Stewart Morris, Acting	1 October 1940
Mattie Moore Stevenson	19 Jul 1941
Discontinued	31 October 1962



***Figure 59 Clark, NC
Postal Cancellation***

The railroad serviced Clarks via a siding, but there was not a regular depot in Clarks, the freight depot for the area being Tuscarora. There was regular rail service for Clarks. The timetable at the right appeared the October 1897 New Bern Weekly Journal.⁵

Clarks was involved in brickmaking from the 1850s until the late 1940s. First was Henry J. B. Clark's brickyard, there was also the Jones and Abbott brickyard, the Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company, the Clark Brick and Tile Company, and the Carolina Brick Company that operated in the area.

Also, at least two dairy farms were in the area in the early 1900s. John Humphrey and Kelley McKeel operated dairy farms in the community. John W. Humphrey took over the dairy operation from his father and later moved his dairy operation to the Beaufort, NC area.

A. & N. C. R. R.			
TIME TABLE NO. 2.			
Going East SCHEDULE		Going West	
No. 2	Passenger Trains	No. 4	
Lv. p m	STATIONS:	Ar. a m	
3 20.....	Goldboro.....	11 27	
3 40.....	LaGrange.....	12 32	
4 12.....	Kinston.....	1 32	
5 15.....	Ar. New Bern, Lv.....	9 20	
5 25.....	Lv. " " Ar.....	9 20	
6 37.....	Ar. Morehead city Lv.....	8 47	
No. 1, †			
Mx'd Ft. and	STATIONS:	Mx'd Ft. and	No. 2, *
Pass.Tn.		Pass.Tn.	
Lv. a m		Ar. p m	
7 20.....	Goldboro.....	8 00	
7 53.....	Best's.....	6 50	
8 10.....	LaGrange.....	6 50	
7 35.....	Falling creek.....	5 20	
9 24.....	Kinston.....	3 00	
9 28.....	Caswell.....	5 15	
9 33.....	Ar. Dover, Lv.....	3 00	
10 15.....	Lv. " " Ar.....	4 20	
10 40.....	Core creek.....	4 00	
11 15.....	Tuscarora.....	3 28	
11 31.....	Clark's.....	3 20	
12 05.....	Ar. New Bern, Lv.....	2 50	
1 20.....	Lv. " " Ar.....	10 47	
2 12.....	Riverdale.....	10 12	
2 26.....	Croatan.....	10 09	
2 50.....	Havelock.....	9 49	
3 12.....	Newport, Lv.....	9 09	
3 25.....	Wildwood.....	8 27	
3 31.....	Atlantic.....	8 20	
3 47.....	Ar. Morehead city, Lv.....	8 20	
3 54.....	Ar. M. city Depot, Lv.....	8 00	
P. M.		A. M.	
*Monday, Wednesday and Friday.			
†Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.			
G. L. HILL, Superintendent.			

Figure 60 Atlantic & NC Railroad Schedule, 1897

The Abbott and Jones Brickyard operated about 1905 and became the Carolina Brick Company, and relocated to Hyman's Siding. The Clarks Lumber Company operated about 1910, one of the several lumber camps operating in the area of Clarks. A lumber milling business also operated in Clarks in 1911 but the location of the old mill is unknown.



Figure 61 Clarks Lumber Co, 1913

An advertisement in the 1911 New Bern Weekly Journal by James M. Register lists a millwork plant for sale in the upcoming town of Clarks. The ad also lists J. M. Register home for sale on a three-acre lot with a young orchard of fruit trees.⁶ This property may have been item 9 on the map, the home of Lehman and Florence Wetherington. The following map locates some of the homes and businesses of Clarks about 1920.

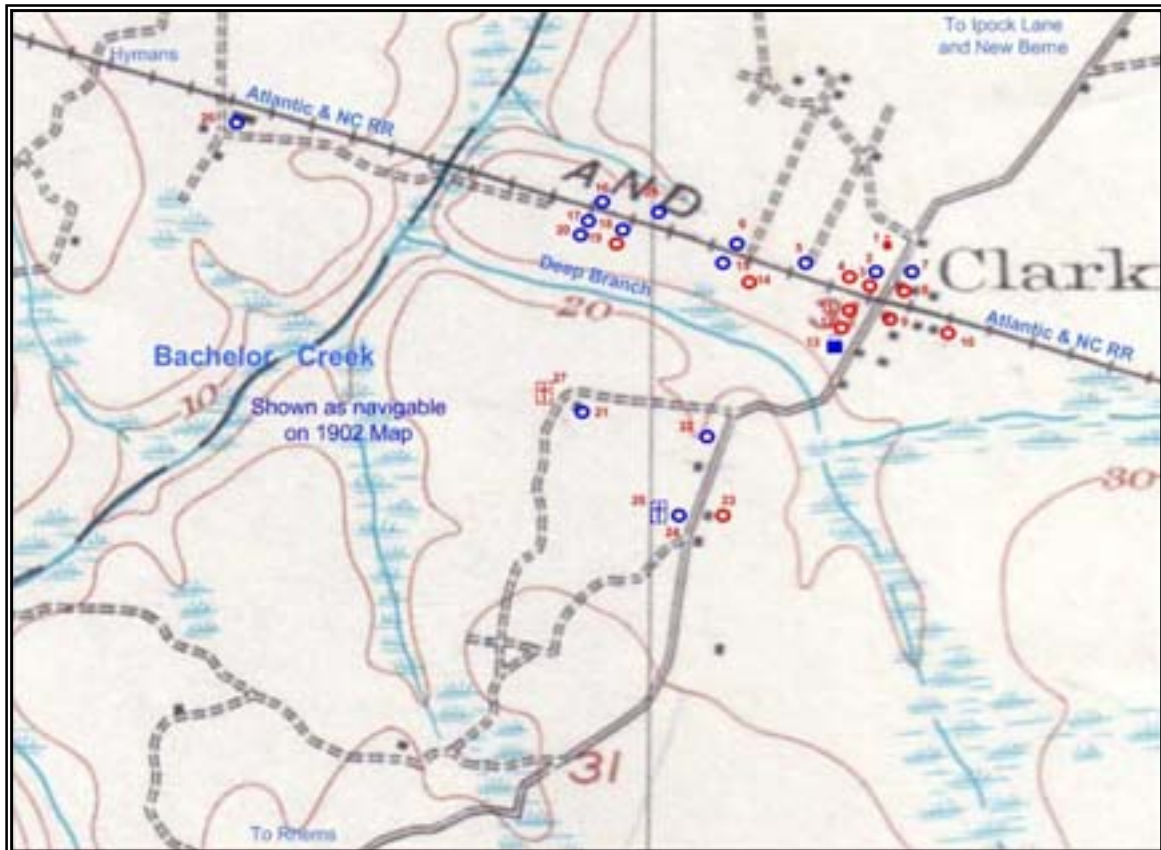


Figure 62 Map of Clarks, NC, circa 1920

1. The **Clarks United Methodist Church** was established in 1905. Originally a one-store wooden structure, the original church was replaced in the 1970s. The old building was purchased by William G. Humphrey and moved to the Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. homeplace where it stands in 2005.
2. The **John and Delila Stewart** home, now demolished was a wooden structure. In the late 1930s, Jay Lee and Nannie Humphrey lived in this house.⁷
3. **The George R. Stewart General Store.** The store, once located between the Stewart home and the road, was relocated to the west side of the house. From 1910 to 1940 the local post office operated out of the store.⁸
4. The **George R. Stewart** home still stands in its original location, a two-story frame home build in 1888.⁹



Figure 63 George Stewart Home and Stewart General Store

5. A two-story house, facing the railroad, was the home of John W. Humphrey and later a Mr. Terry. The home was demolished in the 1960s.¹⁰
6. **Clark Brick and Tile Company Office** was a one-story brick building facing the railroad. The company was incorporated in 1911. Use was discontinued during the early 1930s and the building was demolished about 1967 when the city of New Bern placed a water pipeline through the property.
7. **Amos T. Wetherington** build a two-story home near the Abner Wetherington store (his uncle). A successful local businessman, the large home was also known as the Wetherington Hotel for the family's hospitality.¹¹
8. **Abner B. Wetherington Store.** Built as the Craven Supply Company about 1910 by Abner Wetherington, the two-story brick store was operated by Lehman Wetherington (son of Abner). After Lehman's death the store was sold to Howard Wethington and remains in the Wethington family as of 2002.
9. **Lehman Wetherington Home.** Built in 1888 and later owned by Lehman and Florence Wetherington, the two-story frame home still stands in 2002 and is currently owned by Ben Pitts, Jr.¹² County tax records name the property "Eubanks".



Figure 64 Lehman Wetherington Home and Wetherington Store

- 10. Abner Roy and Lorena Wetherington Home.** A two-story frame house with several outbuildings. Sold and abandoned after the death of Rena Wetherington in the early 1980s, these abandoned buildings are now part of the Craven County Industrial Park. The John W. Humphrey family also lived in this home during about 1910-1920. County tax records refer to the property as "Humphrey Land".¹³



Figure 65 *Abner Roy and Lorena M. Wetherington Home*

- 11. Joseph Register Store.** Built by Joseph Register in 1880, the two story brick store was converted into a home. Mattie Moore Stevenson was postmistress 1941-1962 and a portion of the home was used for the local post office until 1962. Currently the home of Charlotte Mallard Stevenson, daughter-in-law of Mattie since 1944.¹⁴

Figure 66
Joe Register Store, 1880



- 12. Robert Belo Pittman Home.** Reportedly built by Amos T. Wetherington in 1888. Robert and Vera Pittman home purchased the one story frame in the 1930s. Robert and Vera lived in the home for over fifty years.¹⁵

Figure 67 *Robert B. Pittman Home, 1888*



- 13. Clarks School.** A brick schoolhouse, unusual for the county, was converted to a home in the 1930s. It was demolished in the 1970s. The local brick used for the school's construction was salvaged and used for a new home built on the site by Mike Stevenson in the 1970s.
- 14. Charles M. Pittman Home.** Built in 1916 for Charles and Annie Pittman. The Pittmans lived in the home until the 1930s. Ben Pitts, Jr. later owned the home and the house was occupied until the 1970s by the Pitts family.¹⁶
- 15. Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. Home.** Built prior to the Civil War as a log structure, siding and several additions were added over the years. Purchased by John Humphrey in 1878, the home was later occupied by his son, Jay Lee Humphrey. Jay Lee Humphrey and family lived in the home until his death in 1964. The house burned in 1966 and the property was later used as pasture.
- 16. Hannah Chapman Home.** Located on property known as "Woodruff Land". The house and property was owned by Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. and a small house on the site was rented to Hannah Chapman in 1920, the long-time black cook for Humphrey family. The house was demolished at a later unknown date.¹⁷
- 17. George Eubanks Store.** A general store was once at this site. Little else is known about the property.¹⁸
- 18. Enterprise Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company.** Owned by George T. Eubanks, this brickyard is listed in operation in 1904 – 1918. With the death of John W. Stewart, agent and Treasurer, advertisements for the company disappear from local papers and business directories. The operation likely ceased about 1919.¹⁹
- 19. George Thomas Eubanks Home.** This two story frame home, build circa 1917, was the home of George T. Eubanks and family until his death in 1938. The home was later purchased by Charles Prevost and the home remains in the Prevost family in 2002.²⁰



Figure 68 George Thomas Eubanks House, c. 1917

20. Tennant House. Located on land owned by Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. The small one-story home was occupied by Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr and wife Nannie in the late 1930s. The home was demolished in the 1950s.²¹

21. John Humphrey Home. The two-story frame home was build by John Humphrey most likely after 1900. Occupied by John Humphrey until his death in 1917 and later the property was owned by his daughter, Clara Humphrey Foscue , until the late 1970s when it was acquired by William G. Humphrey. The home was partially restored in the 1970s, however it was destroyed by fire in the 1980s.



Figure 69 John Humphrey Home

22. John W. Humphrey Home. John W. Humphrey once owned a one-store frame farmhouse on the site. The property was later purchased by Ben Pitts, Sr., and the home was demolished about 1970. The property is currently owned by The Wolf Timber Company in 2002.²²

23. McKeel Farm. Once a dairy farm, the bulk of the property was acquired for the US 70 Bypass and the home moved nearby. The McKeel home, a two-story frame house built in 1920 still stands in 2002 on Clarks Road.²³



Figure 70 McKeel Farm House

24. Eubanks Homeplace. Site of the homeplace of Redding and Rachel Eubanks, parents of George T. Eubanks. The building was demolished in the 1940s. A family graveyard still exists in the area.

25. Woodruff House. A house once stood on this property prior to 1920. In 1955 only the brick chimney remained. The chimney was demolished in the 1960s.

26. Carolina Brick Company was located at Hyman's south of the railroad. The operation closed in the late 1930s and the buildings were demolished during the 1960s.

27. Humphrey Cemetery located near the John Humphrey homesite on Deep Creek south of Clarks. Gravesites include John Humphrey, Julia Arnold Humphrey and Laura Eleanor Humphrey. Unmarked gravesites include Charles Manly Humphrey and an infant child of Robert and Vera Pittman.²⁴



Figure 71 Humphrey Cemetery, Clarks, NC

28. Eubanks Cemetery located south of US 70 bypass on the west side of SR 1225 are a few gravesites attributed to the Eubanks family. The site has not been examined but is known by the author to exist.²⁵

29. John Roy Wetherington Home. Located on the Wetherington Road, the home of John Roy and Elizabeth Riggs Wetherington was built in 1948.²⁶



*Figure 72
John Roy Wetherington Home*

29. Louis G. Taylor gravesite is located in the Craven County Industrial Park south of the US 70 bypass. The solitary grave 1838-1919 of Louis G. Taylor is marked 'faithful soldier in civil war'.²⁷



*Figure 73
Louis G. Taylor Gravestone*

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