

‘Simmons’ & ‘Sheets’

## Family Histories

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## 'Simmons' Surname

### **Floyd Simmons (1896-1917)**

Floyd or (Floy) was in World War I and was killed in France. We believe he is buried in the Oakdale Cemetery along side his mother Mary Elizabeth (Owens) Simmons. There is a very large tombstone on the south side of the cemetery with his name on the stone as well as Mary Elizabeth. However, we have not been able to find any record of his being buried there - only the memorial. Our father (Omer) recalls seeing Floyd leaning out of the troop train waving until he was out of sight - they never saw him again was Daddy's words -- the family was on the Chouteau Street Bridge in St. Louis.

I (Gail Sue/Simmons/Johnson/Mahar) (sister of Joann Frye) remembering someone saying Floyd died of pneumonia and that he was buried at Oakdale cemetery. When his mother died she asked to be buried next to him and thus the tombstone with both names on opposite sides. Floyd was 21 years of age when he died. There was some question as to whether he was married and had any children.

Name: SIMMONS, Floyd #3232544		DD - 10/8/18	File No.:
Rank and Organization: Private, Co. K, 349th Infantry		CD - Pneumonia	17730
Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, 1411 Carroll St, St. Louis, Mo.		Transport: WHEATON	5/18/21
Ship remains to: Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons,			
Street and No.:			
City: Commerce, Mo.		Telegram sent:	
ROUTING		SHIPPED	
<i>F. J. O.</i> Louisville Sou - St. Louis Frisco Lines - Dest.		Train No.: Time: Date: JUN 4 1921 Station: T. R. No. 3092406	
Attendant:			
..... Days rations.			



*National Archives and Records Administration*

8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

December 7, 2001

Ms. Joann Frye  
27315 Sand Canyon Road  
Canyon Country, California 91387

Dear Ms. Frye:

This letter is in reply to your request of 21 November 2001, regarding a burial file for your uncle.

We located possible material relating to the your uncle among the Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General (Record Group 92). We did not locate anything under *Floy* Simmons, as you spelled him name in your request, but perhaps you meant *Floyd* Simmons. Enclosed are copies from a file which may refer to your uncle. Pvt. Simmons died in France during the First World War and was buried there, as you described. Your original email noted that your father saw your uncle's train departing from St. Louis; St. Louis is mentioned in the file. However, there are references to the body being returned to the United States in 1921. Perhaps you can verify what is listed on the enclosed copies with additional information which you may have on your uncle, such as his unit or your grandmother name.

Listed already on the enclosed NATF Form 72 is the file in case you wish to order the entirety. It consists mainly of documents like the enclosed ones. If you wish to order a copy of the record, please follow the enclosed instructions and return the reply copy with your remittance. You may pay for your order by check, money order, or certain credit cards, but please note the different addresses where to send payment. See the instruction sheet on the reverse of the customer copy for details. Your account will be verified before copies are shipped. Please allow 10-12 weeks for delivery of your order.

We hope that this will help you in your research. We welcome comments regarding the readability of our new order forms.

Sincerely,

M. A. GEDRA  
Modern Military Records (NWCTM)  
Textual Archives Services Division

enclosures: NATF Form 72 (reply copy and customer copy); sample pages from file on Floyd Simmons

NWCTM 0201631

NARA's web site is <http://www.nara.gov>

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Wheaton 5/18/21

17730

Port Transportation Office

Hoboken, N.J.

To: Port Transportation Officer, Pier #2, Hoboken, N.J.

Person authorized to receive remains:

Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, Commerce, Mo.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of:

Pvt. Floyd Simmons, 3232544, Co.K, 349th Inf.

in a satisfactory manner and condition, also burial permit  
this 7 day of June 1921.

Elizabeth Simmons  
Signature of person authorized to  
receive remains.

Note: if person undertaker or otherwise, except the next of  
kin, is authorized to receive remains, have copy of letter of  
authority attached.

TO BE FILLED IN BY ATTENDANT

Name Benjamin Ferriter Rank Private No 3568436

Destination Commerce, Mo.

Date returned June 8, 1921

M  
Return to Rm. 353  
Pier #2, Hoboken, N.J.

SP  
5/10/21

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
ROOM 350, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 31, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.  
(SIMMONS, Floyd)

Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons,  
1411 Carroll Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:-

The records of this office indicate that your wishes with regard to the final disposition of the remains of the late soldier named below should be complied with and you are, therefore, informed that, pursuant to your request, the following instructions have been issued:

Body of late Floyd Simmons, Private, 3232544, Company K, 349th Infantry, to be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Commerce, Missouri.

About ten days prior to the arrival of the body in the United States you will be notified by telegraph and requested to confirm the above shipping instructions. You should immediately reply to such telegram, to avoid delay in the shipment of the body.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M.C.  
Officer in Charge.

By:

J. F. BUDDER,  
1st Lieut., Inf.

RECEIVED  
JAN 31 1921  
2-2961

22, CMM

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Record Group RG 92

Sub-Group Bundl Files, 1915-1939

File Simmons, Floyd

Series box 92

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Simmons, 3232544, Floyd  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
 Private, Co. K, 349th Inf. Reg.  
 (Rank.) (Organization.)  
 Died: Oct. 8.

DATE OF BURIAL..... Oct. 19, 1918.....

Co K.349 PLACE OF BURIAL..... Hericourt.....  
 (Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

French-American Military Cemetery  
 No. 2, environs de Belfort at  
 Hericourt.

GRAVE NUMBER..... ~~107~~ 107

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Yes..... Cross?.....  
 Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Yes

Was one buried with body?..... Yes.....  
 Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... Yes.....

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

Nearest relative:  
 Mrs. Elsey  
 1219 Hickory St.,  
 St. Louis or Jefferson, Mo.

REPORTED BY: J. P. Jockinson, 1st Lt., Chaplain  
 Sr. Chaplain H. B. Boyd officiated.  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G.H.Q., A.E.F.

but report  
 Graves Register  
 data in the  
 burial. He is  
 verifying  
 The burial  
 Hericourt

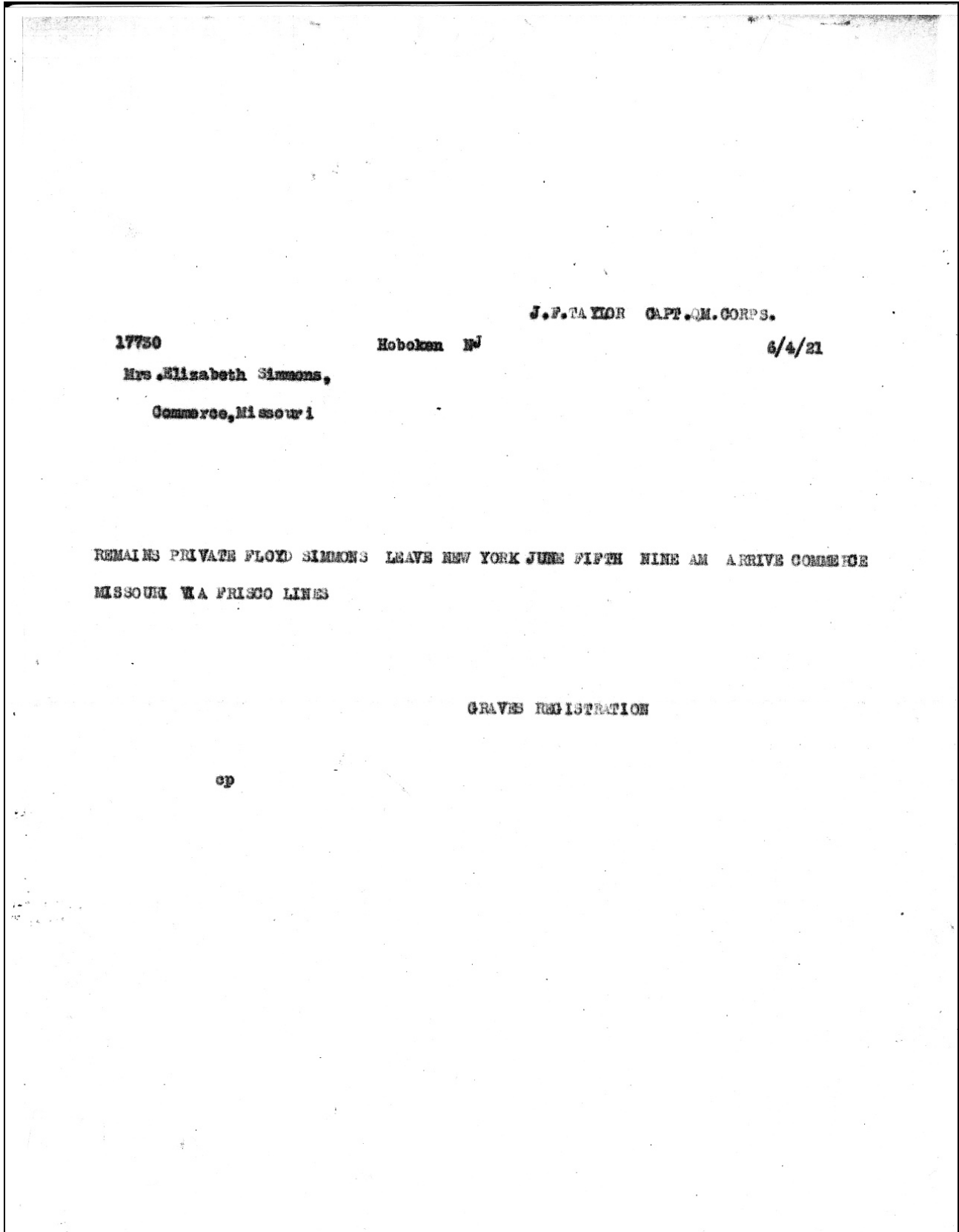
Emergency  
 Mrs Elsie  
 1219 Hickory  
 St.

Chaplain of the division  
 to the offices of the  
 Office. This is the  
 record of the date of the  
 and so he has no way of  
 al number herein given.  
 tary Cemetery N°2

Jockinson Chaplain.,

Chaplain





May 16, 1921

(SIMMONS, Pvt. Floyd,  
Serial #3252544).

Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons,  
1411 Carroll St., St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of your telegram of May 14th is hereby acknowledged and your wishes will be complied with. We will ship the body of Private Floyd Simmons to you at Commerce, Missouri at the earliest practicable date, after the ship bearing the body has arrived at this port. You will be notified by telegraph date of departure of the body from this port and railroad line on which body will arrive at destination. Final burial arrangements should not be made until you receive such telegram.

Very respectfully yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:  
J. F. BUTLER,  
Captain, Infantry

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Form 1204

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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ST LOUIS MO 712 P MAY 13 -14 1921

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE C 20

HOBOKEN N J



RECEIVED MESSAGE AND WANT BODY OF PVT FLOYD SIMMONS SENT TO COMMERCE  
MO AS SOON AS IT ARRIVES

ELIZABETH SIMMONS

1020 A

*St Louis Mo*  
*Feb. 23. 1919*

*Dear Sir*  
*In Regards to the return*  
*of the body of my son*  
*privat Floyd Simmons*  
*Co. K. 349th Inf who died*  
*Oct 8 will you please*  
*send me full instructions*  
*when he can be brought*  
*back and if I can see*  
*him when he is brought*  
*back*

*Thanking you*  
*for past favors*

*Mrs Elizabeth Simmons*  
*1114 Hubert*  
*St Louis Mo*

RECEIVED MESSAGE  
FEB 27 1919

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Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons,

1411 Carroll St.,

St. Louis, Missouri.

MAY 12 1921

Body of ~~Pyt. Floyd Simmons, three two three two five four four~~  
will arrive New York City about ~~May 21~~ and will be shipped to  
~~you, Commerce, Missouri~~  
at Government expense, but not until you telegraph at Government expense, confirming above ship-  
ping instructions to—

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

J. F. BUTLER,  
Captain, Inf.

758-287 el.

Cause of Death: Pneumonia Date of Death: 10/8/18  
Country France Soldier's Serial No. 3232544  
Co. K. 349th Inf.  
42. Received (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
43. Shipped to destination (date) \_\_\_\_\_ B-L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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Leave this space blank	Signature of person to whom papers are to be sent <i>[Signature]</i>	Division <i>Sec 1 P</i>	Section	Room No. <i>2-201</i>
TO CHIEF OF CONTROL SECTION, MAIL AND RECORD DIVISION, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.				
Please furnish the following papers from files:				
File No. (if known) <i>293.8</i>	Serial No. (if enlisted man) <i>Simmons, Ernest.</i>	Date <i>10-9-19</i>	Mark a cross below against papers required	
Subject (name) <i>re - death.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence	Ret'd to files <i>8 1919</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Enlisted Records	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Storage Papers	
Case No.				
<b>SEARCHER'S REPORT</b>				
Requested papers herewith ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )	Requested papers not on file ( )	Additional copy made in Branch		
Requested papers charged out to (name)	On (date)	Req'n No.	Division and Section	Room No. <i>7</i>
Remarks				
3-6687				

Simmons, Floyd 3,232,544  
 (Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)  
 Pvt            Co K 349th Inf  
 (Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*  
 Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*  
 (Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *no*  
 (Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

*Elizabeth Simmons*  
 (Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)  
*Commerce - Mo*  
 (Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Elizabeth Simmons*  
*1507 Hickory St. St. Louis Mo*  
 (Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card. 3-6713

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293.8 Simmons, Floyd  
(Misc/ Div.) IDR/ACW

February 28, 1919.

Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons,  
114 Hebert Street,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of February 25, 1919, relative to the return of the bodies of our soldiers who have died overseas, I beg leave to invite your attention to the inclosed Memorandum which sets forth the policy of the Department in this respect.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of your son and to commend you for the sacrifices and contribution you have made to the cause for which he gave his life.

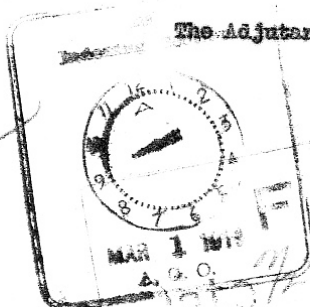
Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS

1 Incl.

The Adjutant General.

*card made*



FILE

*Sig. JPR*

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**Simmons, 3232544, Floyd**  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials.)  
**Private, Co. K, 349th Inf. Reg.**  
(Rank) (Organization.)  
**Died: Oct. 8.**  
(Date)

DATE OF BURIAL **Oct. 10, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Hericourt**  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.  
**French-American Military Cemetery  
 No. 2, environs de Belfort at  
 Hericourt.**

GRAVE NUMBER **107**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** Cross?   
 Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **Yes**

Was one buried with body?   
 Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? **Yes**

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**Nearest relative:**  
*Mr. Elsey Simmons*  
*1219 Hickory St. St. Louis Mo.*

REPORTED BY: *J. P. Jockinsen*  
**J. P. Jockinsen, 1st Lt., Chaplain**  
**Sr. Chaplain H. B. Boyd officiated.**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G.H.Q., A.E.F.

Co K.349th Infantry. SIMMONS, Floyd Pvt 3232544

Died Oct 8, 1918 Buried by senior chaplain of the division but reported upon by chaplain John P Jockinsen to the offices of the Graves Registration Service and Central Records Office. This is the data in the chaplain's possession He has no record of the date of the burial. His carbon copy list was never corrected so he has no way of verifying the correctness of the name and serial number herein given. The burial was made in the French American Military Cemetery N°2 Hericourt France Grave 107

Informant John P Jockinsen Chaplain.,

Emergency address:  
 Mrs Elsie Simmons.  
 1219 Hickory St St Louis Mo.,

YS

**Headquarters 88th Division** **7 March 1919.**

**SIMMONS, Floyd pvt 3232544 - Co K. 349 Inf.**

**Died 10:45 AM - 10/8/18 -**

**Buried 10/10/18 Hericourt, New Cemetery. Grave 152.**

The records of this office show the foregoing to be record of the burials of Senior Chaplain Harry B. Boyd, in the Amer. Cem. at Hericourt, Dept. Haute-Saône, France, the deaths occurring in the Amer. Section of the French Hospital at Hericourt. The records do not show specifically the grave numbers, but it is believed that they run consecutively from N° 1 beginning with Pvt Charles Byrne, the second name on this list.

Signed: Alpha H. KENNA,  
 Act'g Senior Chaplain

## **James Simmons (1760-1828)**

1. James Simmons was born 1760 in Franklin County, North Carolina, and died in 1828 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He married Katharine Milliander about 1780 in North Carolina. She was born between 1760 and 1770 in North Carolina.

Notes for James Simmons;

The following is James Simmons' will sent to my sister Joann Frye by Pat Trask

James Simmons died about 1828:

Last Will In the name of God Amen.

I James Simmons of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I do give and bequeath unto my grandson Tryon Nichols one sorrel filly two years old, one saddle and bridle worth twenty five dollares, one cow and calf of the second rate, one feather bed.

I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Katharine Simmons all my lands and one negro girl called Charote, and all other property belonging to me of what kind so ever that may be during her natural life. I will and ordain that there should be a sale, and sell all such stock as she, the said Katharine Simmons thinks proper and the money arising from said sale be at her will and disposal in any way she sees cause during her life.

I will and ordain that after the death of my beloved wife Katharine Simmons, all stock, all tolls that are then and there found be sold and all household and kitchen furniture shall also be sold and the money rising from nsles be divided amongst my children, that is to say, my daughter Polly Ervin, my daughter Lucy Ervin, my daughter Agnes Burden, my daughter Sally Davis, my daughter Katharine Barham, my daughter Elizabeth Simmons, so that each one of these, my daughters have equal portion, and after the death of m beloved wife Katharine Simmons I do give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Simmons, all my lands lying on the North side of the creek, being the place where he now lives, and I do give and bequeath at the same time all my lands lying on the South side of the creek, that being the place whereon I now live, to my son James A. Simmons, him and his heirs forever and I will and ordain that after the death of my beloved wife Katharine Simmons, that my negro girl called Charlotte and increase should there be any, be valued and that my son James A. Simmons take them and pay the valuation of them and I will and ordain that the money rosing from said girl be equally divided amongst all my children, that is to say my daughter Polly Ervin, my daughter Lucy Ervin, my daughter Agnes Burden, my daughter Sally Davis, my daughter Katharine Barham, my daughter Elizabeth Simmons, my son Thomas Simmons, my son James A. Simmons, so that each one shall have an equal protion, that is if my son James A. Simmons is living at the decease of my beloved wife, and if he is ded before my beloved wife i will and ordain that she be sold amons my children and the money divided as above named.



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And suppose something coming to me of my father-in-laws estate, if that be got, it is my will that after paying my executor for his trouble for collecting that it should be for my beloved wife Katharine Simmons during her natural life and as there is money owing to me, that i have notes for, i do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Katharine Simmons all money that is coming to me in any way whatsoever during her natural life and all money that is then and there found at her death I will and ordain that it e divided amongst my daughters, that is to say, Polly Ervin, Lucy Ervin Agnes Burden, Sally Davis, Katharine Barham, Elizabeth Simmons so that each one of these daughters shall have an equal protion and I do hereby appoint my son James A. Simmons and Thomas Simmons my sole executors in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Seventh of March, Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Eight. James Simmons X his mark.

Signed ssealed and published and declared by the above named James Simmons to be his will and testament in the presence of ua:

James Cooper  
Abner Freeman  
Thomas X Simmon  
James A. Simmons

Codicil of the foregoing will:

I, James Simmons of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee do this eighth of March 1828 do make and publish this codicil to my last will and testament in the manner following, that is to say, whereas in and by last will and testament bearing date(no date given) have given to my daughter Sally Davis a portion , and as I cannot tell what the amount will be, I hereby declare that my will is that only one-half of the legacy I have aforesaid given her and that the remainder part of said legacy be given and paid to my grand daughter Katharine Cooper and my grandson Tryon Nichols, equally divided between them.

And I also in my last will and testament left a portion to my daughter Agnes Burden, I do hereby order and declare that my will is that only one half be paid unto her in full of the said legacy I have aforesaid given her and that the remaining part of said legacy be given and paid unto James Nichols, Aney Spradley, Tabithy Armstrong, Polly Nichols, William Nichols, Katharine Nichols, Mahaly Nichols equally divided amongst them. These are the sons and daughters of Henry Nichols. and I also have in my last will and testament given a portion to my daughter Elizabeth Simmons, I do hereby order and declare that my will is that only one-half of the legacy be given and paid unto her and that the remaining part of said legacy be given and paid unto my grandson John Simmons and Sinai Simmons, son and daughter of Elizabeth Simmons.

And lastly it is my desire that this my present codicil be annexed and make a part of my last will and testament to all intents and purposes. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal. James Simmons X his mark

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the above James Simmons as a codicil to be annexed to his last will and testament in the presence of:

James Cooper  
Abner Freeman

Thomas X Simmons  
James Simmons

### ***Luther Simmons (1886)***

Luther died young and I believe was a twin of Lulu. Not listed in the 1900 census.

### ***Omer Simmons (1901-1967)***

1 Buried at Mount Hope Cemetery -St. Louis, Mo.

Omer Simmons grew up with a lot of hardship. He was the tenth of eleven children. His father died suddenly at the age of 54, when Omer was only three years old. He became a barber and that was how he provided a living for his family. Omer could play the fiddle, guitar, banjo, and mandolin. The mandolin was his favorite instrument but he was known for his ability to play the fiddle. In his early married life he had a band and played for dances and a country fairs. I was his youngest child and grew up listening to him play the fiddle. He loved life and always marveled at the changes he had seen take place in our hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. I loved to hear him tell stories of how things used to be. Stories of learning how to drive cars when he was 12 and watching his older brother go off to war on a troop train during the First World War. He loved his daughters but didn't pay too much attention to his sons. He loved to buy things (sometimes frivolous things) for his family. He was a contradiction as many of us are in that he was prejudiced but would help out a child of any nationality or race.

### ***Roger Simmons***

Roger was divorced (against his will) from Virginia Widner and had to leave his children in Florida and move to California. It was a time of great heartache for him.

Roger is a very special person -- my children love him dearly and remember him when they were children -- he is funny and always on stage-- he is just a "good" person. -- Joann

### ***Thomas Simmons (1790-1836)***

It has also been said that there was a James Simmons living in Lincoln County Tennessee that was the brother of the Thomas Simmons (born abt. 1765 in Bertie County North Carolina). Mary (Polly) Simmons Ervin (married to Hezekiah Ervin and the mother of Mary Ann Ervin and Sarah Ann Ervin) was the daughter of James Simmons of Lincoln County Tennessee. Pat Trask sent a

record of a Ervin family bible which is in my files and which states that there was a Thomas Simmons who died August 29, 1836.

Thomas Simmons - died in August 29, 1836 listed in the Ervin Family Bible-- probably was the brother of Mary (Polly) Simmons Ervin (wife of Hezekiah Ervin).

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### **Thomas L. Simmons (1823-1876)**

Thomas L. Simmons is my great-grandfather and the father of Levi T. Simmons. Early on in my research I assumed that Thomas L. was Thomas Levi. However, after two years or more of trying to collect information on Thomas L., I have decided that I cannot correctly assume that Thomas L. is Thomas Levi. One of the reasons is that Thomas L. named one of his sons William Lafayette (mother Margaret Crisswell - 2nd wife of Thomas L). As a result, until it is otherwise proved, his name will be Thomas L. and not Thomas Levi.

Below I will try to state some facts and assumptions, which might help anyone who follows me and who wishes to research Thomas L. Simmons:

The only census that I have been able to find that lists Thomas L. Simmons is the Federal 1870 Missouri (Cape Girardeau County) census and the Cape Girardeau Co. 1876 census. The 1870 census lists Thomas L., his wife Margaret (2nd and married in Oct. 1861. Thomas L. is listed as 35 years old and his wife Margaret as 30 years. Also listed are Anne (Nancy Rachel Anne) 21, Newton 19, Levi 17, and David 5 (son of Thomas L. and Margaret). I believe that Thomas L.'s age is listed incorrectly since Nancy Rachel Anne is 21 and Thomas L. would have been 14 years old when she was born in 1849. I know for a fact through family discussion that Nancy Rachel Anne, Newton, and Levi T. (my grandfather) were Thomas L.'s children. I can only assume that his first wife; the mother of Nancy Rachel Anne, Newton and my grandfather Levi T. died sometime between 1852 and 1860 or 1861. Nancy Rachel Anne, Newton and Levi T. shown at different places (censuses etc.) to have been born in Illinois and/or Indiana. (Thomas L. is listed in the 1876 census as being 43+ yrs of age. I believe he is really 53 at this time. ) (Written by Gail S. Johnson Mahar, daughter of Omer, Levi, Thomas L.)

It came to my attention sometime back (two years or so - 1997) through Greg Simmons that there was a family of three brothers, Peter, Wiley, and Lewis who lived in Cape Girardeau County sometime between 1832 and 1836. They then moved to Johnson County Illinois where they established a home and lived there for the rest of their lives. Wiley Simmons married Mary Ann Ervin and Lewis married Sarah Ann Ervin. Mary Ann and Sarah Ann were the daughters of Hezekiah Ervin and Mary (Polly) Simmons Ervin.

Peter, Wiley and Lewis Simmons were the sons of Thomas Simmons born abt. 1765 in Bertie County, North Carolina. The Thomas Simmons born abt. 1765 in Bertie County was married to

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Mary Ann Walker. Peter, Wiley and Lewis were all born in Bertie County North Carolina. The family moved to Wayne County Tennessee abt. 1825 -- then to Cape Girardeau County abt 1832 and abt 1836 moved to Johnson County Illinois.

It has also been said that there was a James Simmons living in Lincoln County Tennessee that was the brother of the Thomas Simmons (born abt. 1765 in Bertie County North Carolina). Mary (Polly) Simmons Ervin (married to Hezekiah Ervin and the mother of Mary Ann Ervin and Sarah Ann Ervin) was the daughter of James Simmons of Lincoln County Tennessee. Pat Trask sent a record of a Ervin family bible which is in my files and which states that there was a Thomas Simmons who died August 29, 1836.

The information above (regarding Mary (Polly) Simmons Ervin) is substantiated by the will of James Simmons sent to me by Pat Trask. Much of the Ervin information was given to me by Pat Trask <PatT499578@aol.com> and Greg Simmons.

The following is an unsubstantiated scenario:

Thomas Simmons - died in August 29, 1836 listed in the Ervin Family Bible-- probably was the brother of Mary (Polly) Simmons Ervin (wife of Hezekiah Ervin).

Thomas Simmons and Mary (Polly) Simmons Ervin's father - James Simmons (died in Tenn. abt. 1828). Thomas Simmons who died in 1836 could be the father of Thomas L. Simmons- father of Levi T. Simmons, father of Omer Simmons, father of Joann Simmons Frye.

Please see the notes on Thomas Simmons (son of James Simmons of LCT) in the Thomas Simmons Reference File.

As a side note: I have a copy of a marriage license of Thomas (L?) Simmons and Margaret Proffer - on April 12, 1876. I have no knowledge that Thomas L. married again after Margaret Criswell's death. However according to the 1876 Cape Girardeau census - there were a couple of Proffer families living in the same area.

I believe Thomas L. Simmons died somewhere between 1876 and 1880 since he doesn't show up on the 1880 census and two of his children (by his second wife Margaret Criswell) David living with John H. Ervin and William L. living with William Cris(s)well. Lizzie (age 14) went to live with Nancy Rachel Ann Simmons (married William D. Bates) her half sister. In checking the 1840 census, I find a Rachel Simons, head of household, 40 years old living in between an Ervin household and a Criswell household. Other researchers before me stated that they had heard that the daughter of Mary (Polly) Simmons Ervin married Thomas Simmons, son of James of Tennessee. They seemed to drop the research because that would mean that Thomas Simmons married his niece. Thomas Simmons was born in 1790 and Rachel Ervin was born in 1800. I truly believe that Thomas Simmons and Rachel Ervin were the father and mother of my great-grandfather Thomas L. Simmons. In the 1850 census Rachel is gone from the area but other researchers said that she married a Kinnion (will look up later) and moved to Stoddard County. In the 1840 census the ages of the children would fit my great-grandfather's age. As stated above -- the Ervin family bible states that Thomas Simmons died in 1836. All of this information is circumstantial but it certainly seems to me that there is merit here for further research. Unfortunately at this time I have hit a "brick wall".

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Since all of the information above was entered, more circumstantial evidence has come to light regarding Thomas L. father and mother.

. In the the1840 Cape Girardeau Census- I found a Rachel Simons living between Hezakiah and Mary Polly (Simmons) Ervin and a Crisswell family. (Thomas L. married Margaret Crisswell.) Rachel had two males living there and one could have been Thomas L. because of the age category. I believe that the Thomas Simmons listed in the Ervin family Bible, as having died in 1836 was the father of Thomas L. I also believe that Rachel was his mother and the daughter of Hezakiah and Mary Polly i.e., Thomas married his niece. Thomas was born in 1790 and Rachel was born in 1800.

Rachel married a Kynion, or Kinnon and moved to Stoddard County. However, in 2009 I visited the Cape County Archives and found a Kynion will (1864) (it is confusing I believe it was John) and the inventory sale showed in several places that Thomas L and Levi purchased items of the estate. I also have a copy of a receipt where he paid Rachel \$20.00.

Another bit of information -- Thomas L. Simmons acquired land in Scott County -- it seems he sold it in 1868. The land was purchased from the Bureau of Land Management. This information I also have on file.

Other information found in the Cape Girardeau County Archives:

1. Murder trial of Levi Simmons Acquitted
2. Perjury trial of Thomas L. Simmons regarding a land issue. Acquitted.

3. Found tax roll with Thomas L. Simmons living in Alexander County which is across the Mississippi River from Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Cape Girardeau and Cape Girardeau County is the area where most of the Simmons' and Ervin families lived - around Jackson the County Seat. At one time Levi T. lived in Gordonville, Missouri. With all of this information, however circumstantial, I believe we can assume the Simmons line begins with Thomas in North Carolina i.e. Thomas, James, Thomas, Thomas L., Levi, and Omer.

### ***Wiley Simmons (1801-1867)***

This information was copied from the Portrait and Biographical Review. It concerns Wiley Simmons, son of Thomas Simmons and his son Wiley Simmons, his son's seventh child.

Wiley Simmons, a retired farmer living in Vienna, was born in what is now Simpson Township September 23, 1837, and represents one of the pioneer families of Johnson County. His father, who bore the same name as himself, was born in Bertie County, N.C., September 24, 1801, and was the son of Thomas Simmons, who is supposed to have been a native of the same state. During some period of his life he removed to Tennessee, and came thence to Illinois, and last years were spent in this county. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Walker.

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The father of our subject was young when his parents removed to Tennessee, and he grew up there amid primitive scenes, and was married to Mary Ann Ervin, a daughter of Hezakiah and Mary "Polly" Simmons Ervin. She was born December 11, 1802, and died on the home farm in Bloomfield April 11, 1869. Mr. Simmons migrated from Tennessee to Missouri with his family in 1832, and resided in that state until 1836, when he came to Johnson County, accompanied by his wife and the five children that had previously been born to them, the entire journey being made with teams. He settled in what is now Grantsburg Township, buying a tract of Government land, and building the log house in which our subject was subsequently born. In 1855 he sold that place, after making any valuable improvements, and from that time resided in what is now Bloomfield Township until his death in January 1867.

Wiley Simmons of whom we write is one a family of eight children, and his boyhood was passed amid pioneer scenes on the old farm where he was born. Johnson County was then in a wild and sparsely settled condition, and he may be side to have grown with its growth, and it may be his pride that he helped to develop its rich agricultural resources. In his early days the people were home livers, obtaining their food from the fertile soil and from the wild game, such as deer, turkeys, etc., that abounded in this region before it was much settled. Their clothing was the product of the skill of mothers, wives and sisters of the pioneers in carding, spinning and weaving wool and flax. There were no railways, and all travel was with horses or oxen, or on foot, over rough roads or no roads at all.

Our subject under these influences grew up to be a stalwart, self-helpful man, and adopted the calling of farmer, to which he had been bred. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-two, assisting in the management of the farm, and then, after marriage, he took the entire charge of it, having it under his control, and residing on it until 1865, when he bought land in Tunnel Hill Township. He dwelt upon that place several years, but in 1888 he rented the farm very advantageously, and has since made is home in Vienna.

Mr. Simmons was married April 10, 1859, to Miss Mary McGowan, in whom he has found a loving and true helpmate. Mrs. Simmons was born in Williamson County March 18, 1841, a daughter of Lewis and Sarah

McGown. Her marriage with our subject has been hallowed to them by the birth of four children: Casal, Mary J., Letha A. and Margaret C. Casal married Mahala Benson and they have six children. Mary married R. M. Jackson and they have three children. Margaret married Ad Hooker, and they have one child. Letha is at home with her parents, and is their stay in their declining years. The family is well known and greatly respected, and all are members in high standing of the Presbyterian Church.

### ***Wilma Joy Simmons (1926-1927)***

Wilma Joy Simmons was my mother's first born. She died at the age of 6 months of pneumonia. Mother grieved for a long time over the loss of this child. I believe she was only 20 years old when her baby died.



## 'Sheets' Surname

### ***Anderson Sheets (abt 1824-1893)***

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT CAME FROM (I believe) CURTY LEONA BUCHANAN WHITE(first daughter of George Samuel Buchanan and Anna E. Sheets).

"This brief family history was prepared at the urging of several relatives whose ancestry I share. As a member of the Sheets family, it has always been a matter of some interest to me that so few written records exist to help one remember about the family of Anderson Sheets and his wife, Nancy Ann Morris. The descendants closest to these two people in terms of age are nearly all gone. With advancing age, memories fade; events do not stand out in clarity.

In spite of these problems, the pages which follow represent an honest effort to gather and put on paper my recollections of some of the interesting events involving the Sheets family. A genealogy follows this very sketchy narrative. In the genealogy are listed the individuals who are direct descendants of Anderson and Nancy Ann Morris Sheets. Unfortunately, there are blanks to be filled in. Dates of births, marriages, and deaths as well as a record of all those of the fifth generation need to be updated and completed. My own strength and resources limit what I have been able to do to bring the project to final completion.

Some readers may choose to say that I gave favored treatment to my own family in this brief family history. The reason for this treatment is clear -- I had the facts. For some of the descendants of Anderson and Nancy Sheets, I had few or no facts to depend on. At a later time, it may be possible for others to build on what has been started here."

I WISH AT THIS POINT TO THANK CURTY LEONA FOR HER WORK - OTHERWISE NONE OF THE STORY THAT FOLLOWS WOULD BE CARRIED DOWN -- others may correct or add too this narrative.

----Daisy Joann Sheets, Simmons, Frye

"ANDERSON SHEETS:

The surname Sheets is derived from a Swedish name (unverified - others may say that it is an English name -- there is a Swedish derivation spelled Sheetz -- there was a settlement of Swedish immigrants on the North Carolina Coast).

The father of Anderson Sheets (unverified) owned a large cotton and tobacco plantation in the State of North Carolina in the early part of the nineteenth century (1800-1825). At one time it is said that he was well-to-do since he owned 100 slaves who provided the labor force to plant and harvest the crops grown on the plantation. He could not speak English very well. It is not certain how many sons and daughters he had. One son, however is my own great grandfather, Anderson Sheets.



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When he was about 24 years of age, Anderson Sheets left his father's plantation in North Carolina and moved to the state of Tennessee. It is not known why this move was made, though it is thought that young Anderson may have felt that he was not needed at home because of the slave labor. Just as likely, Anderson felt the spirit of adventure, the need to move on. In Tennessee, my great grandfather took as his new bride a Miss Nancy Ann Morris.

We know nothing about the ancestry of Nancy Ann Morris. A good deal is known, however, about her and her character. Witty, jolly, full of humor, she enjoyed joining in the fun with her children and grandchildren. She was able to change in an instant from a fun-loving person to a sober wife. Her husband, Anderson, wanted a quiet home and had his children trained to be silent when he so much as lifted a finger. Anderson and his wife, Nancy, evidently decided to leave Tennessee after the birth of their first two children, named John Anderson and Tennessee. The exact date of this move is not known to me. The reasons for the move are also not clear to me. Perhaps it was because government land was very easy to acquire in Missouri. Perhaps it was partly because it was felt that Tennessee lacked something that the family believed it could find in Missouri. Perhaps it was partly because of the tensions over slavery. At any rate, during the U.S. Census of 1860, Anderson Sheets and his wife Nancy Ann were living in Shannon County, Missouri. We don't know precisely how long the family lived in Shannon County, probably until near the end of the Civil War in 1865.

The whole area was war-torn and the rebuilding of peace was not an easy matter. Much damage had been done by groups of law-breakers who did not hesitate to steal and destroy as their whims dictated. Law enforcement was nearly non-existent. Men of courage had to "stand up and be counted". Such was the case at Van Buren, Missouri where my great grandfather was destined to move.

It was either during the Civil War, or shortly after its close that great grandfather Anderson Sheets and his family moved to Carter Creek on the "John Brame branch" of the valley, located about five miles from Van Buren. The designation, "John Brame branch" was applied much later. Actually, the site was on the east fork of Carter Creek. Great grandfather earned income in construction at the new Van Buren, a town where he helped build houses and dig wells, located on the north bank of Current River, the present location of this county seat town. Formerly, Van Buren was largely located on the other side of the river, the part of the community know as South Van Buren.

During the time when my great grandfather was active in the building of Van Buren he walked the five miles to as well as from his place of employment to his home on Carter Creek. Only when the weather made travel difficult did he board in town, leaving his wife Nancy and his children, John, Tennessee and Jane with a companion, Martha Brame.

At home, alone, the family carried on as a typical family of frontier people. There was wood to be gathered and other chores to be done outside. Inside, there were meals to be prepared, laundry to be done and the spinning of wool and weaving of cloth.

Evidently, in the family's move from Shannon County they brought with them a supply of wool. During great grandfather's absence due to work, great grandmother decided to wash the wool one

wintry but sunny day. Once laundered, the wool was placed outside on logs to dry. Since the logs on which the wool was placed were near the house and the wool was not dry at dusk, it was left out over night. Next morning the wool was scattered over the hillside, a fact which was explained by Martha Brame as the action of a panther. It was at that moment that my great grandmother remembered how hard Martha had worked gathering wood to keep heat and light in the log cabin where the family lived.

Having saved some money from his employment at Van Buren, my great grandfather purchased and homesteaded land in Reynolds County, at or near the mouth of Pine Valley. It was here that he lived until his death.

The land selected was covered by virgin timber, oak and pine. The tools my great grandfather used were crude, but they were used by calloused hands that were skilled in working with the raw materials at hand. His love for neatness and beauty were visible in all the things he made with his hands, his house, his barn, the furniture, the rail fences which surrounded the farmstead and his fields. The acres he tilled, and there were many of them, he cleared of the trees by use of ax. From the timber he cut, he made the furniture, mostly of logs. The house was three large rooms with a long gallery or porch running the length of it. A large stone, log burning fireplace was made at each end of the house, one for cooking and the other for heat and light. Surrounding his house were large shade trees, left for their shade in summer and as a wind shield during winters. A deep well was dug near the house. A log was hollowed out and compartments in it were built to hold water, each compartment just large enough to hold vessels full of milk or other food such as butter, vegetables and fresh meat. This early day version of refrigeration was located near the well where fresh, cool water could be poured into the compartments after they were drained off the warmer water by means of wood pegs inserted in holes bored in the log. Churning of cream was done near the outdoor "refrigerator" during the months of the year when it comfortable to do so.

Anderson planned and built a large barn out of trees he found near the log residence. A large barn lot was fenced with rails. Gates were hinged so that they never sagged. No nails were used in any of the construction, yet it was strong and had a rustic charm and beauty. House and yard, barn and barn lot were always neat and clean.

Great grandfather Sheets owned sheep, hogs, cattle and horses. With this blend of livestock, he was able to provide meat for his table, clothing for his family and horse power to do farm work or to travel.

His trading point was either Knob Hill or Pilot Knob both located near Ironton, Missouri, a point on a railroad from St. Louis. As the crow would fly, he would travel about 80 miles one way on this trip for supplies. With some or all members of the family, he made the trip twice a year, spring and fall. Normally staples were bought by the barrel. One barrel of sugar weighed 350 pounds, a barrel of salt weighed 280 pounds and a barrel of flour weighed 200 pounds. Coffee was bought by the pound, green, and at home was parched and ground. On each of these trips, several days were consumed in travel but time was not measured as it is today. The pace was leisurely, yet progress was steady.

On his farm Anderson did not forget an orchard. He carefully set out fruit trees and was later rewarded for his labor by an abundance of fruit, some dried for winter use, others buried in pits in the ground or kept in a cellar for use as the need arose.

The whole area in which the Anderson Sheets family resided was sparsely settled. The occasional visitor was given a warm welcome. There were occasions for meager social life, however.

Affiliated with the Methodist Church, the family attended church regularly. Members of the Sheets family were singers and loved to blend their voices in harmony, both at home and at church. Their church pastor was a frequent, invited guest at the Anderson Sheets table. Much later, my grandfather John Anderson Sheets remarked that on these occasions he was required to wait his turn at the table. While waiting his turn, it pained him to see the preacher select and eat all the best pieces of chicken. John usually got the chicken's neck but he could not complain about it because it was the iron-clad rule in the Sheets household that children were to be seen, not heard."

In addition to all of the descendants listed in this history, Anderson Sheets had relatives who lived at Ellsinore, Missouri. There was a medical doctor named Sheets who practiced medicine at Ellsinore for years. He had two sons, Charles and Clint and two daughters, Pearl and Dolly. Pearl married a Brooks while Dolly married a

Tinsley. Dr. Sheets had a brother, Merrett, who was a minister.

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#### NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RIC SHEETS

I wish to thank Ric Sheets of Smyth County Virginia for giving me information on the Sheets family that allows us to go back two more generations from Anderson Sheets. This information was acquired as a result of finding Ric Sheets on the internet. The Sheets family in Missouri is able to connect to Anderson Sheet's father (David) and David's father Jacob. Work is being done by the Sheets family in North Carolina and in Virginia on the possibility that Jacob's father was Martin Sheets from Germany. However, Ric Sheets states that the Martin connection has not been verified.

In trying to verify the connection of Anderson to David, I found David's estate papers at the Latter Day Saints family center in Santa Monica Ca. In those papers I found a letter from Anderson Sheets (of Hardeman County, Tennessee, which is next to McNairy County, Tennessee) to Littlebury Rose asking Mr. Rose to represent him (Anderson) in the will of his father David). I have also ordered from Salt Lake City the microfilm of the will of David in which (in an abstract) he names his wife Nancy and all of his children in his will, including Anderson.

### ***Anna E. Sheets (1868-1950)***

In May of 2001 Joann and Eve went to Missouri for a Sheets/Birlew family reunion. During this time we located the John Anderson farm and the family burial plot -- it was very overgrown and even tho John Anderson Sheets and Julia Ann Stout Sheets are buried there we were not able to actually see the grave. However, we did take pictures and did find the headstone of Anna Sheets Buchanan -- the first born of John Anderson and Julia. The stone says Anna was born on May 27, 1868 and died January 17, 1897. I will find the directions to the cemetery (now on private land owned by a Sanders family).

**David Sheets (1788-1837)**

WILL OF DAVID SHEETS - 1837

In the name of God, Amen, I David Sheets of the County of Davie and State of North Carolina being in feeble health and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, do make & ordain this my last will and testament revoking all others, in manner & form as follows----- I give my soul to God from whom I rec~(received it) and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner by my Executors - and Touching(?)my temporal concerns I give and bequeath my worldly goods as follows -

Item 1st - I give my beloved wife Nancy the use of my possession of lands five years from my death and after the expiration of that time one third of said land to be laid off as provided by law also as much of the stock on hand of every description and farming tools as she may think necessary to carry on the farm and keep the younger members of my family together-- the balance not reserved by her nor hereafter bequeathed to be sold by my Executors. Also I give my wife Nancy three negros Patsy, Mary and Isaac during her natural life also as much of the crop growing as may be necessary for one year provision for the family to be laid off, by three persons chosen by her in the ordinary form as provided by law also as much of the provisions now on hand as will be necessary for the family until the growing crop can be gathered, to be allowed by said persons, the balance to be sold.

Item 2nd - I will and bequeath to my sons William Anderson (transcriber's note: I believe there should be a comma placed between William and Anderson denoting two sons - check letter from Anderson Sheets in the Estate Papers of David Sheets - 1844) and Wesley Marion, & my daughters Polly & Nancy each a horse worth eighty dollars, eighty dollars in cash as they respectively become of lawful age, the choice of which to be left to them the horses to be raised on my plantation. Or the money paid to them by my Executor, I will them equal with those children which have left me and have each received a horse.

Item 3rd - I will that the money arising from the sale of my perishable property, and cash on hand debts due me be first applied to the payment of my burial expenses my just debts, and the balance equally divide between my wife and children, except that portion falling to my children underage which I wish put out at interest by my Executors and paid over to each as they become of lawful age together with the interest which has accrued on each share respectively.

Item 4th - I will and desire that any cash not given to my wife after the expiration of five years be counted and the proceeds of the rent put on interest until my wife's death and after that the whole of my land & the negros bequeathed to her together with their increase and with the perishable property which may be in her possession at the time of her death be sold and the money arising there from be equally divided among my children as their lawful heirs (transcribers note: heirs??)

Item 5th - I give my wife Nancy all of my household and kitchen furniture as much as she may wish to keep the balance of any to be sold by my Executors also I give her my

\_\_\_\_\_?waggons?? and \_\_\_\_\_ I appoint my sons Andrew Sheets & David Sheets my  
Executors of this my last will In witness whereof I hereunto put my hand and seal this (transcriber's  
note:20th or 30th) of June in the year of our Lord 1837.

David Sheets (seal)

\_\_\_\_\_ presence of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ellis?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Woodard, et ??

August 1837

(Transcriber's note: There was two or three lines which I could not decipher. Perhaps someone  
subsequent to my reading can find a more legible copy or who has much better eyes than mine)

Transcriber - Joann Simmons Frye 8/2/2000

### ***George Sheets***

George Sheets died when his children Oscar and Grace were young. He died of pneumonia following extreme exposure to bad weather, exposure necessitated by the need to care for his aged parents. He left a nice farm for his family. He must have been somewhat like his father in outlook and temperament. He lies buried in the cemetery located on the Parnell Bales farm. Buried in the same cemetery are Anderson and Nancy Sheets, daughters Tennessee, Jane and Ellen and granddaughter Melissa Yates Sanders (????check on this).

### ***Jacob Sheets (1755-1818)***

Information on the marriage of Jacob Sheets and Catherine Fouts - entry to the NCGenWeb Project, North Carolina Marriages - submitted by Elizabeth Harris.

### ***John Anderson Sheets (1849-1901)***

The following information was contributed by (I believe) CURTY LEONABUCHANAN WHITE (first daughter of Anna E. Sheets daughter of John Anderson Sheets and Julia Bertha Stout.)

"The first meeting of my grandfather and grandmother (John Anderson and Julia Bertha Stout Sheets) reflects the warmth toward visitors. In this case a mishap which led to that first meeting actually created a sense of warmth growing out of human concern.

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In 1867, the Boatwright family of Potosi, Missouri disposed of their farm and mercantile business in order to move to Texas. Traveling with the Boatwrights was Julia Bertha Stout, a young lady who was orphaned in infancy and made a ward of the Boatwright family. An interesting sidelight to me is that the Boatwrights were slave owners at one time and permitted young Julia to play with the slave children on a free basis. Young Julia was of French background or origin, probably her mother's family.

The trip to Texas promised to be difficult for the Boatwrights. Roads were rough and so a carriage was bought for the use of grandmother Boatwright. The other members of the family rode in wagons drawn by teams. Several vehicles were in the family caravan as it traversed Missouri. Each night the family camped near a spring or stream.

While traveling on a rough road near Paint Rock, a spot not far from the Anderson Sheets farm, the Boatwright carriage overturned and grandmother Boatwright suffered a broken leg. After the accident, the caravan moved a short distance to a spring, called Oxstock Spring. There the Boatwrights camped and waited until grandmother Boatwright's broken bone healed. It was springtime and wild strawberries grew in profusion at the site of the camp.

During the enforced encampment, Julia was the family cook. She used the cold water of the spring to keep the beef in good shape. By carriage she made frequent trips to the Anderson Sheets' cabin to brew tea for Mrs. Boatwright.

The casual meetings at the Sheets home between young John Sheets and Julia Stout were supplemented by other encounters. Wild strawberries afforded opportunities for the two to be together on berry picking expeditions. In addition, there was a revival meeting where the Sheets family, the Boatwright family and others were in nightly attendance. Julia, a young woman of sixteen years, developed a romantic interest in young John Anderson Sheets, aged eighteen. Of course, he reciprocated. The young couple claimed it was love at first sight. They were united in holy matrimony on July 4, 1867.

When the Boatwrights were ready to resume their trip to Texas, they did so tearfully. Their offer of a place in Texas to the new bride and groom had been declined. Julia never saw the Boatwrights again. At the death of her foster parents, she inherited a share of the Boatwright estate in Texas.

The new bride and groom built their first home of logs, located near a spring on the Anderson Sheets' farm. There their first child, Anna, was born, May 27, 1868. Julia often spoke of their happiness in that little cabin. She loved her in-laws, Anderson and Nancy Ann Sheets. Later on, however, John decided to rent land from Zemri Chilton, a man whom the family knew and respected. The land lay near the spring where the Boatwrights once camped following the mishap to Mrs. Boatwright. John and Julia lived at this location until the death of Zemri Chilton, a bachelor.

In 1885 John moved with his family to land located on Carter Creek. His land was situated only a mile or so from the cabin in which he had lived as a boy and while his father was at work in Van Buren.

In 1885 John built a house on his farm to house a family now consisting of five children. A sixth child was born in 1886. On December 24, 1889, a tornado almost destroyed the log house. Later,

on another site, a house was constructed of lumber. In 1897, this house was destroyed by fire. After the fire, it was learned that the second house was erroneously placed on a site that was not part of the Sheets' farm. A third house was built, this time on Sheets property. There my grandfather, John Sheets, lived until 1901.

The year 1901 was plagued by a terrible drought. Grandfather Sheets was forced to look for work. He finally found a job at Bunyard's sawmill, located south of Ellsinore, Missouri on Black River. In the late summer of 1901 he moved his family to a house near his work. In October he returned to the farm to remove the feed that remained. In December he developed a chest cold, took pneumonia and died on Christmas day in 1901. At his request, his body was brought back to the farm and laid to rest in a family plot, set aside as a cemetery.

#### IN MEMORIAM

In closing this part of the story, I want to pay deserved compliments to my dear grandfather, John Anderson Sheets. He was a kindly man who loved his Lord, his family, his neighbors and his friends.

He was a daily reader of the Bible and attended church as regularly as his hard life permitted. He was a member of the General Baptist Church and named the church he helped organize on Carter Creek, the Good Hope Church. His interest was in the unsaved young. While plowing the fields, his mind was on their salvation. His prayers were answered and in later years some of these young people became active in his church. After his death his son, George Anderson Sheets was ordained as a minister and preached for many years in churches near where he lived."

Note from D. Joann (nee Simmons) Frye: George Anderson Sheets was my grandfather!

#### ***John Arthur Sheets (1886-1967)***

John Arthur Sheets is in a picture with his brother George Anderson and wife Melia and mother Julia Bertha Stout. The picture was taken around 1904 -- baby on the lap of George is Marge and Harrison (uncle Harry) is on the lap of John Arthur. Anne is standing on the left and Bertha is standing on the right. I believe Aunt Anne told me she was about 4 years old when the picture was taken and she was born in 1900. John Anderson (my gr-grandfather and the husband of Julia Bertha) died Christmas Day 1901.

#### ***Julia Anne Sheets (1900-1993)***

Always went by the name Anne.

### ***Martha Jane Sheets (1852-1899)***

Buried in Parnell Bales Cemetery

### ***Mary Ann Sheets***

Mary Ann Sheets was married twice. The first time the man's name is unknown. The second husband was Enoch Allen. Three children were born to this union. NOTE: Mary Ann's first husband came to the community as a stranger. Aunt Mary Ann dated the man and after the marriage, continued to live with her husband in her father's house. All went well until one day when the family had to be away except Aunt Mary Ann and her husband. While busy with the house work, Mary Ann placed her churning near the wall and under a shade tree where it was cool. Her husband came out to sit with her, made a short trip, came back, made another trip and came back. After several such leave takings, the husband explained that he had a diarrhea. Finally the husband left, never to return. The latter discovery was made when Aunt Mary Ann decided she wanted a chew of tobacco. When she looked for her husband's coat (where the tobacco was kept), there was no coat. Neither were there any other of his clothes. When the family returned Aunt Mary Ann met them crying about her loss. Her father, Anderson Sheets, listened with attention, walked to his own bedroom, opened his trunk and made another discovery about the missing husband. Missing husband had relieved his father-in-law of \$30 in cash, money being saved to pay taxes on the family farm. When Anderson Sheets knew the rest of the truth, he sternly ordered his daughter Mary Ann to stop weeping over the departure of a thief.

### ***Minnie Jewell Sheets (1906-1979)***

Minnie Jewell Sheets/Simmons was a God-fearing woman. Her father, George Anderson Sheets and her maternal Grandfather were Baptist Ministers. She grew up on the Bible and believed in it as the Word of God. She was a hard working woman and her family came first, yet she was always willing to help anyone in need.

Many times in her life she was hurt but never sought revenge but only offered kindness to those who sought to hurt her. Minnie was my mother. I was her youngest child and I loved her very much.

### ***Nancy Sheets (1814-1834)***

Nancy Sheets did not marry.



## ***Sarah Frances Sheets***

NOTE: "I KNEW Aunt "Frank" quite well. She was a wonderful person, big-hearted and full of love for people. She told me many things about her parents and her brothers and sisters. I loved her dearly.

Aunt "Frank" must have been very special to her mother who guarded against suitors whom she did not like. For a time Aunt "Frank" dated Connor Cotton, brother of Dr. Toleman Cotton. Connor got serious about aunt "Frank" and slipped notes to her in spite of the watchful eye of mother Nancy Ann Sheets.

Finally, one day Aunt "Frank" was mopping the floor and pulled her bed from the wall exposing the latest Connor Cotton note. My great grandmother Sheets raised the sheet, took the note and threw it on the floor, stamped it with her feet, saying, "That old thing! I'll put a stop to that!" And she did. "Frank" married Billy Bales.

While Aunt "Frank" was at home, her mother tried to have her daughter appear to have special qualities. On one occasion Nancy Ann Sheets looked out and saw that some neighbors were arriving. Whereupon she said, "Frank" get a book and be reading when they come in the house. "The impression of a daughter thirsting for knowledge and reading a book must have been valuable to my great grandmother.

Aunt "Frank" and Uncle Bill Bales bought the Anderson Sheets farm and lived on it until 1899. They sold it and moved to Logan Creek where they purchased another farm where they lived until their children were grown.

## Other Surnames

### ***Robert Monroe Birlew (1896-1976)***

Uncle "Mun" was a favorite Uncle of mine (Joann). He was especially nice to my children when we visited him and Aunt Ann in Van Buren in 1972. He took them to town and bought them books.

He was a private in the US Army in World War II. As I remember he was a railroader on the Frisco Railroad (his family can correct me if my recollection is not correct).

### ***Unk Blanton (1754-?)***

All information below is given by Mary Paul Barrett on family sheet:

1. 975.566 W 25h - Halifax Co. VA Marriages 1753-1854
2. F. #7681-pt 3 Bk 4, p. 134a-136 Wills of Lunenburg Co. VA
3. 975.564 S20L p. 81, Early Wills Lunenburg Co. VA Elliott
4. Correspondence - Mrs. Alice Bennett - Henry Co. Tenn.
5. (lost in copying)

Another note circled on the page: "Note from Oct 1973 research Deed index Lunenburg Co. - John & James Blanton 1756-1758.

Also another note in the "Jurisdiction" area of the family sheet - "I've done lots of research on Blantons but found no father. Blantons in Henry Co. TN 1850.

### ***Nancy Clements Blanton (?-bet 1833-1840)***

All information given by Mary Paul Barrett - dates of marriage from marriage record. Dates of death approximated from Census Records and Marriage Records.

From a Sheet which has HALIFAX COUNTY, VA - BLANTON/CRENSHAW at the top -- Seems to have DB references on it -- specifically:

PB 30:373            August Court 1813

WILLIAM OWEN for the benfit of DABNEY P. SNEED VS JANE C. CRENSHAW & NANCY C. BLANTON, the two ladies in debt to said SNEED. "WILLIAM AVERATT & JERRALD WILLINGHAM came into court and undertakes for the defendants that in case they shall be cast in this suit, they, the said defendants shall pay and satisfy the condemnation of the

court or render their bodies to prison or that they the said AVERATT & WILLINGHAM will do it for them."

Also on this same page the following LUNENBERG CO. VA BLANTON:  
JOHN BLANTON one of the appraisers of the estate of JOHN DAVIS 7 June 1757 WB 1:185 & 209.

Bottom of page Handwritten note: (See also: Index Sheets of Halifax & Lunenburg Co.

### ***Patrick Henry Buchanan (1865)***

Brother of George Samuel Buchanan

### ***Essie Christian***

Essie Christian and John Arthur Sheets had eight children as well but the names and dates of the children are unknown.

### ***Charles F. Crowley (1846-1920)***

Charles Crowley was a Baptist Minister and was called the Rev. Charles F.Crowley.

The 1870 Iron County, Mo. census shows:

Charles Crowley 26 M Mo.  
Narcissa 28  
Thomas 7  
Mary 9  
John 2

### ***Joseph Crowley (1816-?)***

Pending Verification

The 1850 Kentucky census shows the following:

Joseph Crowley Sr. b 1788 Georgia  
Elinor b 1788 North Carolina  
Margaret b 1825 Ky

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Martha b 1827 Ky  
John b 1829 Ky  
Jacob b 1831 Ky  
Robert McGeorge b 1831 Ky

The 1860 Iron County, Mo. census shows the following:

Joseph 55 M Ky  
Susan 50 F Ky  
John 22 M Ky  
Joseph 20 M Ky  
Charles 15 M Ky  
Archibals 10 M Ky

Levi Crowley 22 M Ky - The senior Joseph has a son Levi born in 1834. Are these 2 Levi's one and the same?

Elizabeth 17 F Mo.  
James 1 M Mo.

The differences in the Paf file as opposed to the 1860 census are:

- 1) Hannah appears to have died by 1860
- 2) Archibald does not appear in the Paf file but 10 year old Benjamin does appear in Paf. Is he Archibald?
- 3) Need to identify Levi, Elizabeth, and James.
- 4) When did Joseph marry Susan?

### ***Melia (Permelia ) Crowley (1877-1965)***

I believe Melia's name is Permelia, but always went by the name "Melia". I (Joann) knew and loved my Grandma very much - she was a very sweet person. The one thing that I remember about her was that she chewed tobacco and always had to have a "spit" can. When she died - May 15, 1965 - I was in Germany. I remember before she died I wanted her to have something so I sent Mom money and she bought her pretty gowns. Grandma said "Oh, Joannie never forgets me". I never heard a cross word come from her lips. She was very poor and lived on an "old age pension".

Aunt Daisy (at the time I talked to her about this she (Daisy) was about 90 years old) said that great-grandmother Julia Bertha Stout Sheets did not treat grandma (Melia) very well - she always came and did nothing to help.

Grandma Crowley (Narcissa Gresham) would come on the train with her feather bed tied in a clothes line rop -- she always wanted to help and one time dropped a skillet and some in the family got upset with her. Grandma Melia got upset with the persons who got upset with Grandma Narcissa and said it was an accident.

**Irvin Roy Duffield (1925-1998)**

"Duffy" was a wonderful man -- he was my brother, father and most of all my friend. He was not judgmental (at least to me) and I could always depend on him. He had a lot of "reserved" love in his soul but I always knew he loved me. He was in our family for 53 years and I can't imagine our lives without him. He adopted all of us as his "kids". --- Joann

**Alis Eccleston (?-1787)**

This information was acquired from the webpage <<http://orrellfamily.com>>I wish to thank Robert Stanley Orrell for all of the information.

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The will of Alis Orrell, wife of John Orrell, Jr. is as follows:

ALIS ORRELL

In the name of God Amen - I Ails Orrell of Caroline County in the State of Maryland being weak of body but Perfect Sound Memory blessed be God for the same do on this twenty seven day of March Anno Domino 1787 make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit.....

ITEM - I give my soul to Almighty God from whom I received it.

ITEM - I give to my son Robert Orrell five shillings and no more.

ITEM - I give to my son Daniel Orrell five shillings and no more.

And all the rest of my worldly goods I give and bequeath to my two daughters Mary and Elizabeth Orrell to be equally divided between them to remain their lawfull property forever.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year above written...

her

Signed Sealed Acknowledged and Alis X Orrell

delivered in the presence of mark

Joseph Foster

William Delahay

James Dixon

Proved 23 Apr 1787 by daughter Mary Orrell (who offered this will for probate).

***Mida Franklin***

Mida Franklin died at the birth of a child - name unknown.

***Anthony Gregory Gresham (1814-1888)***

Anthony Gregory Gresham was born in the State of Virginia in 1814. He went with his parents when he was very young to the State of Kentucky where he was married Phebe (Phoebe) Solomon/Salmon.. Mr. Gresham came to the County of Carter (Ripley then) in the early 1850's. He patented land on what is now Brushy Creek. He gave land for the Cemetery now known as the Gresham Cemetery. Phebe (Solomon)/Salmon Gresham his wife was first lady to be buried in the cemetery in the year 1858.

In 1860 he married Nancy D. Latty and they moved to Illinois during the outbreak of the Civil War, where their son Joseph was born. They came back to their home on Brushy Creek after the war.

Anthony Gregory was grandson of immigrant Gresham to America.(Not Verified)

Notes: It is said that there are many descendants of Anthony Gregory Gresham and his wife Phebe living in Carter County (1957) in Ellsinore:The Ballards, children of Mrs. Ellen Boyer, the Greshams of Shannon County, Chiltons of Pike Creek near Fremont (note given by Mrs. John Chilton).

When Anthony Gregory Gresham wished to be united with the Baptist Church, the ice was cut on the creek they were to be bapitized in and it was very cold -- also baptized at the same time was Martha Smith who married Ole Segastin. (This information was given by his granddaughter (1957) Mrs. Charles Chilton, who was born in 1877, and she watched her grandfather baptized. Anthony Gregory died soon after (tombstone says 1888).

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October - 2000

The following information, including children dates of birth, marriages was given by Mary Paul Barrett - descendant of Narcissa Ann Gresham and her first marriage to Stephen Paul:

Notes:

Sources of Information: Halifax Co. VA Marriage Records - Henry Salmon Estate Settlement (See more section of Henry Salmon). 1850 census Henry Co. Tn., 1860, 1870, 1880, Census,

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Carter Co. Mo. -- George Gregory Gresham obtained information from family bible, newspaper clippings, and other family members, and Gresham Cemetery, Carter Co. Mo.

Sources of Info: Halifax Co. VA marriage records - Henry Salmon estate settlement, 1850 Census, Henry Co. Tn. 1860, 1870, 1880 Census Carter Co. Mo. George Gregory Gresham obtained information from family bible, newspaper clippings, and other family members, and Gresham Cemetery, Carter Co., Mo.

Note: Another sheet that Mary Paul Barrett send showed a Henry Co. State of Tennessee written page of an 1840 census. showing a James Grisham, Anthony G. Grisham, John Grisham and Mary Grisham. Sheet stored in Joann's Gresham file.

### ***Anthony Gresham (?-abt 1809)***

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett -- sites the following verification:

DAR File #596190

Death: Per deeds

Description of Source: Deeds -

Bk. 20, Pg. 185 - 1804

Bk. 20, Pg. 550 - 1806

Bk. 21, Pg. 31 - 1810

Bk. 22, Pg. 396 - 1817\*

Bk. 26, Pg. 471 - 1817\*

Bk. 22, Pg. 396 - 1810

\*mentions "deceased, late father"

Notes: #1 Surety, Anthony Gresham & Dar File

#2 Permissory Note Anthony Gresham & tradition

#3 DB 26: 471, 1817

#4 DB 15: 187, DB 22: 396 - 1810

#5,6,7 Please Bk 35: 297 - 1819

### ***Inversion Lewis Gresham Sr. (?-bet 1833-1840)***

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett -- Description of Source - Deed Bks 11, 15, 21, GS#7574, pts. 10, 12, 15. (I am assuming this information is in the State of Virginia, Halifax Co.)

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Mary indicates the following notes: #1 Permissory note, Nancy (Blanton)Gresham "daughter", #2 Bible Records, #1, 2, 3 &4 - Mrs. Alice Bennett,Buchanan, Henry Co. Tenn daughter of Nancy (Gresham) Patterson #4, #2 and3 - Henry Salmon Estate Settlement 1833-1834.

Mary also has a file No. under Iverson Gresham, Sr. (File #59610).

Marriage Bond - HALIFAX COUNTY, VA

Bk 1, Page 82:

Know all men by these presents, That we IVERSON L. GRESHAM and AMBROSE GRESHAM of Halifax Co., VA, are held and firmly bound unto His Excellency James Barbour Esq. Govenor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and to his successors, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to the use of the said Commonwealth; to the payment thereof, well and truly to be made, to bind ourselves, our heirs, etc. jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 7th day of Aug. 1813.

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas there is a marriage intended to be solemnized between the above bound Iverson L. Gresham and Nancy C. Blanton of this county: Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct the same, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Teste, Iverson L. Gresham (Seal)

Samuel Williams Ambrose Gresham (Seal)

Ambrose Gresham made oath before me that Nancy C. Blanton is expressed of 21 years of age to the best of his knowledge and belief -- and that he has certified this written Certificate

S. Williams D.S.  
of Halifax  
7 Aug 1813

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### **John Gresham (?-1779)**

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett.

Notes: This John Gresham could be the son of John Gresham and Anne Carnen, b August 5, 1719 christened 13 Sept. 1719 - Christchurch ,Middlesex Co. Virginia

Notes at bottom of pedigree sheet:

#1 & 3 heirs of John & Martha Edmundson, Dinwiddie Co. VA



Will Book 5, pg. 72

Deeds: 9 Pg. 293 = 11 Aug. 1764, 9, Pg. 453 - 4 Feb. 1769

Death is assumed because Will dated 31, Dec. 1778 - Proved 26 June 1779

Top of Page: DAR File 596190

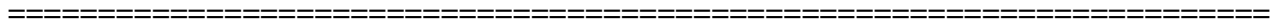
**Ann Hays**

Edgar's wife, Anna is thought to be a Hays - primarily on the basis of a letter written by Isaac V. Enochs (Captain, C.S.A) written in the late 1800's. Verification is pending.

From Frank H. Roberts<<http://www2netdoor.com/~bfhenry/personal/rumley.html>>

**Mary Hunt**

The following information was taken from the Orrell Family Page (<http://www.orrellfamily.com>).



This is the will of Mary Hunt Orrell - wife of John Orrell, Sr.:

Mary Orrell of Dorchester Co., MD

The next eight entries are all for Mary Orrell of Dorchester Co., MD. She was the wife of the above cited John Orrell. The eight entries include her will, three inventories, and four accounts. Please refer to Section B for the various Court proceedings which developed after the death of John Orrell and Mary Orrell.

1726 Mary Orrell Dorchester Co. Will Liber 19, 10-12

In the name of God, Amen.

The fourth day of September in the year of our Lord, 1726, I Mary Orrell of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland, widow, being only sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it; for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner, at the discretion of my executor, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate whereas it hath pleased God to help me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

I give to my well beloved daughter Mary Orrell the lot which my husband John Orrell bought from Thomas Taylor being the sixth lot lying in the Town of Cambridge to her and her heirs

forever. And I likewise give to my daughter Mary Orrell my riding horse named Dragon Saole of Bride. My will and desire is that my two lots number three and four together with my dwelling houses and other house thereupon standing and being situated in the Town of Cambridge be sold by executors hereafter named at the best market towards maintaining and bringing up of my three youngest children, Glidwell Orrell, Francis Orrell and Elizabeth Orrell and the payments of my just debts. But in case my executor hereafter named should not sell or dispose of the said lots and houses then my will and desire is that my said three children Glidwell, Francis and Elizabeth Orrell to have and possess the said two lots and houses in joint tenancy to them and their heirs forever. I give unto my daughter Martha Orrell a young mare I had of John ? and my other sidesaddle and bridle.

I likewise constitute and make and ordain my trusty well beloved friend Goo (?) Lockerman of Thomas Nevett my only and sole executor of this my Last Will and Testament and to hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and annul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies of executor by me in any way before this time named, willed or bequeathed, satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day of the year written above. Signed, sealed, published, and pronounced and declared by the said Mary Orrell as her Last Will and Testament in the presence of the subscribers: James Woolford, John Stewart and Mary Stewart.

On November 26, 1726 came James Woolford and Mary Stewart two of the witnesses to the Last Will and Testament of Mary Orrell late of Dorchester County and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw Mary Orrell sign and seal and heard her publish and declare the written writing to be her Last Will and Testament and at the time of her doing so she was to the best of their knowledge in perfect sense of memory and that the other witness John Stewart was present and signed.

1726 Mary Orrell Dorchester Co. Inventory (#1) Liber 11, 870

A true inventory of all and singular the good and chattels, debts, and credits of Mary Orrell, late of Dorchester County, deceased, as followeth viz to:

- 1 feather bed and bolster and 2 pillows and 1 pair of sheets and 1 quilt 4 5 0
- 1 old flock bed and covering 0 13 0
- 2 old bedspreads and 2 cords and 2 hides 0 13 0
- 1 old feather bed, 1 old rug and 2 old sheets 3 3 0
- 1 old feather bed and bolster and pillows and rug 2 10 0
- 1 ? rug 0 7 0
- 1 bolted and hive ? cord 0 10 0
- 1 old table 0 3 0
- 1 slate table leaf 0 10 0
- 1 bolster ? and a parcel of old books 0 5 6
- 2 horse collars and ? 0 6 6
- 2 old chests 0 4 0
- 10 old casks 0 6 0
- 1 old horse and 1 old side saddle 0 11 0
- 1 trunk 0 8 0
- 2 old chester and 1 old bed ? 0 18 0
- 1 old small table and form 0 3 0
- 1 old beosted(?) and cord 0 6 0
- 8 small tables and 1 form 0 13 0
- 4 old chairs and 6 old broken cask 0 8 0

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9 old horse collars 0 4 0  
1 gilding gray 0 2 6  
1 old grindstone 0 3 0  
1 old white horse and 10 yr old red saddle 3 12 0  
1 negro woman with a blemish in one eye and 1 child 25 0 0  
2 old buckets and 9 tubs 0 3 4  
1 washing tub and 2 old pails 0 5 0

1 old spinning wheels and 2 chair frames 0 6 6  
1 old cart and 1 pair of small old wheels 0 8 0  
1 pair of larger wheels and 1 old cart 1 10 0  
1 brass kettle 1 0 0  
3 earthen jugs and 5 glass bottles 0 4 4  
12 lbs of old iron and 10 lbs grid iron 0 3 6  
1 pair of large Shilliards without fee 0 5 0  
3 old wigs 0 15 0  
1 pair of pillows and 1 small ? 0 4 6  
1 parcel of Shott 0 0 9  
9 pecks of beans and a parcel of salt 0 9 0  
1 case and seven bottles 0 7 0  
1 pair of small Hilliards (?) with pee 0 7 0  
1 looking glass 0 5 0  
1 copper pot and 1 old broken table 0 2 6  
1 old skimmer and 1 pair of forks 0 3 6  
1 negro boy 30 0 0  
4 dozen and 11 hanks of Mohair 0 5 6  
1 old close stool 0 5 6  
1 old iron pot - 20 lbs weight 0 4 2  
1 old dish cover 0 1 0  
1 pair of hand irons 0 15 0  
earthen punch bowl 0 4 5  
1 small earthen cup, 1 small punch ladle, 2 glass servers, 1 drinkingglass 0 2 6  
2 pair of money scales and weights 0 9 0  
3 small cedar posts 0 3 0  
12 old planks @ 16 feet 0 5 0  
1 mulatto man named Dick having 3 years and 5 months to serve 8 0 0  
1 bay horse 3 0 0  
1 pair of sheets 0 10 0  
6 old napkins and 2 pillow cases 0 4 0  
1 table cloth and 1 glass server 0 2 6  
20 lbs. of worn pewter at 12 p. 1 0 0  
23 lbs of broken pewter 0 11 0  
a parcel of old decayed flax 0 0 5  
1 iron pot weight 29 lb and 2 pots racks and pot hooks 0 13 9  
1 iron skillet 0 4 6  
2 old frying pans 0 3 6  
1 small old box 0 1 6  
1 old broken desk and 1 old broken box 0 6 6

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1373 pounds of pork at 10 p. 6 17 3u  
2 old broken guns 0 9 0  
1 old horse 2 10 0  
2 sides of leather 0 5 0  
10 glass bottles 0 2 0  
Total £ 14 0 u  
2 feather beds 5 0 0  
2 rugs 1 0 0

1 set of curtains and valence 1 10 0  
23 3/4 lbs of worn pewter 1 1 6  
1 Mortar (?) and pestle (?) 0 4 6  
1 pair of blankets 0 10 0  
1 earthen jug and 1 small porringer (?) 0 2 0  
1 glass server and 2 pounds of old yarn 0 1 0  
1 small tablecloth and small parcel of thread and tape 0 2 6  
Total £ 9 11 6

A memorandum that the above goods was taken by a writ of ? by James Woolford Sheriff: being appraised at the same time as the estate of Mary Orrell for Joshua Kennerly administrator.

1 silver ? and seals 5 0 0  
1 old tablecloth and 4 old napkins 0 5 6  
2 old sheets 0 10 0  
1 pair of cart wheels and 2 bolts 0 13 0  
13 barrels of Indian corn at 8.4 5 7 4  
5 cows and 1 steer 4 years old 7 11 0  
3 calves and 3 yearlings 1 19 0  
1 sow and 6 pigs 0 9 0  
1 sow and 6 goats 0 12 0  
1 old flocks bed and some small covering 0 15 0  
1 narrow ax and 11 lbs of old iron 0 2 5  
1 broken wheel 0 5 0  
142 foot of old inch plank 0 7 1  
1 old digger and 1 old tub and 1 hoe 0 3 0  
2 old buckets, 1 old earthen pot 0 1 9  
1 iron clove for plow 0 3 0  
1 ? and glass server and candlestick 0 4 0  
1 brass candlestick 0 2 0  
Total £ 24 7 2  
1 warming pan 0 12 0  
1 set of curtains and valence 1 5 0  
13u lbs of pewter 0 13 0  
The sum total £ 116 17 3u

The above goods was taken by James Woolford Sheriff by a writ of fieri facies for Thomas Stewart.

We whose names are here under written have appraised the within goods to the best of our knowledge having first attested and sworn God to do as witness our hands and seals this 6th day of March 1726. - Martha Orrell

No other relations but minors in the County. - Thomas Brannock (seal)

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11th May 1727

Joshua Kennerly and David Peterkin of the within named Mary Orrell exhibited the afore going inventory and being of the people called Quakers solemnly affirmed and declared that is a true and perfect inventory of all the deceased estate that hath yet come to his hands or possession and that if any more shall here after come to his hands or possession he will exhibit the same in an additional inventory and he also declared that he offered this inventory to Thomas Nevett and James Woolford the two greatest creditors who refused to sign unless the debts due from the deceased to them were secured.

William Holland, Com. Gen.

1728 Mary Orrell Dorchester Co. Inventory (#2) Liber 14, 99

A list of goods which were of the estate of Mary Orrell, deceased, in the hands of Capt. James Woolford are as followeth:

Two feather beds £ 5 0 0  
One set of curtains and valence £ 1 10 0  
23 3/4 pounds of pewter £ 1 1 6  
One spice mortar & ? £ 4 6 0  
One set of blankets £ 10 0 0  
Two rugs £ 1 0 0  
Total £ 9 6 0

James Woolford

June 17, 1729 came Capt. James Woolford and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the above is a true list of what goods he hath in his hands belonging to the estate of Mary Orrell, late, deceased, being pursuant from order received from the Prerogative Court May 15, 1729 unto my subscriber hereof. John Pitt, Dep. Com of Dorchester County.

1730 Mary Orrell Dorchester Co. Inventory (#3) Liber 16, 46

Additional inventory of the estate of Mary Orrell, late of Dorchester County, deceased, of goods recovered against John Tollet and Mary his wife, in the Commissary Court by Joshua Kennerly administrator of the said Mary and appraised by us the subscribers being just qualified according to law so to do. Given under our hands this 22nd day of June 1730.

A small Indian gun, one pair of old cotton sheets £ 1 10 0  
One old blanket, two small pewter basins £ 0 9 0  
Three old pewter plates, a small shagreen(?) case for surgeons instruments £ 0 3 0  
Total £ 2 2 0

Thomas Brannock (seal) David Peterkin (seal)

11 December 1730

Then Joshua Kennerly the administrator cited the afore going additional inventory and solemnly affirmed and declared that to the best of his knowledge it is a just and true appraisement but that the goods above mentioned never came to his hands and the said John Tollet and Mary his wife are both dead insolvent. Approved before me. Charles Calvert, Com. Gen.

1727 Mary Orrell Dorchester Co. Account (#1) Liber 8, 191

Maryland, Dorchester County - The account of Joshua Kennerly administrator of Mary Orrell, late of Dorchester County, deceased, as well and for such and so much of the said goods and chattels has come to his hands as of and for his payments and disbursements out of the same as followeth:

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Tobacco £ The said accountant chargeth himself to all and singular the goods and chattels of the said deceased specified in an inventory and exhibited into the registry of the Prerogative Court in the City of Annapolis as the same inventory appeareth amounting to the sum of 336 17 3

Wherefore the accountant humbly prays allowance for his several payments and disbursements as followeth:

For 346 pounds tobacco paid Thomas Nevett for all charges 346

For payment to Parson Airey for funeral sermon 1 0 0

For 27985 pounds tobacco paid John Sinnott, Merchant of Liverpoole, the law (?) being upon judgement 27985

For 3599 pounds tobacco paid Thomas Bozman, High Sheriff of Talbot County, as per account and receipt appears 3599

For 1400 pounds tobacco paid Michael Howard for attorney fees 1400

For 315 pounds tobacco paid James Woolford 315 Total 33045 pounds tobacco

Of the above 33645 pounds tobacco at 12/16? 210 5 7<sup>u</sup>

For cash paid James Dickinson for taking up a Negro boy belonging to the deceased 1 0 0

For clothing for said Negro boy paid John Edmondson 0 7 0

For commission for pay £ 212.12.7.5 at 10<sup>p</sup> to the court 21 17 6

Payments and disbursements 234 10 1<sup>u</sup>

Balance out to this account 117 12 10

Amount of estate 336 17 3<sup>u</sup>

15th May 1727 - Came the afore going accountant Joshua Kennerly and being one of the people called Quakers did solemnly affirm and declare that the afore going account to the best of his knowledge is just and true to which after our examination is passed by - William Holland, Com. Gen.

1728 Mary Orrell Dorchester Co. Account (#2) Liber 9, 297-299

Maryland - The additional account of Joshua Kennerly Esq., administrator of all singular goods, chattels and credits of Mary Orrell, late of Dorchester County, deceased, with a copy of the said deceased will. This accountant chargeth himself with tobacco and cash due to the deceased and by him received from several persons following:

With tobacco received of William Ennalls 323 pounds tobacco

With tobacco received of Thomas Thomson 698 pounds tobacco

With tobacco received of Capt. Henry Hooper 50 pounds tobacco

And with tobacco due to the deceased from this accountant 403 pounds tobacco

Total - 1403 pounds tobacco

The above 1403 pounds tobacco at 10.<sup>p</sup> £ 5 16 11

And with cash received from Peter Taylor £ 1 6 11

With cash received from Thomas Thomson £ 0 16 1<sup>u</sup>

With cash received from William Bealey £ 0 15 0

With cash received of Anthony Rawlings £ 0 8 7<sup>u</sup>

With cash received of Andrew Simmons £ 0 7 8

With cash received of John Edmondson £ 0 7 0

With cash received of Mary Fountain £ 0 5 3

With cash received of John Sharp £ 0 5 0

With cash received of Shadrack Feddeman £ 0 4 8

With cash received of Thomas Steward £ 0 4 4

With cash received of William Perry £ 0 3 3

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With cash received of John Mackeel £ 0 2 0  
With cash received of William Cannon £ 0 1 4  
With cash received of John King £ 0 1 3  
With cash received of Charles Straudford £ 0 1 3  
And with cash received of Bartholomew Ennalls £ 0 0 6  
Total £ 55 5 5

And this accountant prays allowance of the balance due to him as appears by his account passed 11 May 1727 exhibited unto the Prerogative Offices and there recorded amounting to £ 117 14 10

And also humbly prays allowance of the following payments and disbursements viz:

Of tobacco and cash from this accountant by him paid to Mr. Thomas Nevett for funeral expenses omitted in cash account and other charges for use and service of the estate as in account - Tobacco 144

Of tobacco paid by this accountant to John Pitt for Deputy Commission fees on the letter of administration as of account and receipt appears - Tobacco 150

Of tobacco paid by this accountant to Mr. William Beckingham for an attorney fee in the commission against John Tollet and wife as account with the Sheriff receipt thereon appears Tobacco 400

Of tobacco paid by this accountant to the Honourable Charles Calvert, Esq for Commissionary Court fees as receipt appears

Tobacco 134

Total pounds tobacco - 828

The above tobacco at 14 p. cent £ 3 9 0

Of cash paid for drawing, stating this account £ 0 10 0

Of commission for paying £4.15.10 at 10p.cent £ 0 9 7

Of the balance of a note and on hand from the deceased to this accountant as note proved appears £ 1 0 0

And this accountant humbly prays an allowance for cases by him sustained out of the appraisement viz:

A Mulatto man named Dick appraised at £ 8 and a cow appraised at £ 1 which died soon after appraisement and before this accountant could dispose of them and also for eight barrels of corn expended to feed the hogs, cattle and horses belonging to the estate and for sundry other extraordinary expenses which this accountant was obligated to disburse by means of this administration all which appears by his account proved herewith ledgered for which he is allowed £ 17 12 8

Payments and disbursements £ 145 50 55

Debts received £ 55 7 8

Balance still owed to accountants £ 130 3 10

20th March 1728 came Joshua Kennerly being one of the people called Quakers did solemnly affirm and declare that the within afore going account as it here stands stated to the best of his knowledge is just and true which thereupon after due examination is passed. - Edward Henry Calvert

1730 Mary Orrell Dorchester Co. Account (#3) Liber 10, 572

(NOTE: This account immediately follows John Orrell's account in the same book.)

Maryland - the second additional account of Joshua Kennerly of Dorchester County, Adm. of all singular the goods, chattels and credits of Mary Orrell, late of aforesaid County, deceased.

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This accountant chargeth himself with the sum of £11.17.10 as part of the effects of a John Orrell which came to his hands as appears by the account past on the estate of the said John Orrell the 7th day of June 1728 and also with the sum of £19.10.2 since received of the effect of the aforesaid John Orrell as by an account of the same past and exhibited into the Prerogative Office the day of the date hereof which said sum are in satisfaction of part of the sum of £46.14.1 due to the said Mary from the estate of the aforesaid John Orrell for the same sum by here over paid the said estate, the above two sums  
amount to £31.09.2.

And with an additional inventory of goods in the hands of John Tollet and Mary his wife recovered by a decree of the Prerogative Court and exhibited with this account amounting to £.2.02.  
And with the sums paid and secured to be paid being due to the deceased Mary Orrell as follows:  
of William Shekell £ 1 11 8  
of Theodore Matkins £ 0 2 3  
of Charles Markland £ 0 0 6  
of Isaac Nicholls £ 0 8 9  
of William Philipps £ 0 1 10<sup>u</sup>  
of Thomas Brannock, Jr. £ 0 7 7<sup>u</sup>  
of Thomas Hooper £ 0 0 4  
of John Clarke £ 0 0 6  
of Thomas White £ 0 0 6  
of John Sears £ 0 0 6  
of George Pounce £ 7 16 11<sup>u</sup>  
£ 10 5 5<sup>u</sup>  
Total Amount £ 43 14 7<sup>u</sup>

And this accountant humbly prays allowance of the sum by him overpaid this estate as appears into the Prerogative Office, and there recorded amounting to £ 130 3 10

And he also prays allowance of his following payments and disbursements:

Of tobacco paid of this accountant to Thomas Brooke, William Holland and Thomas Addison Esq. for the Com.

General Fees in the Prerogative Court and the particulars of the Sheriff's receipt thereon appears - Tobacco 637

Of tobacco paid to the Hon. Charles Calvert Esq. for Commissary General's Fees in the Prerogative Court as particulars of Sheriff's receipt Tobacco 633

Of tobacco paid to Hon. Charles Calvert Esq. for Commissary General's Fees in the Prerogative Court as particulars of Sheriff's receipt Tobacco 37

Of tobacco paid to Hon. Edward Henry Calvert Esq. for Com. General's Fees in the Prerogative Court as particulars of Sheriff's receipt Tobacco 1023

Of tobacco paid to Philemon Loyd Esq for Secretary's Fees on account of John Orrell's estate as particulars of Sheriffs receipt hereon appears which he pray be allowed the balance of the said John Orrell's estate being brought as a credit to this estate as appears at 50p per hundred - 2360 pounds is £ 16.00

Of cash paid for drawing stating and setting this account £ 10

Of Commission for paying £12.06 at 10p £ 1 4 7

Disbursement and payments £ 143 14 5

Estate accounted for £ 43 14 7<sup>u</sup>

Due to the Administrator overpaid £ 99 19 9<sup>u</sup>



11th December 1730

Came Joshua Kennerly the afore going accountant and being one of the people called Quakers did solemnly affirm and declare that the afore going account as it here stands stated is just and true which thereupon after due examination is passed by Charles Calvert Com. Gen.

1732 Mary Orrell Dorchester Co. Account (#4) Liber 11, 378

Maryland - The third additional account of Joshua Kennerly of Dorchester County administrator with all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of Mary Orrell late of the aforesaid county deceased.

This accountant humbly prays allowance of his payment and disbursements made since his last account past 11th December

1730. Viz to:

Of cash paid by this accountant to Thomas Brannock for six days attendance as an appraiser of the account £ 0 15 0

Of cash paid by this accountant to David Peterkin the other appraiser for six days attendance as an appraiser of the account £ 0 15 0

Of 56 pounds tobacco paid by this accountant to the Hon. Charles Calvert, Esq. for Commissary Generals Fees on return of the last accounts and additional inventory as of particulars of Sheriff £ 0 16 7

Of cash paid for drawing and stating this account £ 0 4 0

Of commission on payment of £ 2.9.7 £ 0 4 11<sup>u</sup>

Total £ 2 14 6<sup>u</sup>

22 April 1732 - Came Joshua Kennerly the afore going accountant and being one of the people called Quakers did and solemnly affirm and declare that the afore going account as it here stands stated is just and true and thereupon after due examination is passed by - Charles Calvert - Com. Gen., S. Hanson, D. Com.

## ***Thomas Hunt***

From the book "Descendants of John Orrell, Sr. and Mary Hunt of Maryland", page 6:

On 21 Apr 1721 Thomas Hunt, Gent & Anne his wife sold to John Orrell a tract of land known as "Middle Division" on the branches of Chicacone near the branches of Cabin Creek in Dorchester county. Of course we know Thomas Hunt was the father of John's wife Mary Hunt (the transcriber JF has not found where this statement, i.e., father of Mary Hunt, has been verified - I will keep looking.

On 31 Aug 1721 Thomas Hunt, Gent sold to John Orrell a Mullatto named Dick Conner.

## ***Elizabeth Ingram (?-bef 1809)***

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett -- Last name of Ingram for Elizabeth was a married name. She was married to James Ingram before Anthony Gresham #1.

Sheet heading BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Index to Wills

F#7287 pt.3:

bk 4 p.26 WILL OF JAMES INGRAM Brunswick Co., VA 18 May 1770

Wife: Elizabeth .....(in handwriting: 1772 m. Anthony G?)

Brothers: George, Joshua, Richard, Benjamin, and Joseph

Sister: Tabitha

also to: Wm Gee and heirs

Excrs: Bro. Joseph and wife ELIZABETH

Wit: Thomas Steagull

John and Reuben Booth

Handwritten Note at bottom of page:

Ref 975.5575 v25? Brunswick Co. mrrgs (VA) p.42, 24 Feb 1772 Anthony Gresham and Eliz. Ingram exx of James (Order Book XI p.501) See Enc4 for James Ingram - Edith marked at the top of page - I (researcher for page) checked order bk XI p. 501 nothing there for Eliz. or James Ingram or Anthony Gresham. Why?

## ***Anne LeCompte***

See notes for Thomas Hunt!

## ***Andrew (Andy) Marcenette***

Andrew Marcenette was a Dunkard by church affiliation and dress. Dunkard men dressed alike as did Dunkard women. The men embraced each other when they met at church. There was no special minister. Anyone who felt the need to speak did so.

## ***Nancy Ann Morris (abt 1826)***

On April 1, 2001 - received an e-mail in response to a query I place on genforum. It reads as follows: I was reading over Morris posts in genforum and came upon yours where you requested information on Anderson Sheets and Nancy. Another person wrote to me several years ago and told me that Nancy was a Morris. My gr2 grandfather, George Shaw married Sarah morris in McNairy County about 1848. Sarah was an Indian. I think that Sarah and Nancy are sisters. Here is the 1850 census of McNairy county: Family 930: Anderson and Nancy Sheets, Family 932: George and Sarah Shaw, Family 936: Hetty Morris and children.

After reading more posts, I find out that Hetty is Indian, also. Her husband was either Joseph or William. I am fairly certain that Hetty is our ancestor, also. Have you any other information? John Schehrer." I wrote back to him and stated that I had nothing more on Nancy and that he had given me more information that I have had.

John Schehrer's e-mail address is:

### ***Charlotte Nance (1759)***

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett:

Mother of Nancy Clements Blanton - Charlotte Nance - given to Mary Paul Barrett by Mrs. Bennett granddaughter of Nancy Blanton.

### ***Frederick Nance Sr. (1730-1795)***

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett - Family page:

F#7681 pt 3 bk#4 pp134-ato 136 Wills Lunenburg, VA./1795  
F#7681 pt. 2 bk#2 pt.13 Wills Lunenburg Co., VA (1762)  
975.564 S2el Early Wills Lunenburg Co., VA 9 by Elliott p.81(bk1 p.88(?or38?)  
1790 census Halifax Co., VA p. 88 (Travnor Nance 7 whites)  
Nance Register pp.118-9 166-S

More information in the other Marriages section of the family page:???

Ch #3 Sarah md (2) Robertson  
Ch #5 Frederick md (2) Maria Crosby 29 Nov ????  
Ch #7 Nancy md (2) 16 Dec 1792 Drury Allen Bac????  
Frederick Nance(1730) exer.on ?????Wells Will (1761)?

The following is a transcription of a page Mary Paul Barrett sent -- Heading: Research November 1974- Ruth Dorius, WILLS OF LUNENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA (1746-1825)

F#7681 pt. 3

Bk. #4 p134-A-135

In the name of God Amen I FREDERICK NANCE, SR. of Lunenburg county being of sound and perfect mind and memory Blessed be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form as follows -- FIRST I lend my beloved wife SUSANNA NANCE the houses and land adjoining thereto whereon I now live including all my said tract for which I now have deeds for. My best horse bridle and her side saddle, two beds and furniture, two black walnut tables and walnut chest and candle hand, the kitchen and dairy furniture, One dozen chairs all of which she is have the use of during her natural life and after her death to be disposed of as is hereafter mentioned. ITEM --I give and bequeath to my son TRAVEUR NANCE & his heirs forever, part of land I now live on beginning at a corner

red oak on Tatoms line thence on a straight nearly north to my spring branch to the Cool(?) Creek thence across the said Creek and straight line to a Spanish Oak, to FREDERICK NANCE, JR. line including my dwelling with all my land on the East side of the aforementioned line, together with Craftons land for ever I obtained a deed for the same. ITEM-- I lend unto my son JOHN NANCE the balance of my land lying on the west side of the above line including the store house during his natural life and after his death to be divided between all my children hereafter mentioned provided my son JOHN WEBB NANCE ever has lawful heirs. Then the aforesaid land I give to him and his heirs forever. ITEM --To my son GEORGE NANCE and to his lawful heirs forever, two negroes, to wit, Dicey & Sterling and their increase, also one feather bed and furniture, one horse bridle and saddle, my executors hereafter mentioned to have recourse to him so that he may not make away with aforesaid negroes their increase, the bed and furniture, horse bridle & saddle contrary to the intention of my will. ITEM --I give & bequeath to my grand daughter SUSANNAH JACKSON one rearing beast of 12 pounds value. ITEM -- I give & bequeath to my grandson ROBERT JACKSON and to his heirs forever one good feather bed and furniture. LASTLY, the residue & remainder of my estate including a tract of land I purchased from James Willis on the head of liles creek to be sold at the descretion of my executors hereafter mentioned and the money arising thereafter to pay my just debts and the balance of any remaining to be equally divided among my children or their heirs to wit --TRAVEUR NANCE, the children of SARAH SOLKINS ROBERTSON, FREDERICK NANCE JR., JANE, CHARLOTTE BLANTON, and NANCY AYERS BACON, AND JOHN WEBB NANCE. LASTLY, I do nominate constitute and appoint my sons TRAVEUR NANCE & FREDERICK NANCE JR. my whole and sole executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking & annulling all other & former wills heretofore by me made either by word or in writing -- ratifying and confirming this to be my last will & testament in writing whereof I the said FREDERICK NANCE have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 2ND DAY OF JUNE 1795 Sealed signed and deliver

FREDERICK NANCE, SR.

In presence of Joseph Yarbough, Thomas Walton and William Beasley - Recorded 18 Sept. 1796 - Security - Edmund P. Bacon and Thomas Walton

(Transcribed on 10/17/00 by Joann Frye - from type written page)

### ***John Nance Jr. (1695-1762)***

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett family pedigree chart:

Will 28 Feb. 1761 Lunenburg Co. VA

??976.81 pt2 Bk #2 p.1-3 Wills Lunenburg Co., VA

975.56 S2el? Early Wills Lunenbrg Co., VA p.81 (Will Bk #1 p.334)

975.69? v25m Mrrgs Lunenburg Co., VA pp.15 and 130

975.5 v26c Bristol Par. Reg. of Pr. Geo. Co. (Later Dinwiddie 1752) VA

## **John Nance Sr. (bet 1650/1651-1716)**

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett on Pedigree chart - second page states John Nance, Sr. d. 1716 Prince

George Co. VA - wife Sarah (?)

Notes: under died: will date June 9, 1716 - worob. Nov 2, 1716 , where: Prince George Co. VA

Bottom of family page: 929.2 (?) N 153/na Nance Register by Martin (????) Pete" Nance. 1966

Transcription of page from 929.273 N153/na NANCE REGISTER (handwritten - Martin L. "Pete Nance 1966 -

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John and Sarah Nance - WILL OF JOHN NANCE,(Sr-handwritten) PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VA., 1716

.....Item I give unto my son JOHN my land excepting four acres in the plantation I now live on to my son RICHARD and wife's life in the said plantation, then the said land to my son JOHN and his heirs forever.

If my son, JOHN NANCE, demands any of the estate of Mother Sookings (or Gookings), to return everything that he had in hand of my estate. I give unto my loving wife, SARAH, my best feather bed, a pair of sheets and rug, leather trunk and wearing clothes. To my daughter SUSAN my second best feather bed, sheets and blanket.

To my daughter ELIZABETH GREGORY, one shilling.

To my daughter, ELINOR WARPOLE, one shilling.

To my son, JOHN, one shilling.

I give all the rest of my estate within doors and without to my son RICHARD and daughter, DOROTHY, to be equally divided. I constitute and appoint my son RICHARD and my wife executor and executrix of my last will and testament, June 9, 1716.

Witnesses: William Stainback, William Epps, Francis Epps. Probated 2nd Tuesday November 1716.

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### Division I

Gen. J.J. III - John Nance (Jr?-written) (born before 1695, died 1761/62 Lunenburg, VA) md. JANE(?)

See Bristol Parish Church Records, land grants of Prince George and Lunenburg Counties, VA., Lunenburg Records, 1762 Lunenburg will. John Nance and his five sons appear to have moved from Prince George to Lunenburg 1740/50.

Children: (from 1762 will and Bristol Parish records)

1. John md. Martha? (an emigrant) (see Gen. J.M. IV)
2. Richard (wife?) (See R.U. IV)
3. Thomas (born 22 September 1723)
4. William (born 12 July 1728) Believed to have moved to North Carolina in 1771

5. Frederick m. 1st. Susanna Wells, 2nd Sussana "Stokes" Christopher in 1775 (See Gen. F.S. IV)
6. Molly
7. Elizabeth
8. Sarah
  
9. Jane
10. Phebe
11. Elenor
12. Sussannah

Geno. Ref. - J.S. II

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF JOHN NANCE, LUNNENBURG

Made 28 February 1761. Probated 6 July 1762. Following children received one shilling each: 1. JOHN, 2. THOMAS, 3. RICHARD, 4. WILLIAM, 5. SARAH, 6. JANE, 7. PHEBE, 8. SUSANNAH, son 9 FREDERICK receives bulk of estate. Daughters 10. ELIZABETH and 11. MOLLY receive portions of estate until marriage, then it reverts back to FREDERICK NANCE. Sole Executor: Son Thomas. Witnesses: George Walton, Ezekial Jackson, Benj. Ship.

***Daniel Orrell (1760-1830)***

WILL OF DANIEL ORRELL - Courtesy of Ric Sheets on June 23, 2000

Record of Wills NO. H, Page 502 (Rowan County, North Carolina)

In the Name of God Amen. I Daniel Orrell of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of perfect mind & memory thank be to God. Calling to mind the Mortality of my body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say principally & find of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it to my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors. Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, & in touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise & dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Orrell eight negroes Namely Isaac, Caty, Dotty, Milly, Temphy, Stolomon, Vincent & Susannah, also the land whereon I now live, also all my stock, household & kitchen furniture & farming utensals -- waggon during her natural life or widowhood, then the above specified property to be divided as follows:

I give & bequeath to my son James Orrell five dollars to be paid after the expiration of the above term

I give & bequeath to my son Edgar Orrell five dollars to be paid after the expiration of the above term.

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I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Sheets one hundred dollars to be paid after the above term.

I give and bequeath to my son John Orrell the tract of land whereon he now lives to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Robert Orrell the tract of land known by the name of Docker tract to him & his heirs forever to take possession as soon as he thinks proper after my decease.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Caton and her heirs one negro girl named Susanna after the death or marriage of my wife.

I give and bequeath to my two sons Daniel Orrell and William Orrell the tract of lands that they now live on to be divided equally in Quantity and Quality so as for William to have the part he lives on.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Markland & his heirs one Negro girl named Dotty after the expiration of the decease or widowhood of my wife.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Lydia Etchinson and her heirs one Negro girl Named Temphy after the decease or widowhood of my wife.

I give & bequeath to my daughter Anna Orrell and her heirs two Negroes Named Milley & Vincent after the Decease or widowhood of my wife also one colt known by the name of Nell, after the term, also one feather bed & furniture, one loom & its appentences & one wheel.

I give & bequeath to my son Samuel Orrell & his heirs two Negros named Caty and Solomon & Caty's \_\_\_\_\_ after the decease or widowhood of my wife also the tract of land where I now live after the above term. Also --kind of property & stock belonging to my estate after the decease or widowhood of my wife.

(THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH IS MARKED THROUGH)

I give & bequeath to my Beloved wife a Negro names Bob. I authorize her to sell him when she thinks proper & appropriate to money to any use that she thinks proper.

I give and bequeath to my Beloved wife Nancy Orrell a Negro Named Bob during her natural life or widowhood & if the said Negros, Isaac & Bob should be disobedient I authorize my Executors to sell them at any time & after the death of my wife the said Negroes Boby & Isaac to be sold & the Money arising therefrom to be Equally Divided between my three sons Robert Orrell, Daniel Orrell and William Orrell.

I give and bequeath to Burch Call son of Lwethy Call one Hundred dollars to be paid to him and of my Estate after the decease of my wife.

I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Jean Call, daughter of Leathy Call one hundred dollars & one feather bed & furniture to be paid to her out of my Estate after the decease of my wife.

My desire is that my Stills & every -----there of belonging to be be sold & as much of other property as my wife thinks proper to be sold so a as to be sufficint to Discharge all just debts & demands.

Lastly I constitute & approved my Beloved wife Nancy Orrell all of my son Samuel Orrel & Judson Berryman the sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th day November 1830. Signed and acknowledged.

(Image)

D. Orrell (seal)  
in the presence of

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NOTE: The text of this will was copied exactly as it appeared when sent by Ric Sheets.

**Daniel Orrell Sr.**

Information acquired from the website <<http://orrellfamily.com>> I wish to thank Robert Stanley Orrell and many others for this information. They obviously have worked very hard over the years.

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Will and Accounts of John Orrell, Sr.:

John Orrell, Sr.

The next six entries are all for John Orrell, Sr. of Dorchester Co., MD. They include his will, two inventories, and three accounts.

1723 John Orrell Dorchester Co. Will Liber 18, 216

In the name of God, Amen.

I John Orrell of Dorchester County being sick and weak in body but of perfect and sound memory. Thanks be unto Almighty God for the same and taking unto consideration the uncertainty of this life and that it is appointed for all men once to die being willing to settle my Worldly affairs where with it hath pleased God to bestow upon me here on Earth do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all or any will or wills by me heretofore made pronouncing and declaring this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it to me and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner as by my executor hereafter named shall deem fit. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife my dwelling house and lots of land belonging and lying in the Town of Cambridge until her decease and then to descend unto my children all my estate both real and personal lands and tenements to be equally divided amongst them all to them and their heirs forever, my Dear Wife to have an equal share of my personal estate. I do hereby request my executor to sell and dispose of a parcel of land to which I have in my possession in Anne Arundel County to pay my debts and that it be converted to no other use then this my Last Will and Testament. I desire that all debts I owe and owing unto me be distributed amongst my children after my own debts be paid and that my executor pay all the debts that I owe to any person, that is just. And lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary Orrell my whole and sole executor to execute this my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have heretofore set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-third day of November 1723. Signed, sealed, declared, published, and pronounced in the presence of John Tollet, William W. Stanford, and Johanna H. Hennesey.

(At the foot of the foregoing will was thus written:)

December 26, 1723 came John Tollet and Johanna H. Hennesey two of the subscribing evidencors to the above will and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists of the Almighty God that they saw the above said John Orrell sign and seal and heard him publish and declare the above instrument of writing to be his Last Will and Testament and at the time of his doing he was to their



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knowledge in perfect sense and memory and also there was with them and there present the other witness William Stanford.

1724 John Orrell Dorchester Co. Inventory (#1) Box 1, Folder 48

(Actual Document). Recorded in Court Records in Liber 10, folio 238.

An inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels of John Orrell, late of Dorchester County, appraised by us the subscribers in current money of Maryland the 22 day of April anno domini 1724.

The Deceased Apparel (Much of this is difficult to read)

A blue camel coat, vest 1 15 0

A new coat, cloth vest 2 0 0

A ? frock, 2 pair britches 1 0 0

An old cloth coat and vest 1 0 0

An old cloth coat 0 12 0

A ? half worn 0 15 0

Two old flannel jackets 0 5 0

Three fine Holland shirts 1 10 0

Two old shirts 0 6 0

One pair ? stockings 0 3 0

Two pair cotton stockings 0 4 6

Five necks and four ? 0 4 0

Four old caps 0 2 0

One pair of new kid gloves 0 2 0

One pair of old wash gloves 0 1 0

One old wig 0 15 0

A saddle half worn 0 15 0

A silver watch and seals 5 0 0

A cane broken 0 1 0

A curbb bridle 0 4 0

In the Hall

A looking glass 0 10 0

A set of red china, curtains. double valence,  
two feather beds, one blanket, one quilt and  
pair sheets, two pillows and pillow cases, & ? 10 0 0

Two small pine tables old 0 6 0

An old feather bed and ? rug and blankets 2 15 0

Eleven old ? chairs 0 11 0

Six black old ? chairs 0 12 0

In a Private Room

? and pillows of feathers, one blanket, one ?,  
two course sheets and pillow case 4 10 0

A small ? table ? 0 6 0

A small pine table broke 0 7 6

A small pine desk 0 7 6

A small case of bottles 0 12 0

A warming pan 0 5 0

An old ? stool and pewter pan 0 4 6

An old broken trunk 0 1 0

A pair of old yarn stockings 0 0 6

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In another Private Room

A new pair of blankets and old rug 0 18 0

A pair of cotton yarn ? 0 15 0

An old broken trunk and chest 0 3 0

Two diaper table cloths 0 8 0

Twelve diaper napkins 0 12 0

Two pair of course linen sheets 1 0 0

One pair ? 0 10 0

One fine Holland sheet 0 9 0

One pair old Holland sheet 0 5 0

Four old course table cloths 0 6 0

Eight old napkins 0 4 0

Five old towels 0 2 6

Three new diaper towels 0 4 0

In the Inner Chamber

A ? feather bed, a pair old sheets and blankets, two  
rugs, a set of old ?, china, curtains, double valence 6 0 0

A small pine table 0 2 0

In the Outer Chamber

One large trunk 0 10 0

?, ?, one blanket, two rugs, one sheet 2 0 0

One large old pine chest 0 10 0

In the Kitchen Chamber

Two old ladles 0 15 0

Old ? and grabbing ? for a boat 1 0 0

Old lumber 0 10 0

Old spinning wheel 0 4 0

Old ? bed and two ladders 0 6 0

A pair old ? boots 0 8 4

A pair new leather britches 0 18 0

An old hat 0 12 4

A new ? 0 6 0

A pair worn French falls 0 5 0

An old pair ? falls 0 1 0

Two pair old boots 0 4 0

A tortoise snuff box 0 2 0

A small ? glass 0 1 0

In the Kitchen

Eight two pounds of pewter 2 13 0

One Hundred ninety seven iron pots 1 5 0

A pair hand irons 0 12 0

Two pair fire tongs and shovel 0 6 0

A ? iron and two ? 0 2 6

A ? flashing knife 0 1 6

A cutting knife 0 0 6

Two old pine tables 0 3 0

Two large pine chests 0 10 0

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Eleven new England buckets 0 10 0

Three small flower tubs 0 2 6

Four kegs quantify 4 gallons 0 2 0

Four old England half of bushels 0 3 4

Five water pails 6 gallons each 0 5 0

Four wooden bowls 0 1 0

Five small pine ? 0 6 0

Two large pine ? 0 3 0

One Broad Tray 0 2 0

One bushel ? 0 2 0

Four old iron candlesticks 0 1 6

One brass candlestick 0 2 6

An old chaffing dish, small pot 0 3 0

One large dish cover 0 3 0

Three pair snuffers 0 3 0

One old large frying pan 0 3 6

One gridiron and ? 0 7 0

One large tin funnel 0 1 0

A pair bellows 0 2 6

An iron ladle and flash forks and skimmer 0 4 0

A copper sauce pan and 1 quart pot 0 1 6

Two old washing tubs 0 2 6

A large kitchen knife 0 0 10

A pair small ? 0 3 0

A large grater 0 0 6

In the Yard

A pair new cart wheels 1 5 0

A large old cart and wheels 1 15 0

A small cart and wheels 1 5 0

Five cedar posts 0 10 0

A pair Carolina Mill stones 1 0 0

A pair of paling boards 0 6 0

A grind stone and frame 0 5 0

One large chest 0 5 0

In the Cellar

An old chest 0 5 0

Twenty three old casks 1 8 0

Four old hogsheads tubs 0 4 0

Three old small beer casks 0 7 6

Two barrels of 4 bushels each 1 0 0

Twenty eight casks 3 0 0

Two and bushels salt 0 6 3

Old ? tough 0 2 0

Twenty Five earthen quart and pint mugs 0 11 6

Four black earthen jugs 0 0 8

Two broken stone jugs 0 2 6

In ? (Store/Storage?)

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Two yards of ? 0 3 0  
Two and yards challon 0 3 9

Four yards of ? linen 0 5 4  
Eleven and yards of course linen 0 17 0  
Four and yards of fine ? 0 17 0  
Two yards white ? 0 2 0  
Three and yards flannel 0 4 10  
Thirteen yards course ? 0 15 2  
Two yards of stripped muslin & 1 yard plain 0 12 0  
Three yards fine Scotch Holland 0 4 0  
Four yards of course cotton 0 5 4  
Fourteen yards of cantaloons 0 7 0  
Thirty gallons molasses 2 5 0  
Two hundred pounds sugar 5 0 0  
A grey gilding named Dragon 6 0 0  
On grey gilding named Gray 6 0 0  
A Negro girl named Jonny ? 25 0 0  
A Negro boy named Cosaz ? 26 0 0  
A white man named Edw. Preston 3.5 yrs to serve 5 10 0  
A boy named Isaac Partridge 1.11 yrs to serve 3 0 0  
A gallon pewter pot 0 5 0  
Three cows and pigs 1 10 0  
A cow and calf 1 10 0  
A little pine chest 0 3 0  
Two ? paper 0 10 0  
Five paper Mazoff(?) books 0 5 5  
Three Alphabet books 0 2 0  
Two ? books of paper 0 7 0  
A pair ? weights 0 14 0  
A pair old ? weights 0 7 0  
Seventeen old books 1 0 0  
Four old gins 2 10 0  
An iron ? 0 3 0  
Three cows and calves 4 10 0  
Two four year old steers 3 10 0  
One two year old steers 0 17 6  
Two five year old heifers 1 10 0  
Thirty one head hogs 10 12 0  
Forty goats 5 0 0  
One old ? horse named Squirrell 1 15 0  
An old horse called Theofilus 1 0 0  
One young horse called Whistler 4 0 0  
Total £ 216 11 3  
Witness our hands and seals - John Stevens (seal) - J. Lockerman (seal)  
Mary Orrell Samuel Chew & William Holland - Chief Creditors  
1727 John Orrell Dorchester Co. Inventory (#2) Liber 12, 368

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An Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of John Orrell, deceased, on letters of administration, debonis non granted unto Joshua Kennerly and Thomas Brannock, taken and appraised in current money by us the subscribers this 24th day of June 1727.

To 1 old crosscut saw 0 8 0  
To 23 pounds of old pots 0 6 10  
To 1 old broken frying pan and ladle 0 2 6  
To 1 old coopers ? and old steel mills 1 0 0  
To cash received in part of a ? 2 8 6  
To 22 of old ? 0 2 9  
To a ? from Wagon weighing ? 0 9 8  
£ 4 18 4

I do allow of the above inventory as agreed. John Stevens, G. Lockerman, Roger Woolford. I the subscriber being one of the ? do allow of the above inventory as witness my hand. Thomas Thomson. No kindred of ago in those part September 11, 1727, came Joshua Kennerly of Thomas Brannock, administrator debonis non, of the goods and chattels of John Orrell, late deceased which was ? unadministrad by Mary Orrell executrix of the Last Will and Testament of John Orrell and gave their cost according to law that the within inventory is a true and perfect inventory of all the goods and chattels and credits of the deceased that has come to their hand and possession or knowledge and know of no more, nor of no concealments of any part thereof, but if any comes to hand hereafter they will return an additional inventory thereof. - John Pitt Dorchester County.

1727 John Orrell Dorchester Co. Accounts (#1) Liber 7, 126

Maryland, Dorchester County - The account of Mary Orrell executrix of the Last Will and Testament of John Orrell, late of the said county, her late husband, deceased. As well of and for such and so much of the same goods and chattels as came to her hand as of and for her payments and disbursements out of the same as followeth:

The said accountant herself with all and singular the goods and chattels of the said deceased satisfied in an inventory made and exhibited into the registry of the Prerogative Court in City of Annapolis as the same inventory appeareth amounting to the sum of £ 216 11 00

Whereas the said accountant humbly prays allowances for herself all payments and disbursements as follows to viz:

For the charges of decently interring the deceased the sum amounting to 500

For 30 pounds tobacco paid Charles Ungle, Sheriff, for six ? due from the deceased as the account & receipt appears 31 80

For 700 pounds tobacco Charles Ungle, Sheriff, which was put into his hand to collect by Michael Holbard an attorney in ? and due from the said deceased account and receipt appears 210 4

For 270 pounds tobacco paid the said Sheriff and due from the deceased to the Hon. Philemon Loyd, Esq., Secretary for fees in the Provincial Court 1 2 6

For 143 pounds tobacco paid the said Sheriff and due from the the Hon. Philemon Loyd, Esq. Secretary for fees in the Chancery Court 0 11 11

For 600 pounds tobacco paid Charles Ungle, Sheriff and due from the said deceased to the Hon. Richard Tilghman, Esq., Chancellor of Maryland, for Chancellors fees 2 10 0

For 200 pounds tobacco paid the said Charles Ungle, Sheriff, and due from the said deceased to Michael Holbard attorney 0 10 8

For 200 pounds tobacco paid the said Charles Ungle, Sheriff, due from a certain John Tollet to the said Michael Holbard who was in service of the deceased 0 16 0

For 450 pounds tobacco paid the said Charles Ungle, Sheriff, and due from the said account of Sam. Skippon for a Sheriffs commission and an American ? suit of a certain John Clement 1 17 6

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For 23,000 pounds tobacco the deceased bond payable to a certain John Linott (Linotts?) of Liverpoole, Merchant 5 15 0

For 6716 pounds tobacco on account to the said deceased being the balance due from the said deceased to a certain John Davis 27 19 0

The balance of a bond due from the said deceased to one William Ennotts as the said bond receipts appears 8 9 9

For 4341 tobacco paid John Eccleston due from the said deceased account 10 1 9

For 2503 pounds tobacco paid William Murray 10 0 7

For 1955 pounds tobacco paid one Charles Dogno 8 2 11

For cash paid one Joshua Kennerly due from the said deceased 5 2 2

For 602 pounds tobacco paid ? Ennotts 2 10 2

For cash due from the said deceased and paid the said Mary Ennotts 0 5 0

For cash due from the said deceased and paid Thomas Novott 4 0 5

For 390 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid William Hattsfield 1 13 0

For 445 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid William Watson 1 17 5

For 30 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid William Perry 0 3 0

For 280 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid James Langroll 1 3 4

For 92 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid the said James Langroll 0 7 0

For cash due from the said deceased and paid Thomas Laymard 0 8 0

For cash due from the said deceased and paid Edward Cauft 2 4 6

For 142 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid Elizabeth Watson 0 11 10

For 64 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid William Whayland 0 5 4

For 45 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid William Layton 0 5 9

For 100 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid David Jones 0 9 1

For cash due from the said deceased and paid Andrew Simmons 0 5 0

For 297 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased and paid William Edmondson 1 4 9

For 221 pounds tobacco due from the deceased and paid Isaac Nicholls 0 10 5

For cash due from the said deceased unto Hon. ? Mackey 1 2 6

For 100 pounds tobacco due from the said deceased unto Anthony Rawlings 0 8 4

For cash paid William Hayward due from the deceased 0 2 7

For 140 pounds tobacco paid John Pullen due from the deceased 0 11 8

For 396 pounds tobacco paid John Mahaune 1 18 1

For 127 pounds tobacco paid Francis Hayward 0 10 7

For cash paid Thomas Woolford 0 4 6

For 42 pounds tobacco paid Solomon Bryon 0 3 6

For cash paid Charles Hubbart 0 2 6

For 331 pounds tobacco paid Thomas Richardson due from decs 1 7 7

For cash paid the said Thomas Richardson due from the decs 7 1 8

For the ? of freedom due paid a certain William Oliver as the accountant of the same 2 11 9

For 405 pounds tobacco paid Charles Ungle, Sheriff, due to the commission as the account receipt appears 1 18 9

For 50 pounds tobacco discounted with the ? com. for his fee 0 12 6 The cash paid for drawing up this account as receipt 0 12 0

Total 239 7 3

For commission for paying £239.7.3 23 18 6

Balance 263 5 9

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Inventory 216 11 8

Balance due to executrix 46 14 1

A just and true account - Mary Orrell, executor for John Orrell, deceased.

October 22, 1725 - Then came the accountants and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the foregoing account as it stands stated is just and true - William Holland, Com. 1728 John Orrell Dorchester Co. Accounts (#2) Liber 9, 187

Maryland - The account of Joshua Kennerly and Thomas Brannock, Sen. administrators de bonis non of John

Orrell, late of Dorchester County, deceased. These accountants charge themselves with an inventory of the said deceased's estate by them exhibited into the Prerogative Office and there recorded amounting to £ 11.19.11.

And with following sums owed to the deceased and received by them as followeth:

With cash received of William Cullen for three judgements obtained against the deceased discounted the balance due to the deceased received £ 6 3 4

With tobacco recovered against the said Cullen for costs of suit on the aforesaid judgements Tobacco 1092

Pounds With cash received of Howard Taylor for a judgement obtained against him and with tobacco recovered against the said Taylor for costs of suit on the aforesaid judgement

Tobacco 250 pounds

Total Tobacco 1350 pounds

The above 1350 pounds tobacco at 10p £ 6 5

Total £ 20 8 4

And they humbly pray allowance of the following paying the disbursements:

Of tobacco paid by Joshua Kennerly one of these accountants and the acting administrator of the deceased to Michael Howard Esq. for attorney's fees against sundry persons who were indebted to the estate as the particulars Sheriff's receipt - 500 pounds.

Of tobacco paid by the said Joshua Kennerly to the said Michael Howard, Esq., Attorney for two Provincial Court fees answering Charles Ungle Sheriff's bond as account and Sheriff's receipt appears - 800 pounds tobacco

Of tobacco paid by this accountant to Capt. John Pitt, Deputy Commissioner, for the letter de bonis non as account receipt appears - 50 pounds tobacco

Of tobacco paid by the said Joshua to the Honourable Charles Calvert, Esq for the Comissionary General for fees as particulars as receipt appears - 72 pounds tobacco Total 1422 pounds

The above 1422 pounds tobacco at 10p £ 7 2 2

Hath paid for drawing and stating this account £ 0 7 0

Commission for paying £ 7 9 2 £ 0 14 11

And this accountant Joshua Kennerly as administrator of Mary Orrell humbly prays an allowance out of the deceased John Orrell's estate for what the said Mary overpaid the estate of the said John as appears by her account paid and exhibited into the Prerogative Office there recorded dated 22 October 1725 amounting to payment £ 54 18 2

Overpaid £ 34 17 1

Amount of estate £ 20 5 3

7th June 1728

Came Joshua Kennerly one of the afore going accountants and the acting administrators of the deceased John Orrell, who being one of the People called Quakers solemnly affirmed and declared that the afore going account to the best of his knowledge is just and true which after due examination is passed by - Charles Calvert, Commissioner General.

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This accountant prays and hath 6 months time given him to pass an additional account as administrator of Mary Orrell by Charles Calvert, Commissioner General.

1730 John Orrell Dorchester Co. Accounts (#3) Liber 10, 570

Maryland - The additional accounts of Joshua Kennerly and Thomas Brannock, servants of Dorchester County administrators debonis non acc.of John Orrell, late of Dorchester County aforesaid, deceased. These accountants charge themselves with a judgment recovered against John Eccleston for a debt due to the deceased's estate on settling accounts which by the award of Jacob Lockerman & Dr. William Murray who are chosen and appointed to adjust the same accounts appears to be tobacco 4319 pounds and with tobacco received of Samuel Critchard of 51 pounds tobacco total of 4370 pounds tobacco at 10p per hundred is 21.17.0.

And they humbly gave allowance of the following payments and disbursements made on account of the Estate (by the aforesaid Joshua Kennerly the Acting Administrator) and not yet allowed.

Of tobacco paid by the said Joshua to Thomas Brooke, William Holland and Thomas Addison, Esq. for Commissary General's Fees on the Administration as particulars of Sheriff's receipt thereon appears - Tobacco 252

Of tobacco paid the said Joshua to the Hon. Charles Calvert, Esq. for the Comm. General's Fees on return for their first account as particulars of Sheriff's receipt thereon appears - Tobacco 84

Of tobacco paid by the said Joshua to the Hon. Edward Henry Calvert, Esq. for the Comm. General Fees on searching Mary Orrell's proceedings on her Administration of John Orrell's estate as particulars of Sheriff -Tobacco 40

At 50p per hundred 376 is 17.7

Of cash paid for drawing, stating, and settling this account .05 £ 2 02 7

Of commission for paying money due £ 0 04 3

Payments and disbursement £ 2 06 10

Balance due £ 19 10 2

Accounted for £ 21 17 0

The accountant Joshua as administrator of Mary Orrell humbly prays an allowance of the above balance to be carried to the credit of Mary Orrell's estate towards satisfaction of the sum of £34.17.1 which is still due to the estate of the said Mary as part of a greater sum by her overpaid the estate of the aforesaid John Orrell as by the several accounts past exhibited into the Prerogative Office reference being thereunto had with more fully appear.

11th December 1730. Came Joshua Kennerly acting administrator as within mentioned who being one of the people called Quakers did solemnly affirm,?, and declare that the foregoing account as it here stands is just and true which thereupon after due examination is passed by Charles Calvert, Com. Gen.



***Descendants of  
John Orrell, Sr  
& Mary Hunt  
of Maryland***



by  
***Robert Stanley Orrell  
Reverdy Lewin Orrell, III***

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### Third Generation

- iv. **Margaret Orrell** was born in 1794 in Maryland.
- v. **Mary Orrell** was born about 1800 in Maryland.
- vi. **John Orrell** was born about 1805 in Maryland.
- vii. **Robert Orrell, Jr** was born about 1807 in Caroline County, Maryland.
- viii. **Daniel Orrell** was born about 1808 in Maryland.
- ix. **Zebulon Orrell** was born in Caroline County, Maryland.

6> **Daniel Orrell, Sr** (John, John) was born in 1764 in Maryland, probably Caroline County. Daniel's birth was recorded in the Etchinson-Orrell Bible. The page showing Daniel's birth is shown below. This is the only known reference to Daniel's birth. Daniel married **Nancy Ann Rumbly**, daughter of **Edgar Rumbly** and **Ann Hays**, about 1784 in Maryland or Delaware. Nancy was born about 1760 in Maryland.

*Daniel Orrell senior was born in the year 1764*  
*Elizabeth Orrell was born Decemr 15th 1795*  
*Mary Orrell was born March the 10th A.D. 1797*  
*Lydia Orrell was born March the 4th A.D. 1799*  
*Daniel Orrell junior was born May about A.D. 1808*  
*James Jackson & Abner Jackson were born June*  
*the 10th A.D. 1812*  
*Orrell Etchinson*  
*July 29th 1849*

*Pages that have been in the Etchinson Bible*  
*original owned by J. Q. Etchinson, Jr.*  
*Clerronia, N.C.*

Daniel was left five shillings in his mother's will dated 1787.

Daniel moved to Rowan Co, North Carolina before 1790. The 1790 Rowan County, North Carolina Census listed Daniel with his name spelled **Oral**.

Daniel's name first appeared in Rowan County deeds on 8 December 1790 when he bought 100 acres of land on Ellis Creek for £60 from **Abraham Little** and his wife Margaret. This land wasn't recorded until 1793.

On 26 March 1795 **Zephaniah Harper** and Elizabeth his wife sold to **Daniel Orrell** 97 ½ acres on Carter's Creek for £75.

On 20 October 1797 **Daniel Orrell** sold to **William Branch** 100 acres on Carter's Creek for £60.

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### *Third Generation*

- i. **James R. Orrell, Sr** was born about 1784. Most researchers' notes give Delaware as birth place.
- ii. **Edgar Orrell, Sr** was born in 1785. Most researchers' notes give Delaware as birth place.
- iii. **Nancy Orrell** was born in 1788 in Maryland or North Carolina.
- iv. **John Orrell** was born about 1791 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- v. **Robert Orrell** was born about 1792 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- vi. **Elizabeth Orrell** was born on 18 December 1795 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- vii. **Mary Polly Orrell** was born on 10 March 1797 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- viii. **Lydia Orrell** was born on 4 March 1799 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- ix. **William Orrell** was born about 1800 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- x. **Daniel Orrell, Jr** was born on 2 May 1801 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- xi. **Anna Orrell** was born about 1819 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- xii. **Samuel W. Orrell** was born in 1825 in Rowan County, North Carolina.

7> **Mary Orrell** (John, John) was born about 1766 in Maryland.

8> **Thomas Orrell** (Francis, John) was born about 1742 in Maryland.

In a record of conveyance from the owners of a tract of land known as *Orrell's Kindness* Thomas, son of Francis was listed as a tenant on that land in 1763.

Thomas married **Sarah Sommers** on 1 June 1774 in Caroline County, Maryland. Sarah, the daughter of **Felix Sommers** and **Elizabeth .....**, was born about 1745 in Maryland.

On 6 January 1774 **John Wheatley** of Queen Annes County, son of William sold to **Thomas Orrell** a tract of land known as *Addition To Danby* in Dorchester County containing 169 ½ acres.

On 26 January 1774 in county court there was an entry: *received of Thomas son of Francis Orrell, six shillings, nine pence, three farthings for alienation fee.*

In 1777 Thomas, son of Francis, took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland in Caroline County. This was found in *Oaths of Fidelity to Maryland Vol II*, page 34.

On 6 March 1779 **Edward Lloyd** of Annapolis sold to **Thomas Orrell** of Caroline County a tract of land called *The Venture* containing 68 ½ acres in Caroline County.

On 20 October 1779 **Thomas Orrell** and Sarah his wife of Caroline County sold to **Robert Bishop** of Caroline County part of the tract of land known as *Addition to Danby* containing 7 ¼ acres.

On 11 January 1781 Thomas sold to **Charles Eccleston** and **William Eccleston** of Dorchester County all of his rights to the tract of land called *Middle Division*.

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### *Fourth Generation*

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Ruth died after 1860 in Pope County, Arkansas and was buried in Old Lake Cemetery, Pope County, Arkansas.

Edgar and Ruth had the following children:

- i. **James Orrell** was born about 1816 in North Carolina.
- ii. **Nancy Jane Orrell** was born about 1816 in North Carolina.
- iii. **Rutha Orrell** was born in 1820 in North Carolina.
- iv. **Edgar R. Orrell, Jr** was born in 1824/1826.
- v. **Bassel Cayton Orrell** was born in 1826.
- vi. **Cynthia C. Orrell** was born about 1827.
- vii. **Joseph T. Orrell** was born on 13 March 1832.
- viii. **Lucrecy Sophia Orrell** was born in 1835 in Tennessee.
- ix. **Malinda Orrell** was born about 1839.
- x. **Polly Orrell** was born about 1840.

14> **Nancy Orrell** (Daniel, John, John) was born in 1788. I am not sure of the place. The family moved to North Carolina about this time.

Nancy married **David Sheets**, son of **Jacob Sheets** and **Catherine Fouts**, on 1 Dec 1807 in Rowan County, North Carolina. This document has not been found. David was born in 1788 in Rowan County, North Carolina.

Nancy died on 15 November 1840 in Davie County, North Carolina.

David died on 10 August 1837 in Davie County, North Carolina. His will was written on 30 June 1837 and probated August 1837 in Davie County.

David and Nancy had the following children:

- i. **Andrew Sheets** was born about 1810 .
- ii. **David J. Sheets** was born on 2 August 1814 .
- iii. **William M. Sheets** was born on 14 December 1816
- iv. **Anderson Sheets** was born about 1824 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- v. **Mary Polly Sheets** was born about 1826 in North Carolina.
- vi. **Nancy Ann Sheets** was born about 1828 in North Carolina.
- vii. **Wesley Marion Sheets** was born on 7 Feb 1832 in North Carolina.

**Joseph Owens (1826)**

Joseph Owens was a Confederate Soldier in the Civil War. He was wounded at Bloomfield, Mo. and subsequently had to have his leg amputated on November 5, 1862. Dad (Omer) said that he whistled while they were removing the leg. He was in the Missouri 8th Calvary Company D. I(Joann) have his Civil War Record that I got from the National Archives when visiting in Washington DC. There were no pension files along with the records -- they told us pension records for the Confederate Soldiers were kept in the State Archives. I have not yet checked with the Missouri State Archives.

Notes: Joseph Owens was 40 years old when he enlisted at Cape Girardeau County Missouri. He was sworn in by William L. Jeffers for 3 years or the length of the war.

**Edgar Rumbley (?-1792)**

The children of Edgar and Ann Hays Rumley --

from <<http://www2netdoor.com/~bfhenry/personal/rumley.html>>

"Ref: Will - Abstracts of Wills & Estate Records of Rowan County, NC1753-1805 & Tax Lists of 1859 & 1778 by Jo White Linn (1980).

Edgar Rumbley 9 Nov 1792 prob. 1793. Wife Ann Son Thomas and dau. Levice Rumbly (under 21) to share the 250 acre homeplace except for 35 acres adjoining the widow Henricks which goes to dau. Ann Orrell. Dau. Lyddia Eanochs, Cousin: James Rumbley, 100 acres adj. James Pelles. He mentions money due from Ann Harrington of Caroline County for the rent of James Rumbley's land. He mentions Isaac Smith's property line. Exrss:Zephannah Harper and wife Ann Rumbly. Wit: Michael Smith, James Stephen, Rebecca Smith.

Ms. Cobb also states that Thomas married Mary Brown and migrated to Harrison County, IN. Daughter Levice Rumbly married Andrew Tucker and migrated to Wayne Co. IN. Dau. Ann Rumbley married Daniel Orrell. Ann Harrington of Caroline County was brother Jacob Rumbley's wife after her marriage to Mr. Harrington.

Edgar's wife Anna is thought to be a Hays - primarily on the basis of a letter written by Isaac V. Enochs (Captain, C.S.A) written in the late1800's. Verification is pending.

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The following information was from the Orrell Family Page<<http://www.orrellfamily.com>>. I wish to thank Robert Orrell and others for the tremendous work that they have done on the Orrell Family for many years.

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EDGAR RUMBLEY OF ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

In the name of God Amen. I Edger Rumbley of the County of Rowan and state of North Carolina. Being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do make ordain and constitute this my last will and testament. And first of all I commend my soul unto the hands of God. That gave it and my body to the Earth from which it came. To be buried in a decent manor at the discretion of my Executors and as Touching my worldly goods that God has left me with. I dispose of them in the following manner. That is to say first of all my desire is that my Guardian pay all debts. Shall be paid out of my.....later Estate and also I give and bequeath unto my Cousin James Rumbley, one hundred acres of land adjoining James Relles land and also one Bay mare and one Black colt and one cow and Yearling and a Weaned Yearling heifer and two feather beds and furniture and one saw and all the money due me from Ann Harrington of Caroline County for the rent of James Rumbleys land except four dollars. I also give to my Cousin James Rumbley one saddle and bridle and one chest and no more.

ITEM - I give and bequeath unto well beloved son Thomas Rumbley and my well beloved daughter Louise Rumbley all the tract or parcel of land where on I now live except thirty five acres adjoining the widow Hindricks land and after taking off that thirty five acres there remainder being 250 acres to be equally devided between my son Thomas Rumbley and my well beloved daughter Louise Rumbley. To them and their heirs and assigns forever and the devision to be made in the following manner. Beginning on Isaac Smiths line at the head of a branch running down said branch to the North and over the big branch from whence such a course as my executors shall think proper. To make an equa division and the part where on I now live to belong to my son Thomas.

ITEM - I also give to my son Thomas Rumbley 1 young mare and saddle and bridle and all my wearing apparel and all my working tools I also give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Rumbley and my daughter Louise Rumbley all my stock and household furniture that is not given except 10 shillings worth and all the rest be equally devided between them both only Thomas Rumbley pay to his sister Louise Rumbley 5 pounds in gold or trade when she come to the years of 21. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Orrell thirty five acres of land before mentioned adjoining the widow Hindricks land and nothing more. I also give unto my dau. Lyddia Eanocks 10 shillings that I reserved before out of my estate and nothing more. I also give unto my dear wife 4 dollars in the hands of Ann Harrington and all the estate I have left to my son Thomas and my dau. Louisa Rumbley to be and remain in the possession of my wife Ann Rumbley during her widowhood and I do constitute and appoint my worthy friend Zephaniah Harper and my loving wife Ann Rumbley executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of Dec. in the year of our Lord 1792.

Edgar Rumbley

### ***John Rumbley (?-1744)***

From Rumley family Genealogy<<http://www2.netdoor.com/bfhenry/personal/rumley.html>>  
Frank H. Robertscontributor.

The will of John Rumbley of Dorchester was written 17 Feb.1744 -- prob. 12 June 1745 -- Wife Ann: Daughters: Nancy, Mary, Betty; Sons: Jacob and Edgar Rumbley, Eits: William Adams, John Pritchett Fisher and James Vaux.

### ***Nancy Ann Rumbley (1760-abt 1834)***

THE WILL OF NANCY ORRELL, WIDOW OF DANIEL, ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

In the name of God Amen. I Nancy Orrell of the county of Rowan and State of North Carolina being in a deludeing state of health but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God calling to mine the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the Almighty God that giave it and my body I reccomend the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the decretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the general resurection shall receive the same by the mighty powers of God and as touching such wordly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life. I give and demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath to my beloved son Samuel Orrell one negro boy named Bob to him and his heirs forever.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved son Samuel Orrell the sole executor of this my last will and testament in whitness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 15th day July 1833. Her

Nancy X Orrell (seal)

Signed and acknowledge mark

in the presence of

Berryman

Samuel Harriss att.

### ***Henry Salmon (1770-1835)***

The following is a transcript Court Minutes and Papers - contributed by Mary Paul Barrett:

HENRY SALMON - Halifax County, Virginia

Court Minutes 6A:122 - 29 Sep 1835

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In Chancery, bill and answer of Henry Salmon's admr. filed and order of publication against:

- William Salmon
- Henry Salmon
- William Rogers and Sarah his wife
- Iverson Gresham and Ailcy his wife
- Anthony G. Gresham and Phoebe his wife
- David Salmon

to November ct to be published in the Danville Reporter

6A:181 - Jan 1836

Clark wife & al vs Salmon & others - In Chancery:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendants William Salmon, Henry Salmon, William Rogers and Sarah his wife, Iverson Gresham and Ailcy his wife,\* Anthony Gresham and Phoebe his wife, and David Salmon are not inhabitants of the commonwealth & that the proceedings have been had against them prescribed by the act of assembly and the rules of this court and they still failing to appear and answer the plaintiffs bill is taken for confessed as to them. And now this cause came on to be heard on the bill the answer of the other defendants the exhibit and the examination of testimony and was argued by Council on consideration whereof the court doth and adjudge order and decree that Isaac Palmer, Edward Bruce, and Samuel Pate, Jr. or any three of them who are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose do sell the slaves of which Henry Salmon died possessed except such as the administrator may require for the payment of the debts of the decedent, on a credit of six months that they take from the purchaser or purchasers bond with good security for the purchase money and make report to this court.

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Note at bottom: \*In Todd Co. Ky by then - Sarah Catherine b.1835??

Henry Salmon  
Acct. Current

Halifax County, Virginia  
Book 18, Pages 394 & 395

Dv. The Estate of Henry Salmon decd. In Acct. Current with Edward Bruce admr. debonis non & Commissioner by decree of Court Cr.

1837	To Commission on 384.84 amt. recd. as admr.	23.09	
	" Ditto on 2.451\$ amt. recd. as coms.	68.75	91.84
	" amt from Contra Bat due the Estate	2744.00	2835.84

1837

Nov. 10

	To Cash pd. Allen Salmon his distributive share	343.00	
"	" Ditto " Iverson L. Gresham "		Ditto 343.00



Simmons / Sheets Family History

"	"	Ditto "	Anthony G. Gresham	"	Ditto	343.00
July 4	"	"	Ditto "	William Salmon	"	Ditto 343.00
"	"	"	Ditto "	David Salmon	"	Ditto 343.00
April 10	"	"	Ditto "	John Clark	"	Ditto 343.00
July 24	"	"	Ditto "	William Rogers	"	Ditto 343.00
Dec 21	"	"	Ditto "	Henry Salmon	"	Ditto 343.00
_____				\$2744.00		

1836						
Octr 15						
			By amt. received Jno. Chappell former admr.			108.47
Dec 1	"	"	"	Isaac O. Sawyer.....		276.37
383.84						

Aug. 13 " amt. recd. as Commissioner for slaves  
heretofore sold as reported to court  
2451.00  
2835.84

By bal & due as shown  
above.....2744.00  
amt brot from  
above.....2744.00

In obedience to a Decree of the County Court of Halifax made at August term 1836 directing the undersigned to collect and pay over to the legal distributees of Henry Salmon decd. the money arising from the Sale of the Slaves of the Estate of said Deceased heretofore made and appointing him a Commissioner for that purpose, he begs leave to present to the worshipful Court the foregoing account current showing the receipts and disbursements made by him as Commissioner under the aforesaid Decree and as Admr. debonis non of the Estate of the said decd. by which account it will be seen that all the funds of the said Estate have been fully distributed amongst the legal claimants all which is most respectfully submitted.

Given under my hand the 20th February 1837  
Edward Bruce

At a Court held for Halifax County the 23d day of April 1838. The within written account Current of the estate of Henry Salmon decd. was returned to Court by a Commissioner appointed to settle the same & ordered to be one term and at another Court held for said County the 28th day of May 1838. No exceptions being taken to the said account it was ordered to be recorded.

Teste  
Wm. Holt CHC

## **John Salmon (?-1803)**

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett

Information regarding death, children's spouses taken from the following Will Abstract for JOHN SALMON:

Halifax County, Virginia 1803

Book 6, Page 538 - Written 9 July 1803, Recorded 26 September 1803

Persons named as heirs:

Susanna Salmon - wife

Henry - son - 128 acres of land

James - son - 100 acres of land where lives, mill and its 6 acres

Winifred Boy - daughter

Susanna Bradshaw - daughter

Jeney Wood - Daughter

Robert - son

Witnesses: Thomas Watkins, Robert Stanfield, Jr.

Executors: Son, James Salmon and William Wood, Jr.

Bond: William Wood, Jr. and William Bradshaw, \$1,000

Note:

Henry Salmon m. Sarah Wood 9 Jan 1794 Halifax Co.

Robert Salmon m. Susanna Grant 24 Dec 1798 Halifax Co.

James Salmon m. Phoebe Traylor 6 Aug 1808 Caswell Co. NC

Winifred Salmon m. John Boyd

Susanna Salmon m. William Bradshaw

Jeney Salmon m. William Wood, Jr.

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On Family sheet that Mary Paul Barrett sent - states that sheet was submitted by Robert Boyer, 8444 Grenoble St., Sunland CA 91040 - on Jan 15, 1983. States authorities: Will Book #6 Page 538(?could be 588) Halifax Co. VA Marriage of Halifax Co. VA.

## **Phoebe Salmon (1808-1858)**

Phebe (Phoebe) Solomon's names have different spellings - depending on the resource. Information received from Mary Paul Barrett states that the surname is Salmon. Salmon is probably the correct spelling if we can believe the spelling of Phoebe's father's name (SALMON) in his will. We understand that since many people during those times could not read or write, the person/persons taking information down would spell the name phonically. Hence, Salmon, Solomon, Soloman.

### **William Clay Samples (1879-1950)**

Died in an automobile wreck.

### **Kathy Sutherlan**

Kathy Sutherlan was the mother of two children - names unknown.

### **George Wells (1705)**

Information given by Mary Paul Barrett - Family Page

Under Sources of Information:

975.564 Early Wills Lunenburg Co., VA p. 81 (Will Bk#1 p. 334)

975.(?3or569?) v25m p.130 Mrrgs Lunenburg Co., VA (for ch. #1 Abner

More information in column to the right on the family page:

Frederick Nance an executor on will of George Wells.

Note an Abner Gresham in Calloway Co. K

Under space where Died: will dated 2 Sept. 1761.

Excerpt from 975.564 S2 e L - Early Wills Lunenburg Co. VA by Elliott Will Book 1, Page 334

WELLS, George

NAMES: wife - mentioned in will but not by name

Son - Elijah Wells

Son - Abner Wells

Land where I now live to be equally divided between my sons Elijah

and Abner Wells

Daughter - Susanna Wells - personal property My wife to have remainder of  
my estate for

Ann, Susanna and

life, and then to be divided among my children, Elijah, Hannah,

Abner Wells. Executors: Elijah Wells and Frederick Nance.

Witnesses: Geo. Walton

Barnaby (B) Wells

Edward (X) Hayley

Will dated 2 Sept. 1761

/s/ George Wells

Recorded 6 Oct. 1761

Note: Witness Barnaby Wells; On a sheet under "W" - Marriages of Richmond County, Page 228 was the following excerpt: WELLS, Barnabas (Barnsby, Barnebe&c) married by 2 June 1731, Joyce Smith, only child of Thomas Smith, then deceased, who was the eldest son of silliam Smith, also deceased, who died testate in Richmond County. The Wellses were heirs of Francis Lucas (q.v.), p.121 and by 1741 they were residing in Amelia County, Cirginia. DB#8, p.570; DB#10,p.28,266. (Handwritten in: "maybe George m. there?) - at bottom of the page Handwritten: (good lead "Uncle" Barnaby).

### ***John Wells Sr. (?-1729/1730)***

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Note: 3 pages of a book Richmond Co. VA:

p. 160 - John WELLS Sr. , Sitt.Par., will; (nd.), 3 Mar 1730/31 wife Milou; son George all land after wife's death; it he has no heirs, to son Thomas; sons Barnaby and John; no ex; wits: Edward Eidson, Willoughby

FIELDING. This is on page 1.

p. 225 - Elizabeth BRADLEY, Sitt. Par., will; 23 Sep 1723, 6 Nov 1723 grson. Barnaby WELLS; grson. John WELLS (son of my s-i-l John WELLS) 100 ac. whereon I now live, if he has no male heirs, land to be returned to my s-i-l John WELLS and after his decease to go to my grson, Thomas POUND; grson George WELLS; s-i-l John WELLS all my handicrafts tools as coopers, carpenters, joiners, etc. and the chest they are put into; dau. Margaret PURCELL; Elizabeth SMITH; grchil, Thomas POUND, Elizabeth POUND, and Catherine PURSELL ex: s-i-l John WELLS and Tobias PURSELL; wits: D. GAINES, James WILSON. This excerpt is on page 2.

f85r - Thomas BRADLEY, will; 9 Jul 1705 Elizabeth SMITH; wife Elizabeth; ex: wife; wits: John GYLBERT, John KELLEY, William SHAW. This excerpt is on page 3 -- also a handwritten note: Elizabeth Wells Toluas Pursell 1761 s-i-l of Eli Bradley.

### ***Sarah Woods***

Marriage to Henry Salmon -- a Surety Bond signed by William Wood.

### ***Everett Yates***

Everett married his step sister a Rector.

### ***Isam Yates***

Note: After the death of Jane, Isam married the Rector widow, mother of five children. Isam sold his farm on Carter Creek to Alex Sanders and moved to Indian Territory. All his children followed him.

### ***Joseph Yates (1901)***

Joseph Yates was a veteran of World War I and he disappeared after the war ended and was never heard from again.

### ***Julie Yates***

Soon after marriage - moved to Indian Territory.

### ***Melissa Yates***

Melissa Yates died at the birth of a child who also died less than a month after his birth. She is buried in the Parnell Bales Cemetery near her mother Jane.