

THE TULLIS



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Introduction



Over the several years that we have been doing genealogical research on the TULLIS family, we have amassed an impressive amount of information on this colonial-pioneer family. Equally important is the number of "cousins" we have met through correspondence. Many are interested in the family history, to one extent or another, and most have asked to be kept informed on the progress we are making.

It is in this regard that we have established this little family magazine, "THE TULLIS TRACER". We found our correspondence was becoming overwhelming and thought that a quarterly magazine devoted strictly to the TULLIS family would resolve our problem of keeping everyone informed as promised. We hope it will become important to you as a source of information and at the same time be entertaining.

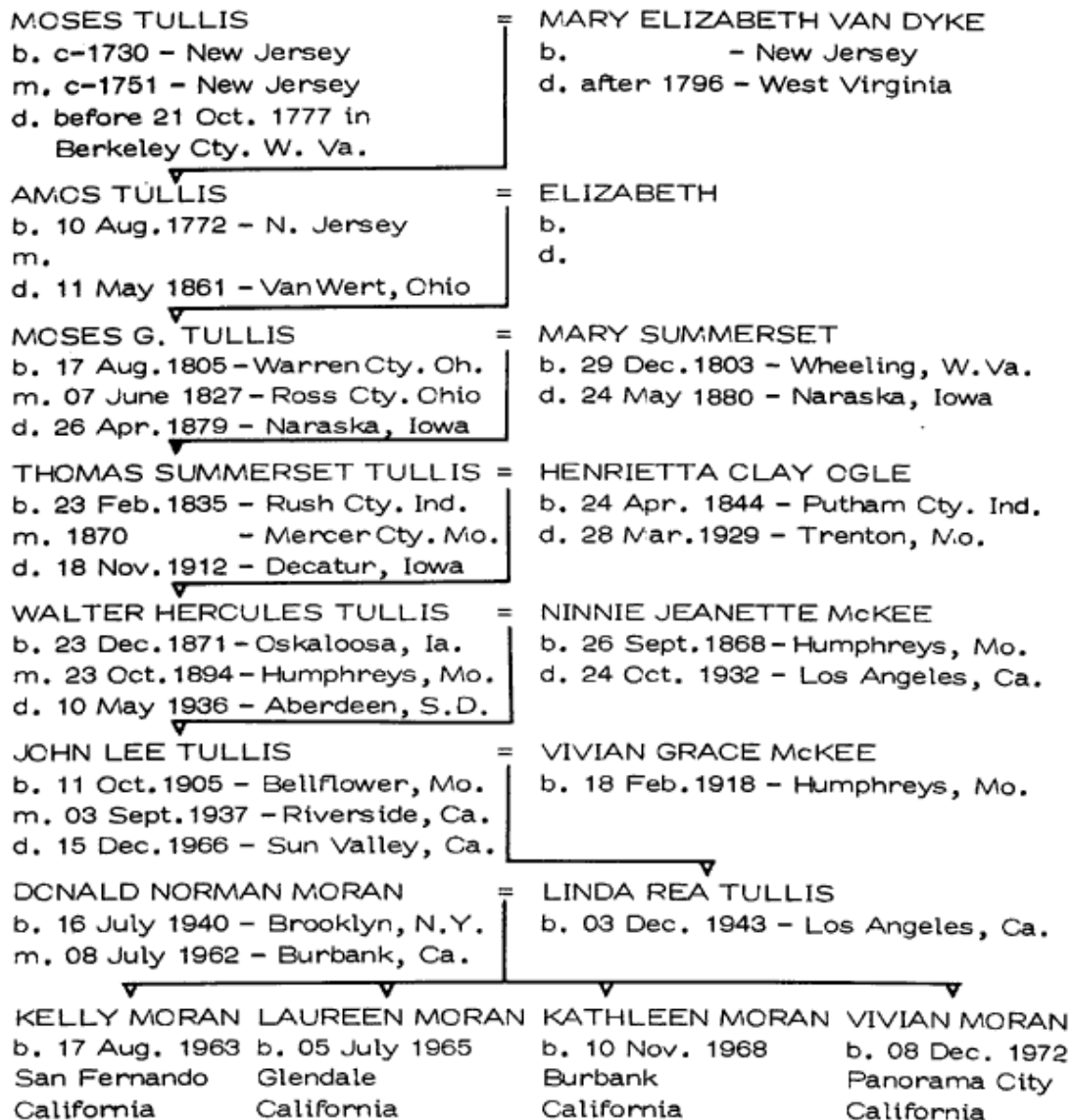
A year ago, we discussed the "format" we would use, and the how, when and where of publishing a genealogical magazine. Since then, we have been preparing the first edition. As you can see, we finally made it. We would like interested members of the family to submit articles of general interest on the TULLIS surname, or individuals bearing it, as we have only about four (4) issues worth of "good" material. Additionally, the majority of our information is on one branch of the family, and we would naturally like to expand it to include all the TULLISES.

We also decided that we would not solicit subscriptions to "THE TULLIS TRACER", but will defray the cost of publication and postage ourselves. We will, however, not turn down contributions, as it is an expensive project.

Let us know how you liked the first issue, and any ideas you may have to improve the second edition.

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A Tullis Line



Letters To A Son in the Civil War



UNION CAVALRY SCOUTING IN FRONT OF THE CONFEDERATE ADVANCE.

Vanwert, Ohio

September the 1st, 1861

Dear Child, I take my pen in hand this morning to answer your kind letter I received it yesterday and was glad to hear you were well and in the service of our Country. Your Mother took a good cry over it but when we came to study on it we concluded it is all right and I feel glad that I have a son to volunteer in my place for I no if I was young I would go cheerfully and protect the stars and stripes of our country and now Thomas we want you to be religious for you no not how soon you may be stricken down by the hand of the traytors but if you should fall may you fall fighting for the flag of your Country and we hope your officers maybe God fearing soldiers. May they trust in that arm which protects the universe. I want you to keep us posted on the events that surround you in regard to the movements of your regiment

and all about your fare and situation and it may be you may move from one place to another and we not have a chance to write you. I want you to write us often for we will want to hear from you often. You wanted to no about our boys that volunteered from Vanwert. They have got back safe and some of them has volunteered for 3 years. _____ Clark is there captain. I received a letter from John and Henry yesterday. They are all well, we are well, except your mother, she has bin unwell for some time with the remralgy in her arm and shoulder but is since better now. The freinds is all as far as I no well. Sarah and Langdon with your Father and Mother send our love to you, No more at this Time.

M.G. and Mary Tullis

To: Thomas Tullis

Vanwert, Ohio

October the 9th, 1861

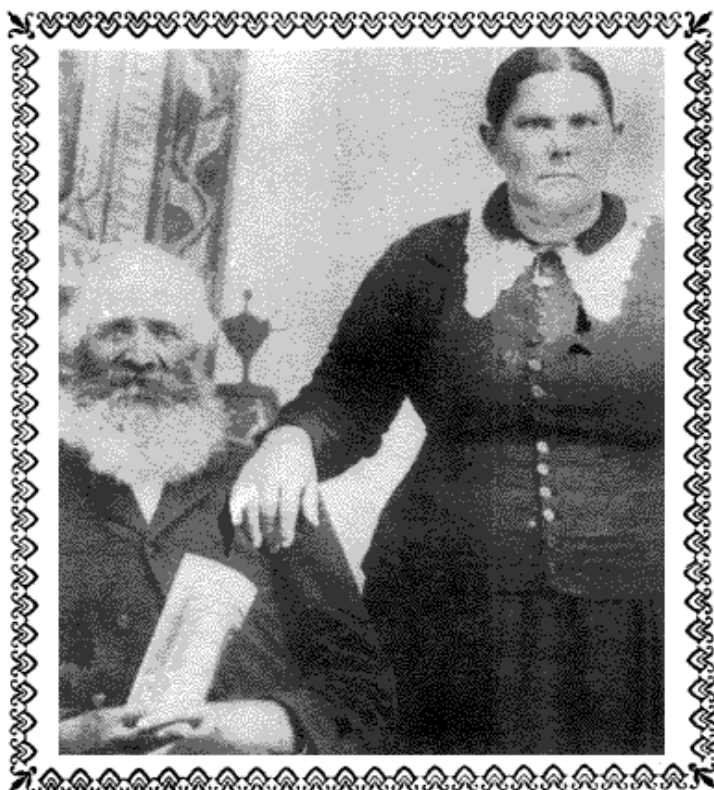
My dear child, I take my pen in hand this morning to answer your letter we received it yesterday and we all glad to hear from you that you were alive and well. We were very uneasy not hearing from you for some time but this morning we rejoiced that you have been preserved on the battlefield from bullets of the rebels. It has been our sincere prayer to God is you may be preserved from accident or sudden death and that the great general of the universe may shield and protect our army and lead them to certain victory. We all unite in praying for you and your officers that victory may crown every effort for the advancement of our cause. Mrs. Quick says she will pray for you as long as the War lasts that you may be preserved, and permitted to return home, to the embrace of freinds. Tell us wheather you are a drummer or carry arms so we may know how you are placed. I will now tell you of some of the boys that have gone to war. Rubin Carnean, George Wheeler, Washington Martin, Preston Treedy 2 of the Limber boys, Bill Crates, Jim and _____ Upgrove, Thadius Gilliland, George Todd, Enoch Butts, Jacob Wortman and we still have a company of cowards left at home. We held our elections yesterday and resulted in a full triumph of our union canidates in the county and the state is also her for the cons- titution and the union and a vigerous proscution of the war. We have not heard from Iowa for sometime thay were well than. Our freinds here are all well. Thomas write us often and let us know how you are getting along and how you are, I will close now, by saying fare well Tommy, May God bless you.

M.G. and Mary Tullis

To: Thomas Tullis

These letters were written by Moses G. and Mary Tullis to their son, Thomas Summerset Tullis, after he left home to enlist in the Union Army in 1861. Thomas was assigned to the Fifth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, which fought in the Mississippi River Basin and seemingly was always on the move.

The letters never caught up with Thomas, so the War Department filed them in Thomas' personal file. Forty years later Thomas applied for and received his Veterans Pension, and the two letters. They were saved because of their content and novelty of taking so long to be delivered:



MOSES G. and MARY (Summerset) TULLIS
writers of these letters

Tullis and Heraldry

In the past few years we have received several copies of a printed form published by HALBERTS of Bath, Ohio. On this form is a heraldic drawing alleged to be the Coat of Arms for anyone surnamed TULLIS. We were further informed that this fictitious "gem" cost two (2) dollars. We say "Don't waste your money!" We make this statement because we know that an individual is entitled to a coat of arms only if it is granted to him or to one of his paternal ancestors bearing his surname. Secondly, we have checked into the heraldic aspects of the TULLIS family and to the claims made by the firm mentioned above.

Halberts described the coat of arms they claim as being for the surname TULLIS as: "Argent, on a chevron gules, three escallops or, in chief a lion passant, vert." The crest is depicted as "A cupid with bow and quiver, all proper". A line drawing of these arms is shown below.



TULLY of WETHERALL ALLEY

Additionally, they claim that the source of their information is BURKE'S GENERAL ARMORY.

We checked BURKE'S and found that the surname TULLIS does not appear in that notable reference. But, the arms depicted to the left were shown as being the arms granted to the TULLY of Wetherall Alley, Cumberland Co., England.

It is obvious that Halberts was unable to find a coat of arms for TULLIS so they chose TULLY, because of the spelling similarity.

We then embarked on a study of heraldry and the TULLIS family, and are herein relating our findings:

Another misconception was discovered. The arms depicted below have often been used as the arms of the TULLIS family. However, careful research discloses that it is the lawful arms of the



TULLY of GALWAY

Irish family, TULLY of Galway, Ireland.

It is possible that this family may have at one time been a part of the TULLIS family in Scotland, then upon migrating to Ireland, changed the spelling. However, we have no proof of that contention. But, even if we had proof, it would be improper to use these arms as they were granted to the TULLY family by the Ulster King of Arms of Ireland.

There are two coats of arms that are attributed to individuals bearing the TULLIS surname. In FOX-DAVIES monumental work, GENTLEMEN OF COAT ARMOUR,

there is shown the arms of ROBERT TULLIS, Gentleman, of Stratheny, Fife, Scotland. We wrote Sir James Monteith Grant, the present Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland, who kindly responded"

"I confirm that Robert Tullis of Stratheny was granted arms in 1909, and these arms are duly recorded in the PUBLIC REGISTER of All Arms and Bearings of Scotland, Vol. XX, page 38. The designation of those arms is "Unto him and his descendants and to the other descendants of his grandfather."

The limitation of the use of this coat of arms is quite clearly laid down in the original Letters Patent. Accordingly, no descendant of Moses Tullis could possibly be entitled to these arms.



TULLIS of STRATHENRY

Another Coat of Arms we have discovered in an Armorial manuscript compiled by Lyndesay of the Mount dated 1542, shows the arms depicted below, as being used by an individual surnamed TULLIS.

The same arms are listed in Sir James Balfour's 17th century manuscript, but attributed to TULLOS.

Again, the Lord Lyon was consulted, and he stated, "No one has claimed these Arms undifferenced, but this does not mean that the Arms are now available for use by anyone who happens to bear the surname TULLIS."

As a result of this research, we can state without hesitation, that until further evidence establishing the lineage of the TULLIS family across the Atlantic, the descendants of Moses TULLIS do not have the right to display a coat of arms, by right of inheritance.

It is possible for an individual who feels strongly enough to wish to secure a coat of arms, to do so by applying to the College of Arms of England, who will, for a fee, and if the requestor meets the requirements, to grant a coat of arms to him.

However, this writer believes that we will eventually establish the right to display arms, through genealogical research.



ANCIENT TULLIS
(Found in Lyndesay's
Manuscript)

MOSES TULLIS (1730 – 1777)



When doing genealogical research, a great deal of time must be spent in overcoming misconceptions and mis-statements about our ancestors. Some researchers often do not take the time to study all the available information, or choose to ignore facts which conflict with their concept of what their ancestor SHOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE! We are afraid this is the case with Moses Tullis of Berkeley County, West Virginia.

On October 12th, 1912, Mrs. Annie Tullis Lentzy submitted an application for membership to the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.). On this application she made several statements that have yet to be proved, and a few that have been disproved. Mrs. Lentzy claimed Moses Tullis of Berkeley County, Virginia (later West Virginia) as her Revolutionary War ancestor, and gained admission into the D.A.R. on that basis. Since that time, the D.A.R. has published its members' lineages, including that of Mrs. Lentzy. This has compounded the problem, as many researchers wrongfully assume anything that is in print is accurate. Accordingly, many more references to Moses' war service have been published based on the information in the D.A.R. records.

Contemporary researchers of the TULLIS lineage seem unanimous in disagreeing with Mrs. Lentzy. They base their contentions on various bits and pieces of information gleaned after countless hours of research. One researcher has acceptable proof that another Moses Tullis was in residence in Cumberland County, New Jersey, during the Revolution. This Moses had a son also named Moses who was born on May 15th, 1752, and a second son named William born of a previous marriage, on August 22nd, 1742. This William served in Captain Joseph Bloomfield's Company, 3rd Battalion, New Jersey Continental Line. The exact service credited to Moses Tullis of Berkeley County. It is highly unlikely that Moses of Berkeley County would have traveled 200 odd miles from Berkeley County to Cumberland County, N.J. to enlist, while a man 22 years his junior stayed at home. It is far more likely that the brothers William and Moses enlisted together.

The Will of Moses Tullis of Berkeley Co. dated June 7th, 1777, has been uncovered at the County Court house in Berkeley County. Comparing that important find with the military records of Moses Tullis, we find that he was on active duty at Mount Independence, New York, on February 23rd, 1777, and that his Company, mentioned earlier, stayed at that location until July 5th, 1777, or 28 days after the signing of Moses Tullis' will in Berkeley County, Virginia.

We believe that the Moses Tullis that saw military service in the Revolution was the Moses Tullis of Cumberland Co. N.J., and not the Moses Tullis of Berkeley County.

We also questioned other statements made by Mrs. Lentzy. She claimed Moses Tullis was born in Wales. We have yet to find one scrap of evidence to support that contention, while we have substantial proof that the TULLIS surname is from the Fife area of Scotland. Additionally, there are a number of Tullises in residence in New Jersey prior to the birth of Moses (1730). Accordingly, we believe he was born in that state, rather than Wales. He is probably a descendant of William Tullis.

Mrs. Lentzy also claimed Moses Tullis died in Warren Co., Ohio, in 1805. This too is incorrect. Moses Tullis' will, dated and signed on June 7th, 1777, was made in Berkeley County, Virginia, and on October 27th, 1777, it was probated. This means that Moses died sometime between the two dates, probably closer to the latter. Then where did Mrs. Lentzy get the information that Moses Tullis died in Warren County in 1805?

Michael Tullis, third son of Moses of Berkeley County, migrated to Warren County, Ohio. Michael named his first born son after his father, Moses. This son was born on June 22nd, 1792. Some years later, while in Warren County, Michael had his sixth son, Aaron, on October 11th, 1804. When his seventh son was born, he was named MOSES.

It was a common practice in Michael's day to name a child after a brother or sister who had died. In this case, it is highly likely that Michael did just that. Inasmuch as Aaron was born in 1804, it is a safe assumption that Michael's son, Moses, was still living in 1804, but dead before his namesake's birth. The Moses Tullis who died in

1805 in Warren County, Ohio, was a 13-year-old boy, named after his grandfather, Moses of Berkeley County.

Thus we have rebutted most of the statements that have clouded the real Moses Tullis. Now, we will recount the absolute facts we have on Moses Tullis.

Moses Tullis was born in 1730, probably in New Jersey, where he met Miss Mary Elizabeth Van Dyke, daughter of Jan Van Dyke (1709-1777) and Margaret Barcola. Moses and Mary are believed to have been married in 1751, although no proof has been found.

In the Court records of Berkeley County, West Virginia, Deed Book 5, page 101, dated the third day of August 1762, we find an indenture between Lawrence and Katherine Harrison and Moses Tullis in the sum of two hundred pounds for a parcel of land. This is the first record we have of Moses Tullis in Berkeley County, and this purchase of land no doubt occurred shortly after Moses' arrival in that place.

Moses and Mary had a large family, numbering fourteen children:

1. Aaron	b. 1751 in New Jersey	d. 1840 in Ohio
2. Moses, Jr.	b. 1752 in New Jersey	d. 1817 in S.C.
3. Michael	b. in Virginia	d. 1823 in Indiana
4. Mary	b.	d.
5. Jonathan	b.	d.
6. Thomas	b.	d.
7. John	b. 1763 in Virginia	d. 1825 in Ohio
8. William	b.	d.
9. Isaac	b.	d.
10. Samuel	b.	d.
11. Joel	b.	d. in Illinois
12. David	b. 1771 in Virginia	d.
13. Amos	b. 1773 in Virginia	d. 1861 in Ohio
14. Marium	b. 1776 in Virginia	d.

Moses Tullis drew up his will on June 7th, 1777, while living in Berkeley County, West Virginia. The will was probated on the 21st of October, 1777, accordingly, he passed away between those two dates. Mary, his wife, remarried and was still living in 1796.