

THE TULLIS



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Introduction

he response to the first issue of the TULLIS TRACER was overwhelming, far exceeding our fondest hopes. We wish to thank the many people that wrote us, offered to assist, and those who contributed to the publication costs. We have received countless letters containing information on the Tullis family, which is our goal, amassing as much information on the family history as possible.

We have also received many requests for copies of the TRACER and to be added to our ever growing mailing list, which now exceeds two hundred.

We do ask however, those who have not responded to please do so. We want to know if you wish to be kept on the mailing list or not. A post card will do.

Several very good suggestions have also come forth. Some we are definitely going to implement, others will require considerable thought, such as establishing a family association. Enlargement was by far the foremost suggestion, and we are doing that. This issue contains sixteen pages, and hopefully, we will be able to increase the size in the forthcoming months. Another suggestion is to publish our mailing list. We hesitate to do this for obvious reasons. In lieu thereof, we will gladly put any reader into contact with another researcher/reader who is doing research on the same lineage or problem.

We were also asked if we would publish queries, certainly, however, they should be confined to the Tullis family or a spouse of a Tullis. Also please keep them short.

Your comments, and genealogical information are greatly appreciated, so keep those letters coming in.

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A Tullis Line

MOSES TULLIS = MARY ELIZABETH VAN DYKE
 b. ca.- 1730 - New Jersey b. - New Jersey
 m. ca.- 1751 - New Jersey d. after 1796 - Virginia
 d. before 21 Oct. 1777 in
 Berkeley Co. Virginia

WILLIAM TULLIS = MARY TABITHA TEANIS
 b. ca.- 1774 - Virginia b.
 m. 22 May 1794 - Berkeley d.
 Co. Virginia

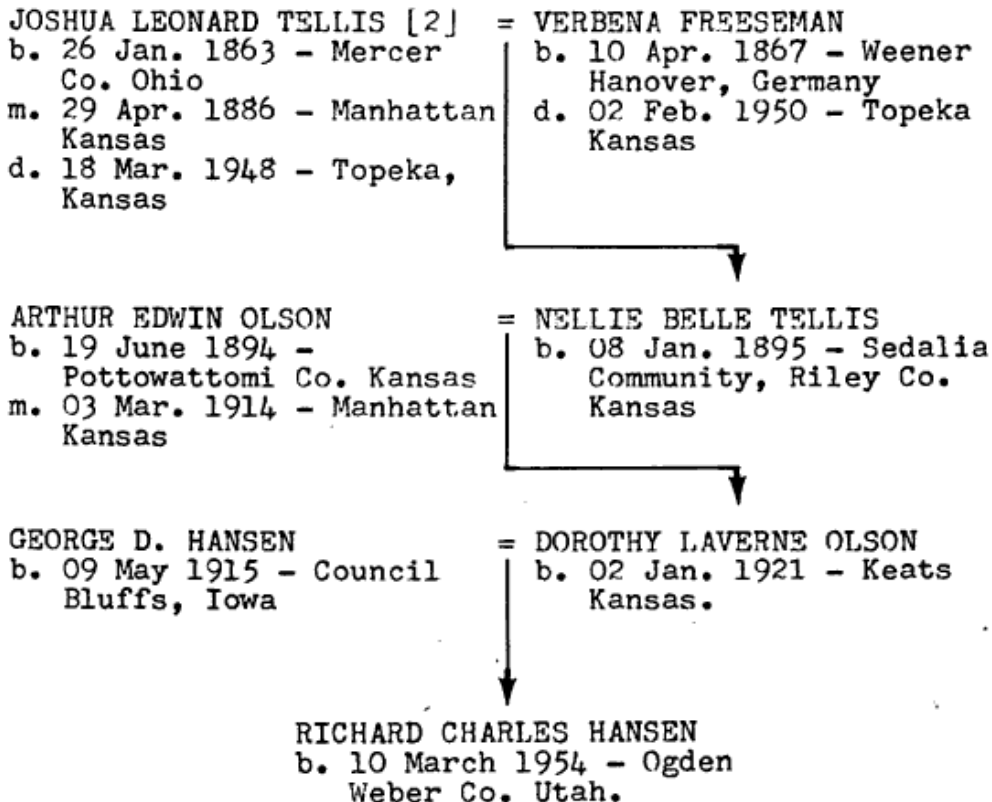
AMOS TULLIS = MARY EPPERSON
 b. ca.-1794 - b. ca. 1797
 m. 12 Jan. 1815 - Warren d.
 co. Ohio

CORBIN TULLIS = FRANCES ROEBUCK
 b. 1815/16 - Warren Co. b. 06 Oct. 1812 - Ross
 Ohio Co. Ohio
 m. 14 May 1835 - d. 19 Jan. 1883 - Celina
 d. Summer of 1840 Mercer Co. Ohio

LEONARD B. TULLIS = ANNA BOLTON
 b. 1836 - Mercer Co. Ohio b. 1840 - Mercer Co.
 m. 22 Feb. 1857 - Mercer Ohio
 Co. Ohio
 d. 01 June 1864 - Ander- d. 14 Feb. 1875 - Riley
 sonville Prison, Ga.[1] Co. Kansas

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OUR THANKS

The article in Volume One of the TULLIS TRACER entitled TULLIS AND HERALDRY was illustrated with the coats of arms discussed in the text. Our special thanks to the AUGUSTAN SOCIETY for permitting us to employ some of their line drawings.

The Editors

THOMAS S. TULLIS¹⁷



Civil War

Soldier

and

Iowa

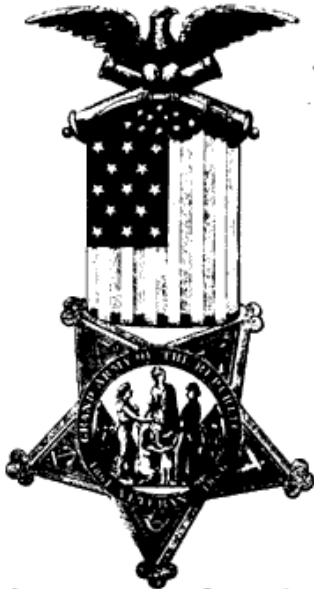
Pioneer

Thomas Summerset Tullis, the fourth child of Moses Grooms Tullis and Mary Summerset was born on February 23rd, 1835 in Rush County, Indiana. He was named after his grandfather Thomas Summerset who died the year before our subject was born. The Grandfather was a veteran of the American Revolution and served in Colonel Armand's Legion as a Dragoon (Cavalry) and for a time was assigned as a body guard to General Lafayette. He nodoubt told many stories about the War of Independence and the notables of that conflict he saw while with General Lafayette.

Thomas or Tommy as his parents called him, lived on the farm of his parents, and moved with them to various places in Indiana and Ohio.

On August 1st, 1861, shortly after the start of the Civil War, Tommy enlisted in Company "C", 5th Regiment of Kansas Cavalry. This regiment was considered one of the Union Army's finest mounted units, which might account for Tommy traveling all the way to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to enlist. Perhaps the stories of his Grandfather's exploits in the Revolution inspired this action,

The 5th Kansas Cavalry served in General Grants Army of the Mississippi Valley, participating in many of the battles fought in that theater of the War. At Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on October 25th, 1863, Tommy was engaged in a mounted duel with a unit of General Marmaduke's Confederate Cavalry, sustaining a slight sabre wound. It wasn't serious, as Tommy was back on active duty in a few days.



While at his regimental camp word reached the 5th Kansas Cavalry of a major Union victory. Reacting to this good news, and in a gesture of celebration, Tommy fired his pistol in the air, contrary to camp orders. He was Court-martialled on June 8th, 1864. However, his punishment was a fine of \$5.00 to be deducted from his pay. Certainly, this minimum punitive measure shows how minor an offence he had committed and that the Officers understood his actions, although they could not condone them.

On September 7th, 1864, Tommy was discharged from the Army, having fulfilled the terms of his enlistment. He was given \$100.00 in payment for the horse he brought with him when he enlisted, and \$ 68.47 in back pay and allowances. His discharge was honorable.

Rather than return to the family home in Van Wert, Ohio, he elected to ride due north to his brothers home in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He stayed in and around that town until 1875.

While there he met a War time buddy, Jasper Ogle, and thru him met Henrietta Clay Ogle. They were

married around 1870 (Records were destroyed in an 1898 fire). Unfortunately, this was not a happy marriage, which resulted in separation and finally in divorce, which was granted in Maskaska County, Iowa on May 18th, 1875.

Thomas removed to Decatur, Iowa, and lived the rest of his years in that community. While there he met and married Miss Mary E. Horner. They were married on May 21st, 1884.

As a result of the divorce, Thomas had two separate families. The first from his marriage to Henrietta, who bore him a son, Walter Hercules Tullis. The second, from his wife Mary, who bore him four children: Loren, John, Mary and Pearl Marie. His descendants are many, and we are going to treat them separately, owing to the confines of this small publication. In this issue, on pages 20 and 21 we have presented a genealogical chart showing the descendants of Thomas thru his son Walter.

On the 24th of February 1910, Thomas applied for a veterans pension in compliance with the Veterans Act of February 6th, 1907. In this application, he stated that he was 5 foot 7 inches tall, dark complexion, grey eyes, and had dark hair. He also listed his occupation as a Farmer.

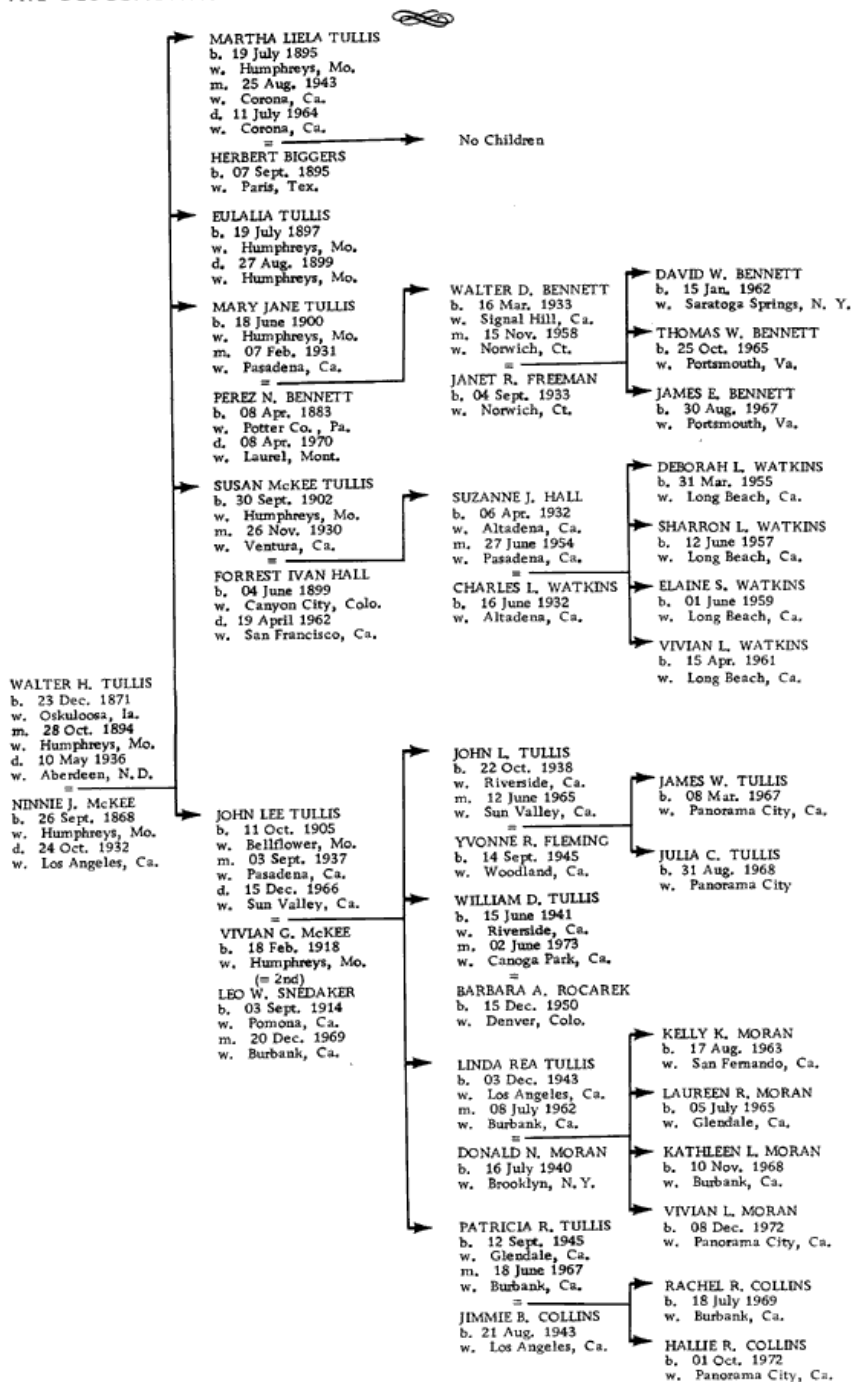
His pension was granted, under certificate number 162828, and he lived out the remaining few years of his life with the assistance of that well earned income.

Thomas died at his home in Decatur, Iowa, on November 18th, 1912 at the age of 75. He left his second wife, Mary, and their four children, his ex-wife and their son, plus several grandchildren to mourn his passing.

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Our special thanks to Mrs. Marie Tullis Cole who supplied much of the information in this story, and to Mr. Richard E. Coe who prepared the lineage chart on pages 20 and 21.

THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS S. TULLIS AND HENRIETTA C. OGLE



????? "QUERIES" ??????

JONATHAN TULLIS - b. ca. 1755 - N.J. living in Berkeley Co. Va. in 1777. Desire name of wife and date of m. She d. Warren Co. Oh. ca.-1811. Jonathan m. 2 - Nancy Darke Welsh, widow of Samuel Welsh. EMILY TULLIS LITTLE


 208 Church Street, Urbana, Ohio 43078

MARY ELIZABETH VAN DYKE TULLIS, alledged dau. of Jan Van Dyke. b. N.J. m. 1st. Moses TULLIS ca.-1751. m. 2nd (after 1777) Mr. Timmons. Still living on October 28th, 1796. Does anyone have proof she was a Van Dyke, and of her parentage? RICHARD C. HANSEN, c/o editor.

ANDREW TULLIS b. 1838 ?, in Oh. Shown in 1870 census in Bloomington, Ill. d. 1919 in Calif. Who were his parents? Mrs. OLIVE TULLIS DAVIS c/o Editor.

AMOS LANGDON TULLIS - b. 10 Aug. 1772 Berkeley Co. Va. d. 11 May 1861- Oh. m. Elizabeth
 Who were her parents, & when and Where were they married. Linda Tullis c/o Editor.

TO ERR IS HUMAN !

e once knew of an editor who used an interesting method of explaining away his publications mistakes. From time to time he printed a statement to the effect: "Some of our more observant readers have noticed occasional errors in this publication. These are deliberately put in to test your powers of observation." We simply do not have the intestinal fortitude to make such a statement. Errors will happen, inspite of a sincere effort to prevent them. Inasmuch as the TULLIS TRACER is hopefully used as a research tool, we will correct all errors as soon as they are discovered, and we will try our level best to see that few occur. In Volume 1, Number 1, there did appear the following mistakes:

Page 2, AMOS TULLIS, was born in Berkeley County, Va. not in New Jersey as we stated.

MOSES GROOMS TULLIS and MARY SUMMERSET died in MAHASKA County not Nasaska Co.

Page 11, AMOS TULLIS (13th child) was born in 1772 and is the same AMOS as listed on page 2.

TULLIS DOCUMENTS

WILL OF MOSES TULLIS

BERKELEY COUNTY COURT
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
Will Book No. 1, Page 118-119

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I, Moses Tullis of the Colony of Virginia and the County of Berkeley being sick of body but perfect of mind and memory thanks to Almighty God for his mercies and calling to mind the uncertainty of life in this world that all flesh is mortal do therefore think it proper to dispose of such worldly estates as it has pleased God to possess me of in present manner and form aforesaid that is to say I first order that my body be decently interred in such place as shall be thought most convenient and that all my just debts as I owe in right conscience to any person or persons be firstly paid by my Executors hereafter named within convenient time after my decease and now for my worldly affairs. First, I leave my beloved wife MARY ELIZABETH one third part of all my plantation and my bed and furniture and the mare she commonly rides with saddle and bridle and one third part of all cows horses (one colt excepted) sheep hogs impliments of labour and crops now growing. Secondly I leave to my beloved son AARON TULLIS the Sorrel colt and all and everything of the remaining two thirds of the land and other goods I order to be sold by my executors and at my wifes decease I order her third share of the plantation to be sold and an equal division of it to be made to all my children then living or thier heirs. This I make constitute

and ordain to be my last will and testament disannulling all other wills and testiments by me heretofore made either by word or writing. I constitute TIMOTHY SEWELL my son-in-law, My sons MOSES TULLIS and AARON TULLIS of Berkeley County in Virginia to be my whole and sole executors to see this my last will and testament duly and truly executed according to the best of their skill in witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal.

Sealed this tenth day of June 1777.

Estate Settlement of Moses Tullis

BERKELEY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
Deed Book 4, page 465

"Know all men by these present, that I, MOSES TULLIS of the County of Berkeley, in the State of Virginia, am held and firmly bound unto DAVID TULLIS, JOHN TULLIS, MARIUM TULLIS, SAMUEL TULLIS, JOEL TULLIS, AMOS TULLIS, WILLIAM TULLIS and ISAAC TULLIS, their executors, administrators or assigns to which payment will and truly to be made, I bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal, dated this 17th day of March, 1778, wherein MOSES TULLIS is the ELDER, late of the County of Berkeley and State of Virginia, dec'd., died in and by his last will and testament in writing direct that the tract of land whereon he lived containing by estimation 346 acres should be sold to the highest bidder and the money arising from the sale equally divided amongst all his children and after making the same, departed this life leaving behind him the above named MOSES TULLIS, his ELDEST son and hier at law, the said DAVID, JOHN, MARIUM, SAMUEL, JOEL, AMOS, WILLIAM and ISAAC TULLIS, infants under the age of 21 years and six more of full age and whereas some disputes have arisen with respect to the probate of the said will, whereby the above named MOSES TULLIS, conceives himself as heir at law, to be entitled to the whole of this land but desires to avoid all litigation, controversies and at the same time in some degree to comply with the direction contained in the said will of the said MOSES TULLIS, his

father, has agreed to pay unto each of the children of the said MOSES TULLIS his father the sum of forty pounds current money of Virginia in full satisfaction of any interest or claim which they or any of them might have in the said tract of land and or the will of the said MOSES TULLIS, the father, aforesaid, Now the conditions of the above obligations is such that each of them thus said the sum of forty pounds current money of Virginia as they shall respectively come of age to receive the same, then the within obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

[signed] MOSES TULLIS
(seal)

Rec. March 17, 1778

Land Sale By The Widow Tullis

BERKELEY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
Deed Book 13, page 167

MARY ELIZABETH TIMMONS, late widow and relict of MOSES TULLIS, deceased, sold to Charles Yates her dower of approximately 120 acres, part of the original tract, in consideration of one hundred pounds.



Editors note: The location of the estate of MOSES TULLIS referred to in the above transcribed documents was originally in Frederick County, Virginia, later Berkeley County, Virginia, and presently in Jefferson County, West Virginia. The farm is along highway Number 9 leading from Martinsburg to Charlestown, West Virginia. It is approximately two miles south of Kerneysville and lies on the opposite side of the highway from the Jefferson County Community Center. Our thanks to Lawrence & Emily (Tullis) Little for submitting these documents.

A TULLIS TEXAN



William Berry Tullis was born in Macom County, Alabama on November 17th, 1845. He was the son of Pleasant Thurmond Tullis (1807-1884) and Mary A. Beall (1812-1886). His father and Mother were originally from South Carolina, migrating to Alabama in 1837.

William lived in Alabama, attending public schools until he was sixteen. After finishing his education, he assisted his father on the family farm and like so many of the South's young man, when the Civil War started, he immediately enlisted. He was placed in the 46th Regiment of Alabama Infantry.

He was at the siege of Vicksburg, and was captured on July 4th, 1863 when that City fell to General U.S. Grant. He, like most of his comrades in arms was paroled, however, like most Confederate Soldiers he immediately joined his reorganized Regiment.

After several more difficult and hard battles his Regiment was again captured on bloody Missionary Ridge (Overlooking Chattanooga, Tennessee) on the 25th of November 1863. This time the Union Army did

not parole their prisoners, for obvious reasons. William was sent to Rock Island, Illinois as a prisoner of war for the duration.

After his release as a P.O.W. in 1865, he returned to his father's home in Alabama, but found the South in ruin, depression, and the evidence of a defeated nation was everywhere. The northern Carpetbaggers had assumed all local control, and the prospects for a young aggressive ex-Confederate soldier were nil at best. He decided to migrate west in hope of securing the future denied him in war torn Alabama.

He arrived in Jefferson, Texas in 1866, with five dollars in his pocket. Fortunately he was able to obtain a position as a clerk with the firm of Russell and Harrison Wholesale Grocers. He stayed with them for four year, learning the business. It would appear that he excelled in this vocation for he was offered a position with Bailey and Pond of New Orleans at an annual salary of \$3,000.00, a sizable wage in 1870. In 1875, he left their employ and migrated back to Texas, a great deal better off than his first trip to that State.

With \$1,800.00 he entered into a pardnership with John Ledbetter, and started a lucrative grocery business. During this time, he met and married John's sister, Mary Ann Ledbetter, on May 11th, 1876 at Terrell, Texas.

By 1880 Bill Tullis and John Ledbetter has amassed a sizable amount of money, so they sold the business at Terrell, and bought a cattle ranch in Limestone County, Texas. Bill put up \$15,000.00.

Eastern Texas was growing fast and the profitable "open cattle range" was rapidly disappearing, So Bill desolved the pardnership with Ledbetter and took his share of the cattle and drove them to Tom Green County, in western Texas. There he started another ranch. He sold that and moved to the better grazing country north of there in Kent County.

Texas, in the 1880's was still a primitive place. The motion pictures by John Ford and others pretty much showed us a vivid idea of what it was really like. Nodoubt, Bill Tullis spent a great deal of his time in the "saddle" and his daily attire

would have included, chaps, ten gallon hat, and the famed "six-shooter". Rustling and indians were still very much a part of west Texas, and Bill had to contend with those now famous problems. In spite of these difficulties, his ranch grew and prospered. He is said to have dealt strictly in cash, never using notes or loans. Hence, he withstood the many panics in the cattle industry and the losses of the 1885 - 1886 disastrous winter which wiped out millions of cattle and ruined many a rancher.

He sold his ranch in Kent County, with over 3,000 head of prime cattle, and moved to Quanah, Texas, where he opened a Bank.

A few months prior to his death in 1900, the cashier of his bank embezzled some funds, said to have amounted to several thousand dollars, and ran off to Mexico. William gave chase by both horse and train, all the way to Mexico City, where he finally caught the thief.

Unfortunately, he became sick with the flu and pneumonia. He had the Mexican Authorities hold his prisoner until he recovered enough to travel. When Bill was sufficiently recovered he took the prisoner and most of the stolen money back to Quanah, Texas.

However, the return trip proved to much for Bill, as he suffered a relapse and died shortly thereafter.

William Berry Tullis, like so many of his clan, left his mark on the land he helped to tame. His motives, like those of his ancestors will never be truly known, but they exemplified the American pioneer spirit.

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Our thanks to Mr. John L. Tullis of Louisiana and Mrs. A. Garnhardt of California for their assistance on this article.