

# JOHN T. VOIGHT FAMILY OF ORIGIN



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Our Voights have no connection to the actor Jon Voight whose paternal grandfather was Slovak and whose real name was *Voytka* (also spelled as *Voytko*). Jon's father and uncle changed their last name to *Voight* before 1929. (From a Univ. of Pittsburgh website <http://www.pitt.edu/~votruba/qsonhist/celebrities/voightjon.html>)

Above: Old Eason – Voight Family Cemetery, Greenway Road, Suffolk, Virginia. John T. Voight's sister Nancy Ann Baines, his brother James and James' family are buried here.

The documents in the following pages support this ancestral tree for John T. Voight's family of origin:

### John Wm Voight & Cealah Speight

born 1756-1774  
died 1800-30

born 1756-1774  
died 1830-40

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### John Voight

born 1791-1800  
died 1830-1850

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### Barsheba Rawls

born about 1803  
died 1870-1880

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**John T. Voight**  
born about 1832  
died 1899

Mining the data in the census records prior to 1850 is tedious work requiring concentration and devotion to detail because the earliest census records are just tallies, named only by head of household, counting the males and females, free and slave, in various age ranges. Not many folks have the interest and patience to sort out this kind of puzzle. The chapters on the Voight and Rogers families of origin will not interest everyone, but if it IS your cup of tea, then please enjoy this walk through the family history. Where there are transcriptions of the census data, my comments and interpretations are inserted in red italics.

This work was updated and revised for the second time in September, 2015, because of exciting, new discoveries about John T. Voight's mother's family. All these documents were found on Ancestry.com.

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The documents in this chapter outline the story of our Voight family in Virginia from 1796 to 1870. The Rawls ancestors have been found, traced by others, as far back as the mid-1500s! You can examine that research on Ancestry.com

John William Voight's household was the only Voight family in the Gates County, NC, census of 1800, strongly suggesting that John William Voight was the father of John Voight, who in turn was the father of John T. Voight. Since we have three John Voights in a row, you'll see that I found it useful to consistently use their middle names and initials (or NMI for "no middle initial") to avoid confusion among the generations.

For a while the best available online evidence suggested that Barsheba Rawls' parents were Richard Rawls and Amelia Stallings. Richard and Amelia were married in Gates County, NC, in 1796, about six or seven years before Barsheba was born. Richard was the only Rawls I found in the 1800 census for Gates County and he was also there, with daughters, in the 1820 census. It seemed like a good fit.

Then the online discovery of more transcripts from the 1820 census for Nansemond County, Virginia, raised other possibilities for Amelia's parents, including one Andrew Rawls as her potential father. The work of Cousin Teresa Stawson, Portsmouth genealogist and descendent of John T. Voight's brother James, also felt that Andrew Rawls and his wife Abigail Porter were Barsheba's parents.

A few months after updating this chapter with an addendum about the questions surrounding Barsheba's own family of origin, DNA evidence confirmed Andrew Rawls and Abigail Porter were her parents. We'll take a look here at the few documents available concerning John T. Voight's paternal line

(all those John Voights!) Then we will examine the latest discoveries about our Rawls line of ancestors.

North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868 about Cealah Speight	
Groom:	John William Voight
Bride:	Cealah Speight
Bond date:	17 Oct 1796
Bond #:	000052601
Level Info:	North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868
ImageNum:	007514
County:	Gates
Record #:	01 186
Bondsman:	Kedar Made his Mark Hinto
Witness:	Law Baker

**Save This Record**  
Attach this record to a person in your tree as a source record, or save for later evaluation.

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**Source Information:**  
Ancestry.com. *North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.  
Original data: State of North Carolina. *An Index to Marriage Bonds Filed in the North Carolina State Archives*. Raleigh, NC, USA: North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 1977.

**Description:**  
This database contains information extracted from 170,000 marriage bonds, covering the years 1741-1868, on file in the North Carolina State Archives in the United States. Most of the bonds contain the following information: groom's name, bride's name, date of bond, bondsmen, witnesses. [Learn more...](#)

Left: This October 17, 1796, marriage record suggests that our John W. Voight married Cealah Speight and that his middle initial stands for "William."

A search of the online transcription of the 1786 census in Gates County does not turn up any Voights but there are several Speights. The names of Kedar Hinton, the bondsman in this marriage record, and Law Baker, the witness, do show up in the 1786 Gates County census. That leaves one to wonder where John William Voight was living before his marriage – perhaps in someone else's household or nearby in Nansemond County, Virginia. Law Baker, by the way, signed off on the 1786 census report with the initials "G.C." after his name – probably standing for some sort of official title.

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Names of Families	Free white Males						Free white Females							
	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-44	45-64	65-100	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-44	45-64	65-100
James Sugwell	2		1					1						1
William Taylor	3		1		3	1		1						
James Thomas	2		1		2	1		1						
Samuel Taylor		1		1	1			1						4
Jesse Taylor		1		1	4			1						
Samuel Taylor			1		1			1						
William Humphreys	3	1	1		1	1		1						
John W. Voight	4	1	1		1			1						1
Anna Yates			2		1			1						4
Rachel Vann								1						1
Elizabeth Vann	2			1	1			1		1				2
Cass Vann	2		2		1	1		2		1				9
Joseph Vann	3		1	1		2		2		2				16
John Vann (Jesse)			1	1										2
Samuel Walton	1	1		2		1		2						23
John B. Walton	1	1		2		1		1		1				16
James Walton	1	1		1				1		1				11
Thomas White	2		2		1	1		1		1				
Mar Walton	1		1					2		1		1		
Rebecca Ward	1	2	1		1			1		1				4
James Weaver														
Samuel White			1					1		1				
Robert Ward	2		2		1			1	1	1				
Henry Walton		2			1	2		1		1	1			13
William Williams			1		2	1		1		1				4
Abner Walton	1	1						1		1				6
George Williams	1	1		1		1		1		2				3
Samuel Williams		3	1	1				1		1				

Here's the oldest online document found for our ancestors named Voight, the **1800 census from Gates County, North Carolina**. Finding only one Voight (out of only 21 pages and fewer than 600 somewhat alphabetical names for the whole county) strongly suggests that this man is the patriarch of the Voights in Gates Co., NC and neighboring Nansemond County, VA. The only Voight household listed in Gates County in 1800 is that of **JOHN W. VOIGHT**, enumerated as follows:

Free white males:

Four under age 10 **John (NMI)\* Voight, the father of John T. Voight, is likely to be one of these four boys under age 10 who were all born between 1790 and 1800.**

One age 10 – 15

One age 26 – 44 **This entry tells us that the father of this family, John W. Voight, was born between 1756 & 1774, i.e. before the Revolution.**

Free white females:

One age 26 – 44 **So we know that the probable wife of John W. Voight was also born between 1756 and 1774.**

Slaves: one

Number of household members under age 16: 5

Number of household members over age 25: 2


Number of household members: 8

**\* I use "NMI" or "no middle initial" to distinguish this John Voight from his father John W. Voight and from his son John T. Voight.**



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JOHN (No Middle Initial) VOIGHT HOUSEHOLD, GATES CO, NC, 1830 census.



**SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to**

**FREE WHITE PERSONS, (EXCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)**

Number of Persons in Family.	NAME.	MALES														FEMALES																																
		under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	80 to 85	85 to 90	90 to 100	100 to 150	150 to 200	under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	80 to 85	85 to 90	90 to 100	100 to 150	150 to 200					
2	John Voight	/																					/																									
	Elizabeth Mathews																																															
	Charles Barrell																																															
	Benwell Carle																																															
	James Carter																																															
	Richard Curtis																																															
	Solomon Gardner																																															
1	James Goodwin																																															
2	Elizabeth Munkel																																															
1	Levey Curle																																															
1	Ammons Rountree																																															
1	John Long																																															
1	Parnel Long																																															
	Wm. Carle																																															
	James Gigg																																															
	Isaac Goumard																																															
1	James Carle																																															
	Isabou Carle																																															
1	Peter Howard																																															
1	John H. Howard																																															
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John No-Middle-Initial Voight married Barsheba Rawls before 1830; we know, because he is the head of a family household in the census and he has three children already in 1830.

This is the first & last online record of John “NMI” Voight found under his own name.

Free white males:

Two under age 5 “NMI” John’s first two sons, James and Patrick, would be under 5 in 1830. (Sons Andrew and John T. Voight are not born until after the 1830 census.)

One age 30 – 39 If John (NMI) Voight was 30 -39 in 1830, then he was born between 1791 & 1800 and this is consistent with his being one of the sons of John W. Voight from the 1800 census record.

Free white females:

One under age 5 If daughter Nancy Ann Voight is under 5 in 1830 then she was NOT born in 1823 as her cemetery record suggests, but perhaps around 1825. These dates are very close for such old records. Either record could easily be off by a couple years; cemetery dates of birth were often wrong.

One age 20 – 29 If Barsheba Rawls is 20 – 29 in 1830, then her year of birth is 1801 – 1810. This is consistent with her being the daughter of Andrew Rawls in other census records, as we shall see.

Female slaves: one age 10 – 23

Total free white persons under five: 3

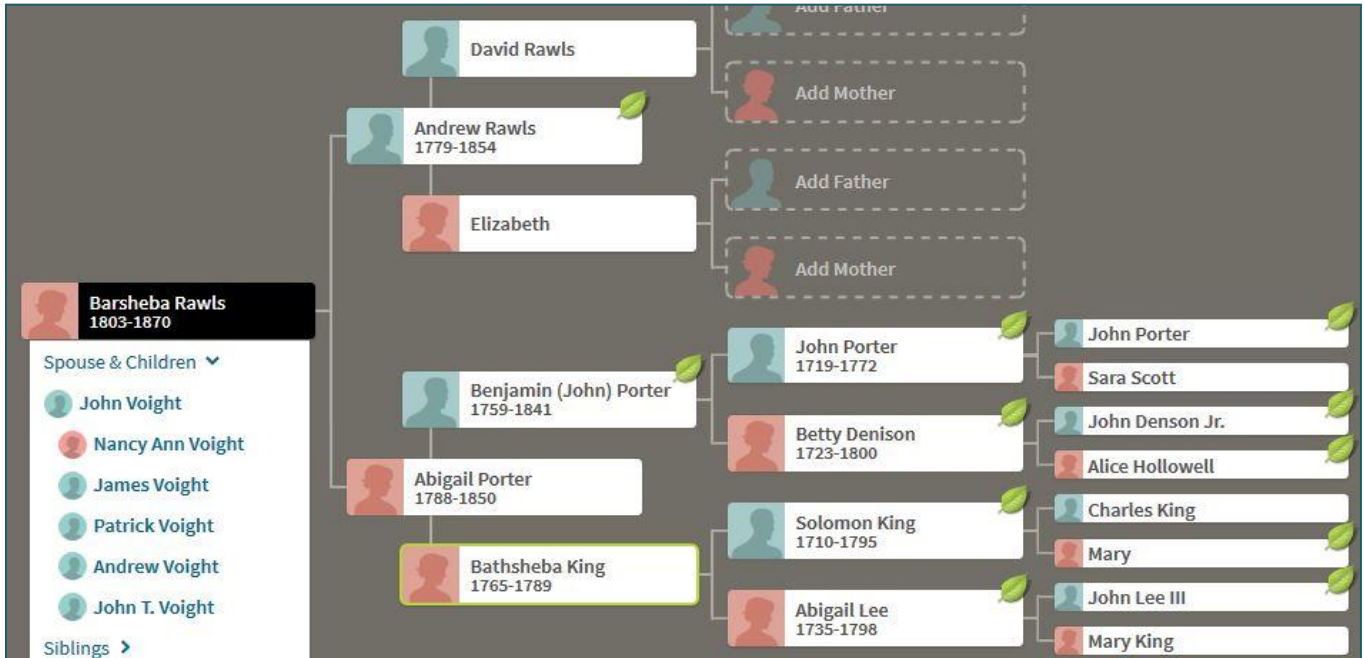
Total free white persons 20 – 49: 2

Total slaves: 1

Total all persons: 6

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Here's Barsheba Rawls' pedigree chart based on DNA matches with other descendents from her family,



Barsheba's great-grandfather Solomon King was a bona-fide Revolutionary War patriot. Born between 1710 and 1720, he was too old to fight, but he provided supplies and provisions to the Continental Army. His D.A.R. certification is copied below (if you ignore the comma, it looks like our ancestor was King Solomon ☺).

Ancestor
Member
Descendants
GRC
Bible

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**KING, SOLOMON** Ancestor #: A064783

Service: NORTH CAROLINA Rank: PATRIOTIC SERVICE  
 Birth: CIRCA 1720 VIRGINIA  
 Death: A 11- -1795 GATES CO NORTH CAROLINA  
 Service Description: 1) CHOWAN CO, FURNISHED SUPPLIES

**RESIDENCE**

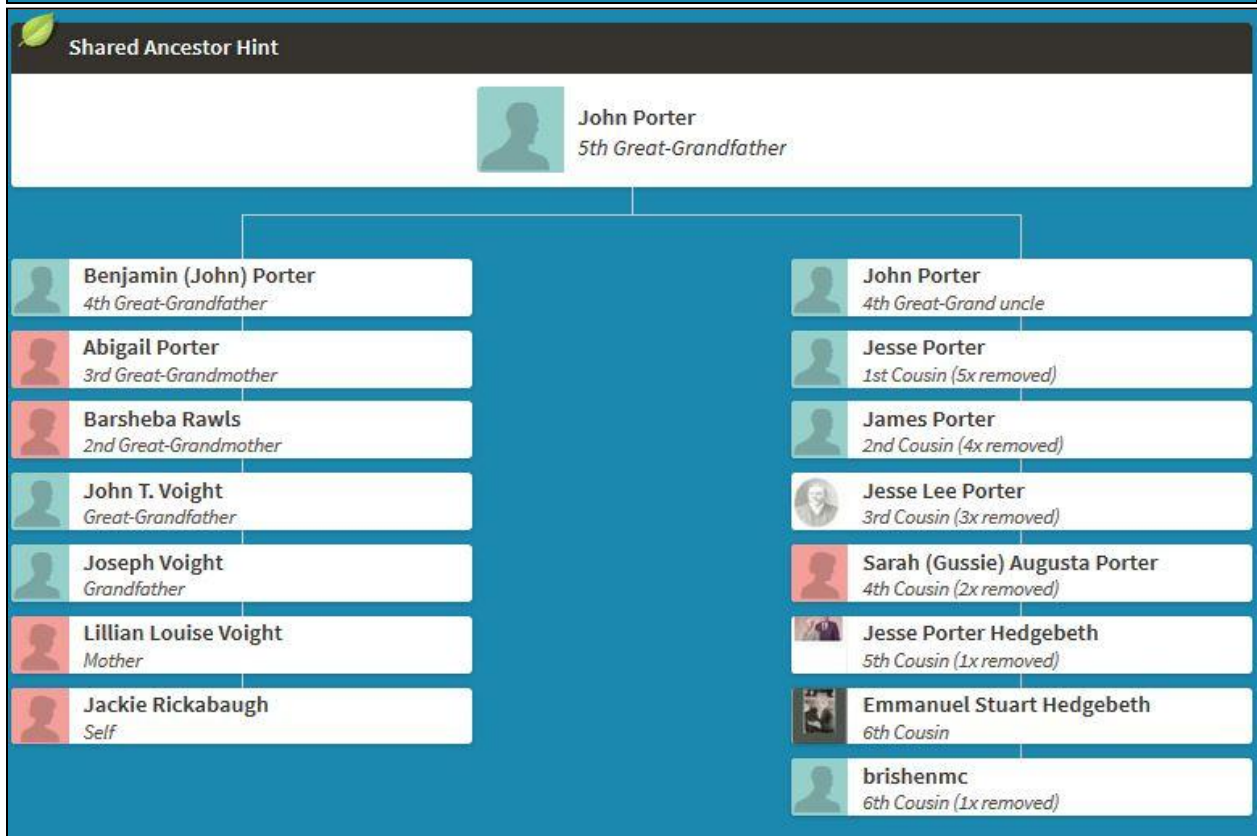
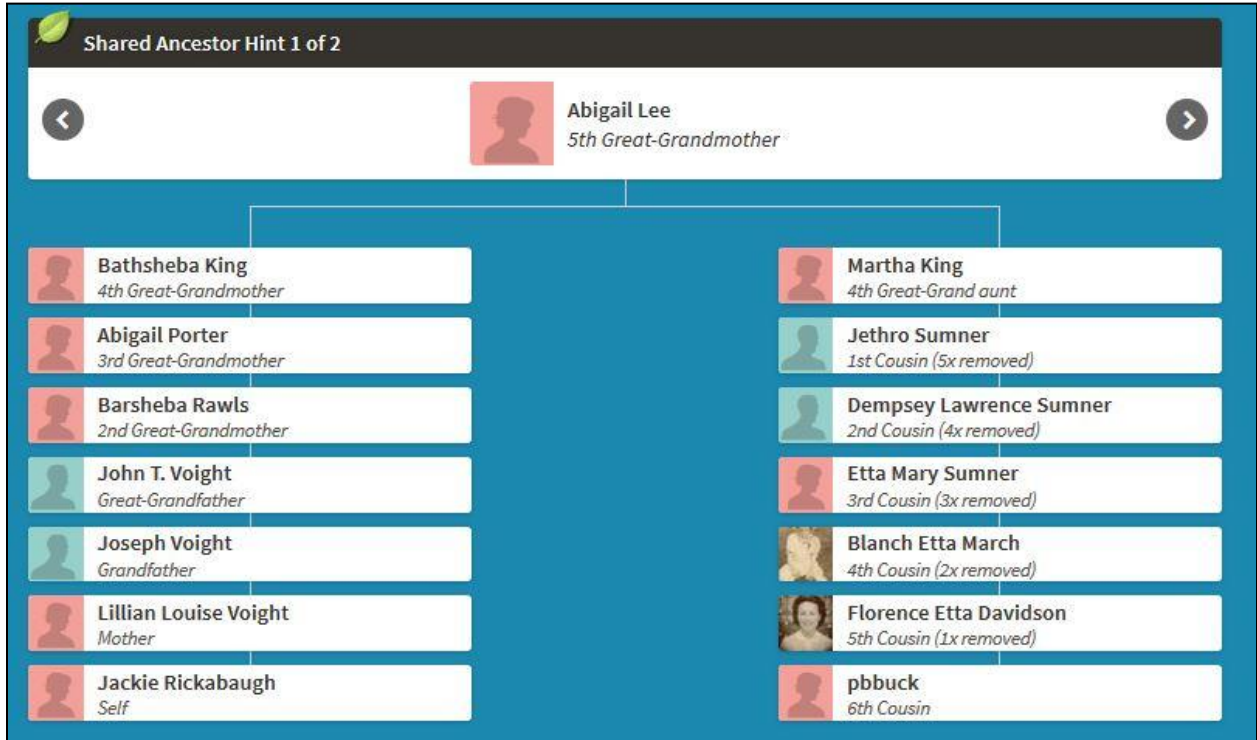
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**SPOUSE**

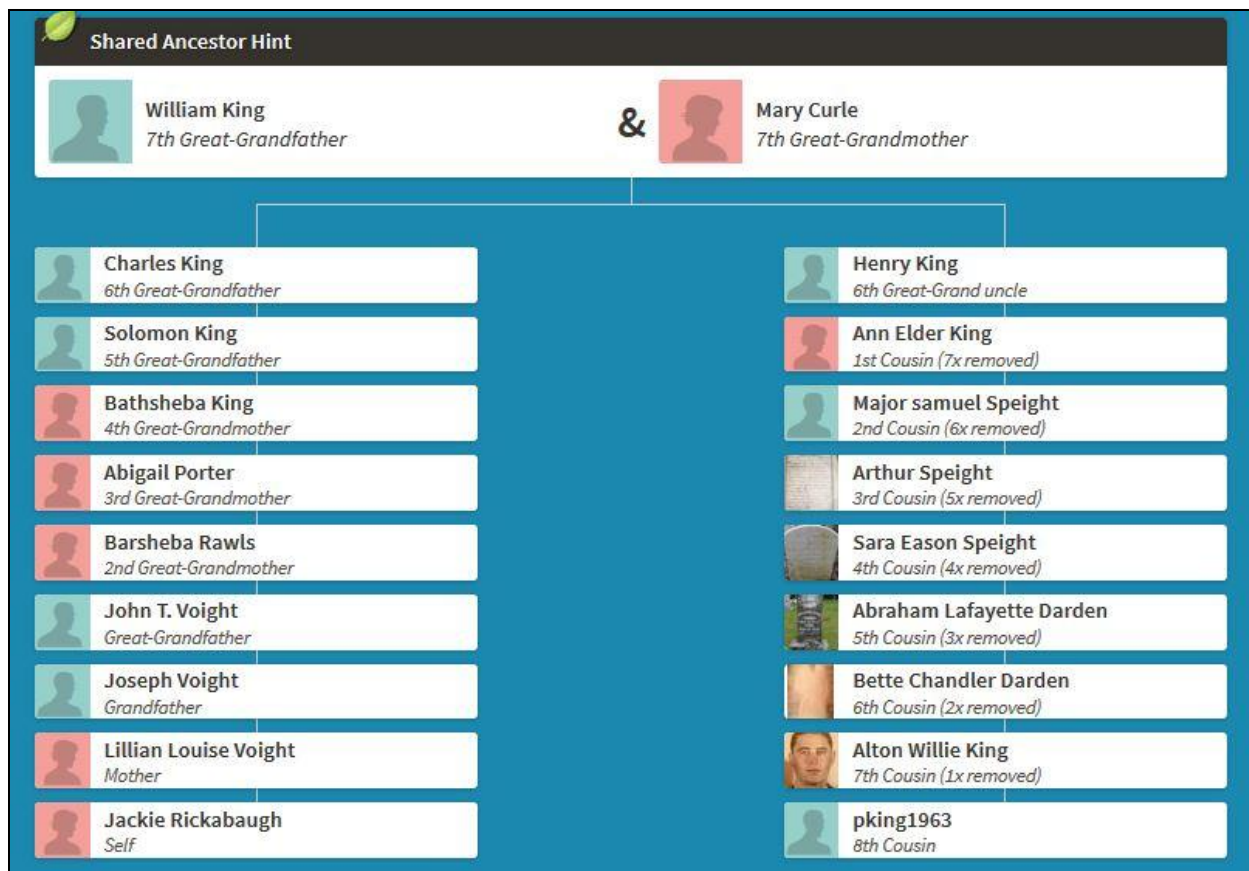
Number	Name
1)	AMY X
2)	ABIGAIL LEE

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Here are copies of three separate DNA matches with this branch of our ancestors. Notice that I match with the Lee, Porter, King and Curle families on Barsheba Rawls' mother's side.



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Solomon King’s family lineage has been “proved” to the D.A.R. for his daughter Barsheba King Porter and his granddaughter Abigail Porter Rawls. If we want to claim Solomon for our ancestor with the D.A.R., we only need to document our lineage from Abigail Porter and Andrew Rawls. Unfortunately there is no “paper trail” yet to prove Barsheba Rawls is their daughter. The courthouse in Suffolk burned down three times, most recently in 1866, and all the oldest records were lost - the birth and marriage records, wills, land plats and more... all gone forever. Neither have any Bible, church or cemetery records been found yet to confirm Barsheba as the daughter of Andrew and Abigail Porter Rawls. The DNA matches are our strongest evidence to support family tradition for this relationship, along with the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century naming conventions that can be used to argue for our Barsheba in this family.

Documentation of Barsheba Rawls as the wife of John NMI Voight and the mother of John T. Voight is easier to find, because in 1850 the census records started to name all the members of a household. The subsequent generations of John T. Voight and all his descendents are very well-documented, including our own Joseph Voight, the father of Jessie Voight Lassiter and Lillian Voight Rickabaugh.

The following records for his grandfather Andrew Rawls and his mother Barsheba Rawls complete John T. Voight’s family of origin, ending with a few words about his siblings.

While previous records for the Voights were documented in Gates County, NC, the remaining records for John T. Voight’s family of origin are found just across the state line in Nansemond County, VA



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Beginning in 1820 the household of Andrew Rawls is found in the census for Nansemond County, VA.

Name	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4	Col 5	Col 6	Col 7	Col 8	Col 9	Col 10	Col 11	Col 12	Col 13	Col 14	Col 15	Col 16	Col 17	Col 18	Col 19	Col 20	
Mr. Shelton																					
Esacia Rawls	/	/	(2)	/	/	(2)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Daria Bellawoff	/	/	2	2	/	4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Jamz Knight	/	/	/	/	/	3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Henry Howell	/	/	/	3	/	6	/	/	/	2	/	2	/	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Sarah of Faulk						4						4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Milly of Faulk						1						3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Andrew Rawls	(2)	/	(2)	2	/	5		4	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
David of Holland's																					
Harriet of Faulk																					
Jonathan of Faulk																					
Jamz Rawls	/	/	/	(2)	/	3	/	13	2	4	9	3	2	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Jamz Rawls Sr	/	/	/	2	2	5	/								4	2	2	2	/	/	/
Jamz Rawls	/	/	/	/	/	3	/														
Barilla Copeland	/	/	/	/	/	3	/														
Abam Norfolk	3	1	2	1	2	1	(2)	4			2	2	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Sarah Norfolk	/	/	/	/	/	/	(3)	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Solomon Holland	/	/	/	/	/	/	(3)	3	4	3	1	5	1	5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Lot Holland Sr	/	/	/	(2)	/	10	/	3	4	3	1	5	1	5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Rice Jones						5															
Esacia of Percer	(2)	/	/	/	/	3	/														
Thomas Jones	(2)	/	/	2	/	4	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Jacob Jones	/	/	/	/	/	0	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Polly Jones	/	/	/	/	/	0	/	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Demsey Langston	2	1	/	3	/	(3)	2	5	3	3	5	4	2	1							
Samuel Cr - 18	1	(2)	/	/	/	5	/	3	1	/	3	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

Free White Persons - Males - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44	1 <i>Andrew Rawls would be 41 in 1820</i>
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15	2 <i>Barsheba would be between 10 - 19.</i>
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44	1 <i>Abigail Rawls would be 32 in 1820</i>
Slaves - Males - Under 14	4
Slaves - Males - 45 and over	2
Slaves - Females - Under 14	1
Slaves - Females - 14 thru 25	1
Number of Persons - Engaged in Agriculture	5
Free White Persons - Under 16	6
Free White Persons - Over 25	2
Total Free White Persons	8
Total All Persons - White, Slaves, Colored, Other	16



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In 1850 the U.S. Census begins to list the names of all the members of a household.

SCHEDULE I. Free Inhabitants in _____ in the County of <u>Nansemond</u> State of <u>Virginia</u> enumerated by me, on the <u>16<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>September</u> 1850. <u>Amos Marshall</u> 169												
1	2	3	SEX AND AGE			7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Age	Sex	Color							
The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.			DESCRIPTION			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Persons over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place or Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Single within the year.	Deaf and dumb.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
		George Wilson	13	M				Nansemond County				
		Robert Wilson	11	M				do.				
107	707	Sam Sanchez	57	M	B	Laborer		Accomack County				
78	788	Sam Jackson	33	M	B	do.		Solo of Wright				
709	709	Samuel Pinner	31	M		Farmer	\$3300	Nansemond County				
		Julia A. Pinner	26	F				do.				
		Octav. M. Pinner	5	F				do.				
		Amos Pinner	7	M				do.				
		Sam. King	15	M	B			do.				
710	710	Richards Rutland	30	F	B			do.				
711	711	William King	41	F	B			do.				
		Joseph Mingo	1	F	B			do.				
712	712	John Jordan	44	M		Carpenter		do.				
		Margaret J. Jordan	26	F				do.				
		Richard Jordan	13	F				do.				
		Henry Jordan	10	M				do.				
		Samuel's Jordan	2	F				do.				
		Mary Austin	21	F	B			do.				
713	713	Rebhel Sapeland	45	F	B			do.				
		Patsey Sapeland	26	F	B			do.				
714	714	Lally Fulk	50	F	B			do.				
715	715	Elly Johnson	48	M	B	Farmer	\$100	do.				
		Mary Brad	30	F	B			North Carolina				
		Mary M. Johnson	20	F	B			Nansemond County				
		Richard Johnson	15	F	B			do.				
716	716	Andrew Rawls	73	M		Farmer	\$2000	do.				
		Jane Rawls	26	F				do.				
		Elizabeth Rawls	23	F				do.				
		Andrew J. Rawls	22	M		Farmer		do.				
		Martha C. Vaughan	2	F				Solo of Wright				
717	717	Henry Rawls (Grand)	33	M		Farmer	\$500	Nansemond County				
		Ann Rawls	30	F				do.				
718	718	David Hund	65	M		Farmer	\$100	do.				
		Richard Hund	33	M		Farmer		do.				
		Priscilla Hund	29	F				do.				
		Mary C. Hund	9	F				do.				
		James A. Hund	8	F				do.				

Andrew Rawls is still in Nansemond County, he's a seventy-three year-old farmer with real estate valued at \$2,000, and he was born in Nansemond County. He's apparently a widower living with three of his grown children and two-year-old Martha C. Vaughan. (Who is she and how did she end up here?) Perhaps Henry Rawls next door is Andrew's married son...

This is the last record found for Andrew Rawls. Other family trees on Ancestry.com suggest that he died in 1854.

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John Voight in the Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940

Index-only record

Report issue

Name: John Voight  
 Gender: Male  
 Age: 22  
 Birth Date: 1833  
 Marriage Date: 15 Mar 1855  
 Marriage Place: Nansmond, Virginia  
 Father: John Voight  
 Mother: Bassheba  
 Spouse: Nancy Josie Rogers  
 FHL Film Number: 2048463  
 Reference ID: 116

John T. Voight's marriage record includes his parents' names, John and Bassheba.

## 1850 U S Census, Nansemond County Virginia Page 285, Family number 243

SCHEDULE I - Free Inhabitants in the County of Nansemond State of Virginia enumerated by me, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1850. Barshaba Rawls head of household.

Household	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or County.	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.						
									Deaf and dumb	Blind	Insane	Idiotic	Pauper	Convict	
1	Barshaba Rawls	F	50	W		Nansemond County Va	\$150								
2	John Voight	M	18	W	Farmer	Nansemond County Va									

Barsheba Rawls, age 50, is head of a household, living on a farm with her 18 year old son **John [T] Voigt** (no "h" in "Voight" this time). To be the head of household, she is probably a widow and her son John is probably still unmarried. She owns real estate valued at \$150. He's a "farmer."

243	Barshaba Rawls	50	F				\$150								
	John Voight	18	M	W	Farmer										

Both mother and son list their place of birth as Nansemond County, which is in Virginia, along the North Carolina line. Census records of 1870 and 1880 seem to report John's birth place as North Carolina, though both North Carolina and Nansemond County have the initials N.C. He could have been born so close to the state line as to be unsure.

Three pages later in this same census we find the James and Emily Rogers' family and their 10 year old daughter Nancy - the future Mrs. John T. Voight. John T. Voight is 7 or 8 years older than his wife Nancy in the 1870 census. The math works.

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1860, Upper Parish of Nansemond County, Barsheba Rawls and James Voight

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**SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in The Upper Parish in the County of Nansemond State of Virginia enumerated by me, on the 16th day of Aug 1860. Jesse W. Holtz Ass't Marshal**  
**Post Office Suffolk Virginia**

1	2	3	Description			7	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED		10	11	12	13	14
			Age	Sex	Color		Real Estate	Personal Estate					
		John	6	M					Virginia				
		Thomas S. Jones	28	M		Farmer			N.C.				
330	330	Wile Rountree	37	M		Farmer	500	300	Virginia				
		Mariah Rountree	18	F									
		Mariah Rountree	24	F									
331	331	Widdick Rains	37	M		Carpenter	250	350	Virginia				
		Pemelia Rains	38	F									
		Catharine	17	F									
		Martina	6	F									
		Edwanta	1	F									
		Levinia Rains	60	F									
332	332	Samuel Baker	39	M		Farmer	3000	2000	N.C.				
		Elyshah Baker	40	F					Virginia				
		Bessie	20	M									
		Adeline	17	F									
		Leah	14	F									
		Thomas Savage	33	M		Wheel Wright	700	300					
333	333	James Voight	29	M		Farmer	900	200	N.C.				
		Barsheba Voight	27	F		Housekeeper			Virginia				
		Henry Newby	12	M	13								
334	334	Lechilack	2	M		Farmer	250	150	Virginia				
335	335	James Harrell	46	M		Farmer			Virginia				
		Mary Harrell	31	F									
		Ann	13	F									
		Elijah	10	M									
		Samuel	9	M									
		Mary	2	F									
		Ann Walter	35	F		Domestic							
336	336	Anna Riddick	31	M		Farmer	200	75	Virginia				
		Margaret Riddick	28	F									
		Rosanna	8	F									
		Antonia	3	F									
		Cynthia Riddick	62	F									
		Anna Riddick	21	M		Landholder							
		Mary	16	F									

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No. white males, <u>16</u>	No. colored males, <u>1</u>	No. foreign born, <u>—</u>	No. blind, <u>—</u>	<u>4925</u>	<u>6525</u>	No. Mute, <u>—</u>	No. deaf and dumb, <u>—</u>
No. white females, <u>21</u>	No. colored females, <u>—</u>	No. deaf and dumb, <u>—</u>	No. insane, <u>—</u>			No. pauper, <u>—</u>	No. convict, <u>—</u>

In 1860, John is gone from his mother's home and the son James Voight has assumed the Head of Household status. His real estate is valued at \$900 and personal property at \$200. Barsheba Rawls gives her age as 57. You can see that her name is written both Rawls and Voight, one over the other. (That's called a "palimpsest.")

Maybe the census taker wanted to call her Mrs. Voight but she made him change it. She used the Rawls name on all the other records we've found. There is also a 12 year old black youth, Henry Newby, living in the household. He must be free because slaves were counted in a separate census in 1860.

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Agricultural Census of 1860

Barsheba Rawls and her son-in-law Quinton Baines assessed their acreage and their livestock by categories. This document is available for closer examination on the folder for this chapter on the CD.

**SCHEDULE 4.—Productions of Agriculture in** \_\_\_\_\_ **enumerated by me, on the** 27th **day of** August **1860**

Name of Owner, Agent, or Manager of the Farm.	Area of Land.		Cult. value of Prod.	Value of Stock kept on farm and slaughtered.	Live Stock, Part 1st, 1860.										Produce during the year.				
	Improved.	Unimproved.			Horses.	Asses and Mules.	Milk Cows.	Working Oxen.	Other Oxen.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Value of Live Stock.	Wheat, bushels of.	Rye, bushels of.	Indian Corn, bushels of.	Oats, bushels of.	Other Prod. of Farm, &c.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
David C. Smith	70	77	530	300	1	2	1	2	15	35	335			500	40				
John P. Franklin	50	100	1000	30	2	1	2	5		30	172			500					
John Reddick	35	580	4000	35	1		3	8	3	34	130	6		500	20				
James Reddick	20	83		20	1		1			26	120			300					
Mary Baker	60	573	2000	20	2		4	1	7	5	15	217		600					
James P. Johnson	125	65	2220	60	2	1	6	1	6	15	65	336		1250					
Abner Bunkley	100	400	2000	200	2		2	3	17	20	75	715		5000	20				
Abner Bunkley	50	40	500	15	1				10		50	170		150					
Dempsey Baker	30	316	1335	50	3		3	1	6		34	236		750					
Daniel Wilkins	55	65	700	25		1	3	1	4		35	190		320					
Abner Cuffey	20	80	270	25			2	1	2	4	17	102		150					
Samuel Wilkins	30	320	550	20			2	3	17	4	10	110		375					
James Wilkins	10	156	600	25	1		2	1	4	4	21	136		275					
Abner W. Shivers	40	110	1000	15	1				4		12	170		350					
Richard Cuffey	15	35	100	5			1	1	1		20	40		125					
Ray Baker	4	80	400	30	2		2		4		11	155		100					
Walter Taylor	40	130	600	15	2		1		8	12	33	210		250					
John Reddick	250	300	3000	100	2		4	2	16	13	30	575		750					
Andrew Bunkley	50	181	600	100	2		3	2	6		70	300		500					
William Bunkley	30	156	800	25	1			1	4		31	115		250	10				
Chas Jones	16	40	200	25	1						16	50		175					
Daniel C. Smith	80	340	2000	235	3		7	2	16	12	80	600		1500					
Nathaniel Cobble	60	365	2000	15	3		2	3	6		60	320		375					
James P. Johnson	200	330	2500	150	3		5	2	13	7	85	660		1500					
Harold C. Bunkley	150		2500	30	1	1	1		1		20	175		1000	10				
Joseph Baker	300	200	1000	60	3		4	1	14	30	90	677	50	1500	20				
John Reddick	300	635	3570	70	3	5	4	2	38	38	115	1150		1500	15				
Ann Reddick	150	170	1200	50	2	2	2		10	8	50	700		75					
Dempsey Jones	130	520	5800	50	2		2	1	5		48	328		750					
Mary Shivers	50	249	1000	40	2		2		7	8	37	267		650					
Walter J. Reddick	220	470	7000	100	5		5		50	20	156	905		2000	40				
William Sawyer	200		5000	50	3		3		15		78	670		1250					
Edward Reddick	50	310	800	20	1		2	1	4		21	154		275	20				
Levitt Baker	50	250	200	45	4		2	1	4		70	350		350					
John C. Knight	60	60	350	30	1		2		2		21	88		250					
Barsheba Rawls	10	80	150	10	1		2		2		17	57		300					
Samuel Baker	100	650	1600	16	1		1		4	6	62	174		500					
Reddick Baines	8	7	50	7			2	1	1		14	68		135					
Levin Savage	20	45	145	10	1		2		3	8	21	140		200					
Walter Howell	25	160	875	20	1		1		3	3	26	184		200					
James Sawyer	10	60	250	10			2		3		16	68		120					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3193</b>	<b>9277</b>	<b>65600</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1826</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10250</b>	<b>200</b>			



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## 1870 Census Cypress Chapel Township, Nansemond Co., Barsheba Rawls

In 1870 Barsheba Rawls, now ~68, makes her home with the family of her daughter Nancy Ann and son-in-law Quinton Baines. This is the last written record found online for Barsheba Rawls (AKA Mrs. John NMI Voight).

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Cypress Chapel Township, in the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia, enumerated by me on the 19 day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Suffolk Virginia

Dist.	No. of family	Name of head of household	Description			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate		Place of Birth among States or Territory of U. S. or the Country, if of Foreign Birth.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	No. of children under 15 years of age	No. of children under 5 years of age	No. of children under 1 year of age	No. of children under 6 months of age	No. of children under 3 months of age	No. of children under 1 month of age	No. of children under 1 week of age	No. of children under 1 day of age
			Male	Female	Total		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	362878	Rain Quinton	58	M	W	Farmer	900	275	?		1	1						
2		- Nancy	47	F	W	Keeping house			North Carolina									
3		- James E.	23	M	W	Works on farm			Virginia									
4		- Sarah E.	20	F	W	At Home			Virginia									
5		- Isaac	18	M	W	Works on farm			Virginia									
6		- Francis	16	M	W	Works on farm			Virginia									
7		- Virginia	14	F	W	At Home			Virginia									
8		- Caraphelia	8	F	W				Virginia									
9		- Charles	7	M	W				Virginia									
10		- Joseph	5	M	W				Virginia									
11		Barsheba	68	F	W				Virginia									

1	362878	Rain Quinton	58	M	W	Farmer	900	275	?		1	1						
2		- Nancy	47	F	W	Keeping house			North Carolina									
3		- James E.	23	M	W	Works on farm			Virginia									
4		- Sarah E.	20	F	W	At Home			Virginia									
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6		- Francis	16	M	W	Works on farm			Virginia									
7		- Virginia	14	F	W	At Home			Virginia									
8		- Caraphelia	8	F	W				Virginia									
9		- Charles	7	M	W				Virginia									
10		- Joseph	5	M	W				Virginia									
11		Barsheba	68	F	W				Virginia									

She is not listed in the household in 1880; we can only suppose that Barsheba died between 1870 and 1880.

33		- Mary	4	F	W				Virginia									
34		- Richard	4	M	W				Virginia									
35	363381	Rain Quinton	24	M	W	Farmer			Virginia									
36		William George	24	M	W	Works on farm			Virginia									
37		- Elizabeth	22	F	W	Keeping house			Virginia									
38		- Eliza	12	M	W	Works on farm			Virginia									
39	369382	Barsheba William	68	F	W	Farmer			Virginia									
40		- Elizabeth	53	F	W	Keeping house			Virginia									

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### John Voight

Birth **1791-1800** in [Gates County, North Carolina](#)  
Death **after 1830** in [Gates County, North Carolina](#)

Five children of Barsheba Rawls and John (NMI) Voight have been documented, 1 daughter and 4 sons: Nancy Ann, James, Patrick, Andrew and John T. Voight. Our ancestor John T. Voight was the youngest child of Barsheba Rawls and John (NMI) Voight.

#### Spouse & Children

-  [Barsheba Rawls \(1803-1870\)](#) 
-  [Nancy Ann Voight \(1830-1890\)](#) 
-  [James Voight \(1829-1893\)](#) 
-  [Patrick Voight \(1829-\)](#) 
-  [Andrew Voight \(1831-1870\)](#) 
-  [John T. Voight \(1832-1900\)](#) 

The son Patrick Voight married Nancy Clayton. There are no known children from their union and his death is not documented.



### Nancy Ann Voight

Birth **1823-1830** in [Virginia](#)  
Death **about 1890** in [Nansemond, Virginia](#)

Nancy Ann is John T. Voight's only sister. In 1840 she married Quinton Baines. Nancy and Quinton had at least these eleven documented children. One may wonder about the daughter with the name "Garaphelia." But it's a real name! (I Googled it.) The 1850, 1860 and 1880 census records for this family are available for viewing in Nancy Ann's folder within the John T. Voight Family of Origin folder on the Voight Family Roots CD. (We already saw the 1870 census record because Nancy Ann's mother Barsheba Rawls was living in the Baines household in 1870.)

In the 1880 census Nancy Ann and Quinton Baines lived next door to Nancy's brother James Voight and his wife Texanna. Nancy Ann is buried in the Eason-Voight cemetery with her brother James and his family. Again, photos and more about the cemetery are available in a Word document in the John T. Voight Family of Origin Folder on the CD.

#### Quinton Baines (1815-1880)

-  [William Benjamin Baines \(1841-1842\)](#) 
-  [Sarah Baines \(1843-1844\)](#) 
-  [John T Baines \(1844-1926\)](#) 
-  [James E. Bains \(1845-1916\)](#) 
-  [Sarah E. Bains \(1851-\)](#) 
-  [Caleb Baines \(1852-1878\)](#) 
-  [Franklin Pierce Baines \(1854-1903\)](#) 
-  [Garaphelia Baines \(1859-1860\)](#) 
-  [Virginia Baines \(1859-1931\)](#) 
-  [Charles B Baines \(1864-1936\)](#) 
-  [Joseph Henry Baines \(1865-1918\)](#) 



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Old Baines Homeplace built by Quinton Baines, the husband of Nancy Ann Voight. Quinton was the son of Absilla Ellis and Benjamin Baines.



This Homeplace was built 1899 for & by Joseph Henry Baines, a son of Quinton Baines & Nancy Ann Voight

James Voight's home was built about 1859, near Whaleyville VA. Extensive remodeling has been done, though the weatherboarding on the front is unchanged and is about twelve inches wide.



## JOHN T. VOIGHT FAMILY OF ORIGIN



### James Voight

Birth **May 20, 1829** in [North Carolina](#)  
 Death **Feb 23, 1893** in [Nansemond Co., VA](#)

There are several James Voights in the extended family during this period. In this family we find a father and two possible sons named James. Virginia death records show the first James "junior" died in April 1800 at age three years. Meanwhile Suffolk, VA birth records also show another baby, James S., born to James and Texanna in May 1879.

Spouse & Children

- [Texanna V. Savage](#) (1840-1889)
- [Elenora J. Voight](#) (1865-)
- [Elisede Barilee Voight](#) (1867-1935)
- [Ernest P Voight](#) (1870-)
- [Constantine Voight](#) (1871-1889)
- [Maggie Mae Voight](#) (1875-)
- [Vernon H. Voight](#) (1875-1876)
- [James Voight](#) (1877-1880)
- [James S. Voight](#) (1879-)
- [Child not named Voight](#) (1881-)

U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 about James Voight	
Name:	<b>James Voight</b>
Side:	Confederate
Regiment State/Origin:	Virginia
Regiment Name:	41 Virginia Infantry
Regiment Name Expanded:	41st Regiment, Virginia Infantry
Company:	I
Rank In:	Sergeant
Rank In Expanded:	Sergeant
Rank Out:	Sergeant
Rank Out Expanded:	Sergeant
Film Number:	M382 roll 57

Brother John T. Voight also might have had 2 sons named James: James M. Voight who was born about 1861 is found at age 9 in the 1870 census; he died in 1880. According to Suffolk VA birth records another son, James T. Voight, was born in May, 1873. He's not listed in the 1880 census, so he might have died in early childhood.

Brother Andrew also had a son called James S. Voight who was born about 1852.

That makes a list of six James Voights who were born in 1829, 1852, 1861, 1873, 1877 and 1879. There were also a James Voight with no middle initial and a James T. Voight listed as a slave owners in 1860. Who's who? It's certainly hard to keep them all straight.

This James Voight born in 1829 was a sergeant in the 41<sup>st</sup> Virginia Infantry during the Civil War. When he married Texanna in 1863 she was already the widow of another Civil War soldier, Jackson Wilkins, and she'd already had 3 children by Wilkins.

Incidentally, Texanna's cousin Almira Savage was married to Richard T Rogers, who was the brother of Nancy Jane Rogers - who married John T. Voight, the brother of this James Voight! See the document called Kissin' Cousins in the Misc. folder on the CD to see how these 3 families were interconnected in this generation.

**Texanna V. Savage**

Birth **May 4, 1840** in [Nansemond County Virginia](#)  
 Death **Sep 3, 1889** in [Nansemond County Virginia](#)

Spouse & Children

- [Jackson B Wilkins](#) (1829-1862)
- [Charles Wellons Wilkins](#) (1857-1914)
- [Buddy Wilkins](#) (1859-)
- [Wilroy J Wilkins](#) (1861-)

The Voight Family Roots CD also has 1870 and 1880 census records for THIS James Voight as well as other documents and information about his descendents, filed in the James Voight subfolder inside the John T. Voight Family of Origin folder.

# JOHN T. VOIGHT FAMILY OF ORIGIN



## Andrew Voight

Birth 1831 in Gates County, North Carolina  
Death 1870

The last of John T. Voight's brothers is Andrew who married Sarah Steadman. They had 7 known children including the very successful entrepreneur, wholesale grocer and banker, Robert Palmer ("R.P.") Voight.

R.P. Voight was listed as a 22 year old "clerk" boarding in Norfolk as early as the 1880 census. In the 1882 city directory he is no longer a clerk but a wholesale grocer. By 1898 R.P. Voight was president of the Wholesale

Grocers Association. Before he died in 1903, he was also a vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce. His wife and daughters were often in the social pages of the newspapers. The R.P. Voight Wholesale Grocery Co., Inc. continued in business for years after Robert's death. One of the most interesting online documents from his life is this clipping from the August 3, 1900, *Virginian-Pilot*. It is

**MR. R. P. VOIGHT.**  
Mr. R. P. Voight, president of the Wholesale Grocers' Association, said that he is opposed to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, or any other corporation, building piers that would obstruct the channel. Speaking further on the subject, Mr. Voight said that he had grown up not more than 100 yards from the Dismal Swamp Canal and that he was familiar with the effect of obstructions in water channels. For example, when the canal was clear of trees on the banks the water would be of a regular depth. But whenever an overhanging limb stopped the current the refuse would gather and create an obstruction at that point. Drive a pole in a stream and soon three or four feet of sand would gather at the base of the pole and create an obstruction in the stream. If the piers of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company would have this effect on the channel of Elizabeth river the Board of Harbor Commissioners should not give permission for more of them.



from a much longer piece in which Norfolk citizens speak at a public hearing about a proposed permit for the Norfolk & Western Railway to build additional piers in the Hampton Roads waterways.

It's interesting that he speaks about his childhood growing up near the banks of the Great Dismal Swamp canal.

In the 1925 Norfolk city directory Robert's son Ricks Stedman Voight was a bond salesman and by 1928 he was a "Asst Sec" for the Guaranty Title and Trust Co.

Additional census records and other documents for Andrew Voight's family are located in Andrew's folder within the John T. Voight Family of Origin folder on the CD.

## JOHN T. VOIGHT FAMILY OF ORIGIN

1903 Obituary for Robert Palmer Voight

(Notice that his pallbearers included 2 Judges, a Major and a Colonel. The military ranks were probably Confederate Army titles.)

Virginian-Pilot, Tuesday, October 6, 1903

Mr. R. P. Voight Died Yesterday

Mr. R. P. Voight died at his residence, Bute Street, yesterday morning. The deceased had been in feeble health for the past twelve months and spent last summer at the Rawley Springs with the hope of recuperating his shattered health, and returned home about three weeks ago. He was about 47 years of age, and was one of Norfolk's best known citizens and business men.

He conducted the wholesale grocery business most successfully in Norfolk for quite a number of years, and at the time of his demise was president of the Robert P. Voight Company. He was active in all the business pursuits of life, and his death will be deeply felt in the commercial circles of Norfolk. For fifteen years he was a director in the Bank of Commerce, and for the past three years was vice president of that institution.

The Wholesale Grocers' and Merchandise Brokers' associations held meetings yesterday and passed suitable resolutions on his death. They will attend his funeral in a body, which takes place from his residence, on Bute Street, at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Virginian-Pilot, Wednesday, October 7, 1903

Died

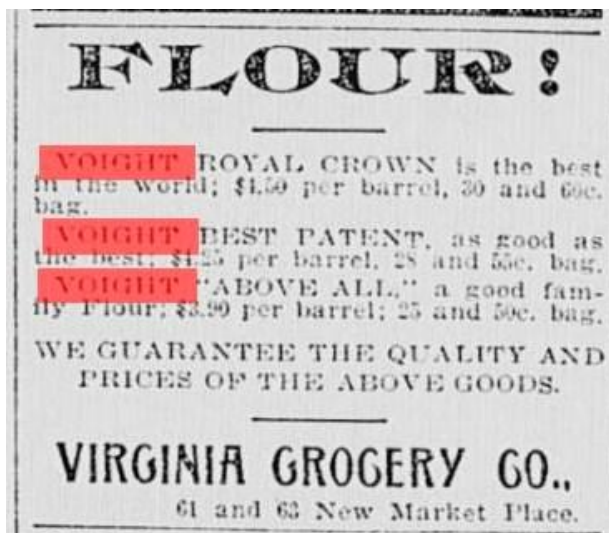
Voight – At the residence, No. 222 Bute Street, on Monday, October 5th, 1903, at 8:15 o'clock a. m., Robert P. Voight, in the 47th year of his age. Funeral services from the above residence this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Virginian-Pilot, Thursday, October 8, 1903

Mr. R. P. Voight Laid To Rest

The funeral of Mr. Robert P. Voight was solemnized at his late residence, No. 222 Bute Street, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Barr, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. C. E. Grammer, of Christ Episcopal Church. There was a magnificent display of floral tributes, including numerous beautiful designs from individual friends. An exceedingly handsome standing cross five feet in height, wrought of lilies of the valley, roses, carnations, violets and maidenhair fern, sent by the National Bank of Commerce, of which the deceased was vice president. The remains were laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery. Following were the pallbearers; Honorary – C. Billups, Joseph S. Culpepper, Major A. Myers, H. L. Smith, John G. Wallace, M. L. T. Davis, C. Brooks Johnston and Judge James E. Heath. Active - Judge Thomas H. Willcox, Colonel Washington Taylor, H. M. Kerr, Floyd Hughes, J. W. DeJarnette, Paul Blencoe, R. H. Baker, Jr., and H. R. Goodridge.

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There were Voights in the milling business in the Norfolk area as this 1899 ad reveals. The Voights sold three grades of flour: Royal Crown, Best Patent and "Above All," costing 60 cents, 55 cents and 50 cents per bag respectively.

Where did all the Voights come from originally?

The name certainly sounds Germanic in origin. William Henry Voight's granddaughter Georgie May Liles South heard that the Voights might have originally been Jewish though there is no known documentation to support that intriguing possibility.

Here's a little info about the Voight name from

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gohrpage/voigt.html>

"The family name Voigt (Vogt), signifying an official position, is of ancient Teutonic origin, and is numerously found in the various municipalities and provinces of the Kingdom of Saxony in Germany, in Prussia, and in Pomerania. Some of the variations include Voigt, Voit, Vogt, and Vod. In France, it is spelled Focht. All of these variations of spelling mean "Protector" (overseer, bailiff, or steward) by the Old Langeboard Law. Henry I, Holy Roman Emperor of Germany from 919-936 A.D., was called Vogt, and his descendants after him. Those who ruled Saxony were called Vogts as the title for Stewards or Governors of the Holy Roman Empire..."

Among the many Voights who immigrated to North America there were two John Voights, for example, on the ship "Harle" that arrived in Philadelphia in 1736, who are possible candidates to be our ancestors. [from <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/palship24.shtml> ]

"At the Courthouse of Philadelphia, September 1st, 1736. One hundred fifty one Foreigners from the Palatinate & other Places, who, with their Families, making in all three hundred eighty eight Persons, were imported here in the Ship Harle, of London, Ralph Harle, Master, from Rotterdam, but last from Cowes, as by Clearance thence, were this day qualified as usual..."

...  
Johann Valtin Voigt

Johan Mathes Voigt..."

From the Minutes of the Provincial Council, printed in "Colonial Records," Vol. IV, p.58f

Clearly there's more research that can be done into our Voight family's European roots by anyone so inclined.