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Think it would be nice to have searchable, not sure to it's accuracy.

I have **SMITH BRYAN** and **DEMPSEY BRYAN** in my miscellaneous file. We have Wills.

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C O P Y

Our knowledge of the **BRYAN** family of Halifax and Edgecombe Counties. NC dates from the early years of the 17th Century: when Hugh **BRYAN** of the House of Orange, and therefore a protestant in religion, was for sundry political offenses and a disposition to publicly give utterance to his democratic Opinions, banished from Ireland, where he was Lord of an extensive Ancestral Estate. fit which time, as far as the Crown could do so, his titles were revoked and his landed estates confiscated to pay the damages of certain revolts he is said to have promulgated against the Crown and the Roman Catholic Church.

When ordered to leave the land of his nativity, Lord **BRYAN** bought three small ships and embarked for America. The chronicler tells that he loaded his three ships with "many kegs of pure gold money", (whether this is true or not.) it is well known that he filled the living apartments of his ships with much plate and every convenience and comfort, and below desks were stored provisions of all kinds, wines etc, and costly furniture taken from his mansion: also it is known that the decks of his vessels were fully occupied with blooded horses, fox hounds, etc. ... and a very extensive household of servants with not a few or the tenants of his estates. This latter statement is well attested by the number of Irish names at the present day to be found at and adjoining to the region where this Lordly Gentleman first pitched his tent in America.

After leaving the Irish Courts, Lord **BRYAN** made a straight wake for the coast of North Carolina, entered one of the sounds and finally reached the mouth of the Roanoke River. Having deigned to receive a grant of land from his offended King, who regretted his severity and was anxious to regain Lord **BRYAN**'s favor, lest he should by his opposition and hatred contaminate the American Colonist.

After reaching Roanoke River, **LORD BRYAN** had the masts cut: from his vessels and started slowly and laboriously to work them up the river, by having a small boat to take a rope and fasten it a distance up the river, when the ship was pulled to that point, another forward movement of the anchor rope was made. Finally **LORD BRYAN** reached a point in the Roanoke River North of the present site of the town of Palmyra and South of Scotland Neck's nearest point toward the Roanoke, where he disembarked and bought an extensive landed estate on both sides of the Roanoke River of settlers who had originally received it by grant from the English Crown.

This ancestor of ours was in many respects a remarkable man. As soon as he settled he began to dominate everything and everybody with whom he came in contact; was in the habit of wearing a powdered wig, knee pants, silk stockings, silver buckles on his shoes and knees, and rode a blaze face, bob tail, blood bay stud horse, the first hob tail horse ever seen in that region ...

LORD BRYAN, after the day he left his native shore, gave unbridled reign to his democratic taste; never permitting himself again to be called **LORD BRYAN**, but assumed the more respectable title of "Mr."

Mr. **HUGH BRYAN** was a man of unusual strength and vigor, reaching an extremely old age.

After he was eighty years old, for the first time, he married a Miss **SALLIE SMITH**, a relative of the present **SMITHS** that live in Scotland Neck, NC The product of this marriage was **HENRY HUGH BRYAN** and **MARY BRYAN**. **MARY BRYAN** married an **ERQUETTE** from which descended the Erquettes. **THOMPSONS** and **PUGHS** of North Hampton County. **HENRY**

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HUGH BRYAN was the father of **WILLIAM T. BRYAN**, Capt. **JOSEPH BRYAN**, **SMITH BRYAN**, **MARY BRYAN** and _____ **BRYAN**, **WILLIAM R. BRYAN** was the father of **MARY SUMNER BRYAN** by **SALLIE TAYLOR**. **MARY SUMNER BRYAN** was the mother of **THEODORE BRYAN KINGSBURY**. Capt. **JOSEPH BRYAN** was killed in war in Canada and his negro servant brought his arms and horse all the way across the country to Halifax County and delivered them to his people; he never married. **SMITH BRYAN** born in 1744 married **LUCY BARLOW** and was the father of **DEMPSEY BRYAN**, born Sept. 4, 1774 and died in 1847. It is probable that no wiser man than **DEMPSEY BRYAN**, this date, ever lived in Edgecombe County. He first settled on what is known as the Dancy Field on **DAVID W. BULLOCK's** old Edgecombe plantation, then known as Cotton Plains, being situate about nine miles North of Tarboro, NC on the road leading to Enfield.

SMITH BRYAN, the father of **DEMPSEY BRYAN**, though the grandson of **LORD BRYAN** originally of great wealth, owing to the non productiveness of uncleared lands, and a long life of extravagance, was unable to give **DEMPSEY BRYAN** anything at all with which to start life.

DEMPSEY BRYAN became very rich from that date and locality. He bought up all the farms surrounding his own and owned seven or eight hundred slaves, though not all at one time. He took a lively interest in all public affairs; was a band director and money lender; Mr. **HARRISON** and Mr. **JAMES BATTLE** alone were thought to be Mr. **BRYAN's** equal in wealth in Edgecombe County He spent his entire married life in the red house the homestead situated in the Center of Cotton Plains, **DAVID W. BULLOCK's** old farm, He married **MARY DAVIS LEE**, the daughter of Major **AARON LEE** of Westmoreland County, VA and **MARY DAVIS** of Maryland Heights near Harper's Ferry, VA of which more will be said. The products of **DEMPSEY BRYAN** and **MARY LEE's** marriage was first; **MARY ELIZABETH**, who married **JOHNATHAN BULLOCK** of Edgecombe County and bore one child, **DAVID WILLIAM BULLOCK** of Edgecombe County, and was the father of ten children by **MARGARET MARY RUTH**. The second products were triplets, **LUCH**, **LOUISA** and **LAURA**, **LAURA** only survived infancy, **LUCY** when grown married **BENJAMIN BATTS** of Edgecombe County, NC. **MARGARET** married **L. LAFAYETTE STATON**. Their children were Dr. **L. L. STATON**, Mr. **LOGAN STATON** Miss **LUCY** and Miss **MAGGIE**. **EMMA** married **THOMAS CHERRY** who died in early in life.

The third living child of **DEMSEY BRYAN**, **SALLIE BRYAN**, married **COFFIELD KNIGHT** of upper Edgecombe County; they had two children, **WILLIAM HENRY** and **MARTHA**. Mr. **COFFIELD KNIGHT** and his grandchildren after him, lived on the same grant of land that one of his ancestors secured of the King of England; this Land never left his family or descendants until it was sold about 1816 to the late **W. D. PITTMAN**.

DEMPSEY BRYAN's next child, **MARTHA**, married **REDDING PITTMAN**. the father of **OLIVER BEVERLY**, **T. REEDING** and **G. MARY**, **MARTHA**, and **WILLIAM DEMPSEY**. **DEMPSEY BRYAN'S** next child, **MAGGIE** married **LEM. LAWRENCE** and died without children. **PENINA** lived to an extreme old age in upper Edgecombe County and never married, **MARY**, the next child married **THOMAS MAYO** of Pitt County and was the mother of Major **JAMES W. MAYO**, Dr. **THOMAS MAYO**, **DEMPSEY BRYAN MAYO**, **MARY** and **MARTHA [TAYLOR COLLINS]** twins, and **OTHA**, an afflicted child who died in early manhood. **NANNIE** another child lived in Nash County and old maid for many years, but very late in life, when ...

WILLIAM DEMPSEY BRYAN, the first son married Miss **BENTON** of Halifax Co. and moved to Alabama about 1850.

HUGH BLAIR BRYAN, the youngest child of **DEMPSEY BRYAN**, married Miss **MARY PETERSON JENKINS** of Warren County, NC. Their children are **DEMPSEY**, **MARY** and **IDA**. (**IDA** is the only one surviving at the present time - 1933).

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DAMPSEY BRYAN, as above stated, married **MARY DAVIS LEE** who is a daughter of **AARON LEE** born in Westmoreland Co. VA in 1731 and was killed in the Revolutionary War. The wife of **AARON LEE** was also **MARY DAVIS**, born at the present site of Harper's Ferry, VA in the year 1746. Major **LEE** was a Major the Revolutionary War serving with Washington. His home on Maryland Heights was a place where war information was deposited by any patriot who wished it transmitted to Washington.

The above was taken from the records of Dr. **D. W. BULLOCK** of Wilmington, NC, during the month of August 1904.

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Henry Lee
Eastern Shore, MD
disappeared during
Rev. War.

[Henry Lee]

Lucy Lee
m. Dempsey Bryan

[Lucy Lee Bryan]

William Bryan
moved to AL 1840

Lucy Bryan
m. Ben Batts

Sallie Bryan
m. C. Knight

Penina Bryan

Mary Williams Bryan
m. Thomas Mayo

Redden Pittman Bryan

Elizabeth Bryan
m. Bullock

Hugh Blair Bryan

[LUCY BRYAN BATTS]

Margaret
m. Lafazeth Staton
Maryland
m. William Long
Emma
m. Thomas Cherry
Ben
Dempsey
m. Mina Bryan
Dick (Isaac)
m. Fanny Little

[SALLY BRYAN KNIGHT]

William Henry

Martha
m. William Pittman

[MARY WILLIAMS BRYAN]

Laura d. Infant
Dempsey d. Infant

James Macaja
m. Florence Lyon

Hugh Blair
d. 1861 Battle of Bethel

Mary Dorsen
m. Harrison P. Lyon
m. Virginus W. Land

Martha Darien
m. William T. Taylor

William Thomas
m. Annie Lawry Lyon

Dempsey Virginus d. 1872
Laura Virginia d. 1863
Otho Logan d. 1883

[REDDEN PITTMAN BRYAN]

B. W. Tucker
Oliver
Mary Streator
m. Dr. N. G. Pittman
Martha d. Infant
William Dempsey
Redden Gresham
Benjamin d. Infant

[ELIZABETH BRYAN BULLOCK]

Dave

[HUGH BLAIR BRYAN]

William Dempsey
Ida
m. L. H. Lyon
Mamie d. Infant

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