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From NC SUPREME COURT CASE #160 - BRYAN VS GRIFFIN

GRIFFIN

1. Solomon Griffin b by 1720 d with WILL in 1766
md Sarah Bryan daughter of John Bryan - Sarah
md 2nd James Holton
 - a. Moses Griffin although the Court Case indicates Moses had no brothers
or sisters - he did, but they must have had no issue
 - b. Alice
 - c. Solomon
 - d. Jesse

NOTE: Solomon buying land as early as 1745 in Craven County

2. Benjamin Griffin - b by 1710 - d 1777-
md Mary Bryan
 - a. Keziah Griffin d by 1818 -
md John Hill
 1. Feraby Hill - md Mills (Craven Co)
 2. Sidney Hill md Carter (Craven Co)
 3. Cynthia Hill (Craven Co)
 4. Willis Hill (Wiley) (Craven Co)
 5. Sylvia (Silva) Hill md Timothy Lee (Craven Co)
 6. Liney Hill md Lial Edwards (Craven Co)
 - b. Jesse Griffin - moved to Georgia
 - c. Benjamin Griffin - d by 1818
(md Abigail Markland daughter of Mary Markland - MMM)
 1. Bryan Griffin (Craven Co)
 2. Sally Griffin md Richard Coulton
(also written as Carlton and Couttan)(Craven County)
 3. Mary Griffin md James Prescot (Privatt) (Craven Co)
 4. Lewis Griffin (Craven County)
 5. Rebecca Griffin (Craven Co)
 6. Alice Griffin (Ailsey, Alesey) (Craven Co)
 7. Jesse Griffin (Craven Co)
 8. Abigail Griffin (Craven Co)
 - d. Mary Griffin md Robert Jackson d by 1818 - moved to Tenn
 - e. William Griffin d by 1818 (bc 1760)
 1. John Bryan Griffin (Craven Co)
 2. William Griffin (Craven Co) (bc 1786)
 3. Lewis Griffin - moved to Georgia

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- f. Ann Griffin - md John Holloway - moved to Georgia
 - g. Sally Griffin - md William Holloway - moved to Georgia
 - h. Betsy Griffin d by 1818- md James West
 - 1. Redding West (Reading) (Craven Co)
 - 2. Mary West md William Cox (Craven Co)
 - 3. Betsy West md John Cox (Craven Co)
3. Jonas Griffin (bc 1710-1715)
md Alice Bryan daughter of John Bryan - moved to Georgia
- a. Major Griffin
 - b. Jennet Griffin md John Bruton
- NOTE: following lines from Allen Churchill Collection at
ECC - information from Jack Ladson Sr. of Vidalia Ga
- 1. Lavicy Bruton md Robert Black - Warren County, Ga in 1793
 - a. Anne Black md Absalam Coursey
 - 1. John Bruton Coursey - b 1834
 - c. Jonas Griffin
4. Anna (Ann) Griffin (bc 1710-1715) md William Coward
- a. Elisha Coward d by 1818
 - 1. John Coward (Jones Co)
 - 2. Jesse Coward (Jones Co)
 - 3. Frederick Coward
 - 4. Sally Coward md Shepard Jones (Greene Co)
 - 5. Frances Coward md John Williams (Greene Co)
 - 6. Susannah Coward md William Wetherington (Craven Co)
 - 7. Ann Coward md John Pate - lived in Georgia
 - b. John Coward d by 1818
 - 1. Sally Coward md Roderick Powell (bc 1772) (Greene Co)
 - 2. Shadrack Coward (Lenoir Co)
 - 3. Mary Coward (Lenoir Co)
 - 4. Jemima Coward md Thomas Bond (Lenoir Co)
 - c. James Coward d by 1818
 - 1. Michael Coward (Lenoir Co)
 - d. Frederick Coward d after 1818 (Lenoir Co)

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e. Keziah Coward d by 1818 md Barfield

1. Sarah Ann Barfield - lived in Georgia
2. Nicey Barfield - lived in Georgia
3. John Barfield - lived in Georgia
4. Cullen Barfield - lived in Georgia
5. Vincent Barfield - lived in Georgia
6. Drusilla Barfield - lived in Georgia

f. Chloe Coward (bc 1735-40) d by 1818
md William Kilpatrick - b by 1735 probably in Goochland Co, Va - d c 1808

NOTE: Chloe may have been a 2nd wife - It is proven that William Kilpatrick had a son Warre and probably had a son Easley or Isler. Since these two were not listed in this document, it can only be assumed Chloe Coward was NOT their mother. For descendants see Booklet "Descendants of Lemuel Hardy and Louisa Kilpatrick Mewborn".

1. William Kilpatrick - (b by 1770 d after 1811 -
md Penelope Pugh daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Bryan Pugh) (Greene Co)
2. Francis Kilpatrick - (b 1774 - d 23 Feb 1814 -
md Rachel Miriam Pugh daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Bryan Pugh)
(Greene Co)
3. Chloe Kilpatrick - (probably never married - found in
Wayne county Records) (Lenoir Co)
4. Alexander Kilpatrick - (b by 1772 - md Susan b d) (Lenoir Co)
5. Charity Kilpatrick - (md Sampson Lane - lived in Wayne County)

g. Ann Coward d by 1818 md Patrick

1. Nicey Patrick md David Kennedy - lived Pitt County
2. Betsy Patrick md Shadrack Dixon - lived in Greene County

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BRYAN

John Bryan - d 31 October 1741 - with a will - son of William and Alice Needham Bryan of Isle of Wight md Elizabeth Joyner daughter of Bridgman Joyner of Isle of Wight - no incorrect

NOTE: Above information from Ray Griffin. This family has been written about extensively, but there is a lot of conflicting information

1. Sarah Bryan - d by 1818 md Solomon Griffin
 - a. Moses Griffin - d 1816
2. Lewis Bryan d by 1818
 - a. William Bryan
 - b. Asa Bryan
 - c. Elizabeth Bryan
 - d. Charlotte Bryan md David Peacock
 - e. Lishia (Silva) Bryan - md Anson Godwin (Johnston Cou)
 - d. John Bryan - d by 1818
 1. Redding Bryan
 2. Dila Bryan ? - Dila may be middle name of Redding
 3. Gayett Bryan
 4. Elizabeth Bryan - md James Welch
 5. Hester Bryan - md Miles Barfoot

NOTE: - all children of John may have lived in Georgia in 1818

- e. Mary Bryan - md William Sanders - may have been dead by 1818 - lived in Tenn
3. Joanna Bryan d by 1818 - md Daniel ? Vendrick
 - a. James Vendrick - d by 1818
 1. Elizabeth Vendrick (Craven Co)
 2. Daniel Vendrick
 3. Lydia Vendrick - lived in Georgia
 4. James Vendrick - lived in Tenn
 - b. Penny Vendrick (Craven Co)
 - c. Alice Vendrick - md William Bryan
 - d. Lydia Vendrick - d by 1818
 - e. Polly Vendrick - md James Simkins
4. Mary Bryan d by 1818 - md Benjamin Griffin - see Griffin

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5. Elizabeth Bryan d by 1818 - md Richard Hart
 - a. John Hart - lived in South Carolina
 - b. Mary Hart - md John Sasser d by 1818 (Anson County)
6. Alice Bryan d by 1818 - md Jonas Griffin - see Griffin

North Carolina Supreme Court Case Files, Case #160 - Bryan vs Griffin (1818)
N.C. Archives

A number of people have "discovered" this case and have done abstracts including Clifford S. Dwyer of Florida; however, the person who provided the information this abstract came from is unknown. To all who have gone through the Supreme Court Cases our many thanks. The spelling of some of the names are open to interpretation of the reader of the original documents. I have put some changes that I think may be correct in brackets.

To the Honourable the Judge of the Court of Equity for the County of Johnston:

"That Moses Griffin late of Craven County decd. in the month of (blank) in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen seized and possessed of a large real and personal estate, leaving a last will and testament----"

NOTE: Among other items in the Will was money for a free school in Craven County; however, it appears the relatives contested the Will.

"Your orators further shew unto your honour that the said Moses Griffin left no issue, or brother or sister, nor the issue of any brother or sister or Uncle or Aunt, and that the real estate of said Moses Griffin being his own acquisition, his next collateral relations the decendants (sic) of the Uncles and Aunts of the said Moses Griffin as well of the paternal as of the maternal side are his heirs at law, and the children of the uncles and Aunts of the said Moses Griffin are his next of kin. The said Moses Griffin was the son of Solomon Griffin and Sarah (Bryan) his wife."

"The Brothers of Solomon Griffin the father of said Moses Griffin were Jonas Griffin and Benjamin Griffin. The only sister was Ann who was the wife of William Coward all of whom are dead leaving issue."

NOTE: As this is a long case it is condensed from several paragraphs and last names are left out unless different from the parents.

The Brothers and Sisters of Sarah Griffin the Mother of Moses Griffin were Lewis Bryan, Joanna Bryan, Mary Bryan, Elizabeth Bryan and Alice Bryan all of whom are dead leaving issue, so that the real estate of the said Moses Griffin descended one eighth each to the descendants of Jonas Griffin, the descendants of Benjamin Griffin, the descendants of Ann Coward, the descendants of Lewis Bryan, the descendants of Mary Bryan, the descendants of Elizabeth Bryan, and the descendants of Alice Bryan or if the paternal line be preferred when the estate is acquired by the person from whom it is claimed then it descended one third each to the descendants of Jonas Griffin, the descendants of Benjamin Griffin and the descendants of Ann Coward.

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The said Alice Bryan was the wife of Jonas Griffin. Mary Bryan was the wife of Benjamin Griffin. Joanna Bryan married Daniel Vendrick. Elizabeth Bryan married John Hart.

PATERNAL SIDE - GRIFFIN

Jonas Griffin and Alice (Bryan) his wife removed from North Carolina to the State of Georgia many years ago. Your Orators have heard and believe the said Jonas and his wife left issue -

1. Major
2. Jennet now the widow of John Bruton and
3. Jonas who resides in Georgia or in parts unknown to your Orators.

Benjamin Griffin and Mary (Bryan) his wife left issue

1. Keziah dec. who was the wife of John Hill - issue
 - a. Feraby who md a Mills (Craven)
 - b. Sidney who md a Carter (Craven)
 - c. Cynthia (Craven)
 - d. Willis (Craven)
 - e. Sylvia wife of Timothy Lee (Craven) and
 - f. Liney wife of Lial Edwards (Craven).
2. Jesse who removed from North Carolina to the State of Georgia but whether he is now living is unknown
3. Benjamin is also dead leaving issue -
 - a. Bryan
 - b. Sally wife of Richard Coulton (or Carlton) (Craven)
 - c. Mary wife of James Prescot (or Prevatt) (Craven)
 - d. Lewis (Craven)
 - e. Rebecca (Craven)
 - f. Alice (Craven)
 - g. Jesse, and
 - h. Abigail
4. Mary the widow of Robert Jackson who removed from North Carolina and resided when last heard in the State of Tennessee
5. William dec - issue
 - a. John Bryan (Craven)
 - b. William (Craven)
 - c. Lewis (Georgia)
6. Ann the wife of John Holloway (Georgia)
7. Sally the wife of William Holloway (Georgia) and
8. Betsy dec the wife of James West - issue
 - a. Redding (Craven)
 - b. Mary wife of William Cox (Craven)
 - c. Betsy wife of John Cox (Craven).

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Anna (Ann) Coward wife of William (Dobbs) left issue -

1. Elisha dec. - issue
 - a. John (Jones)
 - b. Jesse (Jones)
 - c. Frederic (Greene)
 - d. Sally wife of Shepard Jones (Greene)
 - e. Frances wife of John Williams (Greene)
 - f. Susannah wife of William Wetherington (Craven) and
 - g. Ann the widow of John Pate (Georgia)
2. John dec issue
 - a. Sally wife of Roderick Powell (Greene)
 - b. Shadrick (Lenoir)
 - c. Mary (Lenoir) and
 - d. Jamima wife of Thomas Bond (Lenoir)
3. James dec - issue
 - a. Michael (Lenoir)
4. Frederick (Lenoir)
5. Keziah dec wife of ? Barfield (Georgia) - issue
 - a. Sarah Ann
 - b. Nicey
 - c. John
 - d. Cullen
 - e. Vincent and
 - e. Drusilla (all in Georgia)
6. Chloe dec wife of ? Kilpatrick - issue
 - a. William dec - no issue listed (Greene)
 - b. Francis dec - no issue listed (Greene)
 - c. Chloe
 - d. Alexander (Greene) and
 - c. Charity wife of ? Lane (Wayne)
7. Ann dec wife of ? Patrick) - issue
 - a. Nicey wife of David Kennedy (Pitt) and
 - b. Betsy wife of Shadrack Dixon (Green)

MATERNAL SIDE - BRYAN

Three of the Bryan sisters - Sarah, Mary, and Alice - have been covered under the Griffins as three brothers married three sisters.

Lewis dec - issue 1. William md Alice 2. Asa 3. Elizabeth 4. Charlotte wife of David Peacock 5. Silva wife of Anson Godwin (Johnston) and 6. John dec - issue

- a. Redding
- b. Delie (?)
- c. Fayett (?)
- d. Elizabeth widow of James Welch
- e. Hester the wife of Miles Barfoot (all of Georgia) NOTE: There is some difference of opinion on the spelling of some of these children -

7. Mary wife of William Sanders (Tenn)

Joanna Bryan dec wife of Daniel Vendrick - issue 1. James Vendrick dec issue

- a. Elizabeth (Craven)
- b. Daniel

2. Penny Vendrick (Craven) 3. Alice the wife of William Bryan 4. Lydia Vendrick (Georgia) 5. Polly wife of James Simkins (Limkins)

Elizabeth Bryan dec married John Hart - issue 1. John Hart (South Carolina) b. Mary the widow of John Sasser (Anson)

NOTES ON SOME OF THE FAMILIES IN THE GRIFFIN/BRYAN CASE

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GRIFFIN - The book, "Along the Neuse: The Craven Bryan Griffin Family" by Ray Griffin offers an extensive and well documented look at the descendants of Benjamin Griffin. In addition, Ray Griffin is continuing to look for the ancestors of this Griffin family.

BRYAN - Much has been written about this family and most is in conflict. It is possible that William Bryan, father of Elizabeth who md Hugh Pugh of Greene County, was a brother of the early John in this lawsuit. Hugh and Elizabeth Bryan Pugh's daughter Rachel married Francis Kilpatrick of the lawsuit.

HOLLOWAY - There is a Court Equity Case for the estate settlement in Sumter County, S. C. of Thomas Holloway who formerly lived in Dobbs/Lenoir County. I have read this case on microfilm. He had no children and his estate was divided nine ways among his brothers and sisters. William and John Holloway of this suit were the brothers of this Thomas. A sister was Isabella who married Francis Nunn III of Craven/Lenoir County. Francis Nunn and his family lived close to the Griffin's as well as the Holloways. In the Civil Action Cases of the Superior Court of Craven County on 24 Jan 1803 - p 66 - William Nunn vs Samuel and Benjamin Griffin - trespass and assault and battery. William Nunn was a son of Francis and Isabella Holloway Nunn. In Ray Griffin's Book he referenced a sell of property between Francis Nunn (or) and Benjamin Griffin (ee). John Holloway, brother of the dec Thomas, was d by 1818. In 1769 he lived in New Bern and had the following heirs - James, John, Edward, and Lizy who md a Jones. William Holloway, a brother of Thomas, was also dec. There is no doubt all these families are the same; however, there are differences between the NC Supreme Court case, the SC Court Equity case, and a Holloway Bible from Georgia. I have not been able to figure it out, but at least one of these is missing a generation.

KILPATRICK - Chloe Coward md William Kilpatrick Sr. son of Alexander and Elizabeth Easley Kilpatrick. The latter were the first of this family into Craven/Dobbs County. William had a brother John d with a Will 1760 who md Elizabeth - no issue; probably several sisters; and a brother Easley or Isler who md Sarah. Easley had at least the following children - Rachel, Easley and John - both of the sons moved to South Carolina. Easley Sr.'s widow, Sarah also had a son James Phillips (on the wrong side of the sheets) by James Phillips, Sr. William Kilpatrick Sr. appears to have been married twice as there is at least one proven son who was not mentioned in this suit - Warre b by 1760 md 1st Polly McKennie and 2nd Lovicy. He also appears to have had another son Easley md Sarah Fife who may have moved to Duplin County. The children of William and his wife Chloe Coward were Chloe who appears not to have married: William Jr. b by 1779 d 1811-1816 who md Penelope Pugh daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Bryan Pugh - issue 1. Bryan md Elizabeth Burney daughter of Simon and Louisa Pugh Burney 2. John J. Kilpatrick who md Sarah ? 3. Chloe md ? Bruton 4. George md Mary Hooker 5. Penelope 6. Barbara B.: Alexander Kilpatrick b by 1772 md Susan - only known child Alexander: Francis b 1774 d 1814 md Rachel Pugh daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Bryan Pugh. All of his issue are not known. The only ones that can be proven are Warren W. md Mary Ann Lovick and Louisa who md Lemuel Hardy Mewborn. Other possible children were Sarah who md William Augustus Mosely, Mary who md Wiley Kilpatrick, William B. Kilpatrick who md Sallie Baker and maybe James M. who md Elizabeth Moseley: Charity Coward md Sampson Lane of Wayne County.

Additional information on this family may be found in the booklet located at Lenoir County Community College "Descendants of Lemuel Hardy and Louisa Kilpatrick Mewborn". There is an extensive study of the Kilpatrick lines as well as information on allied families of Pittman, Moseley, and Albritton.

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