

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Table of Contents

Joshua Beasley and Family.....	3
Bryans of Mill Creek.....	5
William and Needham BRYAN.....	10
George M. and Bessie Edwards BRYANT.....	15
Sidney McCoy and Tomesia Woodall BRYANT.....	17
Reuben Hobby Sr.....	19
John Lee, Esq.....	21
Julius A. Lee.....	26
Julius Bowden Lee and Nellie Parrish Hood Lee.....	28
Abner Sauls.....	29
The Smiths.....	31
Samuel Smith Senr. and Samuel Smith Junr.....	33
The Stancil Ancestry.....	37
George Ira Stancil.....	39
Simon Turner.....	45

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

The Heritage of Johnston County
North Carolina
1985

Published by The Heritage of Johnston County
Book Committee
in cooperation with
The History Division
Hunter Publishing Company
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Joshua Beasley and Family

117

Joshua Beasley was born in 1784 in North Carolina, probably in Wake County. 15 September 1805 he married Judith Ferrell in Wake County and they lived there on Joshua's farm in Saint Marie (St. Mary's) township adjoining Johnston County.

Their first children were born there while their other children were born in Johnston County. Joshua and Judith were the parents of eleven known children:

Benjamin G. Beasley (b. 1810) married
(1) Susan McLamb
(2) married 22 Nov. 1887 Marilda Parker Collins

Kendrick Beasley NC married 6 March 1835
(1) Emy **BRYANT**
(2) married Barthena

Joshua M. Beasley

Annie Beasley married 26 December 1838 Seawell Webb

Jesse Beasley married 30 September 1841 Fannie Moore

James Beasley married 29 December 1843 Polly Jernigan

Mary Ann Beasley married 25 March 1844 James Holmes

Culia Beasley married 20 October 1843 Henry Moore

Judith Beasley married 20 May 1847 Ashley Blackmon

Ephraim Oxford Beasley 1826-1916 married
(1) 18 December 1845 Edith Avery. d. 27 July 1855,
(2) Elizabeth Toole
(3) 9 December 1904 Marilda Beasley

Joseph Beasley

Joshua was in the Wake County Militia. in the War of 1812, he was in the detached militia from Wake County in 1813 that was stationed at Beaufort, NC under command of Captain Abner Pasteur as an artilleryman. The Americans thought the Englishmen were coming into North Carolina that summer, so detachments of militia were called up from each country to served on the coast. He was again called up in September 1814 in the militia detached from the Wake Regiment to go to Norfolk. VA. He was in the muster roll of artillery, first Company.

In late 1813 Joshua bought his first land across the county line in Johnston County. He purchased 190 acres "on the waters of Mingo Swamp touching William **BRYAN**'s land at Wolfpet Branch along Asa **BRYAN**'s land" ... He built a log cabin and brought his family to Johnston County to live. Many of his descendants still live in that area today (1983) in Banner township southeast of Benson.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Josh Beasley farmed and through the years gradually purchased other land in the area until he had a sizable holding. In 1828 he purchased 400 acres along Mingo Swamp, 1830 another 300 acres upstream from Wolfpit Creek and the Dismals where marshes covered acres of land Josh decided to put a sod dam. He and his son Ben started hauling dirt there using primitive tools of wheelbarrows and shovels. They hauled many loads of dirt and rocks. Rain would wash some away and they would have to do it again, but they continued and after seven years had it so it would hold the water which covers about 200 acres today. nearly 150 years later. It is reported that Josh paid Ben \$700 for his help. Joshua built a grist mill on the dam and began a milling business. He also built a sawmill there. It was the first structure of this kind in the area of any significance. The Beasley family operated it until 1874 when Josh sold some land including the mills and pond to John Green Raynor who had married Elizabeth Beasley. The pond has been used all through the years also for recreation such as fishing, swimming. etc. Today it is still there owned by a member of the Parker family.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Bryans of Mill Creek

157

The first of the **BRYAN** family to settle in Johnston County in the Mill Creek area was Lewis **BRYAN**. who came here ca 1764 when he witnessed deeds of land sold in the Mill Creek area. In 1770 he bought a 300 acres plantation from Edward Lee on the north side of Mill Creek beginning up the Little Swamp where Edward Lee's fifth line crossed the swamp, part of a tract granted to Lee 4 May 1769, witnessed by John Lee & Asa **BRYAN**. On 1 Oct. 1772 Lewis **BRYAN** sold part of this tract to Asa **BRYAN**. He sold 150 acres, the other pan of this tract, to William **BRYAN**. He sold another tract of 188 acres to John **BRYAN** on 27 Apr. 1774.

No date has been found when Lewis **BRYAN** died, but the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of 29 Aug. 1792 give the following "that Lewis **BRYAN** Senr. be exempt from paying a four told tax in 1791 and that he be Exempt in the future from paying a Poll Tax on account of his age. (There were several Lewis Bryans in the county at the same time and it is not clear Just which was the Lewis of Mill Creek.) On 18 Nov. 1796 Lewis made a deposition to John **BRYAN**, Justice of the Peace, as to a land marker or boundary.

Lewis **BRYAN** was a son of John **BRYAN** of Craven County who made a Nuncupative Will 31 Oct. 1741, naming his son Lewis to receive the plantation whereon John lived on Beards Creek, daughter Sarah **BRYAN** to receive 3 Negroes and personal estate, and that daughter Sarah was to bring up his 3 small children with Sarah **BRYAN** being the Executor of the Will, probated 1 Nov. 1741. The Will also gave the information that John **BRYAN** departed this life 31 Oct. 1741. On 17 Mar. 1745/46 Lewis **BRYAN**, son of John **BRYAN**, deceased, sold to Solomon Griffith 390 acres for 200 NC money, a tract of land which my father held by deed from John Simmons lying on the North side of the Neuse River and on the west side of Beards Creek. An inventory of the Estate of John **BRYAN** by Solomon Griffin, who had intermarried with the Executor to the Last Will & Testament of the deceased. Much of the **BRYAN** family information comes from a law suite in 1826 filed by John **BRYAN** Griffin, son of Sarah **BRYAN** Griffin & Solomon Griffin who will was dated 13 Sept. 1807 and died 24 Mar. 1816. He left no brothers, sisters, aunts nor uncles and the estate tell to next of kin, descendants of his aunts and uncles. (Clerk of Supreme Court. Raleigh, NC Drawer 17/18 & Supreme Court to July 1826, from Johnston Co. Term of Court of Equity). This record gives the names of the following children of John **BRYAN** of Craven Co.:

Lewis **BRYAN**
Sarah **BRYAN**
Jo Anna **BRYAN**
Mary **BRYAN**
Alice **BRYAN**
Elizabeth **BRYAN**

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

The name of the wife of Lewis **BRYAN** has not been found and no date of death has been determined. The seven children of Lewis **BRYAN** are:

(1) William **BRYAN** b. 3 Aug. 1760 d. 11 Feb. 1846 Johnston Co. md. 14 Oct. 1783 Craven Co. Alice Vendrick (Nat. Archives file #S6699) Their children were:

Asa H. **BRYAN** Jr. md. Susannah Lee 15 Mar. 1809 b. 28 Oct. 1784 d/o John Lee and a gg/gd of John Lee Esq.

Janet **BRYAN** b. ca 1790 was living in Johnston Co. 1850 age 60 yrs.

Eliza **BRYAN** b. ca 1798 and living with sister Janet in 1850 age 52.

Joseph **BRYAN** b. ca 1797 (possibly the son of William)

Alice **BRYAN**

Jo Anna **BRYAN** md. 12 Oct. 1810 Owen Thornton

Simon **BRYAN** md. 9 June 1819 Charlotte "Lottie" **BRYAN** d/o Asa **BRYAN** Jr. William **BRYAN** was a Pvt. in the Rev. War. and his pension went to his children.

(2) Asa **BRYAN** b. ca 1750 d. by 26 Aug. 1822 Johnson Co. md. 18 Aug. 1778 Ann "Nancy" Lee d/o Edward Lee and gd/o John Lee Esq. b. ca 1760 d. 6 Jan. 1847. Ann **BRYAN** filed for a Rev. War Pension on Asa's service (Nat. Archives file #23666) Their children were:

Lewis **BRYAN** b. ca 1780 d. 1845/47 md. Amy Johnson d/o John Johnson. d. after 1850

Mary **BRYAN** b. ca 1782 md. Jonathan Wood

Elizabeth **BRYAN** b. after 1784 d. after 1850 possibly in Dallas Co. AL md. 23 Jan. 1804 Johnston Co. William Fail

Nancy **BRYAN** b. ca 1800/1810 md. ? James H. Smith 8 Aug. 1825 Johnston Co.

Henry **BRYAN**

Nathan **BRYAN** md. Nancy McConnel 12 Mar. 1817 Johnston Co.

Edith **BRYAN** md. John Smith 10 Oct. 1823 Johnston Co.

Elizby **BRYAN** md. 23 Dec. 1824 Johnston Co. Edward **BRYAN**

Charlotte "Lottie" **BRYAN** md. 9 June 1819 Johnston Co. Simon **BRYAN**

Aley **BRYAN** md. 24 Sept. 1833 Gideon Allen Johnston Co.

John L. **BRYAN** md. Martha Ann Jones ca. 1850.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(3) John **BRYAN** b. ca 1753 d. ca 1817 had the following children according to the law suit:

Reading **BRYAN**

Delie Fayette **BRYAN**

Elizabeth **BRYAN**, widow of James Welch

Hester (Hule) **BRYAN** wife of Miles Barfield who went to Georgia.

(4) Mary **BRYAN** md. 8 Sept. 1785 Johnston Co. William Sanders and moved to Tennessee.

(5) Elizabeth **BRYAN** md. Samuel Elridge possibly to Sampson Co. Samuel Elridge made his Will 1 Mar. 1778 and it was probated in May 1778. He named wife Elizabeth, son-in-law David Lee (wife was possibly Anna). son-in-law Abner **INGRAM**, son Samuel, and daughter Mildred Eldridge.

(6) Charlotte **BRYAN** md. 26 Feb. 1789 David Peacock of Johnston Co. Their children were:

William Peacock md. Nancy Roberson

Asa **BRYAN** Peacock md. Katie Roberson

John Peacock

Nancy Peacock

Charlotte Peacock md. 28 Nov. 1848 Johnston Co. John Cogdell Hood

Louis Peacock

It IS thought that John & Louis Peacock went to Georgia.

(7) Sylvia **BRYAN** (Lisha) md. 22 Aug. 1789 Aaron Godwin to Johnston Co.

(8) Reading **BRYAN**.

Sarah **BRYAN** md. Solomon Griffin/Griffith by the time Solomon filed an inventory of the Estate of John **BRYAN**, deceased. Their only child was Moses Griffin who died 24 Mar. 1816 Craven Co.

Jo Anna **BRYAN** md. Daniel Venderick and their children were:

James Venderick

Penny Venderick

Alice Venderick who married William **BRYAN**

Lydia Venderick married James Simpkins

Polly Venderick married James Simpkins

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Mary **BRYAN** md. Benjamin Griffin and their children were:

Kezziah Griffin md. John Hill

Jesse Griffin

Benjamin Griffin

Mary Griffin md. Robert Jackson

William Griffin

Ann Griffin md. John Holloway

Sally Griffin md. William Holloway

Betsy Griffin md. James West

Alice **BRYAN** md. Jonas Griffin whose will is recorded in Camden Co. SC Their children were:

Major Griffin

Jannet Griffin md. John Burton

Jonas Griffin who went to Warren Co. MS.

Elizabeth **BRYAN** md. Richard Hart and lived in SC. A son was possibly John **BRYAN** Hart who probably was in the Revolutionary War.

William **BRYAN**, son of Lewis, made an application for a Pension for his Revolutionary Service on 7 June 1832. The information that he gave for this application and the affidavits that were made by other persons who knew him tell about the people who lived in the neighborhood. William stated that he:

"was 85 yrs. old and the name of **BRYAN** was very numerous and widely connected and influential in Johnson Co., NC, long before the Revolutionary War and continued so during the struggle for Independence, sharing largely in its support by their wealth and influence; same name has continued thus distinguished nearly up to this period. though many have removed to distant parts; Johnston County embraced several adjacent counties; his family lived in middle, extreme North, now perhaps Wake Co. and in extreme South and which was the family of the declarant; his father Lewis **BRYAN**. raised three sons, Asa born 1750, John born 1753 and William born 1760 (the declarant); known distinction of his family was of "Mill Creek" and all served in the Revolution; brother John was an officer in county and then removed to Georgia where he died about 30 yrs. ago; Asa. Captain in Revolution died about 20 yrs. ago, leaving the declarant the only living son of his father Lewis **BRYAN**; ... There was another William **BRYAN** who died about 20 yrs. ago who belonged to the family in the North of the County, Swift Creek; he knew him well but he did not serve in Capt. Whitley's or Griffin's Co."

Other persons giving depositions were Jesse Adams, Minister of the Gospel, who was born and raised in the neighborhood. John O. Adams and Thomas Bagley, Clerk of

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Court and Ann Hobby all gave information about knowing William **BRYAN** and other informative was given in this application about the **BRYAN** family of "Mill Creek."

Sources: Johnston Co. deeds, wills, estates, court minutes, Smithfield, NC; Revolutionary War Pension Application of William **BRYAN**; Supreme Court records, NC. State Archives. Raleigh. NC; Research files of Elizabeth E. Ross and Ozell Long.

- Elizabeth E. Ross

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

William and Needham BRYAN

158

William and Needham **BRYAN** came to Johnston County about the time it was formed. 1746. William **BRYAN** received grants for several hundred acres of land across the Neuse River from what was to become Smithfield, joining the lands of John Smith. Sr. Needham **BRYAN** bought land just to the south of John Smith's acres on the east side of the Neuse River all the way down to Pole Cat Creek. Both William and Needham owned lands in other areas of the county but these were the acreages where their plantations were located. William's home was at or near the intersection of present Hwy. #70 & Hwy. #210. in the area of the cemetery. Needham's home was in the area of South Smithfield where the river turns back west after leaving the downtown area. In 1968 excavation was done on the site of Needham's family cemetery and items in prior Smithfield Heralds as early as 1916 mention the old cemetery located here. At the present time the cemetery does not exist, stones having been removed for preservation some years past. Those stone found here were for:

Loverd **BRYAN**
Needham **BRYAN**
Nancy **BRYAN**
Leah Green

William **BRYAN** b. ca 1724 d. by Feb. 1780. Will dated 29 May 1780 and probated Feb. Court 1780. He married Elizabeth Smith ca 1744/50 b. ca 1724 d. ca 1792 Springfield Plantation, Johnston Co. William **BRYAN** was active in public affairs and served as Sheriff, Justice of the Peace and Justice for the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions. He was appointed Colonel 4 Apr. 1776 in the Johnston County Militia and served in this capacity until he petitioned the General Assembly in Feb. 1779 to leave his command and as a Justice of the Court. He received £271, 12 Shillings and 11 pence for his services. In the years during Gov. Tryon's leadership when the Regulators in the western counties were causing trouble, William **BRYAN** sided with the Gov. and helped raise troops and supplies for the soldiers going to the Battle of Alamance. Just a few years later he was fighting on the side of the patriots fighting for independence from British rule. William served as a delegate to the Hillsborough Convention in 1775. Elizabeth was the daughter of John Smith Sr. and wife Elizabeth Whitfield.

Children of William **BRYAN** were:

(1) LEWIS **BRYAN** b. 24 Nov. 1745 d. after 1779 md..Sarah Hinton, children:

Edney **BRYAN**
Redley **BRYAN**
Lewis **BRYAN**
Larry **BRYAN**

(orphans were appointed a Guardian 31 May 1782 Court)

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(2) William **BRYAN** b. 8 July 1747 d. ca 1800 md. 31 Oct. 1778 Elizabeth Gray.
Children:

Frances Lee **BRYAN**
William **BRYAN**
Elizabeth Smith **BRYAN**
Ann Gray **BRYAN**
Janet Smith **BRYAN**
Susanna Bush **BRYAN**
William / John Gray **BRYAN**
John Stevens **BRYAN**
James Lewis **BRYAN**

This William **BRYAN** lived in Bertie Co. and served in the 1775 Provincial Congress at Hillsborough. They are buried at Snowfields Plantation, Bertie Co.

(3) Arthur **BRYAN** b. 12 May 1749 d. ca 1792 Johnston Co. md. 05/1773 Mary McCullers, Arthur served as a member of NC. Senate from Johnston Co., and as a Justice for the Court. Their son, John Arthur **BRYAN**, md. Eliza Smith 26 Nov. 1801.

(4) Elizabeth **BRYAN** b. 2 May 1751 md. 10 Dec. 1770 Col. Josiah Sasser md. 2. Col. William Blackman of Johnston Co. Her children were:

Mary Sasser
Lewis Sasser
Blake **BRYAN** Sasser
William Sasser
Elizabeth **BRYAN** [Sasser] Blackman

(5) Hardy **BRYAN** b. 4 June 1753 d. ca 1820 Johnston Co. md. Winnifred McCullers.
Their children were:

William Washington **BRYAN** md. Martha McCullers
Hardy **BRYAN**
Matthew **BRYAN**
Harry **BRYAN** md. 8 Mar. 1810 Edith Eason
Needham **BRYAN** b. 1788
David **BRYAN**
John Gray **BRYAN**

(6) Blake **BRYAN** b. 12 June 1757 md. ca 1785 Elizabeth Blackshear b. ca 1765 d. ca 1820 Twiggs Co. GA. Blake **BRYAN** served In Johnston Co. Militia was at the Battle of Moore's Creek. 1776. Their children were:

Joseph **BRYAN**
Mary **BRYAN**
Elizabeth **BRYAN**
Patsy **BRYAN**
Blake **BRYAN**

(7) Esther **BRYAN** b. 22 June 1760 d. ca 1800 md. Jonathan Smith.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(8) Susanna **BRYAN** b. 28 Nov. 1763 d. ca 1820 md. ca 1785 John Bush. They moved to GA. Children:

David Blackshear Bush
Elizabeth Bush
Zilphy Bush
Mary Bush

(9) John **BRYAN** b. 14 Jan. 1765 d. ca 1815/20 Springfield. Johnston Co. md. Patsey Hinton b. 25 July 1775. Children were:

Bythan **BRYAN** md. Julia C. Smith
Nancy **BRYAN** md. James Hinton Smith 8 Aug. 1825 Johnston Co.
Julia **BRYAN** md. John Smith, a cousin
Theophilous **BRYAN**

(10) Mary **BRYAN** b. 26 Mar. 1767.

Needham **BRYAN** b. 31 Oct. 1726 d. by May Court 1776 Johnston Co. (Needham **BRYAN** Jr appointed Admr. to his father's Estate) md. Nancy Smith and Charlotte Moore. Needham represented Johnston Co. in the Colonial Assembly from 1760 to 1769 and 1773 to 1775. After independence was declared he was back in the general Assembly in 1777 & 1778. He was a delegate to the Assembly to form the Constitution in Halifax in 1776. He introduced the bill in the Assembly 23 Apr. 1777 to establish the town of Smithfield. The old Court minutes at the Nov. term 1780 give an account of the trial, conviction and execution of a party accused of poisoning a Needham **BRYAN** and members of his family. He is presumed to have been this Needham **BRYAN**. He deeded thousands of acres of land to his son Needham **BRYAN** Jr. before his death. The Court Minutes of August 1777 give the settlement of the Estate of Needham **BRYAN**, deceased among the orphans to the sd. deceased. Children of Needham and his two wives were:

(1) Needham **BRYAN** Jr. b. ca 1748/50 d. 1787 md. ca 1768 Sarah Hinton d/o John & Grizelle Hinton. Children were:

Loverd **BRYAN** md. Elizabeth Green
Clement **BRYAN**
Benjamin **BRYAN** md. Polly Stevens 14 Jan. 1800
Sarah/Sally **BRYAN** md. John Hinton
Needham **BRYAN** Jr.

Needham **BRYAN** Jr. served as a Capt. of Johnston Co. Militia and was a member of the Provincial Congress meeting in Halifax in 1776 and was often found as a Justice for the court. He was known as Needham **BRYAN**, Esq.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(2) Kader **BRYAN** b. ca 1752 d. ca 1808 md. ca 1775 Elizabeth Smith, a daughter of Jonathan & Elizabeth Smith. md. 2. Mary Whitfield md. 3. Betsy James md. 4. Anne Dickson d/o Catherine and Robert Dickson of Duplin Co. Kedar died in Sampson Co. and is buried between Clinton and Warsaw, NC. Kedar served as a Justice of the Johnston County Court and Wake Counties. He moved to Sampson Co. and represented that county in the House at Commons. Children of Kader and his wives were:

John **BRYAN**
Rachel **BRYAN**
Needham **BRYAN** md. Margaret Slocumb
Kedar **BRYAN**
Robert **BRYAN**
Nancy **BRYAN** md. Stallings
Catherine **BRYAN**
Elizabeth **BRYAN**

Most of the children were by the fourth wife.

(3) Winifred **BRYAN** b. 5 May 1754 d. 5 Apr. 1783 md. Nathan **BRYAN** s/o Hardy **BRYAN** of Craven Co. Nathan **BRYAN** fought at the Battle of Moore's Creek in 1776 and represented Jones Co. in the House of Commons and represented New Bern District in Congress. and died while serving there in Philadelphia in 1798. Their children were:

Mary **BRYAN**
John Thomas **BRYAN**
Nathan **BRYAN**
Winifred Needham **BRYAN**
Nancy **BRYAN**

(4) Nancy **BRYAN** b. ca 1756 md. **BRYAN** Whitfield s/o William Whitfield. They lived at Rockford, Lenoir Co. **BRYAN** Whitfield died 1817. Their children were:

BRYAN Whitfield md. Elizabeth Turner d/o Simon and Ann Smith Turner
of Johnston and Wake Co.
Rachel Whitfield b. ca 1783 d. 1850 md. Nathan **BRYAN** md. 2 William Herring
William Whitfield
Elizabeth Whitfield
Needham Whitfield
Polly Whitfield
Ann Whitfield
Nathan **BRYAN** Whitfield
Lewis Whitfield
George Whitfield
James **BRYAN** Whitfield
Winifred **BRYAN** Whitfield
Mary Ann Whitfield

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(5) Charlotte Moore **BRYAN** b. 2 Apr. 1765 d. 9 Mar. 1798 md. Lewis Whitfield 27 Oct. 1782 Wayne Co. Lewis was a Baptist Minister and served as Moderator for the Kehukee Association for a number of years. He died in Lenoir Co. 1849. Their children were:

Rachel Whitfield md. William Wright
William Whitfield md. Elizabeth Wimberly
Allen Whitfield md. Edith Whitfield and Mary Jane Sloan
Janet Whitfield md. Col. Alex. Moseley
Harriett Whitfield md. Samuel Wiggins and Snoad B. Carraway.

(6) Rigdon **BRYAN** d. ca 1793 in Sampson Co.

(7) Esther **BRYAN** md. Christopher Curtis.

The **BRYAN** name is very scarce today in Johnston Co. Many of the descendants of these two men migrated to other counties and other states. They may have moved on to others places but their roots are buried deep into the soil of Johnston Co. and its early development.

The name Needham **BRYAN** in the Johnston County records is frequent and there were four Needhams here at the same time in the early days of the county. The above record is an attempt to sort out the Needham **BRYAN**, brother to William, and his son Needham Jr.

Sources: Johnston County Court of Pleas and Quarter Session Minutes: wills; deeds; estates; marriage bonds. Wayne Co. Courthouse records; Sampson County Court house records; "**BRYAN**, Whitfield, Smith" by Emma Morehead Whitfield.

- Elizabeth E. Ross

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

George M. and Bessie Edwards BRYANT

159

George McCoy **BRYANT** (b. Aug. 13. 1911 d. May 24. 1971), son of McCoy and Tomesia Woodall **BRYANT**. and Bessie Victoria Edwards. daughter of Major and Della Eason Edwards. were married on Thanksgiving Eve Nov. 21, 1938. at the Johnston County Court House. They made their home with Bessie's parents and tended the little Edwards farm. as well as other farms in the community. They rented a farm from Henrietta Pilkington (daughter of W. H. Pilkington, Jr.) and were share croppers with Dr. Nelms and Wallace Williams.

On Nov. 22, 1941, a daughter, Margie Ann, was born. In less than two weeks, Pearl Harbor was bombed, and the US. was in World War II. The war seemed far away, but it touched everyone. Loved ones were away in battle and there were shortages of many items from food to gasoline. One grave reminder of the terrible war hit very near home, shaking everything for miles around. A truck carrying war materials exploded at Catch-Me-Eye and many people were killed and a hotel demolished. The war was over in 1945, but things would never be the same again.

On Dec. 11, 1947, another daughter, Mary Lois, was born to George and Bessie. As the girls grew up. they helped with the farm work, house cleaning, cooking, canning. and helped take care of Grandpa and Granny who were both invalids before their deaths. They barned tobacco and picked cotton to earn money for school Supplies and clothes. Memories of the 1940's and 1950's include playhouses much like their mother's (except more modern), name drawings at Christmas time, hog killings in the winter, family reunions in the summer and fall, relatives coming to sit and talk until bedtime. revivals and outdoor baptizings. One special day in the fall of 1950 will never be forgotten. The residents of Booker Dairy Road got electricity – what a thrill to ride down the road that night and see lights on in every house! The old bumpy, dusty (or slick and muddy when it rained) road was paved in late 1960 or early 1961.

After the children grew up and moved away, George and Bessie stopped farming. George took a job as a regular farm hand on the Lemay Turner farm. He kept this job until his tragic accidental death in Florence, SC, May 24, 1971. Bessie worked at a restaurant briefly. but worked for several years as a baby sitter and housekeeper, until her retirement. She has continued to stay active keeping house, gardening, spending much time helping her daughters take care of the five grandchildren, and giving of herself in volunteer Christian work.

George and Bessie **BRYANT**'s daughters grew up and another generation began.

Margie Ann (b. Nov. 22, 1941) married Paul Alexander Olsen, son of Alexander and Ruth Matthews Olsen. They had three sons:

John Paul (b. Nov. 14, 1975)
Joseph Samuel (b. Sept. 2, 1979)
Benjamin Isaac (b. Sept. 14, 1981)

Paul is a minister and director of the Smithfield Rescue Mission, where the whole family also minister.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Mary Lois (b. Dec. 11. 1947) married Glen Warren McLemore (b. Jan. 15, 1945 d. Aug. 20. 1980). They had a daughter. Melanie Jane (b. Nov. 8, 1972). and a son, Gregory Gerald (D. Jan.23, 1974). Lois has worked for several years as a waitress.

After Grandpa Major and Granny Della were no longer able to handle business. it became Bessie's responsibility to take care of financial and property matters. Major and Della had no Social Security benefits, and they received welfare assistance for a while. But rather than sign their inheritance over to the State, they stopped accepting the checks. They must have felt like Naboth when Ahab tried to buy his vineyard. "And Naboth said to Ahab, the Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee." I Kings 21:3. Mattie had to continue receiving social service assistance, but a federal law was changed in the 1960's. This allowed Bessie to inherit Mattie's part of the property, since it was also her home and she was responsible for Mattie's care. Bessie's brothers, Jack and Willie, and sister, Nellie, also signed over their inheritances to Bessie because she was taking care of their parents and sister, Mattie.

Wanting to spare her children as much anguish as possible in property division, Bessie decided to make the necessary adjustments before her death. The little farm, East of Eden. at the curve of Booker Dairy Road has been passed down to yet another generation. The house where Bessie lives is hers for her lifetime, then it will pass to her daughter Lois McLemore. The rest of the land has been transferred to her daughter and son-in-law. Margie and Paul Olsen.

Source Family records.

- Margie B. Olsen

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Sidney McCoy and Tomesia Woodall BRYANT

160

Sidney McCoy "Coy" **BRYANT** (b. 27 Oct. 1886 d. 14 Apr. 1943) married Emily Tomesia Woodall Coats (b. Aug. 22. 1887 d. 23 June 1967) in Jan. 1911. Before this marriage, Tomesia had married a Mr. Coats who was several years older than herself. They had a son named George. who died as an infant or small child. Mr. Coats soon died also.

"Coy" and "Measy" had two sons and four daughters.

George McCoy **BRYANT** (b. Aug. 13, 1911 d. May 24. 1971) married Bessie Edwards. They had two daughters, Margie B. Olsen and Lois B. McLemore. They lived with Bessie's parents between Smithfield and Selma and farmed.

Cinda **BRYANT** (b. Sept. 6, 1913) married Arthur Radford. They had five sons, Tommy, Charlie, Richard, Addie Arnold, and Paul Radford, and two daughters, Lucinda R. Cole, and Appie R. Powell. They lived in the Princeton area and farmed. Cinda later became a nurses' aide.

Pearl **BRYANT** (b. May 16. 1917) married Thedford Wood. They had two sons, Gary and Larry Wood, and a daughter, Janice W. Hunter. They lived in Clayton and worked at Champion Products until their retirement.

Edgar (b. Sept. 29, 1919) married Viola Pilkington. They had two sons, Ted and Cecil **BRYANT**. and a daughter, Annelle B. Edwards. Edgar served in the US. Army in Europe during World War II. after which he returned to Selma and worked for the State Highway Department until his retirement.

Martha **BRYANT** (b. May 4, 1922) married Zack Lassiter. They had six daughters: Rozelia L. Herring, Shirley L. Edwards, Brenda L. Gooding, Joyce L. Dawson, Gail L. Jackson, and Jackie L. Boswell. They lived in the Pine Level / Princeton area and farmed. Martha later worked at Sylvania. After Zack's death in 1967, she married Clark Sumerlin, who died in 1974. and then Hubert Pilkington, who died in 1977. She married Julius "Bull" McLamb in 1978.

Edna Earle "Lillie" **BRYANT** (b. Sept. 27, 1923) married J. P. Barbour. They had two daughters, Edna Earle ('died as an infant), and Marie & Robertson. They were divorced and Lillie joined the WAGS during World War ll. She met and married Boger McCoy from West Virginia. They had one daughter, Teresa McCoy. Lillie and family lived in West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky. where Boger worked in the coal mines and automobile assembly lines.

Coy **BRYANT** had a serious drinking problem. Often he would get drunk and force the family to leave at gunpoint. Once his oldest son, George, overpowered him and took the gun away, all the time praying for God to intervene. Strong drink took its toll, Coy left home and wandered around as a tramp knocking on doors and begging for food. finally, when he was no longer physically able to get around, he signed himself into the old Johnston County Home, sometimes called the "poor-house". (It is now a modern rest home called Marlboro House.) Coy died at the age of about 57 years old. in Apr. 1943.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Tomesia lived with her children and sometimes helped out in homes where a new baby had arrived, or where someone was sick. For several years, as long as Grandma was able, the **BRYANT** family met in one of their homes 164

about Thanksgiving to draw names for their Christmas gathering. They also had a family reunion to celebrate Grandma's birthday every August. Grandma spent her last years in a nursing home as an invalid. She died in Aug. 1967.

The Bryants were loving people who easily reached out to other people. Several of Coy and Tomesia **BRYANT**'s grandchildren are either preachers or married to preachers.

Source: Family records.

- Margie B. Olsen

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Reuben Hobby Sr.

246

Reuben Hobby Sr. was born about 1751. His parentage is not known as of yet. There is nothing known other than he received some form of education at least to the degree of writing his name.

He first showed up in Johnston County when he purchased 105 acres from Henry Champion 1773, Among all of his land transactions he received 13 grants from the State of North Carolina, which totaled 2,483 acres. and an additional 355 acres by individual deeds. All of his land was on the South side of the Mill Creek. White Oak Swamp. and some on Hannah's Creek. Between 1781 and 1815 he sold about 1,087 acres to individuals of Johnston County.

In 1770 he married Anna Noris. She was the daughter of John Noris Sr. She was born in 1748.

During the Revolutionary War he was in the Johnston County Militia, as a private. He also did Patriotic Service by selling supplies to the army.

On the 1 April 1812, he made out his last will and testament. This will was probated by the February Term of Court in 1815.

On the 12 May 1815 twelve commissioners.

William W. **BRYAN**
Edward Byrd
Joel C. Clifton
James Godwin

Wiley Jones
John Messer
James Whitenton
William Wilder

Jacob Woodall
William Woodall

were appointed by the court to lay off the dower of Anna Hobby "widow of Reuben Hobby, deceased," They set aside three hundred and twenty acres on the North side of Hannahs Creek.

On the 16 November 1815 the same twelve commissioners made the land division of Reuben Hobby, deceased. Seven lots were assigned, each equaling 150 acres.

The children of Reuben Hobby and Anna Norris:

John Hobby. died by the time of his fathers death in 1815. In his fathers land division Edney Hobby, the daughter of John, received 150 acres in her fathers place. He married on the 11 February 1814 to Mary "Polly" Temples. Polly Temples Hobby was appointed guardian to Rhoda and Edny Hobby "daughters of John" Reuben Hobby Jr. was born in 1787 and died on the 3 June 1876. He married Susanna **INGRAM**.

They both went to live in Wake County later on. Rhoda Hobby. was born about 1780 and died about 1855. She married Peter Johnson about 1816; Phereby Hobby married Jeremiah Lee; Edny Hobby married on the 21 December 1803 to James Adams: Anna Hobby married on the 8 January 1810 to Joshua Johnson Jr: Mary Hobby married on the 14 August 1801 to Zachariah Lee. She had died before her fathers land division of 1815. Her only child found, Nancy, received her share of the land.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

After Reuben died Anna probably lived with her son Reuben Hobby (Jr.). In the 1830 Johnston County Census Reuben Hobby Jr. reported that he had one male forty to fifty years, probably he, and two females thirty to forty and another female ninety to a hundred years old. The ninety to a hundred years old is probably his mother.

On the 15 ? 1845 - Anna Hobby made a affidavit for **WILLIAM BRYAN** of Cumberland County. This was in hopes that **WILLIAM BRYAN** would receive his Revolutionary War pension. She stated that she was in her ninety-seventh or eighth year and that she was born in the date of 1748, in the county of Johnston. She married her husband. Reuben Hobby, in the year of 1770.

By 1850 she had passed away. It is possible that she moved with her son Reuben to Wake County and died there, or she could have stayed in Johnston County and passed away here.

Sources: Johnston County marriage bonds, estate records, wills. **WILLIAM BRYAN's** Pension Records and Johnston County land records.

– Ray King

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

John Lee, Esq.

347

John Lee, Esq. and his family came to Johnston County in the early 1740s from the area along the North Carolina - Virginia border counties of: Halifax, Martin, Bertie and Edgecombe. He had settled there ca 1720 along with Will **BRYAN** and possible John **BRYAN**, between the Roanoke and Tar Rivers and the "Coneto" and "Conoho" Creeks. He sold this land between 1734 and 1746. John was closely associated with the Bryans of Bertie Co. and there is a good possibility that his wife, Mary, was a sister of Needham **BRYAN**. Needham was the son of William & Alice (Macland) **BRYAN**. We know he had two brothers, William and John, and two sisters, Mary and Alice. (Will of John Mcland, Isle of Wight Co. VA Bk. 2 pg. 437). Many early day land owners of Johnston Co. - prior to 1750 - were land owners or residents of the Conoho Creek area: John Baker, John Ballard, Robert Butler, Needham **BRYAN**, John **BRYAN**, William **BRYAN**, William Taylor and many others. (Cross-Index to Johnston Co. Deeds 1746-1750 North Carolinian Vol. 1 pg. 5-13). Their names are found on many of the land transactions of John Lee and neighbors of their earlier residences.

The earliest date associating John Lee with Johnston County is 26 July 1743, when he received grants for 500 ac. of land on the south side of the Neuse River. This land was in the Low Grounds, Mistake and Bearhill Pocosin, and Prickly Pare Marsh. He bought many other acres from land owners around Mill Creek from 1752-1765. At the time of his death in 1768, he willed a total of 1779 ac. to his heirs. Court Records and Deeds of Johnston County give the most complete picture of John Lee and his family. John Lee Esq. was born possibly as early as 1690 - 1700 and made his will 4 Dec. 1766. He died before the Feb. term of court as his Will was tiled for probate at the Feb. term of court.

He named eight children and a grandson in his will as well as his wife Mary. Each received land and, or slaves, or money. It is possible that Mary Lee died as early as 1780 or as late as 1792. John willed her the "plantation whereon I now live and all my personal estate during her life or widowhood" and to son Thomas Lee "after my wife's decease or widowhood." He did not sell this property until 1792. This land was not listed on the 1784 Tax List of Johnston County but Thomas was living in TN, by this time, and no listing is found for Mary Lee. John and Mary Lee were no doubt buried on the home plantation in a family cemetery, but there are no markers today to tell us where they lie. Evidence of old building and graves are found and we only think that he might be buried.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

The family of John and Mary Lee as found and documented by many of the descendants are listed, but the order of birth is not always in order. (1) Robert Lee b. ca 1725 and died between 28 Oct. 1782 and Nov. 1788. When the will was filed for probate in Johnston Co. but it is thought that he died in Barnwell Co., SC. He was buying and selling land in Orangeburg District, Winton Co., SC as early as 1769 and as late as 1787. His children named in the will were:

Godfrey b. ca 1759 Johnston Co., NC, d. 1805-1806 Jefferson Co, GA md.
Elizabeth Stevens of Johnston Co.

Lewis died by October 28, 1782 md. Dorcas Odom

Sarar md. Henry Peebles

Robert Lancaster Winifred md. (?Stephen) Blackman

(2) Edward Lee b. ca 1725 d. between June 1775 & Nov. 1775 md. Mary possibly Allen)
D. 1810-1820. Children of Edward & Mary Lee were:

William b. ca 1750 md. Elizabeth (?INGRAM)

Lemuel b. 5 Mar. 1753 after 1840 md. Rains, md. 2 Nanci Alford

John b. 25 Aug. 1755 d. between Apr. 1846 & Nov. 1846 md. 25 Oct. 1785
Morning Altma

James b. ca 1758 d. 15 Sept. 1835 md. 6 July 1785 Elizabeth Rains

Stephen b. 1760 d. ca 1840 md. 4 Dec. 1785 Keziah Lee; md. 2 _____; md. 3. 14
Oct. 1821 Edith Blackman

Jeremiah b. ca 1770 d. between May 1823 & May 1824 md. 18 Jan. 1790 Elizabeth
Avera

Edward b. ca 1766-1773 md. 25 Feb. 1806 Nancy Fail moved to Butler Co. AL by
1840

Ann b. ca 1760 d. ca 1846 md. Asa **BRYAN**

Edith

Tabitha b. ca 1770 md. 16 Mar. 1792 Hopkins Lee, s/o John Lee.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(3) John Lee b. ca 1730 d. after 22 Aug. 1809 Hawkins Co., TN md. 1 possibly In the 1750 ? md. 2 Elizabeth.

By 1790 John Lee had moved to Hawkins Co., TN. where he bought land from James Harrison in 1784 and from his brother Thomas Lee in 1792 and Kader Lee in 1798. He made his will 22 Aug. 1809. His children were:

Robert b. ca. 1750-60 d. after 1834 Hawkins Co., TN possibly never married

James b. ca. 1760 d. after 1834 possibly in Darlington Co., SC md. 20 Sept. 1785 Nancy "Ann" **INGRAM** md. 2 Elizabeth **INGRAM**

Hopkins b. ca 1760-70 d. after 1834 md. 16 Mar. 1792 Tabitha Lee d/o Edward Lee, went to Hawkins Co. TN

Cader b. 6 Jan. 1771 d. 16 Feb. 1855 md. 1 Sarah / Lucinda Lee; md. 2 Rachel Burke; md. 3 Mrs. Susannah Turner, Johnston Co., Ark. moved to Johnson Co., Arkansas ca. 1830's.

Burrell b. ca 1775 d. after 1850 possibly Madison Co. AL md. Anna Smith d/o Robert & Elizabeth Smlth of Hawkins Co. TN

John d. after 1834

Martha d. before 1834

Sarah d. before 1834 md. Patrick

Mary b. ca 1770-80 d. after 1840, Will written 1819 Hawkins Co. TN

(4) Thomas Lee b. ca 1735 d. 2 July 1816 Hawkins Co. TN md. 1 7 md. 2 Mary **BRYAN?** md. 3 1772-74 Mary **INGRAM** Rains Widow of John Rains.

Thomas Lee served as a Lt. under Col. Needham **BRYAN** of the Johnston Co. Militia in 1771, and as a Capt. of Militia under Col. John Smith in Johnston Co. in 1777. His children were:

Nicholas Lee, b. ca. 1755 d. before 16 Oct. 1799

Elizabeth Lee b. 7 Feb. 1771 d. 6 Jan. 1842 Hawkins Co. TN md. Mar. 1779 Robert Smith

Thomas Lee Jr. b. 9 Dec. 1761 d. 19 Aug. 1828 Hawkins Co. TN

Eleanor Lee md. Joseph Long

Edith Lee md. Gregory; Micajah D. 1769-71 d. after 1850 md. 1 Sarah Bailey widow of Thomas Bailey. md. 2 Sarah Smith widow of John Smith Jr. md. 3 _____?

Needham Lee b. ca 1773-4 d. 2 Apr. 1821 Shelby Co. AL md. Susan Bailey

John Lee b. 1776 d. 25 Feb. 1842 Maury Co., TN md. Frances Lane

Winifred Lee b. 2 Aug. 1778 md. William Bailey

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Zilpha Lee b. ca 1780 md. Thomas Bailey;

William Lee b. 6 Aug. 1784 TN d. 30 May 1848 McMinn Co. TN;

Edward Lee b. 30 July 1788 d. 15 Mar. 1873 Hawkins Co. TN;

James Lee b. ca 1790 d. 1820's Monroe Co. Tenn;

Mary Lee b. 1793-95 d. 1871 AL md. Jones Griffin.

(5) Fredrick Lee d. between 28 Jan. 1814 & 3 Mar. 1817 Chester Co. 8.0 He possibly left Johnston Co. about the same time as his brother Thomas. His children were:

Daniel Lee md. Jane Neeley, went to Lincoln Co. TN

Shadrack Lee

James Lee

Fredrick Lee

Rebecca Lee md. Sturdevant

Mary "Polly" Lee md. John Rives

(6) Daughter ? md. William Ingram b. ca 1725 d. before 1753. Her son Shadrack was willed 500 ac. of land by his grandfather John Lee Esq. None of the other children of William **INGRAM** were mentioned in the will and it assumed that Shadrack was the only child by John Lee's daughter, and no record has been found of her name.

(7) Rachel Lee is thought to have married John Powell and died alter 1768. John Powell's will is recorded in Bladen Co. 1789 & names wife Elizabeth. Family tradition says that his wife was a Lee. John Powell and John Green had lands that joined in Bladen Co. & owned land near John Lee in Johnston Co.

(8) Mary Lee d. after 1797. md. Edward Ballenger. Will of Edward Ballenger Feb. 1773 named wife Mary; Children: Mary; John b. ca 1760 d. 1792 md. Elizabeth ; Sarah; William b. ca 1763 md. 3 May 1788 Susanna Stephens; Feriby md. ? Andrew Collins; Absabeth d. ca 1857 Johnston Co. md. Nathan Allen.

(9) Mary Lee md. John Green. This family is thought to have moved to Bladen Co. 1769 when he sold land to Edward Lee and Shadrack **INGRAM**, and in 1770 John Green of Bladen Co. sold land to John Lee Jr. on the Fork of Mill Creek.

John Lee, Esq. possibly has as many descendants in Johnston County today as any one person who settled there in the mid 1700's. Due to the tireless efforts of researchers such as Weldon Johnson of Loudon, TN, Orlene Lang, deceased, of Bartlesville, OK. Robert T. Lee of Madisonville, TN and Lazell P. Long of Columbus, Georgia, who compiled these records of the descendants of John Lee. Esq. & are available for use in the Johnston County Room of the Public Library.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Sources: John Lee. Esq. of Johnston Co., NC, and some of his descendants; Johnston County court minutes; deeds, wills, estates, marriage records; family Bible records and cemetery records of Johnston Co.

– Elizabeth E. Ross

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Julius A. Lee

348

Julius A. Lee b. 1842 was the son of Nicholas Lee d. 1804 and Mary b. 1808. He was nicknamed "Jule Tobe" and it stayed with him the rest of his life. Julius A. Lee md. Parthenia Massengill Allen ca. 1865. Parthenia was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Lee Massengill and was the widow of James W. Allen who possibly did not return from the Civil War. There were three children born to James W. Allen:

Robert Nathan Allen d. 1860
Mary J. Allen b. ca. 1862
James W. Allen b. ca. 1864

Children born to Julius A. Lee and Parthenia Allen Lee were:

Roxanna Lee b. ca. 1866 md. 22 Mar. 1892 Addison Lee s/o Edward & Martha A. Lee

Alice Lee b. ca. 1869 d. 1939 md. John Vinson Barefoot

Julius Nicholas Lee b. ca. 1873 md. Lula Blackman his step-sister and daughter of Mary C. Blackman, second wife of Julius A. Lee

Sarah Lee b. ca. 1876; Bethaney Lee b. ca. 1878 md. Robert Johnson

Hattie O. Lee b. ca. 1881 md. Thomas D. Lee

Mattie I. Lee b. ca. 1882 md. Willie Eldridge

Deila F. Lee b. ca. 1885 md. Kemp Lee.

(It is possible that another daughter, Winifred Lee. md. Drew Blackman and Sarah Lee possibly md. Jim Allen).

Kemp and Delta Lee had the following children:

Gladys Lee b. 6 Jan. 1908
Percy Lee b. 1912 d. 1969
Clara Lee b. 26 June 1917
Floyd J. Lee b. 1920 d. 1972
Eugene Lee b. 14 June 1927

Gladys and Clara have died since gathering this information. She is the person who wanted me to write about her grandfather. She said that it should not be forgotten. Here is the story as she told it to me:

"According to what my mother told me, my grandfather, Jule Tobe Lee was one of a set of twins. They were born in 1842. The other twin was Julie Lee. At birth Julius showed no signs of life. He was so very small that when they finally decided that he was not living, they put him in a jar, while they took care of Julia. Then later someone noticed that the twin in the jar was moving slightly. On further examination they found that

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

the twin was not dead. They removed him from the jar and began rubbing him, and soon he was showing signs that he was going to make it. He too, was clothed and placed in the arms of a colored woman who was standing nearby. She had a small baby of her own and took Julius also, and he was soon responding to good care. The colored woman nursed Julius and he grew up to manhood and married and raised a houseful of children, as well as his step-children."

Julius A. Lee later married after the death of Parthenia, on 2 Aug. 1888 to Mary Blackman. who was a widow also. Between them they raised a lot of children.

The above Clara Lee was the person who helped my wife. Lou Ellen and myself, Charlie D. Thomas. to elope. Later she married my cousin Albin R. Lassiter. He was the driver that night and also a witness to our marriage.

Sources: Johnston County marriage records, census records and personal knowledge.

– Charlie D. Thomas

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Julius Bowden Lee and Nellie Parrish Hood Lee

349

Julius was born in Meadow Township in lower Johnston County on Oct. 28, 1891. His mother died two days after his birth, and four years later he became orphaned when his father passed away. His Uncle John and Aunt Missouri Hood took him into their home and reared him as one of their own. After finishing high school. Julius was employed by Godwin's Store in Kenly. Being by nature athletic and adventuresome. he soon enlisted in the U.S. Army while he was visiting in Columbus. Ohio. During his enlistment, the Mexican Revolution of 1910 was in progress. This revolution necessitated American troops being dispensed to the Mexican border for the purpose of protecting US. citizens and their property from Mexican raiding parties. One of the American contingents sent into the area was from Fort Sill, OK, of which Julius was a member. During World War I, the YMCA awarded Julius first prize of a golden medallion for his essay, "What can the United States Learn From the Great War in Europe."

Nettie, his wife, was born in the Baptist Center community, near Clayton on Sept. 15, 1883. When she was three years of age, her parents moved to Benson where her father was engaged in business, banking and farming. She attended Meredith College where she majored in music. Her first marriage was to Dr. George A. Hood. a medical doctor and Julius' first cousin. Nellie's marriage to Dr. George A. Hood lasted seven years before he passed away.

Julius and Nellie were married on May 21, 1916. After World War I, Julius and Nellie built a house on Route 1, Clayton, where they owned farm property. This property is known as Haw Meadow. For sometime, Julius and a brother-in-law, Clemuel **BRYAN**. operated a store in their rural area known as **BRYAN**-Lee General Merchandise. In 1928. a store house was built on the Haw Meadow property where Julius was sole proprietor. This store continued to operate through the World War II period. During the depression of the 30's, Julius operated the George C. **BRYAN** Cotton Gin during one year and the Harris Barnes Cotton Gin during another. A Grade A dairy was operated during the mid 30's through 1940. This was one of three Grade A dairies in Johnston County. The Jersey breed of cattle was used and the milk they produced was noted for its rich butter fat content. Haw Meadow Dairy supplied and delivered milk products directly to the doorsteps of Clayton residents as well as to business establishments in Clayton and the surrounding area.

Four children were born to Julius and Nellie: Lillian Electa Lee, Lucille Evangeline Lee, Richard Reginald Randolph Lee, and John Daniel Lee.

Source: Personal knowledge.

- Richard R. Lee

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Abner Sauls

524

Abner Sauls of Johnston County was born prior to 1755. His parents were William and Martha Sauls of Warren County. William in his will written February 21, 1790 and probated in November Court 1791 left his son Abner Sauls five shillings.

Richard Johnson of Johnston County died in 1769. Although no marriage record was found there is evidence that his widow Phereby married Abner Sauls. The earliest court record of Abner is in August 1782 when he appears in the court minutes in a list of jurors.

Abner Sauls made land entries for two tracts of land in Johnston County on September 9, 1778. These two tracts and one other were granted to him on December 30, 1779. The 150 acre tract was on the Catlin Prong of Little Creek. He later sold this tract to William Smith. The 200 acre tract was on the North side of Swift Creek on both sides and in the fork of Bushy Branch. This was later sold to Malcolm Gillis. The 300 acre tract was on the North side of White Oak Creek and adjoined Richard Johnson's land. In 1782 Abner received a grant for 250 acres on the South side of White Oak Swamp and both sides of Cabbin Branch. Grants for a 342 acre tract on Buck Meadow Branch and a 62 acre tract between the lines of Wm. Jones. Isaac Jones and Barnaby Lane were issued in 1790. His last grant was in 1798. This one was for 97 acres on both sides of the White Oak adjoining Needham **BRYAN** deceased, Phillip Johnson. Sauls' own line. Caleb Penny and Henry Johnson.

A notice in the Raleigh Minerva Monday May 7, 1804 reads: "A few days ago, Mr. Abner Sauls, of Johnston County was found dead against a tree supposed to have been thrown from his horse."

Johnston County Deed Book D-2 page 227 is the source of the heirs at law of Abner Sauls. The deed written July 21, 1804 states that "Abner Sauls departed this life on or about the twenty-eighth of April in the year aforesaid ... Further information is that Abner died intestate and that the 800 or 900 acres adjoining the lands of Isaac Jones, Phillip Johnson, Reuben Sanders and others consisted of the plantation on which Abner "lived last before his death" and adjoining tracts. In this deed Reuben Sauls and Theophilus Pool, in right of his wife, Bellison Pool, sold to David Sauls their right to the property. On May 11, 1811 David Sauls sold this land to Theophilus Pool. That is, he sold all except 100 acres which he had previously sold to Theophilus.

Abner's widow wrote her will on October 9, 1813, and it was probated in February Court 1821. In it she named her two granddaughters Phereby Sauls, daughter of Reden Sauls, and Phereby Penny, daughter of Alexander Penny. Her living children were listed as Esther Smith, wife of Richard A. Smith, Sill Johnson, William Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Reden Sauls, David Sauls, and Bell Pool, wife of Theophilus.

David Sauls married Lydia Penny, daughter of Charles Penny and Sarah Beddingfield, in Wake County (marriage bond December 3, 1799). He appears in the 1800 and 1810 censuses of Johnston County and by 1815 was living in Chatham County. In about 1833 or 1834 David moved his family to Talbot County, Georgia. His son Abner Sauls remained in Chatham County, but by 1880 was living in Wake County where four of sons and a daughters were living. For this story see The Heritage of Wake County.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Abner and his wife Nancy Horton had twelve children. As adults they lived either in Wake or Chatham Counties With the exception of the youngest son Thomas Henry who has present-day descendants in Johnston County.

Sources: Johnston County deeds, wills. estates records. Wake County marriage bonds. records, Chatham County deeds. Talbot County, Georgia estate and census records. and personal interviews.

– Doris Harrell Sauls

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

The Smiths

533

The Smiths of Johnston County had large families. We find today many descendants of them throughout the state and nation as well as in the county. The Smiths were prominent in the formation of Smithfield and the county. (See related article by E. Ross).

David Turner married Jane Smith Bridgers (see H. B. Turner to William Turner article) Jane was the daughter of Samuel Smith (d. 1795) Her mother was Susanne ?- She had two brothers, Jand and Bryan, and two sisters, Esther and Elizabeth. Her grand-father was John Smith Sr. (b. ? in the Isle of Wight VA; d. 1793 in TN), who married Elizabeth Whitfield, daughter of Matthew and Priscilla Lawrence Whitfield.

John and Elizabeth had seven children. They were:

Samuel
Ann married Needham **BRYAN**
Elizabeth married William **BRYAN**
John Jr.
Alexander married Elizabeth Whitfield
Pherabee married John Hinton, Jr.
Jane married Thomas Phelps

Simon Turner, (see related article) David Turner's father, married Ann Smith whose father was Samuel Smith, Sr. and her mother was Edith Whitfield. Samuel Smith (D. May 27, 1709; d. Sept. 1783) and Edith Smith (b. March 7, 1717) had a large family of ten children. They were, other than Ann:

David Turner married Charity Whitfield
Alexander Turner married Poole
John Turner married Sarah Turner
Jane Turner married _____ Hunter
Elizabeth Turner married William Walton
Edith Turner married twice - first William **BRYAN**, second _____ Folsom
Jonathan Turner married Ester **BRYAN**
Samuel Turner Jr. married Sallie McCullers
???

Samuel Smith Sr. was the brother of John Smith Sr. Samuel settled on Middle Creek which runs into the Neuse River below Smithfield. John settled on the Neuse River, in the area which is around the bridge on highway 70 to Raleigh. There is a sign on Bridge Street which identifies where the home of John Smith Jr. stood.

On December 4, 1811 a Samuel Smith sold David Turner land that was below Smithfield and on the north side of Neuse River. This tract is located in the area of the bridge over the river on U.S. 301. It contained two thousand eight hundred acres. It included his plantation.

This land was formerly owned by Needham **BRYAN**. He willed it to Benjamin **BRYAN** who then deeded it to Bryan Whitfield and Samuel Smith. Later Bryan Whitfield deeded it for his mother's part to Samuel Smith.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

We find that the Smiths were involved with the cause of independence. Ann Smith Turner's husband was a major, her brother was a major too. Her father performed patriotic service and civil service. Her Uncle John was also involved with both.

Samuel Smith Sr. was a delegate to the Provincial Congress at Hillsboro, August 21, 1775; a member of the committee to elect representatives to the Continental Congress. August 12, 1774; a member of the Committee of Correspondence, 1774; and was appointed Justice of the Peace in Johnston County, December 23, 1778.

Sources: D.A.R. records. Johnston County Deeds and Smiths Family Bible records; "First Family of Smithfield" by 088.

– Margaret Lee Walker

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Samuel Smith Senr. and Samuel Smith Junr.

543

Samuel Smith. Senr. came with his family & many other immigrants from the area of Bertie & isle of Wight Co. VA and settled ca 1743 along the shores of the Neuse River in what was then Craven County. The early Court records of Johnston County have not survived but the Land Grant Records of the Sec. of State record many Land Grants issued to Samuel Smith as early as 21 May 1741 200 ac. on the South side of the Neuse River, 20 Nov. 1744 five grants of 100 ac. on the Neuse River and Swift Ck. four grants April 1745 of 900 ac. on the Neuse River and Swift Creek. He bought & sold many acres of land over the early years of Johnston County and many of the records may be for Samuel Smith Senr. and some for Samuel Smith Junr. but there is no way of separating the two much of the time. Both men were appointed to serve in numerous positions in the County Government from the beginning of Johnston County as proven in the Court Minutes of the Pleas & Quarter Session Minutes that have survived from 1759 until the 1800's. In 1750 Samuel Smith was appointed as a Justice of the Peace and 1774 he was appointed to serve on the Committee of Correspondence. and was representing Johnston County at the Provincial Congress in Hillsborough in Aug. 1774. He served on numerous Grand and Petit Jurys for the Court. and a Court Justice at many of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions. He was too old to serve on active duty during the Revolutionary War but did many acts of Patriotic duty for his country.

Samuel Smith Senr. was born 27 May 1709 possibly VA d. 14 Sept. 1783 Johnston Co., NC md. ca 1737 Edith Whitfield b. Mar. 1717 possibly VA d. 3 Sept. 1785 Johnston Co. Samuel made his will 17 Feb. 1779 and it was probated at the Nov. term of Court 1783. Samuel Smith's Plantation & manor house were south of Smithfield on the waters of Middle Creek. The two Samuel Smith's, father & son, applied for & received more than 5,000 ac. of land from the Counties of Craven and Johnston. It is hard to distinguish between the two Smiths Land Grants if Senr. & Junr. is not specified.

The children of Samuel and Edith Whitfield Smith were:

(1) John Smith b. ca 1737 d. ca 1813 Johnston Co. md. Sarah Turner b. Bertie Co. d. after Feb. Court 1813. She relinquished her right to be Administratrix of the Estate of her deceased husband. John Smith was known as John Smith, Yr. to distinguish him from the other three John Smiths in the County. John received "the plantation where he now lives and all adjoining land. 486 ac.," In the will of Samuel Smith. John's property was in the western portion of Johnston Co. along Woods Branch. He served in the Johnston Co. Militia during the Rev. War & his name often appears in the Juror list for sessions of Court. Sarah Turner Smith was the daughter of William Turner of Bertie County, who willed Sarah and her heirs slaves in 1771, were divided between her children in a 1807 Deed in Johnston Co. Their children were:

Patience and Daniel Averyt in Johnston Co.
Etheldred d. by Nov. 1807 Johnston Co.
Aaron md. Winifred Vinson and died after 1850 Johnston Co.
John Jr. md. Betsy Rivers Johnston Co.
Turner, no info.
Alexander lived Johnston Co.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(2) Samuel Smith Junr. b. 12 June 1744 d. 8 May 1809 md. 1 Salley McCullers b. 26 Sept. 1751 d. 5 Mar. 1778 m. 2 Zilphia Blackman b. 15 Feb. 1755 d. 24 Mar. 1813. Samuel's Will was probated at Aug. Court 1809 and Zilphia's will probated Aug. 1813. Samuel Smith Junr. was a large landowner and served as a Major in the Johnston Co. Militia during the Rev. War. His plantation was north of Smithfield on the Neuse River and his family cemetery is the oldest one to survive in Johnston County today. Salley's stone is the oldest found in the county.

Their children were:

Karen Smith b. 20 Apr. 1770 d. 15 Sept. 1844 md. Reuben Sanders s/o Hardy
Edwin Smith b. 13 June 1772 md. 1 Temperance Hinton & 2 Elizabeth McCullers
David Smith b. 10 June 1775 d. 1806 possibly never married
Salley Smith b. 5 Mar. 1778 md. Henry Jones
Elizabeth Smith b. 22 Mar. 1781
Samuel G. Smith b. 5 Aug. 1781 md. Nancy **BRYAN**
John McKinnie Smith b. 23 May 1786 d. 1815 unmarried
Zilphia Smith b. 31 July 1788 md. Robert McKinnie, Wayne Co.
Larkin Smith b. 13 Nov. 1790 d. after 1813
Julia Smith b. 29 Oct. 1794 d. 1868 md. Bythan **BRYAN** Johnston Co.
Alvan Smith b. 12 July 1794 went to MS

(3) David Smith D. 7 Sept. 1746 d. 10 Mar. 1795 Harnett Co. md. Charity Whitfield b. 6 Apr. 1756 d. 21 Aug. 1818. David Smith lived the portion of Johnston that was cut off for Harnett Co. in 1855. These records were taken from the Family Bible that was in the possession of a descendant, Ms. Jane Williams. Dunn. NC. some years ago.

(4) Jonathan Smith b. ca 1760 d. ? md. 1 Esther **BRYAN** md. 2 Winifred McCullers.
Their children were:

Elizabeth
Esther unmarried
Edith b. ? d. Oct. 1821 Wake Co. md. William Turner b. ? d. Aug. 1821 Wake Co. s/o Simon and Ann Smith Turner of Wake Co.
Simon b. 20 Mar. 1804 d. ? md. Martha McCullers 22 Aug. 1829
Jonathan b. ca 1806 d. 1898 Wake Co.

(5) Alexander Smith b. ca 1763 md. Phereby Pool.

(6) Jane Smith md. 1 Joel Williams md. 2 ? Hunter.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(7) Edith Smith m. 1 Needham **BRYAN** md. 2 ? Folsom. Edith Folsom made her will 29 July 1791 & it was probated at Feb. Ct. 1793. The children were all by Needham **BRYAN** & were:

William **BRYAN**
Samuel **BRYAN**
Needham **BRYAN**
Esther **BRYAN**
Ann **BRYAN**
Barbara **BRYAN**
dau. md. ? Massey
dau. md. ? Folsom
dau. md. Alford
Selah **BRYAN** md. Robert Watkins

(8) Elizabeth / Eleanor md. Capt. William Walton / Walston.

(9) Nancy "Ann" Smith b. ca 1739 d. 25 Nov. 1819 Wake Co. md. Simon Turner D. Bertie Co. s/o William Turner d. 9 Apr. 1783 Wake Co. Simon Turner came to Johnston C9. ca 1759 and settled along both sides of Swift Creek in what is now Wake Co. He was a large landowner and served on many Court appointed duties in Wake County. He served as a Major in the Wake Militia during the Rev. War.

Their children were:

John b. 3 Sept. 1770 md. Mary Smith d/o Alexander of Cumberland Co. died as a fairly young man;

Simon b. 16 Sept. 1766 md. 1 Nancy Peters md. 2 Sally Bustin d. 30 Apr. 1824 Term. Served as Clerk of Superior Court in Wake County;

Edith b. 6 Aug. 1777 d. ca 1838 Denmark TN md. 1 Hardy Sanders Jr. s/o Hardy & Lucy Utley Sanders m. 2 William **BRYAN** of Johnston Co. Many of these children went to TN & MS

David d. 13 Oct. 1822 Johnston Co. md. 1 _____, md. 2 Jane Smith Bridgers widow of William Bridgers and d/o Samuel Smith & gd/o John Smith Senr.

William d. Aug. 1821 Wake Co. md. Edith Smith d/o Jonathan d. Oct. 1821 Wake Co.

Mary 'Polly' md. Charles Taler lived in Wake Co.

Matilda md. Green Hill and lived in Wake Co.

Elizabeth md. William Jones and lived in Wake Co.

Jonathan d. ca 1801 was never married

Winifred md. Barnabas Lane. They died young leaving 6 orphan children.

Polly Lane
Salty Lane
Simon Lane

William Lane
Ann Lane
Henry Lane of Wake Co.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

The two earliest Samuel Smiths made a great contribution to the building of Johnston County and to the population increase following their moving into the county ca 1743.

Sources: Johnston County Minutes of Pleas & Quarter Sessions; marriage bonds; wills; estate records; deeds; Family Bible records; Bryan-Whitfield-Smith Genealogy T. Whitfield; research files of Elizabeth E. Ross; Wake County records & Wayne Co. records in NC. Archives Raleigh. NC.

– Lib Ross

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

The Stancil Ancestry

553

The first **STANCIL** of whom we have knowledge is John **STANCIL**, born in England ca.

1662. He migrated to the Colonies and arrived at Henry Neck, Virginia aboard the ship **MARY**, November 6, 1683. The next written record of his presence in the New World is contained in Virginia Magazine of History, Volume 29. Page 406. There it is recorded that in the year 1704 he paid quit-rent for 500 acres of land situated in Nansemond County, Virginia.

John **STANCIL** married Katherine Hardy. the daughter of John Hardy. Three sons were born of this marriage, they were: William, Peter and John Jr. It is from this John Jr. and his son, John III or senior, that the Stancils of Johnston County descend.

John **STANCIL** Jr. was born before 1700. He married Sarah Smithwick, the daughter of Edward and Sarah Godfrey Smithwick. They were the parents of five children: John III. Godfrey. Rebecca, Mary Bentley, and Elizabeth Barbee.

Chowan County Court documents for the year 1718 disclose that he was a witness to a signature on a Will and Deed transaction during that year. He received his first tract of land in 1719 by a grant from the state of North Carolina, the tract containing 388 acres and adjoining the Murrastock River and Charlton Creek. This grant is recorded in the Office, Secretary of State, Raleigh, NC, Book No. 8, Page No. 201, File No. 854. This property became a part of Bertie County when it was established in 1722.

John **STANCILL** III born ca. 1725 was the first **STANCIL** of whom we have knowledge that settled in Johnston County. About 1780 he left the Conetoe Creek Community of Pitt County and came into Johnston County, he settled in the area that is today O'Neals Township. Official documents fail to show him as John III, however the name is listed as John or John Senior, they are one and the same person for this era.

In 1781 he purchased from John Pittman two tracts of land containing 550 acres each and situated on both the north and south sides of Little River. Documents on file in the Johnston County Register of Deeds Office reflect that in 1793 he provided that his son, Godfrey, was to receive his land on the north side of Little River and that John. Jr. would receive his land on the river's south side. Sons Nathan and Johnathan were to receive his land in Wake County. Also mentioned in the 1793 document was his grist-mill which was to remain undisturbed until after his death. Extensive research leads us to believe that this mill was erected by James Lockheart prior to the year 1781 and stood on Mulatto Branch adjacent to the present Johnson Manufacturing Company on NC Highway 222 approximately one mile east of Stancill's Chapel.

The John **STANCILL** II/Sr. home stood approximately 250 yards southwest. Around thirty five years ago, the grinding wheel from this site was uncovered from the sand and is currently in use at the Atkinson Mill of Johnston County.

The North Carolina State Census for the period of 1784-1787 list two **STANCIL** families residing in Johnston County. They were John, Senior and his son, John, Jr. Both lived in Captain Houlder's District which later became O'Neal's Township.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

When the first Federal Census of 1790 was taken, the John **STANCIL**, Senior household consisted of three free white males 16-years of age and upward; three free white males under 16 years; three free white females and five slaves.

Although we have been unable to ascertain the given names of the three daughters born to John, Senior and his wife, Polly, we have been able to learn the names of three son-in-laws. They are Thomas Pender, Frederick Holmes, and Randolph Moore.

The John, Jr. home of 1790 consisted of only him, his wife and one male Negro slave named Jacob.

John, Jr. was born ca. 1755 and died ca. 1816. On August 29, 1785 he married Zelpha Grice. However, local court minutes dated February 28, 1821 show that Patsy **STANCIL** was appointed Guardian of his orphan children:

Jonathan **STANCIL**
Patsy **STANCIL**
Samuel **STANCIL**
William **STANCIL**
Winchester **STANCIL**

The children who had attained their majority were not shown on that court document and it is my opinion that he was also the father to John, born ca. 1795. Guardian, Patsy **STANCIL**, was wife No. 2.

Samuel **STANCIL**, my great-great grandfather, married Martha (Patsy) Renfrow on July 20, 1838. The children born of this marriage were:

James Henry **STANCIL**
John Thomas **STANCIL**
Josiah **STANCIL**
Jacob **STANCIL**

John Thomas **STANCIL** was my great grandfather and the father of John Archer **STANCIL**, my grandfather.

Spelling of the name **STANCIL** differs in many areas of the country. Even in Johnston County it has been spelled **STANSET**, **STANCEL**, **STANCELL**, **STANSIL**. etc. etc.

An 1831 list of early parishes in England mentions **STANCILL** township, parish Tickhill, W. R. Yorkshire, Population 66. This village was located near Doncaster, England. Even in England the spelling may vary as it does in America.

Sources:

Genealogical assistance from contacts in England. Research performed in the Johnston County Room of the County Library at Smithfield, NC. State Archives at Raleigh. Johnston County Court Records. Countless personal interviews with other Stancils in several states.

– Worth Hayes Stancil

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

George Ira Stancil

554

George Ira **STANCIL**, 1880 - 1935. the son of John Thomas and Delanie Catherine Sasser **STANCIL** was born and reared in Johnston County, Beulah Township, Glendale Community. He married Eva Ann Mercer, 1901, of Duplin County. They farmed in Johnston County the first year then moved to Duplin County, where their first child was born.

Their twelve children. their spouses and children are listed as follows:

1. Effie Irene **STANCIL**, born 1902, married James Robert Renfrow of Buckhorn community, Wilson County, 1922. and were farmers in Johnston County, Glendale Community. Children: Grace Golda. 1924, Ralph Viron, 1930. James Robert Jr., 1941.

(1) Grace Renfrow married George Dettenmeyer, Chicago. IL. airline pilot until retirement 1982. They reared three children:

Gary Dettenmeyer
Lynn Dettenmeyer
Heather Dettenmeyer

(2) Viron Renfrow farmed with his father until 1951. He started work at Newport News. VA at shipyard, and is still working there. He has never married.

(3) James Robert Renfrow Jr. married Gale Reeves and they had one child, Roberta. He then divorced and married Patty Smith of Raleigh. Effie now lives with Grace in Virginia.

2. Thomas Emmette **STANCIL**, born 1903. Duplin County but grew up in Glendale Community and married Dessie Morris, 1902-1981, of Wayne County. They were farmers and merchants in Glendale Community and reared three children.

(1) Thomas Emmette **STANCIL** Jr. operated a crop dusting business in eastern NC, married Mary Alice Rivenbark, two children:

Thomas Emmette **STANCIL** III
Alice Marie **STANCIL**

Later married Alice Austin Wall; he died of cancer 1980.

(2) Rose Marie **STANCIL**, 1928, married James Walter Sweesy, 1945, of Pennsylvania. They reared:

Thomas Ira Sweesy, 1948;
Michelle Marie Sweesy, 1949;
Robin Stancil Sweesy, 1954;
Christopher Bradley Sweesy, 1960.
James Sweesy, A. F. (ret.) died 1971.

Rose lives in Goldsboro, NC.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(3) Martha **STANCIL**, 1941. married Jack A. Benedict, 1957. They had

Gerri Rene Benedict, 1958;
Derek Allen Benedict, 1960;
Morris Date Benedict, 1961.

3. Delanie Ethel **STANCIL**, born 1905, Duplin County, grew up in Glendale Community, Johnston County, married Julius Nevell **STANCIL**. 1919. They were farmers then Nevell became a Baptist minister. They reared three children:

(1) Norma Ethel **STANCIL**, 1921, married Randolph Moore a railroad engineer. They had two daughters:

Roslyn Janet **STANCIL**
Donna Christie **STANCIL**

(2) George Arnold **STANCIL**, 1922, married Mary Elizabeth Ward. served in U. S. Army in WWII, then became an electronic technician for Martin Aircraft Co., Maryland. Children are:

Sondra Gail **STANCIL**
Victoria **STANCIL**

(3) Lucy Reba **STANCIL**, 1925, married Lawrence E. House, 1946. a Marine veteran. Children are:

Larry Stancil House, 1947
Jane Marcia House, 1950
Bradley Steven House, 1958
Mark Christopher House, 1961

They live in Greensboro. NC. Nevell died 1962. Delanie now lives in Middlesex, NC

4. George Ralph **STANCIL**. born 1908. married Ethel Hales of Ocala FL. 1935. They lived 1½ years in Dos Rios, CA. Ralph worked as a cowboy on Rodeo Valley Ranche. They returned to FL. in 1937 and bought land. Ralph farmed and Ethel worked for an accounting firm. Children:

(1) Georgeanne **STANCIL**, 1942. CPA. married Glenn Schore. 1960; sons:

Theodore Schore, 1962;
Alexander Schore, 1964.

(2) Renn **STANCIL**, 1944. MS. Ed., taught school. married Bobby Hinton, 1971. Children:

Darcee Hinton, 1973;
Kip Hinton, 1975;
Ty Hinton, 1977;
Brent Hinton, 1978;
Coree Hinton, 1981.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(3) Hale **STANCIL**, 1946. graduate Stetson Law School, elected Marion County Judge. 1982. married Rebecca Warner. 1973. Children:

Stephanie **STANCIL**, 1975
Karen **STANCIL**, 1977
Suzanne **STANCIL**, 1979
Kathryn **STANCIL**, 1981

(4) Harold **STANCIL**, 1949. after high school. joined U.S Marines. served in Viet Nam. married Linda Jones. 1972.

5. Celia Rachel **STANCIL**, 1910. married James Graydon Renfrow, 1926. Graydon is a retired farmer and Rachel is retired from Belk-Tyler Company. Jimmy lives in Chicopee, MA. Gilda, J. G. Jr., and Harold live Rt. 1, Lucama, NC. Wilson County. All are members of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. Children:

(1) Donald Eugene (Jimmy) Renfrow, . 1927. U.S.A.F. (ret.) married Elizabeth Gorski, 1952 had one child.

Donna, M. A. Soc.

(2) Charles Edward Renfrow, 1929. died in infancy;

(3) Gilda Gray Renfrow, 1931. married Walter E. Six. Children:

Mark Six, 1956
Matthew Six, 1958
Derek Six, 1960

(4) James Graydon Renfrow, Jr.. 1935. married Denise Vick, 1964. Children:

Meredith Renfrow, 1966
Katherine Renfrow, 1968

(5) Harold Thomas Renfrow, 1944, married Linda Thomas, 1971. Children:

Lisa Renfrow, 1967
Michelle Renfrow, 1972
Vincent Renfrow, 1974

6. Mamie Alma **STANCIL**, 1913. graduated Peggy's Beauty Culture School 1936. married Eddie Carraway, 1941. owned hair styling business in Farmville. NC Eddie died 1970. Mamie married Charles Blair, 1972. They live in Ocala, FL.

7. Eva Vazelle **STANCIL**, 1915. married William Henry Batts. 1935. owned Beauty Shop in Wilson and later in Hertford. Vazelle was divorced and married Francis Nixon Jessup 1955. He died of heart attack 1961. Vazelle taught cosmetology at College of the Albemarle until retirement 1981. She lives in Hertford, NC Children:

(1) William Henry Batts, Jr. graduated from US. Naval Academy 1959, Retired US. Navy 1980 as Commander. Now employed by GP & L as a Nuclear Engineer. married Brenda Brown, 1962. Children:

Clair Batts, 1963
David Batts, 1965

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Timothy Batts, 1966

(2) James Ralph Batts. 1940. graduated from NCS.U. statistics degree and mechanical engineering degree. married Mary Frances Baker, 1960. Children:

Julia Renee Batts, 1961;
James Ralph Batts Jr., 1964.

8. Lola Myrtle **STANCIL**, 1917. married Grover Eason. 1933. Both are retired and live in Wilson, NC; Children, six; grandchildren. thirteen; great-grandchildren, one.

(1) Wyla Jean Eason, 1934, married Al LaVie, 1957. Children:

Sharon Eason, 1958, married Andrew Nelson 1976. one child.

Tiffini Nelson, 1980

Kimberly Eason, 1960
Alfred Eason, 1961
Karen Eason, 1965

(2) Lelon Woodrow Eason, 1939. U.S.A.F., eight years. married Brenda Wiggins, 1967. Children:

Lee Eason, 1969.
Renee Eason, 1970,
Jennifer Eason, 1981;

(3) Frank Edwin Eason, 1941, U.S.N. six years.

(4) Margaret Carol Eason, 1945. m. Robert Miller. 1977, had one son.

Michael Miller, 1978;

(5) Grover Eason, Jr. 1949. married Carolyn Nichols. 1971. Children:

Christy Eason, 1971.
Benjamin Eason, 1974,

divorced 1978, married Bonnie Matlenley, 1980.

Jesrah Eason, 1981,
James Eason, 1982.

(6) Jo Anne Eason, 1954. married Douglas Alexander, 1981. had one son.

Joshua Mark Alexander, 1982.

9. Hilda Mae **STANCIL** 1919. married Jesmon Cedric Hales, 1936. Cedric died 1970. Hilda married Harold W. Stover, Lancaster, SC, 1977. Harold died 1979. Hilda lives in Fremont, NC Children:

(1) Jesmon Arnold Hales, 1940; married Betsy Lane, Eureka, NC. 1964, now living in Prattville, AL, children:

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Jeffrey Hales
Jessica Hales
Mark Hales

(2) Mary Ann Hales, 1946. married Lewis A. Weisiger, Goldsboro, NC, now living in Ft. Worth. Texas. Children:

David Weisiger
Jonathan Weisiger
Jesse Weisiger

10. George Ira **STANCIL** Jr., 1920. US. Navy 1940 - 1963. lives at home-place of father, George, and grandfather, John Thomas **STANCIL**: married Jeannette Hunnicutt of GA, 1944; Jeanette died 1970. G. I. married Julia Pollack Atkinson. widow of Carlton Atkinson of Kenly. Children:

(1) George Ira **STANCIL** III, 1951. MA. Ed.. U. Md... married Carol Malinoni, 1976, son.

Evan Malinoni **STANCIL**, 1981:

(2) Don Gordon **STANCIL**, 1953. engineering degree Holding Tech. works (or NC D.O.T.), married Mena Woodard. 1973. son.

Dustin Woodard **STANCIL**, 1979.

(3) Shirley Ann **STANCIL**, 1955, dental assistant, married OM. Powell. 1977, lives in Kenly. children.

Joshua McCoy Powell, 1981.
Cennamon Nicole Powell, 1982.

(4) Ellen Jane **STANCIL**, 1957 married Gordon Price, live in Richmond. VA, children.

Amy Jeanette Price, 1976
Seth Parker Price, 1979
Melissa Ruth Price, 1982

11. Harold Lloyd **STANCIL**, 1924. attended Glendale High School. joined Navy. 1941. served in Patrol Squadron in Norfolk, VA. was assigned to USS Franklin OVA 13. 1943. was killed in action October 13. 1944. at age 20.

12. Dorothy Jane **STANCIL**, 1926. married Ruben E. Dennison. U.S.A.F. veteran. 1944. lives in Philadelphia, PA. works at Temple University. Philadelphia. Bob is retired. Children.

(1) George Robert Dennison, 1945. married Patricia Ann D'Agostino. sons,

Christopher Robert Dennison, 1970.
Eric Matthew Dennison, 1972.

(2) Warren Eric Dennison, 1951.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

George and Eva moved to Johnston County and farmed his father's land in Beulah Township. He served as Justice of the Peace for several years. operated a cane mill and cooked syrup tor people of the community. They were members of Holly Springs F. W. Baptist Church and reared their children in a Christian home.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

Simon Turner

608

Simon Turner came to what is now Wake County ca 1759-60 and settled along the waters of Swift Creek. land that is now along Hwy #50 south of Garner, NC. At that time it was Johnston County and cut off into Wake County 1771. Simon was the son of William Turner of Bertie County. The name of his mother is not known as she is not named in the Will of William Turner dated 30 May 1770 and probated in 1771 Bertie Co. William willed to sons Simon, William & James; granddaughter Elizabeth, daughter of Etheldred; and daughters Jennet House. Elizabeth Brown and Sarah Smith, wife of John Smith Sr., son of Samuel and Edith Whitfield Smith of Johnston Co., land and slaves in Bertie Co. Simon's brothers William and Etheldred and sister Sarah Smith came to Johnston County with him or follow him there soon after 1760.

Simon Turner b. ca 1730/40 md. ca 1760 Johnston Co. Nancy "Ann" Smith b. ca 1739 d/o Samuel and Edith Whitfield Smith of Johnston Co. They were possibly married in Johnston County but no record has been found.

Simon Turner purchased land in Johnston County as early as 1759, when he was called to serve on the July 1759 term of court as a member of the Grand Jury. He was constantly called as a Juror on the Petit or Grand Jury of both Johnston & Wake Counties. He served as a Juror at the March term of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Court 1783, made his Will on 9 Apr. 1783 and died by the June term of court when his Will was filed for Probate. Ann Turner made her Will in Wake and died 25 Nov. 1814. They are possibly buried on the home plantation In the Family Cemetery but there are no markers visible for them. There was only two of the children over the age of 21 when Simon died In 1783 and at the March 1788 term of Court. Ann Turner was made Guardian to Edith, Matilda, Mary, William, Jonathan, David & Elizabeth Turner. Winifred had reached the age of at least 18 by this time and did not need a guardian or she was possibly married by 1788. Children of Simon and Ann Smith Turner were:

(1) John Turner b. 3 Sept. 1770 d. by 3 Dec. 1787 md. Mary Smith d/o Alexander & Elizabeth Whitfield Smith of Aversborough, Cumberland Co. Their daughters Ann & Elizabeth married Whitfields and are mention in many of the land transactions & division of the heirs of Simon Turner.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(2) Simon Turner D. 16 Sept. 1766 d. 30 Apr. 1824 Maury Co., TN md. 1 13 Sept. 1797
Nancy Peters md. 2 3 Nov. 1811 Sally Bustin / Bastin. Simon (Jr.) served as Clerk
of Superior Court in Wake County for many years. His children were:

Elizabeth Ann Turner b. 23 Nov. 1793

Parker Turner b. 1 Mar. 1797

Mary Susanna Turner D. 23 May 1800 md. Henry H. Turner (s/o William Turner)
Apr. 1818

John Thomas Turner D. 5 May 1804 md. Jane Fort

Nancy Matilda Turner D. 8 Mar. 1807

Simon Theophilus Turner b. 3 Nov. 1809 d. 5 Apr. 1891 Carrolton, MS md.
Martha Ann Eddins 24 May 1831

Martha W. Turner b. 18 Oct. ?

David Turner D. 18 Apr. md. Martha Ann Clarke 31 Jan. 1837

Many of this family went to Denmark, TN and later to Carrolton Co., MS.

(3) Edith Turner b. 26 Aug. 1777 d. 1837 Denmark, TN md. 1 Hardy Sanders Jr. md. 2
3 Mar. 1815 William **BRYAN** of Johnston Co. Her children were:

Simon T. Sanders b. 16 Apr. 1797

William Sanders b. 12 Sept. 1799

Cynthia Sanders b. 12 Nov. 1801

Elizabeth Sanders b. 6 Jan. 1804

Hardy Sanders b. 3 June 1806

Samuel Washington **BRYAN** b. 2 July 1818 Moved to Miss. by 1836

Emela Jane **BRYAN** b. 13 Jan. 1816 never married

Mary Turner **BRYAN** b. 5 Feb. 1820 md. Alex. Ray and moved to Utah

(4) David Turner D. before 1783 md. possibly twice. Records in Wake & Johnston
indicate that his children were:

David Turner, who lived in Johnston Co.

John B. Turner

Lucinda Turner md. **BRYAN** Smith

Martha Turner md. Thomas Rice

Samuel S. Turner md. Edith Mitchner

Mary "Polly" Turner never married

David Turner owned property in both Wake and Johnston Co. & possibly died in 1822.

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

(5) William Turner b. before 1783 d. ca Aug. 1821 (Raleigh Register) md. Edith Smith (Death Cert. of Simon) d. 22/25 1821 (Raleigh Register) William & Edith both died in the same year and Parker Rand was appointed Guardian to their minor children. Records in NC. Archives have many records about their property and Guardian Reports. Their children were:

Henry H. Turner md. Mary Susanna Turner d/o Simon Turner

Mary A. E. Turner md. Willie H. Williams 11 Jan. 1832

James died before 1825

Samuel died young

Simon S. b. 1819 d. 1917 md. 1 Charlotte Ann Hart md. 2 Mary Ann Whitaker 22 Nov. 1881

William David Turner b. 23 Aug. 1813 d. 29 July 1885 md. 1 Christianna Walton 4 June 1836 md. 2 Mary Walton 21 Jan. 1851

(6) Matilda Turner D. before 1783 d. 5 May 1835 (Raleigh Register) md. Green Hill;

(7) Jonathan Turner D. before 1783 d. by Feb. 1801 possibly never married. His property was divided between his sisters and mother in 1809, 880 ac. of land.

(8) Elizabeth Turner md. Jones

(9) Winifred Turner md. Barnabas Lane and both were deceased by 1809 when Jonathan's property was divided. Johnston Co. Court Minutes of 31 May 1802 note the following: "David Turner of Wake Co. was appointed Guardian to Polly, Simon, Salley. Anne, Harry & William Lane orphans of Barnary Lane deceased."

(10) Mary 'Polly' Turner md. Taylor.

Simon Turner owned more than 2000 ac. of land in Wake and Johnston Counties that he willed to his children. He left 18 slaves to the heirs naming each one of them in his Will. He was not an old man when he died, possibly between 40 and 50 years of age. He served as a Capt. & a Major in the Wake Co. Militia and was a bondsman and Security for many legal transactions. He served as Executor of Wills and Administrator for many Estates of his neighbors. Only John and Simon were of age when their father died in 1783, and he appointed them along with wife Ann as Executors of his will. Descendants of grandson Simon S. Turner still own some of the original Turner lands in Wake Co., along Swift Creek and several family cemeteries dot the countryside of southern Wake Co. on property that was Turner land. Most of the Turners were of the Methodist persuasion and many of the later generations are buried at nearby Hollands Church in Panther Branch Township.

Sources: Wake Co. deeds, wills, estates; land divisions; Wake County Census, NC. Archives: marriage bonds and marriage register, Wake Co. Court house. Johnston County Wills: deeds: estates: marriage records: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Minutes. NC Archives Raleigh. NC.

– Elizabeth E. Ross

Heritage of Johnston County NC 1985

```
##### # # ##### ##### # # ##### ##### # #  
# # ## ## # # ## # # # # # # ## ##  
# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #  
##### # # # # ##### ##### # # # # # # # #  
# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #  
# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #  
##### # # ##### ##### # # # # # # # # # #
```

Transcribed from original documents by Brent R. Brian & Martha M. Brian.

This document and others can be found on our website:

[BMGEN](#)

We claim **COPYLEFT** on the documents that we publish that are our original work.

COPYLEFT "rules" can be reviewed on the web site:

[GNU Free Documentation License](#)

In short, use what you like. But if you use our stuff, mention us as the source.

Brent R. Brian
Martha M. Brian
BrianMitchellGenealogy@gmail.com