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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 ac. 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 ac., the other part of this tract, to **WILLIAM BRYAN**. He sold another tract of 188 ac. 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 fold 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 Ck.) 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 ac. 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 of the Last Will & Testimony 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 fell to next of kin, descendants of his aunts and uncles. (Clerk of Supreme Court. Raleigh, NC Drawer 17/18 & Supreme Court of July 1826, from Johnston Co. Term of Court of Equity). This records gives the names of the following children of **JOHN BRYAN** of Craven Co.: **LEWIS BRYAN**, **SARAH BRYAN**, **JOANNA BRYAN**, **MARY BRYAN**, **ALICE BRYAN** and **ELIZABETH BRYAN**.

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 #86699) 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**; **JOANNA 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** tiled for 3 Rev. War Pension on **ASA**'s service (Nat. Archives File #23666)

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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. Ala 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.

(3) **JOHN BRYAN** b. ca 1753 d. ca 1817 had the following children according to the law suit: **READING BRYAN**; **DELIE FAYETTE BRYAN**; **ELIZABETH**, widow of **JAMES WELCH**; & **HESTER (HULE)** 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 of 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** md. **NANCY ROBERSON**; **ASA BRYAN PEACOCK** md. **KATIE ROBERSON**; **JOHN PEACOCK**; **NANCY PEACOCK**; **CHARLOTTE PEACOCK** md. 28 Nov. 1848 Johnston Co. **JOHN COGDELL HOOD**; and **LOUIS PEACOCK**. It is thought that **JOHN & LOUIS PEACOCK** went to Georgia.

(7) **SYLVIA BRYAN** (Lisha) md. 22 Aug. 1789 **AARON GODWIN** of 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.

JOANNA BRYAN md. **DANIEL VENDORICK** and their children were **JAMES VENDORICK**; **PENNY VENDORICK**; **ALICE VENDORICK** who married **WILLIAM BRYAN**; **LYDIA VENDORICK** and **POLLY VENDORICK** both married a **JAMES SIMPKINS**.

MARY BRYAN md. **BENJAMIN GRIFFIN** and their children were: **KEZZIAH** md. **JOHN HILL**; **JESSE GRIFFIN**; **BENJAMIN GRIFFIN**; **MARY GRIFFIN** md. **ROBERT JACKSON**; **WILLIAM GRIFFIN**; **ANN GRIFFIN** md. **JOHN HOLLOWAY**; **SALLY GRIFFIN** md. **WILLIAM HOLLOWAY**; and **BETSY** md. **JAMES WEST**.

ALICE BRYAN md. **JONAS GRIFFIN** whose will is recorded in Camden Co. S.C. Their children were **MAJOR GRIFFIN**; **JANNET GRIFFIN** md. **JOHN BURTON**; and **JONAS GRIFFIN** who went to Warren Co. Miss.

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

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Johnson Co., NC. long before the Revolutionary War and continued so during the struggled 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 end 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. age; **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 Q. ADAMS** and **THOMAS BAGLEY**, Clerk of 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; state Archives, Raleigh, NC; Research Files of **ELIZABETH E. ROSS** and **OZELL** Long.

– **ELIZABETH E. ROSS**

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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 Ck. 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** and **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 (1. 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.**

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Children of **WILLIAM BRYAN** were:

(1) **LEWIS BRYAN** b. 24 Nov. 1745 d. after 1779 md. **SARAH HINTON**, children: **EDNEY**; **REDLEY**; **LEWIS** and **LARRY** (Orphans were appointed a Guardian at May 1782 Court)

(2) **WILLIAM BRYAN** b. 8 July 1747 d. ca 1800 md. 31 Oct. 1778 **ELIZABETH GRAY**. Children: **FRANCES LEE**; **WILLIAM**; **ELIZABETH SMITH**; **ANN GRAY**; **JANET SMITH**; **SUSANNA BUSH**. **WILLIAM/JOHN GRAY**; **JOHN STEVENS**; **JAMES LEWIS**. This **WILLIAM BRYAN** lived in Bertie Co. and served in the 1775 Provincial Congress at Hillsborough. They are buried at Snowfield's Plantation, Bertie Co.

(3) **ARTHUR BRYAN** b. 12 May 1749 d. ca 1792 Johnston Co. md. Oct 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 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** md. 8 Mar. 1810 **EDITH EASON**; **NEEDHAM BRYAN** b. 1788; **DAVID BRYAN** 13. **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 Ck. 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**.

(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** md. **JOHN SMITH**. a cousin; **THEOPHILOUS BRYAN**.

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

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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**, dec'd among the orphans of 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** md. **ELIZABETH GREEN**; **CLEMENT**; **BENJAMIN** md. **POLLY STEVENS** 14 Jan. 1800; **SARAH/SALLY** md. **JOHN HINTON**. **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.

(2) **KEDAR BRYAN** b. ca 1752 d. ca 1808 md. ca 1778 **ELIZABETH SMITH**, a daughter of **JONATHAN & ELIZ. 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. **KADER** served as a Justice of the Johnston County Court and Wake Counties. He moved to Sampson Co. and represented that county in the House of 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**; **JOHN THOMAS**; **NATHAN**; **WINIFRED NEEDHAM** and **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** b. ca 1783 d. 1850 md. **NATHAN BRYAN** md. 2 **WILLIAM HERRING**; **WILLIAM**; **ELIZABETH**; **NEEDHAM**; **POLLY**; **ANN**; **NATHAN BRYAN**; **LEWIS**; **GEORGE**; **JAMES BRYAN**; **WINIFRED BRYAN** and **MARY ANN WHITFIELD**.

(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** md. **ELIZABETH WIMBERLY**; **ALLEN** 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**.

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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 at 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**

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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 201, File 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 1760 he settled in 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 the same and one 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**

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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.

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: **WILLIAM**, **PATSY**, **WINCHESTER**, **JONATHAN** and **SAMUEL**. 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 of **JOHN**, born ca. 1795. Guardian, **PATSY STANCIL**, was wife No. 2.

SAMUEL STANCIL, my great-great grand-father, married **MARTHA** (Patsy) **RENTROW** on July 20, 1838. The children born of this marriage were **JAMES HENRY**, **JOHN THOMAS**, **JOSIAH** and **JACOB**. **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 **STANSEL**, **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**

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