

The Reeves Project, Malachi Reeves

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Reeves, Malachi (c1720 NC - aft 1788 SC)
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Summary

Father: **WILLIAM REEVES**

Mother: Unknown

Birth: c1720, probably North Carolina

Birth Source: Witnessed deed - **JOHN SPAN** to **WILLIAM REEVES** in Edgecombe County, NC 1738¹

Death: after 1788, probably South Carolina

Death Source: Last historical record is 1788 South Carolina court case

Spouse 1: **ELIZABETH MNU**

Narrative

There is no positive identification of the children of **MALACHI REEVES** available at the current time. Both **WILLIAM** and **JONATHAN** were listed as tithes of **MALACHI REEVES** in the tax records of Granville County. The following appear to be Malachi's children.

Probable children of **MALACHI REEVES** and **ELIZABETH MNU**:

WILLIAM REEVES, b. 1739 (tithe of Malachi 1755)

JONATHAN REEVES, b. 1748-1753 (tithe of Malachi 1769),
m. **NANCY HOOKER** on 12 Oct 1769 in Granville, NC

FREDERICK REEVES, b. before 1756,
m. **ELIZABETH THOMPSON** on 27 Dec 1780 in Granville, NC

ABNER REEVES, b. c1756,
m. **SARAH WRIGHT**

ALLEN REEVES, b. c1756,
m. **NANCY WHITEN RAGLAND** on 10 Aug 1780 in Granville, NC

MALACHI may also be the father of **JOHN REEVES** who was living in Granville County among the sons of **MALACHI REEVES** and recorded as an adult from around 1780 until he migrated to South Carolina circa 1790.

MALACHI is first listed in the records of Granville County when he received a grant from Lord Granville for 400 acres in St. John's Parish on both sides of the Fishing Creek on March 25, 1749. Chain Carriers were **JONATHAN WHITE**, **GEORGE MORRICE** and **DAN WELDON** was the surveyor. The land was surveyed on February 24, 1748, but the deed not made until March 25, 1749. **MALACHI** is listed on the 1749 Tax List of **JONATHAN WHITE** in Granville County.

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May 29, 1753, **WILLIAM RIEVES** of Edgecombe County sold 522 acres to **MALACHI REEVES** of Granville County on the north side of Fishing Creek. Witnesses were **JACOB PERRY** and **JAMES PERRY**. This appears to be the same 522 acres on the north side of Fishing Creek that "**MALLICHY**" **REEVES** sold to **JAMES REEVES** on August 29, 1754.

MALACHI along with his brother **JAMES** and **JOHN REEVES** (relationship is unknown) was on the muster roll of the Militia Regiment in Granville County, under the Command of Col. **WILLIAM EATON**, on 8 Oct 1754.

MALACHI REEVES was listed in the North Carolina State Census for 1786 in the Fishing Creek District. The following year, on 1 Nov 1787, he and his wife, **ELIZABETH**, executed a deed to **REUBEN TALLEY**, recorded in Deed Book O, pg. 591. This was the last record of **MALACHI REEVES** in Granville County.

MALACHI was the defendant in four suits brought by **SOLOMON WILLIAMS** in 1788 for wrongful retention of goods ("five Negroes"). **JAMES POWELL** and **HENRY CRESWELL** entered themselves as security for costs in the four suits, the plaintiff living out of state (from July Court 1788). The following year the case was dismissed on January 13, 1789. Based upon this York County, South Carolina court case in 1788 it appears that **MALACHI** migrated there with his children and died prior to 1790 for he is not listed in the York County census with other family members.

(Source: Laurence K. Wells, York County, South Carolina, Minutes of the County Court, 1786-1797, Brent H. Holcomb, publisher, Columbia, SC (1981), p. 46, 54)

¹ THE SOURCE - A GUIDE BOOK OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY, Edited by Arlene Eakle & Johni Cerny (Revised Edition 1997), Pg 209: the age requirement to witness a deed was age 14 for a male, 12 for a female.

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