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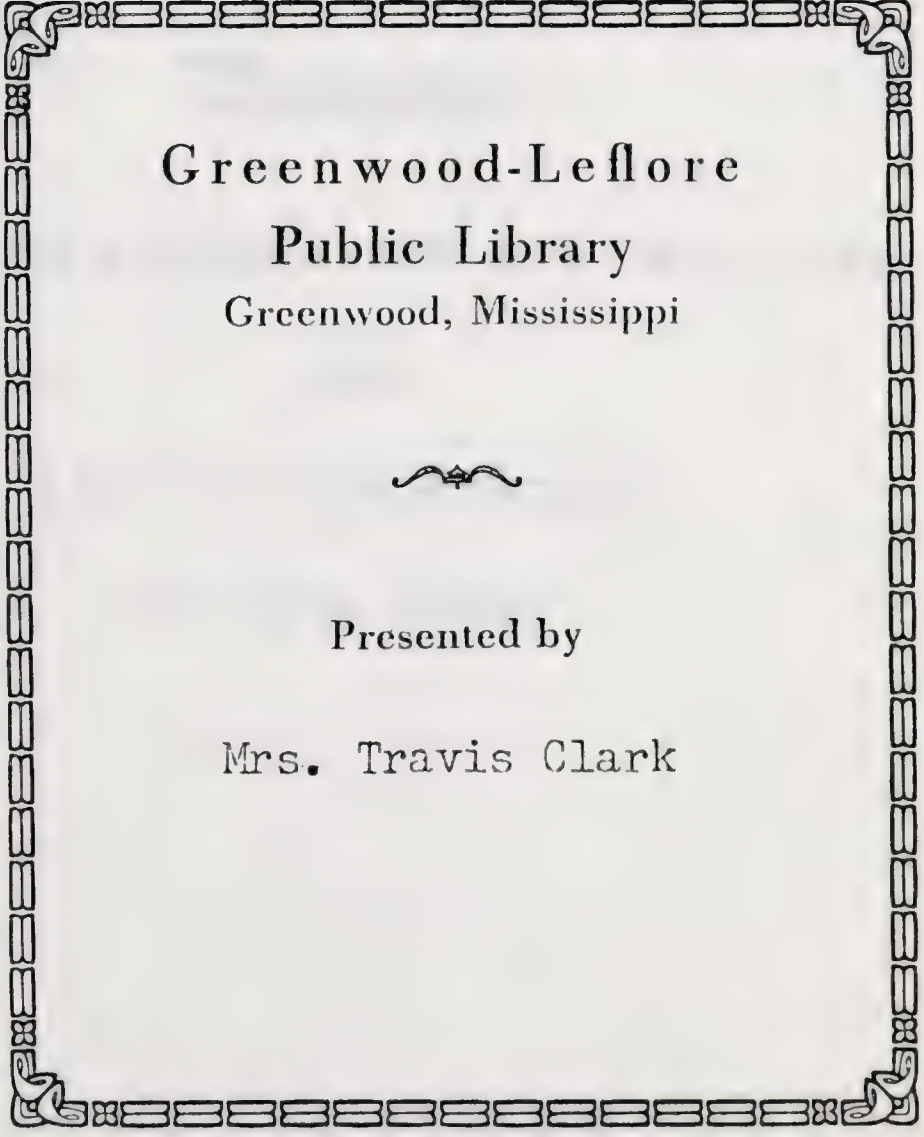
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AVENT FAMILY

Col. Thomas Avent was born 1671, came to America in 1698, asked for deposition (importation) rights in 1736, stating that he had been in this country 38 years and had not received same. This qualifies for admission to the "Society of Founders and Patriots". (Brunswick Co., records) (Brunswick was erected out of part of Surry) He died in 1757 and his will was probated 18 Nov. 1757. (W.B.A.P. 80, Va. Historical Mag. Jan. 1911, p. 46) He married Margaret Elizabeth Gooch, daughter of William Gooch and Ursula Claiborne.

Col. Thos. Avent first appears in Surry Co., Va., appearing as early as 1714 in the records of that Co. (Order Book 1713-1714 p. 28) July, 4, 1718, he sold land to Richard Moore and Elizabeth, his wife, relinquished her right in said land, (Surry Co. Order Book 1741-1744, p. 1) At a court held for Southward Parish, Surry Co., 15 day of Dec. 1741, XV. George II reign. Present; — Thos. Cocke, Thos. Avent, Jas. Chappell & Howell Briggs. This makes him a Colonial Ancestor.

Col. Thomas Avent was Justice of Sussex Court 1753-4. His children were as follows: John, Thomas, William, Peter, Mary and Sarah. (1.) John Avent died in Sussex Co., Va. in 1775. Will probated there Nov. 10, 1775. His wife Mary survived him and m. (2) Lewis Solomon. He left son Thomas devisee under his grandfather's will. His daughters Elizabeth and Mary personally appeared in Court and chose James Wyche their guardian, he was also guard of the other children, Thomas, John, William, Peter, James and Benfamin no proof enclosed or date. The birth and baptism of three of these children were sent me:

1. Thomas Avent was b. 1-12-1734, baptized 3-14. He ex'd. his will 11-5-1795 (Will Book 2, p. 383 Sussex Co. Va.)

2. William Avent b. 4-15-1748, bapt. 10-30. d. 1802 in Greensville Co., Va.

3. Peter Avent b. 2-1749, baptized 5-20-(Albemarle Parish Records)

Will of Thomas Avent b. 1-12-1734. d. 1795 as follows:

I, Thomas Avent, of Sussex Co., to my beloved wife Rebecca Avent the whole of my estate, both real and personal until my beloved son Thomas Avent arrives at the age of twenty one years. Sons John, William, and Thomas. Daughters Angelina, Elizabeth, Polly, Rebecca, Ruanna. He appoints loving brother Benjamin Avent and brother-in-law John James, Executors, Nov. 5, 1795. Will Book 2, Page 383, Sussex Co., Va.

Other children of Col. Thomas Avent, as follows:

(2) Thomas Avent was dead before execution of his father's will. Sept. 1756, when he left his five daughters 20 pounds each.

(3) William Avent left land on Otterdam Swamp by father.

(4) Peter Avent, left land on Otterdam Swamp, dead by Feb. 17, 1780, when his will was probated in Sussex Co., (W.B.C. p. 350) Va. Hist. Mag. Jan. 1911 p. 46.

(5) Mary Avent married Thomas Vincent.

(6) Sarah Avent married William Fox, son of eHenry Fox of Brunswick Co.

WILL OF COL. THOMAS AVENT OF SUSSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA

In the Name of God Amen, September 21st., 1756

I, Thomas Avent, of the Parish of Abermarle, in the county of Sussex, being of good health and of disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind the uncertain time of certain death, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first I bequeath my soul to God that gave it, hoping and trusting in the advocacy and Mediatorship of my blessed Lord and Savior Christ for remission of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried according to the directions of my executors herein after named, and as for such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and desire for thereof as follows, to wit:

Imprimis. I give and bequeth to my son William Avent and to his heirs and assigns forever the plantation whereon I now dwell together with all the land I have on the North side of the Otterdam Swamp below the first great branch above the Meadow, commonly called the cart wheel branch and binding upon the said branch to the head thereof and from thence by a line of marked trees a strait across back to the great swamp and down the same as it meanders to the extent of my land, and also my land and plantation where on Thomas Johnson lately dwelt situate in the county of Northampton and province of North Carolina together with all my other lands situate in the County and province aforesaid all which I give to my siad son William Avent and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item, I give and devise to my son Peter Avent and to his heirs and assigns forever all my lands on both sides of Otterdam Swamp not devised for sale, and also one hundred pounds current money of Virginia to him and to his heirs and assigns forever in full of all that I intend him out of my estate.

Item, I give and devise to Thomas Avent son of John Avent dec'd and to his heirs and assigns forever the land and plantation that I purchased of John Golightley lying in Sussex and Southampton County's and one hundred and seventy five acres adjoining patented in my own name and an entry adjoining that is unsurveyed.

Item, I give and bequeath to my five granddaughters, daughters of Thomas Avent, dec'd on their attaining the age of twenty one years respectively the sum of twenty pounds Virginia currancy each in full of all that I intend them out of my estate.

Item, I give and devise to my daughter Mary Vincent one hundred and ninety three acres of land joining Joseph Prince and Robert Lynn in Sussex County and to her heirs and assigns forever.

Item, I give and devise unto my daughter Sarah Fox and to her heirs and assigns forever six hundred and twenty five acres of land where on William Fox her husband now lives together with all the appurtenances there to belonging.

Item, I give and devise my tract of land on Dickery's Creek in Lunenberg County and that part of my land lying on each side of the great swamp in

Sussex County to be sold at the discretion of my executors and that they convey the same to the purchaser and the money arising herefrom I give to be equally divided amongst William Avent, Mary Vincent, Sarah Fox, and the children of John Avent dec'd share and share alike, the children of the said John to have but one share for all of them.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Athaliah Casiah Norris and to her heirs and assigns forever one negro girl named Sue and also ten pounds Virginia Currency and also my riding horse named Glaees and likewise the second best bed and furniture and one trunk and likewise the privilege of living in my mansion House six months after my death and to be maintained with diet out of my estate all of which I devise to her and heirs forever.

Book I Pg. 310 — Feb. 24, 1746

Thomas Avent of Northampton Co. to Vicent Vaghon for 15£ Virginia money 200 a. on Arthur's Creek.

Book I Pg. 314 — Aug. 1747

Thomas Avent to James McManus of Edgecombe, Merchant, a tract of land known as the Lond Island, in the tenure of Thomas Avent.

Book I Pg. 420 — May, 1750

John Avent of Surry Co. Va. to John Moore of Northampton Co. for 25£ of current money of Va. 100 a. of land on Pea Hill Creek.

Book II Pg. —

John Avent of Surry Co. Va. to James Reavise of Northampton Co. Va. 20£ of Va. money 300a.

Book III Pg. 394 — Aug. 27, 1765

Willie Jones

Mary and John Avent to William Short, 175 a. in Northampton Co. Va. adjoining the land of Thomas Avent and William Avent and a part of the patent granted Thomas Avent, 460 a. July 1712, all the land given to John Avent by the will of Thomas Avent, deceased.

Avent Family — William

The will of Thomas Avent, Jr., son of Colonel Thomas Avent of Sussex Co., Virginia, left some property to his brother, William, to take care of his wife, Ursula.

William Avent, son of Colonel Thomas Avent, of Northampton County, N. C. married Sarah Moore (?). He was in Northampton County, in 1745 when he sold lands to Richard Cross. His will was probated in Northampton County, N. C. in 1761.

Children:

1. John 2. Thomas 3. Mildred Hyde, wife of Richard Hyde 4. William 5. Joseph 6. Sarah, (md. William Ragland), 7. Gilly 8. Ursula (another record said that he left eleven children)

William Avent was an ensign in the seventh North Carolina Regiment in 1740 (from colonial records in N. C. — also in Virginia State Library.)

William Avent was left Otterdam Swamp by his father, Colonel Thomas.

William Avent's will probated the nineteenth of November, 1761.
(Will Book A Pg. 222, Sussex County, Virginia)
North Carolina Colonial Records
Northampton Co., N. C.
May 22, 1743

Thomas Avent of Northampton Co. for 13£ Virginia money, a tract of land 200 acres.

Book I Pg. 284 — July 14, 1746

Edward Crews to Thomas Avent 200 acres, located on the north side or Roanoke River, adjoining William Aycock's land.

Book I, Pg. 391 — March 3, 1749

George Brewer to Thomas Avent for 30£ Virginia money 200 acres on Beaver Pond Creek.

Book II, Pg. 518 — Jan. 17, 1758

From Newtop Fapley to William Avent and his heirs for 92£ current money of Virginia their rights of the plantation of Thomas Avent, Jr. deceased, on the north side of the Roanoke River, with the right not including Beaver Pond.

Vol. V Pg. 34 — 1768

Ephraim Pettipool of Dobbs, Co. to Thomas Avent for the sum of 24£ and 10s of current money of Virginia 40 acres above falls on the Roanoke River which was granted to Thomas Avent on July 29, 1752, deceased, to his daughter, Ursula, the now wife of Ephraim Pettipool.

Book VII Pg. 733 — March 3, 1780

Robert Crittendon to Mary Avent 100 acres on the north side of Roanoke River.

Book I Pg. 234 — Feb. 1745

Thomas Avent to Richard Cross for the sum of 20£ current money, it being an Island in the Roanoke River — called Duck Island and being a part of a patent granted to Thomas Avent in 1739.

Book I Pg. 266 — 1746

John Avent of Surry Co. Va. to Ralph Rachel 20£ for 105 acres, a part of a survey, granted John Avent in 1740. The witnesses Wm. Aycock, Thomas Avent, John King.

Book I Pg. 267 — 1746

John Avent to John Dairs 105 acres on the north side of Roanoke River, adjoining Thomas' land.

Book I Pg. 330 — Feb. 1747

John Avent of Surry Co. Va. to George Morris of Northampton Co. N. C. for 10£ Va. money 85 acres on north side of Roanoke River.

WILLIAM AVENT

Will Book A. Pg. 222
Sussex Co. Va.

John Avent Will — Albemarle Parrish, Sussex County, Virginia.
John Avent — Gent

Will dated 1755 by oath of Joseph Hanke and Peter Avent, probated same day, Albemarle Parrish, Sussex County, Virginia.

Mentions wife, Margaret, son, John Exec. wife, Margaret.

Witnesses: John Hanke, Peter Avent, Elizabeth Avent.

John Avent's will — Greenville County, Virginia, dated November 22, 1820, probated February 1821. Mentions daughter, Polly Drewry, wife of James Drewry; sons, Henry, Thomas, Peter, James, three orphan children of John Avent (M) — viz; James, Edwin Avent, Nancy Elizabeth Avent, Robert Henry Avent, daughter Elizabeth Woodroof.

Names Henry Avent, guardian of orphan children of John Avent; deceased and Henry Avent and Thomas Avent and James Drewry, executors.

Witnesses: Thomas Johnson, Jones and Sturdevant, Samuel and Thomas Avent — Note John (M) Avent married Rebecca Robinson, March 1, 1809 — See Greenville County, Virginia, marriage certificates Book I, Page 13.

LETTERS FROM MRS. CARLOTTA JAMES TO THE COMPILER

"I have tried to find an Avent Coat of Arms. The nearest thing I found was the name Avenant, which many think came from Aventinus. I have a copy of my Robinson coat of arms. It is the same as John Robinson's, Bishop of London, and who rebuilt Fulham Palace, London.

I secured much Avent data when in Halifax, North Carolina, last fall. There is a village called Avention, in Nash County, North Carolina, named for the Avent family.

Col. Thomas Avent, who came in 1698, so shown from order books in Brunswick County, Va., and who settled first in Surrey County, Virginia, was the first one in Virginia. He had four sons and two daughters. John Avent died in Sussex, Va., in 1754. Thomas Avent died in Northhampton County, North Carolina, in 1751, leaving several children, names not given. His wife's name was Ursula.

Peter Avent's will recorded Northhampton County, North Carolina. Book I Page 216.

To son Wm. Avent.

To son Isham Avent.

To son Joseph Avent.

To son Thomas Avent.

Daughter Sarah Avent.

Daughter Eliza Barker.

Daughter Lucy Truelove.

Daughter Mourning Avent.

Daughter Rebecca Avent.
Wife, Mary Avent.

Will proved September Court, 1779, Jesse Atherton, Clerk of Court.

William Avent's will, Northampton County, North Carolina. Will Book 1, page 56.

To son, John Avent, land back of my plantation and back of the plantation which Thomas Avent formerly lived on.

To son, Thomas Avent, the other part of the land Thomas Avent lived on, and all that part of the Island in Roanoke River except the Island willed to me by my brother, Thomas Avent.

To son William Avent.

To son Joseph Avent; went to Chatham Co., N. C.

To son John Avent; went to Chatham Co., N. C.

To son Thos. Avent.

To daughter Gilly Avent.

To daughter Sarah Ragland; wife of William Ragland — went to Chatham Co., N. C.

To daughter Rebecca Avent.

A legacy given to his sister-in-law, Ursula, by my father, Thomas Avent. To my brother, Peter Avent, 30 pounds. To son-in-law William Ragland. Will proved April 22, 1760.

Colonel Avent died in Sussex County, Virginia, 1775, Oct. 31. Two sons died before he did (Thomas and John),

Benjamin Avent, of Sussex County, Virginia, had three sons; viz? (1) Thomas, (2) William, (3) John; and two daughters. (1) Thomas died sometime before the Revolutionary War. Had one son, Abner, who was brought up by his uncle.

INFORMATION FROM MRS. FRANK AVENT, NASHVILLE, TENN.

I. Thomas Avent. Brunswick Co. Va.
Wife-Elizabeth

THE JOSEPH AVENT FAMILY

Joseph Avent, son of William Avent of Northampton County, N. C.

He came to Chatham County before 1763, when we find him buying of land for his brother-in-law, William Ragland, husband of Sarah Avent. His brother, John, also took up land about the same time in Buckhorn Creek section. This land lay between the confluence of the Haw River and the Deep River (the beginning of the Cape Fear) and the falls in Cape Fear.

Children:

1. Joseph Avent, b. 3-10-1796 — d. 4- 1862.

Married Judith (Rush) Thomas, a widow born 1802 died 1868.

Children:

1. Sarah Frances Farrar, 2. Alvis Avent, 3. Henry Avent, 4. Elizabeth

- Farrar, 5. Benjamin Rush Avent, 6. Jacabina Hughes, 7. Glover Avent, 8. George Washington Avent.
2. Benjamin Rush Avent, b. d. 6-6-1862.
 Married 9-18-1856 Louisa Frances Cross
 Children:
 1. Frederick Henry Avent, b. 9-16-1857 — d. 1-30-1940.
 2. Mary Frances Avent Yarborough, b. 1861

JOSEPH AVENT

- I. Joseph Avent married Judith (Rush) Thomas, widow, b. 1802 d. 1868.
 Glover Avent, son of Joseph, married Cornelia Ann Partridge.
 Children:
 1. Joseph F. Avent married Alice Booth; no children.
 2. John R. Avent married Nannie Harman (both deceased).
 Children:
 1. Joseph Avent (deceased), 2. Cornelia Avent Erwin, 3. John R. Avent, Jr., 4. Julian Avent.
 3. Isabella Avent married Joseph Womble (both deceased).
 Children:
 1. Annie (deceased), 2. Pauline, 3. Josephine, 4. Jeannette (deceased).
 4. Martha Avent married Dr. Hugh A. Talley (both deceased).
 Children:
 1. Hugh A. Talley, Jr., 2. Vann W. Talley.
 5. Benjamin Rush Avent married Mary Elizabeth Cole.
 Children:
 1. Bertha F. Avent Holt, 2. Vivian May Avent, 3. Benjamin Rush Jr.,
 4. Mary Elizabeth Avent, 5. Claude J. Avent, 6. Cornelia Ann Avent.

JOSEPH AVENT FAMILY

Cornelia Avent Erwin, b. 2-6-1903 at Morristown, Tenn., married 6-22-1926 middleboro, Kentucky to Julian Erwin, b. 5-4-1901.

Children:

1. Julian Thomas Erwin, b. 10-16-1929 at Middlesboro, Ky. Married 9-6-1950 at Jackson, Miss. Nancy Schmid, born 4-27-1928.

Children:

1. Linda Louise Erwin, b. 10-29-1953 at Jackson, Miss.
 2. Frances Lee Erwin, b. 10-19-1955 Napa, Okinawa.
 3. Elizabeth Avent Erwin, b. 10-22-1958 Clarksburg, West Virginia.

John Ross Avent married Nannie Logan Harman.

Julian Glover Avent, b. 1-10-1910 Bristol, Virginia. Married 9-10-1955, Addie Ball, daughter R. L. Ball, descendant of one of Harlan County earliest settlers, b. 8-15-1910, Harlan County, Kentucky.

FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN R. AVENT
KNOXVILLE 18, TENN.

John Ross Avent, Sr., b. 11-17-1880 at Haywood, N. C., married Nannie Logan Harman (b. 12-9-1881) at Marion, N. C.

Children:

1. Joseph Harmon Avent (deceased) b. 11-13-1901 at Johnson City, Tenn.
2. Cornelia Avent, b. 2-6-1903 at Morristown, Tenn.
3. John Ross Avent, Jr., b. 2-23-1906 at Bristol, Tenn.
4. Paul Avent (deceased) b. 5-5-1908 at Bristol, Tenn.
5. Julian Glover Avent, b. 1-9-1910 at Bristol, Tenn.

This record was obtained from John Ross Avent, Jr., 2908 Bradson Drive, Knoxville, Tenn.

John Ross Avent Jr. and wife Ruth married on October 6, 1934 at Morristown, Tenn.

Children:

1. John Ross Avent III, b. 1-13-1941 at Middlesboro, Ky.
2. Jettrey E. Avent, b. 3-14-1945 at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

AVENT

Ben Roton Avent (son of Glover and Cornelia Ann Partridge) b. 2-14-1874 married 3-3-1897 to Mary Elizabeth Cole, who was b. 12-27-1874 and who d. 6-23-1920. Residence: Lee County, North Carolina.

Children:

1. Bertha Partridge Avent, 2. Vivian Mae Avent, 3. Ben Rush Avent, 4. Claude Julian Avent, 5. Mary Elizabeth Avent, 6. Cornelia Ann Avent.

EXCERPTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN PARTRIDGE

(great-grandfather of Ben R. Avent of the County of Chatham, N. C.)
Willed:

To wife, Patsey, the land on which he lived (Old Partridge land on Little Lick Creek) Four negroes — all household furniture, all cattle, sheep and hogs that she needs for one year. This property to be sold at the death of his wife and the proceeds divided equally among his five children now living — viz: Henrette Williams, Elbert Partridge, Elizabeth Cross, Sarah Ragland, and Nancy E. Partridge.

He willed the slaves to his wife and children — four to his wife Patsey — money to grandchildren, and eight slaves to children.

Willed to grandsons, John Joseph Partridge and Rufus Mims Cross. — made provisions for family burying ground — his estate to pay for the expense thus incurred.

Signed 16th day of July 1860 in presence of Robert Carpenter.
Alvin J. Sloan

INFORMATION FROM MRS. FRANK AVENT
NASHVILLE, TENN.

I. Thomas Avent
wife: Elizabeth; Brunswick Co., Va.
children: Thomas (Anne-wife), James, Peter, Henry, Bettie (Walton)
Mary (Drewry)

II. James Avent-Virginia
wife: Mary Avent — maiden name — Childress

children:

1. Benjamin Ward Va.
 2. Evaline Va.
 3. James Monroe Va.
 4. Washington D. Va.
 5. Mary C. Ala.
 6. Fannie Minor
 7. Nancy Pitts Ala.
 8. Betsy
 9. William
1. Benjamin Avent married Nancy Lyttle
children: Mary, Ellen, Benjamin, John, Kate, Mattie, Blanch
 2. Evaline Avent married John P. Bessley
children: William, Robert, Fannie, Rosa, Evaline
 3. James Avent married Mary Childress
children: Frank, James, Bettie, Sara, Henry
 4. Washington Avent married Nannie McKinney Tenn.
child: James Monroe Avent
 5. Mary C. Avent married Robert V. Richardson
children: Robert Edwin, James M. and Phillip
 6. Fannie Minor Avent married John Foster, Johnston, Tennessee
children: Martha, Thomas, Fannie, Mary
 7. Nancy Avent married Thomas Bass, Tenn.
children: Mary, James, William, Robert, Mattie, Evaline, Thomas,
George, Arthur, Mary
 8. Betsey Avent married Mr. Hazelwood
 9. Fannie Avent married Sanderford
 10. William Avent drowned when a boy.

REV. JOSEPH AVENT FAMILY

Rev. Joseph C. Avent married Mary E. Douglas, left Chatham County, N. C., and went to Alabama, when a young man. Later, he moved to Bremeton, Alabama. He died in 1904 and was buried at Pollard, Alabama, about ten miles from Bremeton.

children:

1. Raban Avent, 2. Carson Avent, 3. Annie Avent, 4. Hattie Avent,

5. Mattie Avent married David F. Bell, 6. Waddie Avent, 7. Josie Avent.

Fletcher Avent Bell

602 Forest Avenue, East Bremeton

3 boys and 2 girls

1 brother lives at Pensacola, Florida

letter by Reclio (?) Avent Bell

602 Forest Avenue, East Bremeton, Alabama

JOHN ANDREW AVENT

John Andrew Avent was b. 2-4-1824 in Halifax County, North Carolina. He died at Wollldridge, Tennessee, Feb. 4th, 1885.

Helen E. McClain was born at Milledgeville, Ga., 3-3-1828; died at Woll-dridge, Tenn., Aug 10, 1887.

B. W. AVENT

By Minnie Avent Watkins

B. W. Avent, of Halifax County, North Carolina, was a son of William Avent, who was born near Moore's Ferry, on Roanoke River, North Carolina. He settled in Nash County, North Carolina, when he was about twelve years old. He had two sisters, one married a Mr. Cotton and moved to Wake County, North Carolina. William Avent was a son of Ben Avent, of Sussex County, Virginia. Sallie Avent, wife of William Avent, was a daughter of Frank Ward, who moved from Isle of Wight County, Va. to Nash County, North Carolina, where Sallie, his daughter, was born.

James Avent was a son of John Avent, of Greenville, County, Virginia, who was a son of Ben Avent, of Sussex County, Virginia.

William Avent, the grandfather of Minnie Avent Watkins, of Minta City, Mississippi had one brother, Thomas Avent, who died with small pox during the Revolutionary War. His family lived in Georgia. He had one son, Elmer Avent, who was raised by William Avent. He went to Georgia and brought Elmer to Nash County, North Carolina, where he lived. After he was grown he married Joe Ward's daughter. She died Childless. Elmer married the second time to Miss Brady, of Nash County, North Carolina, and later moved to Smith County, Tennessee. William Avent married Sallie Ward when he was twenty-seven years old, and his wife was about fifteen years old.

THE AVENT LINE

By H. M. Avent

In reply to your letter of March 2, will say that I have been trying to get up all the data possible on the Sandeford family. I have found that there are some Sandefords now living in Granville County, North Carolina.

I find that my grandfather, Thomas Ward Avent, had one son, and Fannie Avent, who married Nathan D. Sandeford, and Betsy Avent, who married Ben Ward; one Pricilla Avent, who married a Kimbell; one Nancy Avent, who married Henry Pitts; he had one uncle, Thomas Avent, who married Miss Gardner; his father, James Avent, who married Dick Hazlewood; one

Pricilla Avent, who married a Kimbell; one Nancy Avent, who married Henry Pitts; he had one uncle, Thomas Avent, who married Miss Gardner; his father, James Avent, also married a Miss Gardner. I think he also had an uncle, Frank Avent, but I am not positive about this.

My grandfather, Thomas Ward Avent, was a son of James Avent; James Avent was b. 11-8-1785; d. 10-6-1832. James Avent was the son of Major Williams Avent and Sallie Avent. My grandfather, Thomas Ward Avent, was b. 7-20-1815, d. 9-11-1900. He married Mary E. Eilliams, of Warren County, 12-19-1838. She d. 12-10-1867. They had six children, as follows:

James William Avent, b. 9-16-1839; he married Mary N. Taylor, and d. 3-10-1901.

Charity D. Avent, b. 4-13-1841; married Dr. Thomas N. Drake, 7-16-1857, and d. 3-13-1898.

Martha D. Avent was b. 8-4-1843; married Junry Jones, Sept 1, 1859, and d. 11-28-1893.

Mary E. Avent was b. 12-1843; married Rev. George M. Duke, 5-10-1868, and d. 10-28-1822.

Thomas V. Avent, b. 9-15-1845; married Emily Spencer Hart, 4-15-1868, and d. 1-4-1911.

John B. Avent, b. 2-4-1847, and married Miss Martha Johnson. I haven't the date of his marriage at this time. He is still living, but in very feeble health.

My father, Thomas Vernon Avent, has six children living at the time of his death. There were several others who died in their infancy. The living one are as follows:

Henry M. Avent, b. 8-25-1874; married Miss Estelle Hunter Brown, 12-20-1897. We have two children, Louise Spencer Avent, who was b. 10-5-1900, and Estelle Brown Avent, who was b. 4-29-1901.

Ula Lee Avent, b. 5-2-1877; married E. A. Williams, 1-11-1899.

This data taken from papers secured from Mr. Frank Avent, Nashville, Tennessee, and copied April 24, 1935. (R. T.)

1. Joel Kendall Mathis married 6-17-1914)

Annie Atwood Hill, b. 11-29-1888, Mooresville, Ala.

who was a daughter of

James Abram Hill, b. 2-8-1856, d. 1-28-1922

and

2. Bettie Woodroof Hill, b. 11-26-1856, married 10-7-1885

at Mooresville, Ala.

a daughter of

Harriet Atwood (Wright) Woodroof, b. 5-21-1821, d. 7-28-1883

and

3. James William Woodroof, b. 11-28-1813, Greensville Co. Va.

d. 4-23-1897, Limestone Co. Ala.

married in Madison Co., Alabama, 12-6-1853.

a son of

William Woodroof, b. 8-20-1784, d. 1814 (Will dated Aug. 27, 1813) Greensville Co. Va.

and

4. Elizabeth Avent, b. 3-3-1790, d. 1-19-1859 Limestone Co. Ala. married 9-8-1810, Greensville Co., Va., marriage Certificate Book 1, p. 13. A daughter of
5. John Avent will probated 5-7-1829, dated 1-27-1829. Will of John Avent names daughters Polly Drewry, Elizabeth Woodroof — Sons Henry, Thomas, James, Peter Avent. Also the three orphan children of John Avent (M) deceased (supposed to be his son) Name of Children James Edwin Avent, Nancy Elizabeth Avent, and Robert Henry Avent. Grandson James W. Woodroof. (Sussex Co., Va., Book 1. Page 159.)
6. John Avent was a son of Rebecah Avent and Thomas Avent, b. 1-12-1734, baptized 3-13. Will probated 11-5-1795 (Will Book 2, pg. 383 Sussex Co. Va.)

Will states as follows:

'I Thomas Avent, of Sussex Co., to my beloved wife, Rebecca Avent, the whole of my estate both real and personal until my beloved son Thomas Avent arrives at the age of twenty one years names sons John, William and Thomas, daughters Angelina, Elizabeth, Polly, Rebecca, Ruanna. Appoints loving brother Benjamin Avent and brother-in-law John James as Executors.

Thomas Avent was a son of Col. Thomas Avent and Margaret Elizabeth Gooch and grand daughter of William Claiborne.

and

Col. Thomas Avent, b. 1671, emigrated to America in 1698, d. 1757 (Will probated 11-18-1757.) Will Book A. Page 36, also Va. Hist. May, Jan. 1911, p. 45.

His children were as follows: John, Thomas, William, Peter, Mary, and Sarah.

Will of John Avent
of Avent's Ferry Chatham Co. N. C.
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In the name of God, Amen, this twentieth day of July, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-one, I John Avent of Chatham County and State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health but perfect in mind and memory, therefore, I make this my last will and testament, the matter and form as follows:

First I recommend my soul to God that it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, and tuching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to blefs me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner.

Viz. Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Sally Cox one negro girl named Viney and one negro boy named Hardy.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Patsy Cox what money she has received for a negro man named Nead.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Albritain a negro girl named Fillie and one mare and all my stock of cattle except the choice cow and calf.

Item the 4th, I give and bequeath to my son, William Avent one negro man named Pompey and a negro woman named Sal and one colt and all my stock of Hogs.

Item 5th, I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Raines one negro man named Dave.

Item 6. I give and bequeath to my Rebekah Thomas one negro girl named Milly and one negro boy named Jerry and one cow and calf to the choice of all I have.

Item the 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Partridge one negro girl named Rachel and one negro boy named Umphrey — I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Cox and Rebekah Thomas two negro children named Leah and Ranah to be valued and equally divided between the two for the same Sally Cox must pay Patsy Cox my daughter one hundred dollars and Rebekah must Pay Nancy Raines one hundred dollars.

I also give to my negro Sol my Bead and furniture. The balance of my property to be sold and equally divided among all my children — I do appoint William Avent and Doctor Thomas Cottrell Executors to my last will and Testament. I do hereby revoke all other wills by me made and acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in pri — (blurred) after.

John Avent (Seal)

Thos. Cottrell
Benjamin Stringfield

Bible Record of William Avent

Rev. William Avent, son of John Avent and Mary, his wife, of Avent's Ferry, Chatham County, North Carolina, was b. 8-8-1775. His father John Avent, departed this life 12-10-1821. His mother Mary departed this life 3-4-1801.

Rev. William Avent married first, Silva Drake, daughter of William Drake and Sallie, his wife. She was b. 10-27-1782. Married 11-7-1799. Departed this life 2-3-1805.

Children:

1. Sallie M. Avent (b. 3-18-1801) — (d. 8-2-1833)
married 2-14-1824 Henderson Wilson

Children:

1. Silva Wilson who married Matthew McCauley, Orange County, North Carolina, among their children was Andrew McCauley who married Sallie Utley, b. 6-4-1859.

Rev. William Avent married the second time Martha Hill Hicks, daughter

of George Hicks and Temperance, his wife, was born 8-23-1785. Married 9-29-1807. Departed this life 5-2-1809.

Children:

1. Thomas Avent (b. 2-23-1809) — (d. 9-2-1814)

Rev. William Avent married the third time Esther Watts Clegg, daughter of Thomas Clegg and Bridget, his wife, was b. 2-23-1791. Married 1-22-1812. Departed this life 1-2-1858.

Children:

1. Martha Avent (11-27-1812) — (married — Thomas Cox)
2. John F. Avent (b. 3-22-1814)
married — 1st. — Mims (a widow) 2nd — Holloman 3rd, Jane Jones.
3. Mary G. Avent (b. 9-2-1815)
4. William Avent — went to Arkansas (b. 11-28-1817)
5. Louiza Jane Avent (b. 9-25-1819)
6. Harriet Primrose Avent (b. 12-5-1821)
marriedBray
7. Isaac Watts Avent (Rev.) (b. 9-19-1822)
married 1st Temperance Rollins 2nd. Chloe Pegram.
8. Permelia Avent b. 3-25-1825) — (d. 11-26-1826)
9. Bridget Ann Avent (b. 2-20-1827) — (12-31-1827)
10. Henry Ivenes (Evans) Avent (b. 2-27-1829)
married Mary Ann Buchanan, daughter of Alfred Buchanan and Mary Ann (Polly) Smith Buchanan.
11. Joseph Carson Avent (Rev.) (b. 11-22-1830)
married Mary L. Douglas
12. Ann Elizabeth Avent (b. 4-8-1832)
married James Cotten

Sintha Avent d. 3-24-1841 (It is not clear whose daughter she was.)
Rev. William Avent departed this life 12-15,1841.

BIBLE RECORD OF REV. WILLIAM AVENT AND ESTHER WATTS CLEGG

1. Martha Avent, daughter of Rev. William Avent and Esther Avent married Thomas Cox.

Children:

1. Joe Cox marriedMcLean
 2. Rufus Cox
 3. Esther Cox marriedDalrymple
2. John F. Avent, son of William and Esther Avent, married Mrs.
Mims.

Children:

1. Emily Mims married Rollins
2. Esther Ann married Quinton Maynard
3. Sarah Jane married Lucius Jones

The second time John Avent married Lydia Holloman

Children:

1. Zack Avent

The third time John Avent married Jane Jones.

Children:

1. Mary — unmarried
2. Elizabeth — unmarried
3. Louisa Jane Avent
4. Harriet Primrose Avent married Bray
5. Rev. Isaac Avent married:
 - (1.) Temperance Rollins
 - (2.) Chloe Pegramno children but raised Eddie Blanchard
6. Permelia Avent died in infancy
7. Bridget Avent died in childhood
8. Henry Evans Avent married Mary Ann Buchanan
9. Rev. Joseph Carson Avent married Mary E. Douglas.
10. Ann Elizabeth Avent married James Cotton

Children:

1. Bennett
 2. Lina and Martha by second wife of James Cotton
11. Sallie Avent married Henderson Wilson.
 12. Thomas Avent, son of Rev. William and Martha — died in childhood.
 13. William Avent, son of Rev. William and Esther — went to Arkansas.

MARRIAGES

1. Martha Avent, daughter of William and Esther Avent married Thomas Cox.

Children:

1. Joe Cox married McLean
 2. Rufus Cox
 3. Esther Cox married Dalrymple.
2. John F. Avent, son of William and Esther Avent married:
 1. Mrs. Mims

Children:

1. Emily Mims Avent married Rollins
 2. Esther Ann married Quinton Maynard
 3. Sarah Jane Avent married Lucius Jones
2. Lydia H. Holloman — one son Zack Avent
 3. Jane Jones — children 2 daughters Mary, Elizabeth
- * Sarah Jane Jones, daughter of John F. Avent, (reared by Dawson Womble and wife Martha Lawrence) married Lucius Jones.

Children:

1. Henry Jones, 2. Edgar Jones, 3. Ailie Jones, 4. Malphia Jones, 5. Lessie Jones, 6. Alsey Jones, 7. Ammie Jones, 8. Raymond Jones, Rev. Troy Jones (grandson).

BIBLE RECORDS
DEATHS

1. Mary Avent, wife of John Avent, d. 3-4-1801.
2. John Avent, husband of Mary Avent, d. 12-10-1821.
3. Rev. William Avent d. 12-15-1841.
4. Esther Watts Avent d. 6-2-1858.
5. Joseph Carson Avent b. 11-22-1830 (son of William Avent and wife, Mary).
6. Mary Elizabeth Douglas, daughter of Giles Douglas and Mary, his wife was born 8-8-1836.
7. Sophronia Avent, daughter of Joseph C. Avent and Mary, was born 8-16-1854.
8. Joseph C. Avent and Mary E. Douglas were married 3-10-1853.

AVENT-RAGLAND

1. Sarah Avent, daughter of William Avent of Northampton County, North Carolina, b. d. 1793 Chatham County, married William Ragland son of Stephen Ragland and wife Mary born about 1725; moved to Chatham County, North Carolina from Northampton County, North Carolina about 1774. He d. 11-1789.

Issue:

1. Anne, married Thomas Griffin
 2. Celia married Richard Kennon
 3. John, married no record
 4. William, married Sarah Williams, daughter of Burrell Williams
 5. Thomas, High Sheriff of Chatham County, North Carolina, married Mary Scurlock, daughter of Mial Scurlock.
 6. Frederick, married Mary Barham, daughter of Thomas Barham.
 7. Elizabeth, married Major Peter Farrer
 8. Mary, married Adam Finch
 9. Sarah, married 1. Richard Mintor, 2. John Farrer
 10. Robert, no record
2. Children of Frederick and Mary Ragland
 1. Elizabeth b. 1797 married Burrell Rollins
 2. Thomas, b. 11-17-1800 married Jane Cross, daughter of Parrish Cross and Elizabeth Williams
 3. Nancy, b. 2-18-1803 married W. H. Cross, brother of Jane
 4. Alvin, b. 1807 married Matilda Robertson and moved to Arkansas
 5. Sarah, b. 1809 never married
 6. Frederick Barham Ragland b. 5-28-1812 married Elizabeth Springfield
 3. Thomas Ragland, son of Fred Ragland and wife Mary Barham, married Jane Cross.

Issue:

1. James H. b. 1826 — married and moved to Arkansas
2. Elbert F. b. 1828 married Artetchia Desmukes

3. William, b. 1830, married Elizabeth Lawrence
 4. Elizabeth, b. 1832 married Baldy Jones
 5. Mary, b. 1835, married Carter Rosser
 6. Adelaide, b. 1838, married Frank Drake
 7. Emily, b. 1844, married John L. Thomas
4. Emily Cross Ragland, b. 1-9-1846 Chatham County, North Carolina
 Married John Lewis Thomas in Chatham County, b. 1-10-1850. He was
 a son of Benjamin W. Thomas and Isabella Catherine McFarland. He
 died in Durham, N. C. 1-27-1931. She d. 12-16-1935, both buried in
 Maplewood Cemetery.

Children:

1. Edward Ragland Thomas (b. 5-25-1876) — (d. 3-28-1956)
 Married 12-25-1901 Ella Ophelia Langston, b. 11-20-1870, in
 Beaufort County, N. C. died at Erwin N. C. 2-12-1953 both buried
 at Montlawn Cemetery, Raleigh, N. C.
2. Frederick Shephard Thomas (b. 5-25-1877)
 Married Jennie Langston
3. Mamie B. (Mary) Thomas (b. 10-13-1878)
 Married Charles Osborne
4. Sarah Cross Thomas (b. 1-19-1880)
 Married Gordon B. Rowland
5. Rose Lee Thomas (b. 9-15-1886)
 Married Robert Hume Clayton of Hillsboro, N. C.

Children of Edward Ragland — Thomas and Ella Ophelia Langston

1. Edward R. Thomas Jr., (b. 4-26-1905) at Erwin N. C.
 Married Evelyn Lovelace, daughter of John Lafayette and wife
 Vashtie Tucker Lovelace
2. Frederick Shepard Thomas (b. 4-26-1905 in Erwin N. C.)
 Married Whitney Holt, daughter of Dr. William P. Holt and wife
 Bessie Holman
3. Phillip Langston Thomas (b. 5-24-1912)
 Married Rose Frasier of Durham N. C. daughter of William Guthrie
 Frazier
4. Bonner Gibbs Thomas (b. 5-24-1912)
 Married Emily Hill Grant, daughter of LeRoy C. Grant and wife
 Frances Bowers

Children:

1. Emily Grant Thomas (b. 6-21-1937)
 Married 8-25-1959, Erwin N. C. to Francis Needam Millett Jr.
 son of Francis Needam Millett and Deborah Wood Millett of
 Manchester, Mass.

Issue:

1. Francis Needam Millett 3rd., b. 7-24-1960 in Chapel Hill, N. C.
2. William Gibbs Thomas was b. 2-21-1940
3. John Barham Ragland Thomas was b. 11-13-1951

THE RAGLAND FAMILY AS GIVEN BY
F. B. RAGLAND, A DESCENDANT

1. John Ragland (Emigrant John) moved from Ragland Castle in Wales between 1700 and 1720, and settled in Henrico County, Virginia. He purchased other lands in other counties. He married his kinwoman, Ann Beaufort of Wales. They had 10 children, among these was—
 1. William Ragland of Northampton County, North Carolina. In 1790 had 7 slaves. He married Sarah Avent, daughter of William Avent and according to 1790 census had seventeen slaves.

Children:

1. John, 2. William, 3. Thomas, 4. Fredrick, 5. Robert and six daughters

One daughter married a Griffin and settled in Lincoln County, Tenn. Another married a Cannon and moved to Georgia. Two of the daughters married John and Peter Farrar; another daughter married Richard Minter. The youngest daughter married a Finch and lived and died in Chatham County.

2. Frederic Ragland, (Father of F. B. Ragland the writer)
(Born 1766) — (Died 1812)

Married Mary Barham in 1795 who was b. 11-25-1775 d. 1-12-1857 82 yrs. old

Children:

1. Elizabeth Ragland
Born 1797
Died in middle life — thrown from a horse
Married Burwill Rollins
2. Thomas Ragland — (Born 1800) — (Died 1882)
Married Jane Cross
3. Nancy Ragland — (b. 2-18-1803) — (d. 3-8-1884)
Married William Cross
4. Alvin Ragland — (Born 1807)
Married Matila Robertson — moved to Arkansas
5. Sarah Ragland

The mother, Mary Barham, Ragland remained a widow from 37 to 82 years of age.

COTTON-BUCHANAN

HUSBAND

Name in Full.....John Henry Cotten

ResidenceCorinth, N.C.

Date of BirthPlace.....Chatham Co.

Date of MarriageApril 24, 1884 Place.....Chatham Co.

Date of DeathJan. 3, 1932..... Place.....Corinth, Chatham Co.

His father's name.....Wesley Cotten

His Mother's name (maiden).....Crissey Ausley

WIFE

Susan Emma Buchanan b. 8-10-1866 — Chatham Co., N. C .

CHILDREN: All born at Truth, Chatham Co., N. C.

1. Reece b. 12-15-1887 married Lina Jones
2. Emma Alice b. 10-26-1889 married Alpha Mims
3. James Wesley b. 7-1-1891 married Hersey Rollins
4. Gladys b. 7-9-1893 married Archie McDugald
5. Wittfield b. 1-14-1895 married Bessie Stevens
6. Viola Belle b. 7-13-1897 married H. M. Abernathy
7. Ethel Maggin b. 8-18-1899 married Alton McLean
8. John Roy b. 5-28-1901 married Volda Drake
9. Clara May b. 8-12-1903 married John Reynolds
10. James Henry, Jr. b. 4-30-1919 married Margie Mansfield

BATEMAN-HARRINGTON

HUSBAND

Name in Full Charles O. Bateman
Residence Raleigh, N. C., 4073 Jones St.
Marriage Dec. 1923 Place Cary

WIFE

Husband's Name C. O. Bateman
Maiden Name in Full Daisy M. Harrington
Residence Raleigh, N. C.
Date of Birth April 21, 1901 Place Holly Springs, N. C.
Her Father's name Merriman Harrington
Her Mother's maiden name Ella Buchanan

CHILDREN:

1. Rebecca Bateman
When born Feb. 2, 1925 Place Holly Springs, N. C.

HUSBAND

Name in Full Ervin Hare
Residence Holly Springs, N. C.
His Father's name Charlie Hare
His Mother's maiden name Adelaide Matthews

WIFE

Husband's name E. L. Hare
Maiden name in Full Emma Robena Harrington
Residence Holly Springs, N. C.
Date of Birth Oct. 23, 1905 Place Buckhorn
Her Father's name Merriman Harrington
Her Mother's maiden name Ella Buchanan

CHILDREN

1. Jean Hare Born Holly Springs, Wake, N. C.
2. O'Neal Hare Born Holly Springs, Wake, N. C.
3. Bertenia Hare Born Holly Springs, Wake, N. C.

AVENT-MAYNARD

- I. Laura Bell Maynard, daughter of J. P. Maynard and Eva R. Cotton, b. 9-2-1907, Darlington, S. C. She married John Bryant Cole, who was b. 6-3-1908 at Carthage, N. C.

Children:

1. Sara Ann Cole b. 8-7-1934, at Troy, N. C.
2. John Cotton Cole b. 12-25-1936 at Wade, N. C.
3. Kitty Lee Cole b. 10-10-1935 Wade, N. C.
4. Laura Sue Cole b. 9-12-1942 Troy, N. C.

MARRIAGES:

1. Sara Ann Cole married Paul Richard Whitehead (adopted by C. M. Burton in 1946) He was b. 4-4-1927.
2. Kittie Lee Cole b. 10-10-1935, Wade, N. C., married Max Gardner McPhail b. 9-7-1928, Godwin, N. C.

Children:

1. Laura Jinnerfer McPhail b. 8-15-1953, Wade, N. C.
3. John Cotton Cole b. 12-25-1936, Wade, N. C. married Carole Joanne Johnson.

Children:

- John Edward Cole b. 11-14-1956 Baltimore, Md.
4. Laura Sue Cole b. 9-2-1942 Troy, N. C. married 5-28-1960 at Baltimore, Md. Lawrence Joseph Miller b. 8-28-1938 Baltimore, Md.

- II. Margaret Maynard, daughter of J. P. Maynard and Eva R. Cotton, was b. 1-23-1916, Wade, N. C. married Edwin Collings Swartz b. 7-23-1914, Athens, Texas.

Children:

1. Margaret Joanne Swartz b. 12-10-1943 Fayetteville, N. C.
2. Eva Carolyn Swartz b. 3-23-1953 Raleigh, N. C.

AVENT-UTLEY

HUSBAND

Name in Full Joseph Emory Avent
Residence2007 Lake Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.
Date of Birth April 3, 1878 Place Western Wake Co.,
N. C.
Date of ChristeningPlaceHarnett Co., N. C.
Date of MarriageAug. 1, 1901 Place Chapel Hill, N. C.
Date of Death 2-11-1958 Place Knoxville, Tenn.
Date of Burial 2-13-1958 Place Greenwood Cemetery
Number of times he married once.
His Father's nameJames Wesley Avent
His Mother's maiden name Martha Cornelia Womble

WIFE

Maiden Name in FullRosa Spencer Utley
ResidenceChapel Hill, N. C.
Date of BirthJuly 8, 1866 Place Chapel Hill, N. C.
Her Father's nameFoster Utley
Her Mother's maiden nameSallie Davis

CHILDREN

One child which died at birth Died Aug. 30, 1904

JAMES WESLEY AVENT

James Wesley Avent, second son of Henry Evans Avent and Mary Ann Elizabeth Buchanan. Avent's Ferry. b. 4-22-1856 and d. 12-12-1935, married 12-27-1876, first to Martha Cornelia Womble, daughter of Dawson Womble and Martha Lawrence Womble of Enno, N. C. b. 10-3-1850. Married 2, Mrs. Henrietta Willis of New Bern, N. C.

Children:

1. Joseph Emory Avent b. 4-3-1878.
2. Carlie Dawson b. and d.
3. Effie Florence Avent married Willis Henry Thompson.
4. Inez May Avent married Joseph Edmund Sawyer.

Mamie Lee Avent b. 8-1-1887 married Leslie Cleveland Parker, son of Franklin Draper Parker and Iry Ann Herring of Sampson Co.

I. Effie Florence Avent b. 11-18-1882 married 12-27-1910 to Willis Henry Thompson who was b. 4-8-1879 and d. 12-17-1956. Residence 109 E. Whitaker Mill Rd. Raleigh, N. C.

Children:

1. Martha Frances Thompson b. 9-18-1911.
2. Willis Henry Thompson, Jr. b. 1-23-1913 — d. 12-17-1956.
3. Elizabeth Avent Thompson b. 12-26-1914.
4. James Addison Thompson b. 5-28-1918.
5. Blanche Louise Thompson b. 4-13-1920.
6. Mary Bell Thompson b. 1-6-1922.
7. Inez Lee Thompson b. 9-3-1923.
8. Effie Florence Thompson b. 12-20-1928.

Willis Henry Thompson, Jr. b. 1-23-1913 near Cary, N. C. married 6-18-1943 to Marguerite Wallace Jones, b. 11-1-1920.

Children:

1. Willis Henry Thompson III b. 5-30-1947 Raleigh, N. C.
2. Mark Becton Thompson b. 11-14-1950.
3. Barbara Avent Thompson b. 12-4-1951.

Marguerite's Parents — Marguerite Wallace Jones, Raymond Donald Jones.

James Addison Thompson b. 5-28-1918 near Cary, N. C. married 11-11-1939, Raleigh, N. C. to Virginia Dare Caudle b. 7-20-1920. Her

parents were Abram Clarence Caudle, Sr. and Florence Winfree Caudle.

Children:

1. James Addison Thompson, Jr. b. 7-2-1944, Raleigh, N. C.
2. Jon Dale Thompson b. 12-27-1949.
3. Timothy Avent Thompson b. 11-25-1955.

Blanche Louise Thompson b. 4-13-1920, Raleigh, N. C. married 12-14-1943 – Arthur Emilien Deshaies, son of Arthur Emilien Deshaies and Emilienne Vue Deshaies Beaudrey.

Children:

1. Louise Emilienne b. 11-18-1948.
2. Daphne Francine Deshaies b. 7-25-1950.

Mary Bell Thompson b. 1-6-1922, Raleigh, N. C. married 5-7-1946 to Alfred Livingston Conlon b. 12-8-1924, divorced 10-2-1954, no children.

Inez Lee Thompson Stagg b. 9-3-1923, married 1-2-1948 to William Radford Stagg b. 9-8-1921.

Children:

1. William Radford Stagg, Jr., b. 6-24-1950.
2. Robert Holt Stagg b. 7-25-1954.

Radford's parents – Mamie Jones Stagg, Jesse Holt Stagg.

Effie Florence Thompson Holder b. 11-20-1928, Raleigh, N. C. married 11-25-1950 to Louis Laird Holder b. 8-9-1926, Raleigh, N. C.

Children:

1. Michael Louis Holder b. 5-13-1953 Huntsville, Ala.
2. Cheryl Ann Holder b. 11-9-1956, Monterey, Calif.

Laird's parents – Claude Lloyd Holder, Inlia Deal Holder

AVENT

II. Inez May Avent b. 5-18-1885 Wake Co. N. C. married 7-6-1910 to Joseph Edmund Sawyer in Raleigh, N. C. Joseph was b. 12-18-1887

Children:

1. Joseph Edmund Sawyer, Jr. b. 3-11-1913 in Raleigh, N. C. married 12-28-1937 to Lilian Lucile Woodard, who was born 7-30-1918 in Raleigh, N. C.

Children:

1. Carolyn Anne Sawyer b. 4-3-1943 in Portsmouth, Va. and married 3-14-1960 in Portsmouth, to Robert Bell.
2. John Wesley Sawyer b. 11-2-1917 in Raleigh, N. C. married 8-31-1939 to Edna Mathews, who was b. 3-25-1916 Garland, N. C.

Children:

- John Wesley Sawyer, Jr b. 12-16-1938 in Columbia, Missouri.
3. Robert Jerome Sawyer b. 6-29-1924 in Raleigh, N. C. married first

Frances Spivey, who was b. 4-15-1925 in Louisburg, N. C.

Children:

1. Robert Jerome Sawyer, Jr. b. 10-17-1946.

Second wife, Harriet Calvert Johnston, Hunington, Pa. b. 8-19-1925 in Portsmouth, Va.

Children:

1. Harriet Sheldon Sawyer b. 5-20-1958 Portsmouth, Va.
2. Janet Inez b. 12-1-1959 Portsmouth, Va.

AVENT-COTTEN

- I. Ann Elizabeth Avent, daughter of Rev. William Avent and Esther, his wife. b. 4-8-1832. Married James Cotten

1. A son, Bennet Dixon Cotten. b. 10-10-1854, Buckhorn, N. C., d. 10-2-1913, Holly Springs, N. C. Married Laura Jane Booth, b. 4-1859, New Hill, N. C. d. 2-1917, Fayetteville, N. C.

Children:

1. Repsie Cotten, living, b. 7-11-1876, Married Holly Springs, N. C., James Curtis Upchurch, Tallahassee, Fla., b. 5-1871, d. 10-1942, Jacksonville, Fla.

Children of Repsie Cotten Upchurch and James Curtis Upchurch.

1. Cecil Upchurch, Tallahassee, Fla. married Annabelle Chavis, Deceased.
2. Jessie Upchurch married Lynwood Patterson, Jacksonville, Fla.
3. Pearl Upchurch married Irving B. Cox, Tampa, Fla.
4. Gleen C. Upchurch, Deceased
5. Louis Upchurch, Deceased
6. Sara Upchurch, Deceased
7. Henry B. Upchurch, Tallahassee, Fla. married Betty Register

- II. Hubert T. Cotten, son of Bennett D. Cotten and Laura Jane Booth. b. 9-1885, Holly Springs, N. C. Married Mary Alice Patterson, Florida, b. 1890.

Children:

Hubert T. Cotten, Jr. Deceased
John Cotten, Married
Bennet Dixon Cotten, Married.

- III. Bertha Cotten, b. 1-27-1889, Holly Springs, North Carolina. Married 12-17-1914, Fayetteville, North Carolina, William John Graham, Red Springs, North Carolina.

Children:

1. James Roscoe Graham, b. 6-23-1916, Tallahassee, Fla.
2. Lillian Cotten Graham, 12-14-1921, Tallahassee, Fla.
3. Thomas Dixon Graham, b. 11-19-1922, Green Cove Springs, Fla.

RECORD OF WILLIAM LAWRENCE

I. Theoflos Lawrence, Chatham Co. married Mary Avent

Children: (one)

1. William Lawrence b. 7-6-1840 and d. 1-1-1917. Married Elizabeth Frances Mims, who was b. 6-18-1846 and d. 12-6-1912.

Children of William and Elizabeth:

1. Nannie Lawrence b. 3-18-1869 married Charlie Harrington
2. Ida Lawrence b. 10-4-1873 married Joseph M. Craven
3. Edith Mae b. 10-8-1871 and d. 10-1872.
4. Mamie Lawrence b. 12-22-1876 married Chas. O. Harrington.
5. Carl Lawrence b. 4-14-1878.
6. Ollie Lawrence b. 9-30-1881 married Carl Davis.
7. Bertha Lawrence b. 5-18-1885 married Wm. L. Seawell
8. Irma Lawrence b. 5-29-1890 married Joseph Russel McCarn.

RECORD OF NATHANIEL GASTON AVENT FAMILY

Nathaniel Gaston Avent, son of Henry Evans Avent and Mary Ann Elizabeth Buchanan, was b. 1-16-1866 and d. 3-3-1930 married Mary Addie McIver who was b. 5-16-1868. Lived at Sanford, North Carolina.

Children:

1. Roxie Iola Avent was b. 12-25-1888 and d. 4-19-1889.
2. Garland Hilary was b. 7-23-1890 and d. 1890, August 21.
3. Layland Mayhal (?) Avent was b. 9-9-1891 and d. 12-3-1891.
4. Eva Holmes Avent was b. 4-29-1893 and was married 8-23-1908 to Eddie Poston b. 10-15-1886 at Florence, South Carolina.

Children:

1. Edward Poston b. 3-15-1910 married Elizabeth Mix

Children:

1. Leralda Poston b. 11-24-1914 and d. 4-24-1916.
2. Annie Lee Poston b. 10-1-1916.
3. Elden Poston b. 11-18-1918.
4. Nathaniel Avent Poston b. 1-4-1927.
5. Sallie Ethel Avent was b. 5-10-1895 and was married 12-26-1915 to James M. Thomas. Residence: Norfolk, Virginia.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Grace Thomas b. 7-15-1917.
2. Fred C. Thomas b. 1-8-1920.
6. Mary Avent was b. 5-31-1898 and married Cole
7. Zula Mae Avent was b. 9-13-1902 and married William Wilson. She married the second time to Charles T. Creel on 6-25 1918

Children:

1. Letha May Creel b. 1-14-1925

2. Elizabeth Lynn Creel b. 9-22-1928
3. Charles Bunyon Creel b. 7-20-1930

MARKS-AVENT

- I. Mary Luola Avent b. 5-21-1873 and d. married 12-23-1896 to Alexander Hamilton Marks, who was b. 7-28-1867 (son of Richard and Eliza Jane Brown Marks.)

Children: 11 in all

1. William Lewis Marks b. 3-18-1898 and died married Agnes Brooks b. 10-19-1903 and d. 9-15-1924, the second time he married Elizabeth Gaglord (lives in Wilmington, N. C.)
2. Nell Rooks Marks b. 6-20-1897 married 12-25-1920 to Charles Ellis White, Sr. b. 3-15-1896.

Children:

1. Charles Ellis White, Jr. b. 10-12-1925 lives in Wilmington, N. C.
3. Richard Cleron Marks b. 3-7-1900 married 9-4-1922 to Hilda Elizabeth Morris b. 2-8-1906.

Children:

1. William Cleron Marks b. 10-3-1925
2. Helen Elizabeth Marks b. 6-15-1926
3. John Alexander b.1928
4. Mary Katherine b. 1930
5. Richard Donald b. 1932 Residence Acme, N. C.
4. Henry Alexander Marks b. 8-29-1902 married 6-19-1924 to:
 1. Ethel Mildred Elkins b. and d. 3-1-1926.
 2. Agnes Rebecca Motley b. 6-14-1902 married 12-29-1927.

Children:

1. Katherine Rebecca b. 2-4-1933.
5. Leonidas DeWitt Marks b. 3-21-1904 married 6-22-1927 to Bessie Seay b. 5-15-1904 Residence Acme
6. Mary Jane Marks b. 11-12-1905 married 9-22-1930 to Duval Lamdin b. 8-11-1907.

Child: Patricia Ann b. 8-21-1952

7. Rosa Lee Marks b. 2-1-1908 and d. 6-20-1908.
8. Joseph Rufus Marks b. 5-4-1909 married 12-30-1931 to Marion B. Harris b. 3-28-1909. Residence Whiteville, N. C.

Children:

1. Joseph Rufus Marks, Jr. b. 3-3-1935.
9. Sandy Cole Marks b. 11-20-1910 married 8-29-1936 to Katherine Stewart Woods b. 7-6-1913.
10. Ella Louise Marks b. 11-22-1912 married 7-3-1937 to Herbert William Stack of Pa. b. 8-2-1903.
11. Jennie Rea Marks b. 10-21-1914 married 1. Strickland
2.

AVENT

- I. Sallie Adelaide Avent b. 2-22-1868 was married on 12-24-1885 to John Calvin Broughton, b. 2-1861 and d. 11-2-1892. He was the son of Calvin Broughton and Mary Lassiter Broughton.

Children:

1. William Henry Broughton b. 9-21-1886 and d. 2-10-1887.
2. Robert Isaac Broughton b. 9-6-1888. Married Bettie Maud McIver b. 10-10-1884.

Children:

1. Minnie Lee Broughton b. 8-3-1915 in Chatham County, N. C. married 2-16-1935 to James Otis May b. 6-3-1906.
2. John MacCarn b. 10-22-1916 in Alamance County, N. C.
3. Robert Eugene Broughton b. 9-2-1918.
4. William Harold Broughton b. 2-10-1921.
3. Mary Fanny Broughton b. 10-2-1890 and d.
4. Calvin (Callie) b. 4-15-1893, married 1-1-1913 to Clyde Goldson Kirkman b. 11-8-1892.

Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Kirkman b. 1-3-1914 in Chatham County, North Carolina, married on 4-1-1934 to James Allen Wicker b. 11-22-1905.
 2. Calvin Talton Kirkman b. 10-19-1915.
 3. Thomas Wilkens Kirkman b. 11-12-1916.
 4. Clyde Lee Kirkman b. 11-2-1918 in Alamance County.
 5. Lyman Robert Kirkman b. 12-9-1919.
 6. Eleanor Lanneth Kirkman b. 6-6-1932 in Durham, North Carolina.
- II. Annie Cora Avent, daughter of Henry Evans Avent and Mary Ann Elizabeth Buchanan d. 1939, married Archibald Patrick Thomas d. 4-1939.

4 Children:

1. Nina Thomas, b. 1889 married Merriman Duncan Thomas.

Children:

1. Wilbur Thomas
2. Dwight Thomas
3. Frances Thomas
4. Patrick Thomas

2. Nora Thomas married Will Steed.

Children:

1. Mamie Lee Steed married D. H. Whitley
2. Eloise Steed married D. Melvin Smith
3. Juanita Steed married R. W. Huffine
4. Myrtle Steed married E. L. Brooks
5. Joyce Steed married J. N. Rone
6. Clayton Steed
7. W. P. Steed

8. R. T. Steed
 9. Nina Mae Steed married J. B. Peter
 10. Ruby Steed married Herbert L. Hammer
 11. Nora Steed married C. L. Welsh
 12. Son, died in infancy
3. Henry A. Thomas, b. 11-24-1893, married 5-22-1913 Florence Martha Matthews, b. 8-22-1889.

Children:

1. Norman Elmer Thomas b. 8-22-1916 married 6-18-1938 Ruth Lanier, b. 7-2-.....

Children:

1. Jonelle, b. 8-16-1946
 2. Norma Lea, b. 1-6-1952
2. Ann Elizabeth Thomas, b. 11-12-1918 married Emerson Hall

Children:

1. Ella Rose, b. 11-19-1943
 2. Peggy, b. 9-11-1946
4. Clayton Harrell Thomas (deceased) b. 1-1895 d. 1921, married Beulah Rosser.

HUNTER
THE FAMILY OF
JAMES MAGRUDER HUNTER AND SUSAN AVENT HUNTER

Susan Ella Avent, the daughter of Henry and Mary Ann Buchanan Avent, was born on October 12, 1871, near Avent's Ferry, Chatham County N. C. She was married on December 21, 1887, to James Magruder Hunter, born June 29, 1862, of Moore County (now Lee), the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Douglas Hunter. James Magruder and Susan Hunter are buried at Ebenezer Methodist Church, in Chatham, N. C. They had the following children:

- 1) Henry Reid, b. 2-14-1889, in Moore County, N. C.
- 2) Elizabeth Luola, b. 5-7-1891, in Moore County, N. C.
- 3) Mary Eva, b. 6-1-1892, in Cumberland County, N. C.
- 4) Daisy Verta, b. 1-17-1896.
- 5) Lucy, b. 5-18-1898.
- 6) James Magruder, b. 6-20-1904.
- 7) Benjamin, b. and d. on 6-20-1904.
- 8) Samuel, b. 1-24-1906, and d. 5-16-1907.
- 9) Pauline, b. 12-23-1907.
- 10) Rachel Rose, b. 3-17-1910, and d. 1-3-1914.

Henry Reid Hunter received his B.A. degree from Trinity College (now Duke University), M.A. from Columbia University, and Ph.D. from Peabody College; served as high school principal for several years; and for more than 25 years was assistant superintendent in charge of the high schools of Atlanta, Georgia; Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Georgia;

now teaching psychology at Grady Hospital, in Atlanta, Georgia, where he now resides. He married Miss Pauline Perry, of Jones County, N. C., and they have an adopted son, Robert Reid, b. 11-26-1923.

Children:

1. Robert Reid Hunter b. 2-24-1952
2. Mary Ann Hunter b. 7-3-1955
3. James Edward Hunter b. 8-6-1956

Elizabeth Luola Hunter married to Joseph Ruffin Matthews, on October 2, 1908, and lived at New Hill, N. C. They had four children:

- 1) Perry, b. 4-11-1919, and d. 4-12-1919.
- 2) Pocahontas, b. 4-1920; married Thomas Templeton, and lives in Charlotte, N. C.; they have one daughter, Faye.
- 3) Elizabeth, b. 5-24-1921, and d. 9-2-1921.
- 4) Margaret, b. 8-26-1923; married Morris Wechsler, and lives in New York; they have two children, Lynette, and Daryl.

Mary Eva Hunter was married on July 15, 1915, to Claude Daniel Moore, born May 14, 1879, the son of Walter James and Anna Daniel Moore. They lived near Turkey, N. C. They had the following children:

- 1) Claude Hunter b. 6-14-1916; B.A. from University of North Carolina, M.A. from East Carolina College; now principal of Aurelian Springs School, Littleton, N. C.
- 2) Anna Octavia Moore, b. 12-20-1917; attended East Carolina College; was married in September, 1940, to Paul Honeycutt, of Linden, N. C.; they live on Lee Street, in Smithfield, N. C.; they have three daughters, Mary Ann, Jeanne Moore, and Sally Woodson.
- 3) Walter James Moore, b. 7-9-1919; d. on 10-22-1937.
- 4) Evelyne Woodson Moore, b. 5-1-1921; graduated from Highsmith's Hospital Nursing School; lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nursing Corps; was married in 1-1949, to Claude Ledwell, of Linden, N. C.; they have two children, Patricia Ann, b. 12-25-1949; and Bettie Woodson, b. 3-5-1953. Claude Ledwell is now a Captain in the U.S. Army.
- 5) Jeanne Clemons Moore, b. 10-8-1923; B.A. from East Carolina College, 1958; was married on 2-14-1948, to Charles Honeycutt, of Fayetteville, N. C.; they have two children; Harriett Douglas, b. 1-3-1955; Charles Bevil, b. 6-19-1957. They live in Fayetteville, N. C.
- 6) John Franklin Moore, b. 11-10-1925; attended Oak Ridge Military Institute, was married in 7-1949, to Pauline Tucker; they had three children: Ernest Franklin, b. 4-21-1950, and d. 8-15-1950; Anna Elizabeth, b. 8-22-1952; Nancy Jeanne, b. 9-21-1956.
- 7) Lewis Douglas Moore, b. 5-28-1928; B. A., University of North Carolina, 1949; Second-lieutenant in U. S. Army; d. 9-20-1952.

Daisy Verta Hunter, B.A. from Woman's College of U.N.C., married James Connor Kennedy, Attorney-at-law of Clinton, N. C. They had two children: Sara, and James Connor.

1. James Conner Kennedy, Jr., B.A. U.N.C., married Virginia Wilkes Winston-Salem, N. C.

Children: 1. Connor, 2. Ralph, 3. Ruth

2. Sarah Kennedy married The Rev. Calhoun Johnson of Delray, N. C. They are missionaries in Chile, South America.

Children: 1. Mia Gordon, 2. Amy, 3. Phillip, 4. Evans, 5. Calhoun.

James Magruder Hunter, Jr. B.A. from Duke University; was married on June 28, 1931, to Louise Morning Brooks (born December 12, 1909), of Pittsboro, N. C. They live near Turkey, N. C. Their children are:

1) James Magruder Hunter, III, b. 9-4-1934; B.A. from High Point College, was married in 1960, to Dorothy Hartes, of Durham, N. C. They live in Durham, N. C.

2) Douglas Brooks Hunter, b. 9-17-1936; B.A. from Atlantic Christian College; teacher and coach.

3) Lou Underwood Hunter, b. 3-18-1938; B.A. from High Point College; was married on 11-25-1960, to Eugene Korner Bouldin; they live in High Point, N. C.

4) Mary Morning Hunter, b. 4-10-1942; now a student at Woman's College of U.N.C.

5) Margaret Reid Hunter, b. 11-18-1943.

6) Susan Avent, b. 8-18-1949.

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Lucy Hunter, B.A., from Woman's College of U.N.C.; was married on June 23, 1925, to Walter Brainard Graham, of Godwin, N. C. They had the following children:

1) Edna Rose Graham, b. 4-29-1927; B.A. from East Carolina College.

2) Neill Hunter Graham, b. 5-26-1928.

3) Sallie Sue Graham, b. 6-26-1929; B.A. from East Carolina College.

Edna Rose Graham, B.A., East Carolina College married John Louis Johnson.

Children: 1. Rosemary, 2. Joy Graham

Sgt. Neill Graham, U. S. Air Corps married Betty Harris.

Children: 1. Linda Sue 2. Karen Jane, 3. Terry Lee.

Sallie Sue Graham, B.A., East Carolina College, married James Marshburn Mangum, lives in Durham, N. C.

Children: 1. Carol Sue 2. James Brainard

Pauline Hunter attended Woman's College of U.N.C.; she first married Enoch Stamey Elliott, and after his death, she married G. Burt Wade, and lives in Greensboro, N. C.

JOHN AVENT FAMILY

Esther Ann Avent married Quinton T. Maynard

Children:

1. John Maynard married Eva King.

2. James Pettigrew b. 9-18-1875 and d. 8-1958; married Eva Cotten,

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who was b. 3-3-1878 and d. 10-13-1945.

3. Isadora Maynard married Oscar Stephenson.
4. Emma Maynard married Fred Saunders.
5. Charlie Maynard married May Suggs.
6. Kate Clements Maynard married J. Lee Johnson.

Louisa Jane Avent

- A. Isadora Temperance Maynard (11-8-1873) — (6-11-1951)
Oscar Henry Stephenson (12-1-1861) — (6-5-1922)
Married in Wake Co. N. C. Feb. 5, 1893

- I. Florine Pearl Stephenson (12-9-1893) Wake Co.
Clifton P. Slaughter (b. 7-25-1888) — (d. 7-1-1961) Granville Co.
Married in Raleigh, N. C. June 28, 1922

- a. William Maynard Slaughter (b. 7-3-23) Wake Co.
- b. Nell Cordelia Veasey (7-14-32) Harnett Co.
Married Aug. 29, 1947
 1. Eric Anthany Slaughter (b. 7-14-48) Wake Co.
 2. William Algernon Slaughter (b. 1-27-53) Wake Co.
 3. Timothy Barrin Slaughter (b. 1-17-57) Wake Co.
- a. James Clifton Slaughter (b. 3-4-26) Wake Co.
- b. Lucy (Lynn) Lanier (b. 6-13-26) Harnett Co.
Married in Fuquay Springs Oct. 25, 1947
 1. James Clifton Slaughter Jr. (b. 11-11-48) Wake Co.
 2. Robert Lanier Slaughter (b. 12-18-50) Wake Co.
 3. Benjamin Banard Slaughter (b. 12-18-50) Wake Co.
- a. Ruth Slaughter (b.5-18-28) Wake Co.
- b. William Troy Roundy (b.1-9-23) Wake Co.
Married in Fuquay Spring June 28, 1947
 1. Stephen Troy Roundy (b.1-26-48) Wake Co.
 2. Cecelia Ann Roundy (b. 6-1-48) Wake Co.
 3. Loretta Roundy (b. 7-12-50) Wake Co.

- II. Clara Estelle Stephenson (b. 8-2-1895) Wake Co.
James Relue Sugg (b. 12-11-1889) — (d. 3-7-59) Wake County
Married in Cary, N. C. Feb. 29, 1916
- a. James Lloyd Sugg (b. 2-16-17) Wake Co.
 - b. Dorothy Neil Clark (b. 2-16-17) Wake Co.
Married in Red Springs, N. C. March 6, 1948
 1. James Lloyd Sugg Jr. (b.12-3-48) Robeson Co.
 2. Martha Goodwin Sugg (b.5-7-51) Wake Co.
 - a. Charles Henry Sugg (b. 10-17-19) Wake Co.
 - b. Jane Brown Gunter (b. 9-11-25) Northampton Co.
Married in Fuquay Springs Dec. 21, 1950
 1. Suzanne Bruce Sugg (b. 11-1-52) Rockingham Co.
 2. Rebecca Lynn Sugg (b. 2-6-56) Rockingham Co.

- III. James Maynard Stephenson (b. 3-18-1898) Wake Co.
 Mary Virginia Ferrell (b. 9-11-1901) Wake Co.
 Married in Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 12, 1926
- a. James Benjamin Stephenson (b. 11-27-27) Wake Co.
 - b. Mary Elizabeth Ward
 Married in Staley, N. C. March 4, 1954
 - 1. James Benjamin Stephenson Jr. (b. 1-26-58)
 - a. Robert Earl Stephenson (b. 12-28-29) Wake Co.
 - b. Katie Mae Wortham
 Married in Fuquay Springs Aug. 21, 1954
 - 1. Robert Earl Stephenson, Jr., (b. 4-13-58) Wake Co.
 - a. Harry Don Stephenson (b. 9-12-32) Wake Co.
 - b. Bobbie Jean Henderson
 Married in Statesville, N. C. Feb. 12, 1955
 - 1. Harry Don Stephenson Jr. (b. 9-30-56)
 - 2. Anthony Craig Stephenson (b. 1-18-60)
 - a. George Edward Stephenson (b. 2-22-36) Wake Co.
 - b. Emily Frances Phelts (b. 1-13-40) Lillington, N. C.
 Married Lillington, N. C. Aug. 16, 1959
 - 1. Lillian Kathirine Stephenson (b. 4-28-60)
 - a. Thomas Crayton Stephenson (b. 6-26-40) Wake Co.
- IV. Dwight Holt Stephenson (b. 2-5-1900) Wake Co.
 Ruth Oliene Daniel (b. 11-14-1904) Granville, Co.
 Married in Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 22, 1923
- a. Rebecca Mae Stephenson (b. 10-4-24) Wake Co.
 - b. Sam Allen Yancey Jr. (b. 12-13-20) Granville, Co.
 Married in Fuquay Springs Dec. 21, 1946
 - 1. Grace Oliene Yancey (b. 1-18-48) Wake Co.
 - 2. Mary Patricia Yancey (b. 2-6-51) Wake Co.
 - 3. Sam Allen Yancey III (b. 2-24-52) Wake Co.
 - 4. Wayne Russum Yancey (b. 9-28-55) Wake Co.
 - 5. Rebecca Ruth Yancey (b. 10-4-59) Wake Co.
 - a. William Oscar Stephenson (b. 11-11-26) Granville, Co.
 - b. Emily Walton Stevens (b. 7-22-28) Wake Co.
 Married in Fuquay Springs Nov. 12, 1949
 - 1. Dan Clark Stephenson (b. 9-10-54) Wake Co.
 - a. Mary Elizabeth Stephenson (b. 11-30-29) Granville, Co.
 - b. William Henry Eakes Jr. (b. 1-2-28) Durham Co.
 Married in Fuquay Springs Nov. 21- 1952
 - 1. Beth Arlene Eakes (b. 12-21-58) Wake Co.
- V. Paul Lawrence Stephenson (b. 7-29-1902) Wake Co.
 Grace Gillis (b. 12-13-1913)
 Married in Dillon, S. C. March 28, 1931

- a. Elizabeth Ann Stephenson (Betsy) (b. 1-7-32) Wake Co.
Tom Callis (b. 12-25-30) Wake Co.
Married in Fuquay Springs April 12, 1952
 - b. Louise Frances Stephenson (b. 11-26-34) Wake Co. married
Larry Nical, York, Pa.
Married in Fuquay Springs July 5, 1959
 - c. Lena Maye Stephenson (b. 4-24-37) Wake Co.
Richard Lee Rothgeb, Fostoria, Ohio
Married in Fuquay Springs Oct. 24, 1958
 - d. Paul Laurence Stephenson (b. 12-6-39) Wake Co.
 - e. Mary Cynthia Stephenson (b. 1-25-42) Wake Co.
 - f. James David Stephenson (b. 5-10-44) Wake Co.
- VI. Mary Gladys Stephenson (b.11-27-1905) Wake Co.
Charles Algernon Davis (b. 8-1900)
Married in Fuquay Springs March 21, 1931
- a. Charles Algernon Davis Jr. (b. 2-27-37) Rockingham Co.
 - b. Faye Simmons
 - c. Mary Isadora Davis Gastonia, N. C.
Married in Draper, N. C. 1960
- VII. Joseph William Stephenson (b. 7-8-1909) Wake Co.
Eloise Powe (b. 4-20-1908) Society Hill, S. C.
Married in S. C. Dec. 26, 1925
- a. Joseph William Stephenson Jr. (b. 1-20-32) Wake Co.
 - b. Kathryn Jean Phillips (4-12-36) Hazleton, Pa.
Married in Maryland June 9, 1956
 - 1. Joseph William Stephenson III (b. 3-26-57) Princeton, N. J.
 - 2. Mary Jennifer Stephenson (b. 11-30-58) Hazleton, Pa.
 - 3. Philip Evans Stephenson (b. 9-6-60) Raleigh, N. C.
 - a. Oscar Powe Stephenson (b. 6-21-36) Wake Co.
 - b. Eleanor Nell Vanhook (b. 2-18-37) Wake Co.
Married in Fuquay Springs August 11, 1957
 - 1. Gordon Oscar Stephenson (b. 6-11-59) Wake Co.
 - a. Nancy Deborah Stephenson (b. 8-28-39) Wake Co.
 - b. Joe Addison Young (b. 1936) Midland, Texas
Married in Fuquay Springs Aug. 21, 1960
 - c. Jayne Grace Stephenson (b. 6-29-41) Wake Co.
- (Note) All addresses are North Carolina other than those so stated.
All People are living except those with two dates after their
names, July 1961.

Descendant of John William Maynard
(son of Esther Ann Avent and William Quinton Maynard)

John William Maynard was born 3-26-1872 in Wake County, North

Carolina and he died 6-30-1959 in Cheraw, South Carolina. He was married on 4-29-1902 in McBee, South Carolina, to Eva King, who was born 1-30-1882 in Cheraw, South Carolina, and died 10-16-1950 in Cheraw, South Carolina.

Children:

- I. Lou Esther Maynard b. 4-2-1906 in Cheraw, South Carolina, married 5-13-1926 in Gaffney, South Carolina, to John Howard Bennett Jr., who was b. 8-29-1906 in Clio, South Carolina.

Children:

1. Lou Esther Bennett b. 12-9-1928 in Cheraw, South Carolina, married 4-23-1949 to Harry Wayland Hiott Jr., who was b. 2-21-1925 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Children:

1. Harry Wayland Hiott b. 12-23-1950 in Greenville, South Carolina.
2. Sarah Elizabeth Hiott b. 9-16-1952 in North Wilkesboro, N. C.
3. Charles Bennett Hiott b. 1-8-1956 in Frankfort, Kentucky.
4. Thomas Jonathan Hiott b. 10-17-1957 in Florence, S. C.
2. Kate Howard Bennett b. 8-20-1931 at Clio, South Carolina, married 8-1-1959 in Cheraw, South Carolina, to Walter Joseph Vogel, who was b. 9-16-1930 at Akron, Ohio.
3. John Howard Bennett III b. 4-27-1934 at Clio, South Carolina married 10-6-1956 at Cheraw, South Carolina to Nancy Lee Overton, who was b. 9-9-1934 at Sumter, South Carolina.

Children:

1. John Howard Bennett IV was b. 11-30-1958 at Anderson S. C.
2. Andrew Overton Bennett was b. 7-15-1960 at Anderson, S. C.

- II. Ruth King Maynard born 12-16-1907 at Cheraw, South Carolina, married John Gilbert Sutton 2-9-1932 at New York City. John Sutton was born 7-30-1896 at Beaumont, Texas.

Children:

1. John Gilbert Sutton Jr. was b. 5-1-1935 at New York City.
2. William Maynard Sutton was b. 5-14-1938 at White Plains N. Y.

- III. John Quinton Maynard was b. 10-3-1910 at Cheraw, South Carolina.

- IV. Katherine Maynard born 5-28-1913 at Cheraw, South Carolina, married 9-1-1934 to Cornelius Arthur Venable, who was born 12-21-1904 at Cedar Town, Georgia, and who died 3-17-1951 at Wilkesboro, N. C.

Children:

1. Cornelius Arthur Venable b. 11-3-1937 at Greenville, S. C.
2. Wallace Gerald Venable b. 8-22-1939 at Charleston, S. C. married 11-30-1958 to Laura Sutjak, Cleveland, Ohio.

3. Katherine Maynard Venable b. 12-16-1941 at Charleston, S. C. married 4-16-1960 at Columbia, South Carolina to David Hardister from North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

V. Eva King Maynard was born 3-22-1915 at Cheraw, South Carolina, and died 3-17-1948 at Cheraw, South Carolina.

Maynard

- I. James Drew Maynard, Monticello, Florida, b. 6-21-1903 — South Carolina, married 7-1-1923 — Dillon, South Carolina to Elma Angeline Jones, daughter of Joe Cephus Jones and Ethel Cornelia Tew.

Children:

1. Jessie Cotten Maynard b. 4-6-1924 Wade, North Carolina married Lloyd Gilbert Strickland — Wade, North Carolina

Children:

1. Lloyd Gilbert Strickland Jr. b. 1-30-1946
2. Doris Jean Maynard b. 8-28-1926 Wade, North Carolina married Luther Edgar Ingram Jr.

Children:

1. Marsh Kelly Ingram b. 4-1-1954
2. Luther Edgar Ingram III b. 8-15-1960
3. Harriet Maynard b. 1-25-1932 Wade, North Carolina married Arnold Edward Gerch

Children:

1. Emily Gerch b. 11-14-1954 — Florida
2. Sally Gerch b. 4-24-1957 — Florida
3. Nancy Gerch b. 8-18-1960 — Texas

Maynard

John Gary Maynard, son of James P. Maynard and Eva Cotton Maynard
Date of Birth 6-21-1905 at Angelus, S. C.

Date of Marriage 7-31-1928 at Wade, N. C.

Wife — Grace Eveleen Lee

Date of Birth 1-19-1908 Wade, N. C.

Children:

1. Barbara Larue Maynard b. 4-9-1929 at Wade, N. C.
Married 7-2-1946 at Cheraw, S. C.
Husband — Griffin Jefferson Bryant b. 7-20-1928

Children:

1. Mary Ann Bryant b. 4-29-1947 at Bennettsville, S. C.
2. Patricia Grace Bryant b. 1-17-1954 Bennettsville, S. C.
3. Griffin Jefferson Bryant Jr. b. 1-29-1958 at Bennettsville, S. C.
4. Laura Lee Bryant b. 12-5-1960 at Bennettsville, S. C.
2. John Gary Maynard Jr.
married Sara Jean Mason 8-2-1958
b. 12-1-1939
no children

Margaret Maynard

Date of Birth 1-22-1916 at Wade, N. C.

Husband Edwin Collins Swartz

Date of Birth 7-23-1914 at Athens, Tenn.

Date of Marriage 7-10-1940 at Fairview, N. C.

Children:

1. Margaret Joanne Swartz
b. 3-28-1953 at Raleigh, N. C.
2. Eva Carolyn Swartz
b. 3-28-1953 at Raleigh, N. C.

The Children of: James Pettigrew Maynard (deceased) and Eva R. Cotton Maynard (deceased)

Children:

1. Emory W. Maynard (deceased)
2. Claudia Maynard (deceased)
3. James Drew Maynard
4. John Gary Maynard
5. Laura Bell Maynard b. 9-2-1907 at Darlington, S. C. Date of marriage — 2-10-1933. Place — Fayetteville, N. C. Husband — John Bryant Cole b. 6-3-1908 at Carthage, N. C.

Children:

1. Sara Ann Cole b. 8-7-1934 at Troy, N. C. Married Paul Burton b. 4-4-1927. Place — Flint Mich. Paul Richard Whitehead — was adopted 1946 by C. M. Burton.

Children:

1. Sara Amanda Burton b. 8-15-1953 Place — Fort Bragg, N. C.
2. Frank Richard Burton b. 8-27-1954
3. Linda Ann Burton b. 10-9-1957 Place — Richmond, Calif.
2. John Cotton Cole b. 12-25-1936 Place — Wade, N. C. Wife — Carole Joanne Johnson b. 1-9-1937 Providence, R. I. Date of Marriage — 12-3-1955

Child:

1. John Edward Cole b. 11-14-1956 Place: Balto, Md.
3. Kitty Lee Cole b. 10-10-1935 Place — Wade, N. C. Married Max Gardner McPhail b. 9-7-1928 Place — Godwin, N. C. Date of Marriage — 1-27-1951
4. Laura Sue Cole b. 9-2-1942 Place — Troy, N. C. Married Lawrence Joseph Miller b. 8-23-1938 Baltimore, Md. Date of Marriage — 5-28-1960 Place — Baltimore, Md.

Child:

Teresa Dianne Miller b. 6-9-1961

Child of Kitty Lee and Max G. McPhail: Laura Jinnerfer McPhail b. 9-15-1953

6. Eva Esther Maynard b. 10-11-1909 Wade, N. C. Married 12-27-

1934 Wade, N. C. Home wedding, Jesse Milton Keen b. 5-11-1899 at Four Oaks, N. C.

Children:

1. Mary Maynard Keen b. 9-26-1937 Four Oaks, N. C. Married 6-2-1958 Four Oaks, N. C. Baptist Church
2. Jessie Margaret Keen b. 6-2-1958 Fayetteville, N. C.
7. Benn Dixon Maynard married Ruby Ennis, daughter of J. H. Ennis from Harnet County, North Carolina
8. Sarah Margaret Maynard
9. Billie Belvin Maynard (deceased)

Maynard

I. Kate Clements Maynard b. 8-2-1886 in Wake Co. N. C. Date of Marriage — 12-18-1913 Place — Holly Springs, N. C. (by Rev. M. Hemphill)

Husband — John Lee Johnson b. 3-14-1877 Place — Wake Co., N. C. d. 4-5-1960 Place — Fuquay Springs, N. C.

Children:

1. Katie Lee Johnson b. 11-3-1914 Place — Wake Co. N. C. Date of marriage — 3-28-1942 Place — Fuquay Springs, N. C. Husband — Celtis Wayne Russum
2. Torrey Maynard Johnson b. 10-8-1918 Place — Wake Co., N. C. Wife — Alice Philips Date of marriage — 4-3-1942
3. Rowland Hill Johnson b. 3-23-1920 Place — Wake Co., N. C. Date of marriage, 7-27-1942. Wife — Ruth Broadwell

Children of Katie Lee Johnson and Celtis Wayne Russum:

1. Ella Wayne Russum b. 7-28-1943 Place — Raleigh, N. C.
2. Katherine Dell Russum b. 4-26-1946 Place — Raleigh, N. C.

Children of Torrey Maynard Johnson and Alice J. Philips:

1. Torry Maynard Johnson, Jr. b. 1-13-1946 Place — Raleigh, N. C.
 2. John Lee Johnson II b. 1-14-1949.
 3. Jane Philips Johnson b. 12-8-1904 Place — Fayetteville, N. C.
- Rowland Hill Johnson b. 3-23-1920. Wife — Ruth Broadwell Date of Marriage — 7-27-1942 Place — Camden, S. C.

Children:

1. Rowland Hill Johnson b. 7-9-1943 Place — Raleigh, N. C.
2. Lydia Ruth Johnson b. 4-1-1947 Place — Pinehurst, N. C.
3. Joseph Graham Johnson b. 10-28-1954 Place — Pinehurst, N. C.
4. Peter Maynard Johnson b. 7-23-1956.

II. Charles Cleveland Maynard b. 1884 d. 6-19-1961. Wife — Maye Sugg Maynard d. 8-12-1948

Children:

1. Jack Sugg Maynard married 11-1939 to Carolyn Hemphill.

Children:

1. Jack Sugg Maynard, Jr. b. 12-23-1940 Place — Columbia, S. C.
2. Melvin Hemphill Maynard b. 11-1943 Place — Columbia, S. C.
2. Mary Elizabeth Maynard married 5-25-1940 to J. Calvin Rivers.

Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Rivers b. 8-5-1941.
2. Carolyn McRae Rivers b. 10-17-1943.
3. J. Calvin Rivers, Jr. b. 7-12-1945.
4. Rebecca Maynard Rivers b. 7-19-1947.
5. Melinda Marshal Rivers b. 5-22-1949.

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At a council held in Edenton, North Carolina, 17th day of March A.D. 1740 (1741) were present:

His Excellency, the Governor
The Honorable (Will Smith
Nath Rice
Eleaz Allen
Math Roman
Edward Moseley
Roger Moore
James Murray
William Forbes)

Esquire Members of the Council:

John Avent 300 Bertie
Richard Moore 300 Bertie
Francis Parker 200 Edgecombe

Sundry Petitions for land.

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Thomas Avent land grant of (400 acres) 350 Bertie
(Copied from Buchanan family cemetery in Chatham Co. N. C., near
Avent's Ferry.)

Alfred Buchanan b. in Scotland 12-5-1796 — d. 11-5-1849.

Mary (Polly) Smith Buchanan b. in Scotland 2-14-1798 — d. 1-25-1838.

Henry E. Avent, b. 2-27-1829 d. 7-18-1901.

Mrs. L. M. Mansfield, b. 4-10-1838 d. 4-23-1898 (a daughter of Alfred
Buchanan)

Mr. W. Abner Mansfield b. 1-5- d. 5-6-1893.

Hilery S. Buchanan, b. 6-25-1839 d. 9-30-1905.

Ethelbert (Elbert) Buchanan, b. 8-31-1820 — d. 11-21-1878.

Nellie Buchanan, b. 12-23-1820 d. 4-22-1879.

Dr. Wesley Buchanan, b. 2-7-1819 d. 10-9-1882.

Date of Death Place
Her Father's name — Hillard Smith Buchanan
Her Mother's maiden name — Emma Adeline Lawrence

CHILDREN:

1. Daisy
When born — 4-21-1901 — Place — Chatham, N. C.
Present Address — Raleigh, 407 Jones St. N. C. — Married to Charles Bateman
2. Emma
When born — 10-23-1905 — Place — Chatham, N. C.
Present Address — Holly Springs, N. C. — Married to Ervin Hare
3. Katie
When born — 12-13-1911 — Place — Wake, N.C.
Present Address — Durham, N.C.
4. Louise
When born — 12-13-1916 — Place — Wake, N. C.
Present Address — Holly Springs, N. C.
5. Essie
Born 8-27-1897 at Chatham, N. C. Married to Mollie C. Robbins

HUSBAND

Name in Full — Mollie C. Robbins
Residence — Fuquay Springs
Date of Birth — 4-19-1895 — Place — Chatham Co.
Date of Marriage — 7-19-1924 — Place — Raleigh
Date of Death Place
His Father's name— James Robbins
His Mother's maiden name — Ida Stephens

WIFE

Maiden name in Full — Essie Francis Harrington
Residence — Fuquay Springs
Date of Birth — 8-20-1897 — Place — near Buckhorn
Date of Death Place
Her Father's name — Merriman Harrington
Her Mother's maiden name — Ella Buchanan

CHILDREN:

1. Jeanette Robbins
When born — 7-1925 — Place — New Hill, Wake, N. C.
2. Clarence Robbins
When born — 9-2-1931 — Place — New Hill, Wake, N. C.

COTTON

John Henry Cotten, b. 4-24-1884 Chatham Co. N. C. d. 1-3-1923 Corinth, N. C. Son of Wesley Cotton and Crissly Ausley. Married Susan Emma Buchanan b. 1-10-1866 Chatham Co. N. C.

Children:

1. Reece Cotton b. 12-15-1887 married Lena Jones
2. Emma A. Cotton, b. 9-26-1889 married Alpha Mims
3. James Wesley Cotton, b. 7-1891 married Hersey Rollins
4. Gladys Cotton, b. 7-18-1899 married Archie McDougald
5. Wittfield Cotton, b. 14-1895 married Bessie Stevens
6. Viola Betts Cotton, b. 7-13-1897 married H. M. Abernathy
7. Ethel Maggie, b. 8-12-1899 married Alton McLean
8. John Roy Cotton, b. 5-28-1901 married Volda Drake
9. Clara May Cotton, b. 8-12-1903 married J. L. Reynolds
10. James Henry Cotton, Jr., b. 4-30-1919 married Margie Marshall

Father: Robert Alonzo Cotten

Date of birth: 3-19-1908

Mother: Mabel Oswalt

Date of birth: 1-22-1911

Date of marriage: 10-5-1935

Names of children:

Mabel Oswalt Cotten, b. 7-7-1936

Robert Wesley Cotten, b. 11-22-1943

Michael Avent Cotten, b. 7-14-1945

Mable Oswalt Cotten married John Conway Watts, Date: 6-11-1955

Names of children:

Robert Bowman Watts, b. 7-27-1956

Evelyn Conway (Connie) Watts, b. 2-26-1958

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WILL OF WILLIAM BRADFORD

Jan. 31, 1684 — June 28, 1685

To son-in-law, William Polk and my daughter, Sabra Polk, all my lands and planta (plantations) (except my wife's dower therein) until my grandson, Nathaniel Polk, comes to the age of 21 years, and then that part of the land where I live being 275 acres to my grandson, and the remainder of the land where my son-in-law and my daughter Sabra now live, I lend them for life and at their death to my grandson James Polk. Should my grandson, Nathaniel Polk, die before he arrives at lawful age and without issue, I give to grandson, Robert Polk.

To wife, Sarah Bradford, to granddaughter, Bridget Polk, to granddaughter, Martha Polk, to granddaughter, Margaret Polk, to grandson, William Polk, to God daughter, Lea Savage.

Wife to have one third of balance of estate and son-in-law, William Polk, the other two thirds.

Abel Upshur and Nathaniel Bradford — exec.

Witnesses: Samuel Long, Henry Townsend, Jacob Lurton. In order of probate Nathaniel Polk, heir at law to testimony.

Nathaniel Bradford
Northampton County, Virginia Records

Nathaniel Bradford is the first of the name of whom anything can be learned. He was living in Northampton County, in 1658 in which year the first grant of land he received was dated.

- (1) 400 acres in Northampton County between Occahonnock Creek on the bay side adjoining the land of Henry Edwards October 10, 1658. It is probable that he came to Virginia in 1658 or shortly before.
- (2) The second grant dated September 26, 1664, was for 1400 acres in Accomac County (which had been formed out of the northern part of Northampton in 1663) on the Seaboard side adjoining a former division of land belonging to the said Bradford and the lands of Richard Kellum, John Jackson and Edward Revell. This land had belonged to Edward Scarborough and was assigned by him to Richard.
- (3) 400 acres in Accomac, adjoining the lands of James Jackson and Edward Revell and Nuscowamson Creek, October 9, 1667.
- (4) 400 acres in Northampton County, Va. in the woods near Matchapongo and adjoining the lands of William Rock and Bath: October 9, 1672.
- (5) 200 acres in Northampton at Matchapongo on the Seaboard side October 9, 1672.

It was to be seen that Nathaniel Bradford patented 3200 acres.

He married Alice Smith, daughter of Richard Smith as appears in a deed of sale to Henry Eldridge of 400 acres between Ochannock Creek and Mussatocks County, Nathaniel Bradford was referred to as a currier ye co'ty of Accomac. Another deed shows who Nathaniel's wife was. It was dated October 18, 1664 and is from Nathaniel Bradford of the county of Accomac "currier" for divers considerations, especially on account of his marriage with Alice, daughter of Richard Smith dec'd and to Nathaniel Jr. he gave (his heir) etc.

A judgment was granted William Bradford, planter against John Custis, etc.

Nathaniel Bradford married a second time because in November 18, 1690, Joan Bradford, relict of Nathaniel Bradford dec'd and William Bradford, his son and heir, were granted administration of the estate of Nathaniel Bradford dec'd.

Nathaniel Bradford, Jr. evidently died unmarried as Nathaniel Bradford in later years speaks of William Bradford as "son and sole heir."

William Bradford first made a name for himself when he conveyed to Samuel Beach 400 acres of land at Matchapongo, December 10, 1680, granted to his father by patent October 9, 1667, and which had sold, but died before the consummation of the deal.

In 1691 William Bradford was assessed with nine tithables.

On March 20, 1693, Mr. William Bradford was granted certificates for

the importation of six negroes that he might obtain a land grant. In 1691 he received land.

William Bradford married Bridget Fisher, daughter of Captain Fisher, Gent of Northampton Co.

Certificates and Rights (Nottingham)

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Certificates is this day granted unto Nathaniel Bradford for 400 acres of land due per rights underwritten.

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Certificates is granted to Nathaniel Bradford for 700 acres of land due per rights underwritten

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Certificates granted to Mr. William Bradford for 300 acres of land due per rights underwritten, he having made legale prooffe according to law.

March 20, 1693/4

(William Bradford, son of Nathaniel Bradford)

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Captain John Watts' Will

Jan. 1724 – April, 1726

“To son, John Watts, to son, William Watts, my island called Denn Island at Matto pony in Somerset County, containing 90 acres. Also, my island called Temp Island at Matto pony in Somerset County, Maryland, containing 725 acres. To daughter Esther Watts, my two tracts of land called Smithfield and Farloworth (containing 367 acres in the county of Somerset. To daughter Sarah Finney, to daughter Mary Selby, to daughter Jannet Narn, to son, John Kendall, negroes, for life. Reversion to Lemuel Kendall, heir of Tabitha Kendall as is recited on the back of a bill of sale endorsed by me to said Kendall. To grandson, Lemuel Kendall negro to be delivered to him at eighteen.

To son William, negro and liberty to get timber on my land at Wattees conveniency for building houses on Temp Island.

To daughter Elizabeth Colliers, beds and furniture to be divided between wife and children, Sarah Finney, John Watts, William Watts, Mary Selby, Janet Narn, and Ester Watts.

To wife, Priscilla, one third of all my lands and one third of personal estates not disposed of and the other two thirds to be divided between my above named children.”

Wife, exec. Richard Kitson and William Tazewell, overseers; witnesses:

Solomon Ewell, Comfort Ewell, Sarah Wallop, Charles Littleton, John Wallop.

codicil dated December 9, 1725

"I appoint my friend, Richard Kitson and my son-inlaw, John Kendall, assistant exms. until son, John, arrives at 20 years."

John Watts was one of the signers of the Address of Loyalty to King William and Queen Mary. John Watts of Accomack, Virginia, married as her second husband Priscilla (White) Layfield (quiet charming — was a twin) born 1677 and died 1730.

Will of Philip fisher of
Accomack County, Va.

In ye name of God, Amen, I Phylop fisher of Accomack County in Virginia being now of a sick and weake condition but of perfect memory blessed be God for the same but uncertain of my continuance in this world doe make and ordaine this my Last will and Testament in manner and forme following, first and princably, I commend my soule to the hands of Almighty God hoping for salvation only through the merritts and Intercession of Christ Jesus my Lord and Savioure and my body I comit to y earth to be decently buried at ye discretion of my executrix hereafter named and as touching my temporal Estate as it has pleased God to bestow on me I give and dispose of as followeth: first I will that my just debts be paid and discharged.

secondly I will that my son John Phisher shall have my gunn & no more of my Estate.

thirdly I give unto my wife's daughter Ann James a cow and heffer one pewter dish when she marryes.

fourthly, I give unto my daughter Mary Fisher one feather bed and furniture, bluish cullered curtains and Red Rugg with blankets and sheets also foure head of Cattle and a pewter dish when she come to age.

fifthly I give unto my daughter Elizabeth fisher one feather bed and blankets and boulster and foure head of cattel that is three cows and one steer and Mary the like Cattle and Elizabeth a pewter dish.

sixthly I give unto my sun phillip fisher foure head of Cattle and a hors colt when he comes to age att sixteen years old to be clear for himself

seventhly I give unto my sun Baily fisher foure head of Cattle and five sheep when he comes to age at sixteen yeares old to be clear for himselfe.

eightly I give all the remaining part of my estate to my wife Elizabeth fisher both goods and chattels of what nature or kind soever.

ninthly I doe ordain constitute and appoint my wife whole executrix of this my Last will and testament making voyd and of none effect all other will'

tenthly I will that all the above Cattle be given to my above to Children forthwith before they come to age that they to goe to be in my marsh untell the come to age and there increase.

Lastly I doe desire and apoint Robert Bumer William Lucus sener John Morris and John Johnson to be as trustees to the performance of this my Last will given under my hand and seale this seventeenth day of February 1706

Witness

John Morris

William W. Lucus
his mark

Philop fisher
this (Seale)
his
mark

The within Last will and Testament of Philop fisher was proved in open Cort of Accomack County by the oaths of John Morris and William Lucas which was ordered to be put upon the record.

June Ye 7th of 1709

Teste Robt Snead cl cur com.
Recorded June ye 27th, 1709
P. Robt Snead cl. cur com.
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"John Watts commissioned Sheriff
" " Jushie"

Virgiess SS)
Ye seal of
Ye collony)

"William the Third of the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.

To Edmund Scarburgh, George Nicholas Hack, Richard Bayley, Thomas Welburne Scarburgh, George Parker, Robert Hutchinson, Edward Moore, Robert Pitt, John Watts and Southy Littleton. Gents—Greetings—Know yee that we have assigned you and Everyone of you joyntly and Severally our Justices to keep our peace in the County of Accomack — and to keep and cause to be kept all ordinances Statutets of our Kingdome of England and Lawes of this our ancient and great colony and Dominion of Virginia made for the good of the Peace and for the conservation of Same and for the quiet Rule and Government of the people in all and every of the Articles thereof in the Said County according to the force forme and effect of the Same and to chastise and punish all persons offending against the forms of the said ordinances, statutes of the Kingdom

and laws of our colony, and Dominion or any of them in the County aforesaid.

Etc., etc., etc., for the rest of a very large page.

Fr. Nicholson, A Commissioner for Accomack Co.
E. Jenings

Captain William Polk

Among the most active patriotic participants in the American Revolution was Captain William Polk of Accomack Co., Va., whose home was on the seashore where he carried on a business of making salt, from seawater. Close by, he had a fine residence built of bricks brought from England.

Here, he was living, when the colonies threw off the yolk of England and war began. He raised a company of troops (of which he was made Captain) and with them did good service.

When the British ravaged the coast of Va. under Benedict Arnold, they burned his home and salt works and his wife barely escaped being captured.

Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution by
John Gwalthmey V 8 G 9 gives

William Polk, Accomack Va., Military record as Captain, March 25, 1777—Oath, July 30, 1777.

Wm. T. G. Polk (under date of 1875) in giving events of the Polk family in America said the Old Polk Bible, bound in leather and which showed that it had been wet many times (it was frequently hid in an old hollow tree) when it was hidden from the government forces, hunting for evidence of non-conformist actions, was burned when the Polk home was burned in 1746.

The records of old Manokin Church were lost before that.

William Polk, son of James Polk, was a ruling elder in Old Manokin Church at the same time his brother Benjamin was.

William died 1726.

Other Records:

John Polk, Sr., in 1680, Sept. 8, entered the ear marks of his cattle.

William Polk, son of Robert, Sr., petitioned the court, asking to be made guardian of William and Anne Polk, children of John, June 9, 1708.
Jan. 4, 1723

William Polk of Dorsett Co. Md, and province of Maryland, blacksmith and Pricilla his wife, made deed to John Caldwell of Somerset Co. Md., of two tracts of land. Friends Denial, 300 acres.

Recites the grants of the above, two tracts to Thomas Cox and Matthew Wallis and their kirkinmith? 200 pores.

Conveyance to John Polk, deceased That they descended to his son,

William Polk as heir-at-law to the said, John Polk; and that the grantor is the said son, William Polk. Both William and his wife seemed to have signed the deed.

1727, June 11, Pricilla Polk, executrix of William Polk, late of Dorchester Co. deceased.

1772, February 20. Will of Pricilla Pollock, proven April 5, 1773 names son, David and daughter Esther.

Another record gives John Polk's Sr., birth as 1659 or earlier.

Md. 1694 (will 1702) died 1708

William Polk's birth, probably 1695 — died 1726

Lived in Somerset Co. Md.

(May have moved to Kent Co. Del.)

Clayborne

William Clayborne of Virginia, was born Circa 1587, and is first noticed in June 1621, when the Virginia Company engaged him to go to Virginia as a surveyor with a salary of \$30 a year and a house. He probably received fees, also.

He came with Gov. Wyatt, 1621. In 1625, Gov. Yeardley appointed him Sec. of the colony and a member of the Council. He held the latter place in 1627 (Heming I, 1444).

In April 1652 Claiborne was restored to Secretary by the House of Burgesses.

In April 6, 1642, the King appointed him Treasurer of Virginia for life.

He fought in Indian wars and defeated them under King Candiak, near the present town of West Point, Virginia.

5000 acres were granted to him — they were described as running westerly to a point where Col. Clayborne landed the army under his command in 1644.

He was appointed justice of the Quorum of Accomac Co., February 1631-2. Was a Justice of York in 1633 and of Northumberland in 1653. He probably lived in the latter county; during his Contest with Maryland.

Will of William Clayborne, Jr.

Mention Sister Ursula, wife of William Gooch —

To Edward Ranand and his Sister Mary Ranand —

To Edward, to Clayborne Gooch

To Sister Ursula—and to William George—to Cousin Unie Coakes, to Lewis Johnson, to Henry Pigg and to Nicholas Soundlan.

Also to Cousin Thomas Clayborne and to friend George Clouch, to son,

William Clayborne and to daughter, Elizabeth Clayborne.
When son or daughter marries.

Witnesses: Richard Cass, William M. Codard, William Gough, Tabitha
Newell, Mary Clayborne.

29th day of March, 1677

Signed: William Berkely, Nathaniel Bacon, Philip Ludwell, Sec. Ralph
Wormeley

William Claiborne, decent from

I. Malcom, King of Scotland

1. Princess Beatrice, married Crinan, Lord of the Isles
(a) Maldred (grandson of Malcom, King of Scotland)

II. Ethebred II King of England married Lady Elgiva daughter of Thorad

1. Princess Elgiva, married Prince Aethred of Northumberland
(a) Aldigitha, granddaughter of Ethebred II King of England and
Lady Elgiva

A. Maldred married Aldigitha

1. Cospatrick Earl of Dunbar
2. Lady Gunilda md. Lord of Seton
3. Cospatrick de Curwen, Lord of Workington
4. Thomas de Curwen, Lord of Workington
5. Patrick de Curwen, Lord of Workington
6. Gilbert Curwen, Lord of Workington
7. Gilbert Curwen, Lord of Workington md. Edith Harrington
8. Gilbert Curwen, Lord of Workington
9. Gilbert Curwen, Lord of Workington md. Alice Lowther
10. William Curwen, Lord of Workington md. Margaret Croft
11. Christopher Curwen, Lord of Workington md. Elizabeth Huddleston
12. Sir Thomas Curwen, of Workington Hall md. Anne Lowther
13. Lady Elizabeth Curwen md. John Clyburne of Cleburne Hall
14. Thomas Clyburne of Cleburne Hall
15. Robert Cliburne of Cleburne Hall and Killerby md. Emma Kirkbride of Kirkbride
16. Edmund Cleburne of Cleburne Hall md. Anne Layton of Daleman
17. Richard Cleburne of Cleburne Hall and Killerby md. Eleanor Lancaster of Stockbridge
18. Edmund Cleburne of Cleburne Hall md. Grace Bellingham of Helsington
19. Sec. William Claiborne of "Romanoke" Va. md. 1.) Jane Buller of London 2.) Elizabeth Butler of Va.

Descent from Rolf, the Norseman

1. Rolf, the Norseman who conquered Normandy in the year 912 A.D.
2. William "Longsword", Duke of Normandy — died 943
3. Richard surnamed "The Fearless" Reigned in Normandy 50 years. died 996

William Claiborne

Descent from Bardolph, surnamed "The Good"

- I. Richard, reigned in Normandy thirty years, died 1026 A.D.
Richard's sister, Emma married in 1002 Aethelred the Saxon, King of England.
After his death she married the Danish King Cnut
- II. Richard, Duke of Normandy, wife Judith
 - a. Robert married Harlotta
 - b. William, the Conqueror (b. 1027) married Matilda
Children of William the Conqueror and Matilda
 1. Adele, 2. Robert, Duke of Normandy
 3. William II King of England
Henry I of England
Constance married Alan Fergeant, son of Hoel.
- III. Geoffrey, otherwise Galfridus, Duke of Brittany whose wife was Avicia sister of Richard, Duke of Normandy
Children of Geoffrey, otherwise Galfridus, whose wife was Avicia, sister of Richard, Duke of Normandy
 - a. Alan married Bertha
 1. Avicia married Hoel
 2. Conan, Duke of Brittany
 - b. Alen Niger
 - c. Alan Rufus
 - d. Geoffrey
 - e. Bodin
 - f. Geoffrey Ribald

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	Age		
Isaac Avent	26	John H. Lawrence	8
Temperance Avent	31	Thomas B. Lawrence	5
Theophilus Lawrence	44	Joseph, H. C. Lawrence	4
Mary G. Avent Lawrence	35	Mary B. Lawrence	2
Sarah A. Lawrence	13	Ester W. Avent	59
Adaline Lawrence	12	Eliza J. Avent	30
William Lawrence	11	Joseph Avent	19
Elizabeth Lawrence	10	Marshal Avent	4

William Lawrence	5	Sarah Ragland	25
Ann Lawrence	85	Thomas M. Ragland	2
Lucy Lawrence	84	Allen Maynard	35
Emily Buchanan	7 mos.	Martha (?) Maynard	35
Margaret Buchanan	30	Quinton Mayard	11
James Ragland	26	Gaston Maynard	7

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Mentions:	Age	James Avent	5
Aven Cotten	68	Leonides Avent	3
Wesley Cotten	29	Dr. Wesley Buchanan	38
Lucy Lawrence	60	Mary Buchanan	62
Henry Avent (Avent)	30	Hiliard Buchanan	30
Mary Avent	25	Addie Buchanan	22
William Avent	6	Elbert Buchanan	40

CLEGG

Isaac Clegg, son of Peter and Ann Clegg, was born in Wales in 1713. Thomas, their son, born March, 1767, was married to Bridget Polk in 1788 at Accomac, Virginia. (She was related to James K. Polk.) They moved from Virginia to North Carolina in 1789 and raised a large family of children, as follows:

1. William, b. 4-15-1789, left no children.
2. Esther Watts, b. 1791, married Avent in 1810.
3. John, b. 10-17-1792. Married in Georgia, visited North Carolina in 1848.
4. Isaac, b. 11-9-1794.
5. David, b. 9-26-1796, married Eliza Bynum.
6. Elizabeth, b. 10-19-1798.
7. Nathaniel, b. 4-5-1801.
8. Thomas, b. 5-19-1803.
9. Margaret, b. 5-2-1805. Married Carney Bynum.
10. Nancy, b. 9-22-1807. Married Jas. Guthrie.
11. Luther, b. 11-15-1809.
12. Baxter, b. 11-1811. (Methodist minister and teacher).
13. Mary, b. 10-8-1814.

The foregoing record was copied by G. W. Clegg, son of Nathaniel, from a small book found among his grandmother's papers after her death. This "George Washington Clegg" is the oldest living member of the Clegg family know (at least he was alive in Statesville, North Carolina a few years ago.) William Clegg, one of the Clegg descendants, whose father was name Isaac, lives in Greensboro, North Carolina. Another descendant, Joseph, son of John, lives in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and his son, Dr. Clevel and Clegg, noted for having made a valuable discovery in medicine. Other descendants live in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in San Antonio, Texas.

Many are still in Chatham County, North Carolina. The old home of the Clegg family after leaving Virginia or Maryland. (Later Major Clegg died in Statesville, North Carolina.)

Baxter Clegg married Temperance Collins of Warren County, North Carolina, moved to Louisiana in 1850 and had:

Oliver, b. 1840, d. 1858 — unmarried.

William, b. 4-4-1842, d. 11-22-1916.

Thomas, b. 1846, d. 1868 — unmarried.

Elizabeth, b. 1844, d. 1862 — unmarried.

Harriet, b. 1849, d. 1856.

Michael, b. 1843, d. 1843.

Margaret, b. 1851, d. in 1852.

John, b. 1852, d. 1908. (Married Miss Cage of Louisiana.)

Lula, b. 1854. Married A. G. Frers.

William Clegg married Mary Collins of Raleigh, North Carolina in March, 1867 and had:

William b. 8-17-1868, — married Helen E. Gifford of Louisville, Kentucky, d. 2-7-1913.

Baxter, b. 10-13-1869, married Louise Givens of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Charles Judson, b. 1-14-1871, d. 10-1892.

Collins, b. 1873, d. in infancy.

Maury, b. 12-28-1875.

Philip, b. 8-12-1881. Married Louise Wilson of New York.

Lula Clegg married A. G. Frere, of Franklin, Louisiana.

Frederick A., b. 1872. Miss Givens of Texas.

Baxter, b. 1874, died in 1874.

Emma, b. 1875, married Dell Kemper, Franklin, Louisiana

John, b. 1876 d. 1903

DEATHS

Thomas Clegg 10-23-1827, in Chatham County, North Carolina.

John P. Clegg 8-29-1854 in Arkansas.

David Clegg in Chatham County North Carolina, 4-1856.

Bridget Clegg 2-18-1859 in her 87th year.

Esther W. Avent 1-2-1858.

Carney Bynum 4-10-1877.

Thomas W. Clegg 4-21-1877.

Baxter Clegg 10-16-1884 at Lake Providence. Buried at Lafayette, Louisiana.

Jane Thompson Clegg, wife of Luther Clegg, 6-21-1855.

Luther Clegg 1-27-1894. Age 85 years.

Nathaniel Clegg 1-9-1872.

Extract from letter of Mary Bynum of Washington, D. C.

to

Mrs. L. B. Clegg of San Antonio, Texas.

You were asking about Peter Clegg. Well, he comes in this way. Peter Clegg and his wife Ann (so she wrote in the Bible. No sur-name, it was enough in those days simply to be a man's wife) had a son Isaac, b. 12-12-1713.

Isaac married a widow named Esther Watts Jacobs 6-19-1763. He d. 5-23-1784. Isaac's son was Thomas, b. 3-6-1767. Thomas married Bridget Polk, May, 1788 in Virginia. They moved to North Carolina, 12-22-1789. Thomas d. 10-23-1827.

Bridget was the daughter of Captain William and Sarah (or Sabra) Bradford Polk. She was b. 6-3-1772 and d. 2-18-1859. Their children were as follows:

William, b. 4-15-1789, died young.

Esther Watts, b. 2-23-1791.

John, b. 10-14-1792, d. in Arkansas.

Isaac, b. 11-9-1794.

David, b. 9-26-1796, married Eliza Bynum.

Elizabeth (Betsy as she was called), b. 10-19-1798.

Nathaniel, b. 4-5-1801.

Thomas Watts, b. 5-19-1803.

Margaret (Peggy) b. 5-2-1805. She married Carney Bynum.

Nancy, b. 9-22-1807.

Luther, b. 11-15-1809.

Baxter, b. 11-11-1811. Married Miss Collins.

All of these dates, with the exception of a few, came from the Family Bible of Luther Clegg's. Apparently Peter was an early member of the family in Virginia. There is one Peter Clegg (as it is written) mentioned in the following: "Page 68, Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia"

Isaac Clegg was in George Washington's army at the Surrender of Cornwallis at York Town. He didn't marry till he was nearly sixty years old and had only one son, Thomas.

Thomas Clegg had one son that was a preacher, Baxter Clegg, and four grandsons that were preachers. George C. Bynum, George W. Avent, Thomas W. Guthrie, and W. F. Clegg. Five great grandsons, I. N. Clegg, Jas. O. Guthrie, Ernest R. Clegg, Mark B. Clegg and James W. Clegg, and one great, great granddaughter who is a missionary in Japan Daughter of J. W. Clegg.

The following is from records given by Mrs. Luther Clegg (Laural) of San Antonio, Texas, in a letter to Mrs. John Caffery (Mary Frere) dated February 16, 1918, and is absolutely correct and acuthentic as far as it goes.

A William Polk came from England and married Priscilla Roberson. Their son, William Polk, married Sabra Bradford, and he was a Captain with Washington at Valley Forge. Lived at Accomac, Virginia. Their

daughter, Bridget Polk, married Thomas Clegg, and one of their sons, David Clegg, married Eliza Bunum, and their son, Luther Clegg, married Laura Smith, and their only child is a son named William now training in Camp near San Antonio, Texas. (Who married Agnes Terrell, San Antonio, Texas, 1926, and their son is William Carney Clegg II).

Data arranged by Mrs. John Caffery, Franklin, Louisiana.

Polk Ancestry of Leonidas Polk
by Dr. William M. Polk
1620-1826

The motto of the Pollack Family was "Boldly and Stoutly" (*audaciter et Strenue*) which was suggested by some feat of daring.

The coat of arms represents a wild boar pierced with an arrow.

The Polk forbears (also called Pollack, Polet, Pollet, Pollitt) represented in the reign of James VI of Scotland, and in England, James I, by one John Pollock — gentleman of some estate in Lanarhshire, not far from the small city of Glasgow — an uncompromising Presbyterian. He left his native land to join a new colony in Ireland. Little more is known of John Pollock than he had a son of trueblue Presbyterian principles and with a strenuous temper of his own equal to the Irish.

Robert Pollock, a son of John Pollock served as a subaltern officer in the regiment of Colonel Tasker, in the Parliamentary Army against Charles I and took an active part in the campaigns of Cromwell. He married Magdalen Tasker, widow of his friend and companion in arms, Colonel Porter, and one of the two daughters of Colonel Tasker, then Chancellor of Ireland of Bloom field Castle, on the River Dale. By this marriage, Pollock acquired the Estate of Moning or Moneen Hill in the barony of Ross, county of Donegal Ireland, of which his wife was heiress. Her older sister, Barbara, who was born in 1640, married John Keys, an English soldier, and their descendants own Bloomfield Castle (1893).

On the death of Cromwell, and the sucession of Charles II, Robert Pollock emigrated to America.

In 1659, he took ship at Londonderry and after a stormy voyage, during which one of his children died, he landed on the coast of Maryland in, the province of which Lord Baltimore was Sovereign Lord and Proprietor."

Soon after his emigration his surname began to be written, Polk, and it appears in that form in the will of his widow, Magdalen Polk.

Grants of land on the Eastern shore were given to Robert Pollock or Polk and to his sons on the Eastern shore of Maryland. A homestead patent under the name of "Polk's Folly" is still in the family.

Polk's Folly lies south of Fauquier Sound, opposite the mouth of Nanticoke and Wicomico Rivers. The old clock which was brought from Ireland by Robert Pollock stood in the hall of the dwelling house and his mahogany liquor case is still possessed among family relics.

Among the descendants of Robert Polk were Charles Polk, Governor of Delaware, Trusten, Polk, Governor of Missouri, U. S. Senator, and James K. Polk, Speaker of the House, and President of the United States of America.

From resume by Baltimore Sun.

Will of Magdalen Pollock (Polk)
Book of Wills — Hall of Records
Annapolis, Md. Liber 19-C.C. No. 2
1726-1730

In the name of God Amen, I Magdalen Pollock, being weak and sick in body, yet of perfect mind and memory, praise be allmighty God, make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth, First I give my soul unto hand of Allmighty God, hoping through the merrits of my Savior, Jesus Christ to receive full pardon of my sins, and my body to the earth from Whence it was taken to be buried in Christian Buriall at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter nominated.

Item — I give and bequeath a Tract of Land called Moaning lying in the kingdom of Ireland in the Barony of Rofe and County of Donegall in the Parrish of Leford unto my son Joseph Pollock and to his heirs of his body forever, with all the rest of my moveable Estate and him to be whole Executor of my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills and Testaments by me made Either by word or writing in Testamony hereof I sett my hand and Seal this day of April 1726.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Sight and presence of us.

Magdalen T Polk
(her mark)

David Polk
William Pollet
Magdalen Polet

At the foot of the foregoing will was written Viz, — “March 20th, 1727. Then came David Polk, William Pollett and Magdalen Pollett subscribing evidence to the within will who made oath upon it.”

Polk

John Polk, son of Robert Polk and Magdalen Polk, died between 10-8-1707, and 3-10-1708, for on the former date, he executed a deed to Alexander Hall and “Joanna his now wife”, joined him.

On the latter date, 3-10-1708, his brother William was applying for an appointment as guardian of John’s children.

John’s son, William, died comparatively young, for he was a minor needing care of a guardian in 1708, and eighteen years later, Priscilla Polk, executrix of William Polk, was prosecuting a suit to recover a debt — viz. In 1726

and so he must have died before he was 38.

The record of old Monie Church (Presbyterian) in Somerset Co. gives John Polk's first wife's name as Jane She was the mother of William, Anne, and John John died a week after birth — his mother dying the day before him.

John Polk was 26 years old when Lord Baltimore granted him Locust Hammock, so he was born about 1640. Magdalen Polk is said to have lived to be over ninety years old, dying at her homeplace "White Hall" in Somerset County, after 4-7-1728. She called herself Pollock but signed herself Polk.

Grants from Lord Baltimore:

Robert Polk — Polk's Lott, 50 acres in Somerset County, 3-7-1687.

Robert Polk — "Polk's Folly" 100 acres in Somerset County, 3-7-1687.

Robert Polk — (Jr) "Bally Hack" 200 acres in Somerset County, Marsh Ground, 11-8-1700.

Ephraim Polk — "Clonmell" 100 acres lying in Somerset County, 9-20-1700.

Ephraim Poalk — "Long Delay", 274 acres lying in Somerset County, 4-26-1705.

James Polk — "James Meadow" 200 acres in Somerset County, 6-1-1705.

Ephraim Poalk — "Chance" 200 acres lying in east side of Chesapeake Bay in Dorchester County, 5-27-1715.

John Pollock — "John's Venture" 200 acres in Dorchester County, 12-20-1741.

Ann Polk, a sister of William and John, married Francis Roberts and had two children, Edward and Priscilla Roberts who married their first cousins, William and Anne Polk, children of John.

Priscilla Polk, widow of William Polk married Clarbron, three months after William died (5-20-1727).

Captain William Polk's second wife was Priscilla, a cousin from Maryland (McDowell's-Polk family and Kinsmen)

Old Somerset

by William Clayton Torrence

Address of inhabitants of the county of Somerset, November 28th 1689 (of loyalty to King and Queen)

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William Polk is listed — also Robert Polk

The house of James Polk of Princess Anne Town was listed as a place where the gospel might be preached.

From lot No. 2, September 23, 1747, Somerset Court Judicials 1747-9, Colonel Levin Handy's manuscript account of Manokin Presbyterian Church recounts the above, adding Mr. Polk's house on lot No. 2 was the corner (S.E. corner) of Main Street and Water Street, Princess Anne Town, and why Mr. Tennent should preach there instead of the "Meeting House" which was then built and quite near, seems strange, but there was no explanation.

The first pastor of Manokin congregation in Somerset County was Thomas Wilson. His will was witnessed by six men of whom John Polke was one.

The year was September 4, 1700.

Maryland Calendar of Wills

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Somerset County

December 6, 1695

June 10, 1696

William Polke, one of Ast; to will of William Porter

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William Polk, one of the Testators to William Owens' will (March 27, 1698)
(John Polk and William Knox overseers)

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Will of William Polke (Excerpts) Dorchester County

November 25, 1725

February 21, 1726

To son, John, dwelling plantation tract now belonging to manner plantation conditionally — Eldest daughter, Jane and heirs, two tracts adjoining to "Lowbridge" and Polk's Folly. To youngest daughter Ann and heirs 50 acres of Dame Quarter Creek.

To wife extrix, use of lands to revert to wife and heirs.

Test. Francis Hayward, Jr.

John Oing (?) Sarah Samuels

Will of Magdalen Polke (Pollock) gave to son, Joseph and his heirs "Moning" in Kindom of Ireland, County Donegal, Parish of Leford.

Test. David, William Pollett, Magdalen Pollet

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James Jolk — ship carpenter Somerset County md.

Will — 8th November, 1726

11th May, 1727

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Will of Robert Polk, Dorchester County mentions sons, Thomas and Robert, brother Joseph, daughters five.

Robert Polk Maryland Calendar of Wills by Baldwin

Volume III Pg. 18 excerpts of will of Robert Polke (Polk) Somerset County

August 8th, 1702

June 5th, 1703

Wills to son, Robert and heirs, "Lawridge", "A part of Forlorn Hope", conveyed to testator of Augustine Standforth. To son, David and heirs, residue of "Forlorn Hope" and 400 acres of "Polk's Folly."

To wife, Magdalen, dwelling plantation and personality to pass to daughter, Martha at her decease.

To sons, Joseph, James, and Ehpraim, personalty.

To John and William 12 pence

Exs: wife, Magdalen, sons, David, Ephraim, and James

Testators: Robert Polk, Richard Whitey, Richard Knight, Mary English

Captain William Polk

Among the most active patriotic participants in the American Revolution was Captain William Polk of Accomac County, Virginia, whose home was on the seashore where he carried on a business of making salt from seawater. Close by, he had a fine residence built of bricks brought from England.

Here, he was living, when the colonies threw off the yoke of England and the war began. He raised a company of troops of which he was made captain and with them did good service.

When the British ravaged the coast of Virginia under Benedict Arnold, they burned his home and salt works and his wife barely escaped being captured.

Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution by John H. Gwatthmey Volume 8 and 9 gives William Polk, Accomac, Va. Military Record as Captain, March 25, 1777 – Oath, July 30, 1777

William T. G. Polk (under date of 1875) in giving events of the Polk family in America said the old Polk Bible, bound in leather and which showed that it had been wet many times (it was frequently hid in an old hollow tree) when it was hidden from government forces, hunting for evidence of non-conformist actions, was burned when the Polk home was burned in 1746.

The records of old Manokin Church were lost before that.

William Polk, son of James Polk, was a ruling elder of old Manokin Church at the same time his brother, Benjamin, was.

Other Records.

John Polk, Sr. in 1680, September 8, entered the ear marks of his cattle. William Polk, son of Robert, Sr., petitioned the Court, asking to be made guardian of William and Anne Polk, children of John, June 9, 1708.

January 4, 1723

William Polk, of Dorsett County, Maryland, and province of Maryland, blacksmith and Priscilla, his wife, made deed to John Caldwell of Somerset County, Maryland, of two tracts of land. Friends Denial, 300 acres. Recites the grants of the above, two tracts to Thomas Cox and Matthew Wallis and their kirkinmith, 200 acres. Conveyance to John Polk deceased that they descended to his son, William Polk as heir-at-law to the said John Polk; and that the granter is the said son, William Polk. Both William and his wife seemed to have signed the deed.

1727, June 11, Priscilla Polk, executrix of William Polk, late of Dorchester County, deceased.

1772, February 20

Will of Priscilla Pollock, proven April 5, 1773, names son, David, and daughter Esther.

Another record gives John Polk's Sr., birth as 1659 or earlier. He married 1694 (Will 1702) died 1708.

William Polk's birth, probably 1695 – died 1726. Lived in Somerset County, Maryland (may have moved to Kent County, Delaware).

I. Robert Polk (Sir Robert de Pollock) will in Annapolis, Maryland, as is that of his wife, Magdalen Tasker Porter (widow). He came to Maryland about 1672 (Polk family and kinsman, Pg. 742).

Children: (1) Robert, (2) David, (3) Martha, (4) Joseph, (5) Ephraim, (6) John, (7) William, (8) Anne.

II. John Polk married first Jane (record in Old Monie Church)

Children:

(1) William Polk b. 7-11-1695

(2) Anne Polk b. 1-27-1698

(3) John Polk b. 10-28-1700 died week after his birth

John, Sr. d. 1707, leaving widow, Joanne Knox Polk.

William Polk, son of John, Sr. married Priscilla Roberts, sister of his sister, Anne's husband.

Polk Family and Kinsmen by McDowell

Captain William Polk of Maryland d. 1835, married, Sabra Bradford
1-25-1764 Accomac, Virginia

Children:

1. Sally Polk, b. 3-13-1766

2. Margaret Polk (a doctor) b. 1-24-1768

3. Nathaniel Polk, b. 5-15-1770

4. Bridget Polk, b. 6-3-1772, moved to North Carolina

5. James Polk, b. 4-4-1774, moved to North Carolina

6. Jane Polk, b. 4-5-1776

7. Robert Polk, b. 6-2-1778

8. Martha Polk, b. 9-27-1780

9. Amelia Polk (Milly) b. 9-13-1782

10. William Polk, b. 7-5-1784

11. John Polk, b. 3-10-1786

Captain William Polk, a man of means had raised a company of soldiers at his own expense and defended the Eastern Shore of Virginia during the Revolution.

Benedict Arnold, when ravishing the Eastern Shore, burned Polk's salt

works as flourishing business in those days, and almost captured Polk's wife, Sabra, as she fled from the marauders.

William Polk's wife, who was Sabra Bradford, was a direct descendant of the original settler of Bradford's Neck, Virginia, Nathaniel Bradford.

THE POLK FAMILY

Andrew Jackson's letter from the Hermitage July 12, 1844 published in full in the pamphlet, contains the following passage regarding his familiar acquaintance with the Polks of Mecklenburg: "I knew all the old stock of Polks. Col. Thomas Polk, father of Col. William Polk, and Ezekiel Polk, grandfather of Col. James K. Polk.

They were all good 1776 Whigs. Old Col. Thomas Polk was the first mover of independence in Mecklenburg County. I am gratified then to be able to give my testimony to the Revolution services and patriotism of the Polk family, with many of whose members I have been intimate the greater part of my life. If there were any doubt as to Andrew Jackson's close association with leading members of the Polk family, it is quickly removed by the testimony of the distinguished physician, the late Dr. William Mecklenburg Polk, of New York City, father of the Hon. Frank L. Polk, former assistant Secretary of State under President Wilson. In his elaborate biography, in 2 volumes of General Leonidas Polk, he says of Col. William Polk: "As soon as he had returned to the South (after being relieved of his command at Valley Forge in 1778,) he engaged first in recruiting service and then in expeditions against the Tories and the British in South Carolina. It was during this service that he found himself associated with Andrew Jackson, and from this association sprang a friendship which lasted as long as the two lived.

Andrew Jackson was a soldier at the age of 13.

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The United States of America To The State of North Carolina Dr.
For Sundries furnished and Cash paid the Militia of

North Carolina Virginia and South Carolina as
Allow'd by the Auditors of Hillsboro District as
P Report N. 83 —

	N. Vos	Currency	Specie
3370 To John Avent	3366	35.13.4

(Report No. 83 is dated July 1783)

From: Accounts of United States with North Carolina
War of Revolution, Book C, page 103

Raleigh
October 27, 1950

signed
Christopher Crittenden
Director

The Confederate Record of Henry Evans Avent's enlistment is found on
pg. 34, Vol. 4, of Moore's Roster of North Carolina Troops.

Enlisted July 8, 1862, Chatham County, North Carolina
Company G, 63rd Reg., Sergeant

A prisoner at the close of the war, he received A Prison Parole. It reads as
follows:

"I, Henry Evans Avent, Sergeant, Company G 5th N. C. Cavalry Regt. of
the so-called Confederate States Army, captured at Avent's Ferry N. C.,
solely swear before Almighty God, sovereign Judge that I will not bear
Arms against the United States Government, not help, aid or assist directly
or indirectly, any person or persons in making war against same, until
regularly (blurred)
to any person information regarding(blurred)
detrimental to the same —

H. E. Avent
(grandfather Henry's handwriting)

Sworn and subscribed
Avent's Ferry, N. C.

April 1865

Herman J. Craft
Provost Marshal
Ind. Div. 14 A.C.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ACCOMAC CO. VA. (Nottingham Author)

Orders of the Court 1783-1784 pg. 6

Captain William Polk allowed for repairs, arms for militia
Thirteen shillings.

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Captain William Polk was an officer in militia of Virginia, (pg. 38) ac-
cording to Declaration of Wm. Elliot in his application for pension. p. 39

Declaration of John Harmon in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, that he served in Captain Polk's company. Captain William Polk (Capt. Accomac M.)
Cal. S. P. V. 2 305

Also pg. 243 in Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia Supplement. State Library, Department of Archives Virginia (E 263v8v8) Special report of the Department of Archives and Hist. 1912, H. J. Eckenrode, Archivist.

WAR OF SPANISH ALARM 1747-1748

Northampton Co., N. C.Regiment
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1. William Avent, Insign
 2. Corporals
 3. Seargents (exact spelling)
Militia Returns
Bladen Foot
1. John White
 2. Robert Baker
 3. John Fowler

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John Moore, Captain Read — Roanoke 95
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William Avent Insign and two corporals and four searjeants
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Northampton Foot (soldiers?)
Thomas Bradford
Willm Avent
Benj'm Williams
Ben Herring

Bobbie Rea McBane — Born 13 day, 9 month, year 1936, town Mebane,
County Alamance, N. C.

Husband

Name — Wilbur Winston Thomas
Residence — Chapel Hill, N. Carolina

Date of Birth — 11-29-1911 Place — Johnston County
Date of Marriage — 3-12-1937 Place — Richmond, Virginia
His Father's Name — Merriman Duncan Thomas
His Mother's Name — Nina Thomas

Wife

Name — Lena Scott Killebrew
Residence — Chapel Hill, N. C.
Date of Birth — 3-10-1914 Place — Edgecombe County
Her Father's name — William Henry Killebrew
Her Mother's name — Linda Best Cutchin

Children

Barbara Scott — Born 12 day, 12 month, 1737, Town, Durham, County —
Durham, State — N. C. — Present address, if living — R. D. — Chapel Hill
— P.). — Road

Husband

Name — Frank Bundy Bynum
Residence — Darlington, S. C.
Birth Place — Fayetteville, N. C.
His Father's name — John Bynum
His Mother's name — Mary Bynum

Wife

Name — E. Elva Harrington
Residence — Darlington, S. C.
Birth Place — Merry Oaks, N. C.
Her Father's name — Chas. C. Harrington
Her Mother's name — Mamie E. Lawrence

Children

M. Carolyn Bynum — Born — 15 Day, July 1928, Town — Darlington,
State — S. C.
F. Bundy Bynum — Born — April 21, 1931, Town Darlington, State — S. C.
Present Address, if living — Darlington, S. C.

Husband

Name — Chas. Hal Harrington
Residence — St. Pauls, N. C.
Birth Place — Merry Oaks, N. C.
His Father's name — Chas. C. Harrington
His Mother's name — Mamie C. Lawrence

Wife

Name — Irene Thomas
Residence — St. Pauls, N. C.
Birth Place — Broadway, N. C.

Her Mother's name — Barbara Thomas
Her Father's name — Henderson Thomas

Children

(2) Both dead

Husband

Name — Merriman Dungan Thomas
Residence — 441 S. Church St., Rocky Mt., N. C.
Birth — 6-13-1881 Place — Harnett Co.
Marriage — 11-2-1910 Place — Broadway, Lee Co. N. C.
His Father's name — Duncan Thomas
His Mother's name — Elizabeth Yarbon

Wife

Name — Nina Thomas
Residence — 441 S. Church St. Rocky Mt., N. C.
Birth — Sept. 5, 1889 Place — Moore County
Her Father's name — A. Patrick Thomas
Her Mother's name — Annie Avent

Children

Wilbur W. Thomas — Born — 11-29-1911, Town — Clayton, County — Johnston, State — N. C. — Present address, if living — Chapel Hill, N. C. Married to — Scottie Killebrew

Dwight E. Thomas — Born — 10-18-1914, Town — Broadway, County — Johnston, State — N. C. — Present address, if living — 441, S. Church St., Rocky Mt., N. C.

L. Patrick Thomas — Born — 1-15-1917, Town Sanford, County — Lee, State — N. C. Present address, if living — 441 S. Church St., Rocky Mt., N. C.

Angleine Frances Thomas — Born 4-10-1920, Town — Sanford, County — Lee, State — N. C. — Present address, if living — 441 S. Church St., Rocky Mt., North Carolina.

Infant, Baby boy — Born 7-9-1913, Town — Broadway, County — Lee, State — N. C. Died — 7-27-1913

AVENT-LAWRENCE

Name — Joseph A. Mims
Residence — Moncure, N. C.
Date of birth — 11-4-1864 Place — Merry Oaks, N. C.
Date of marriage — 11-1889 Place — Corinth, N. C.

Wife

Name — Cornelia Lawrence

Residence — Corinth, N. C.

Date of birth — Place — Corinth

Date of death — 5-10-1900 Place — Corinth

Her Father's name — Issac G. Lawrence

Her Mother's name — Betty Rollins Lawrence

Children

1. Morie Lee Mims b. 4-20-1891, Corinth, Chatham Co. N. C. Married Baldy S. Moore
2. Malcus Mims b. 3-15-1895 in Corinth, Chatham Co. N. C. d. 7-12-1919, buried in Bonsal, Chatham Co., N. C.
3. Harlowe Mims b. 9-25-1896 in Corinth, Chatham Co., N. C. Married Nora Parks
4. Mary Rose Mims b. 8-14-1898 in Corinth, Chatham Co., N. C. Married E. Gleen Parrish

Husband

Name in Full — Thomas Fred Cross

Residence — Corinth, N. C.

Date of Birth — 6-24-1875 Place — Corinth

Date of Marriage — 12-23-1903 Place — Corinth

His Father's name — W. H. Cross

His Mother's Maiden name — Mary Harrington

Wife

Husband name — T. F. Cross

Maiden name in Full — Alta Laurence Cross

Date of Birth — 5-3-1882 Place — Corinth

Her Father's name — Isaac Glover Laurence

Her Mother's Maiden name — Betty Rollins

Children

1. Audrey Cross Cousins b. 11-29-1905 in Corinth, Chatham Co. Married to W. C. Cousins
2. Lawrence Cross b. 4-28-1908 in Corinth, Chatham Co.
3. Zeffie Cross b. 9-20-1910 in Corinth, Chatham Co.
4. Clyde Cross b. 9-16-1912 in Corinth, Chatham Co.
5. I. G. Cross b. 11-15-1914 in Corinth, Chatham Co.
6. Betsy Rose Cross b. 3-22-1918 in Corinth, Chatham Co.
7. Mildred Cross b. 4-1921 in Corinth, Chatham Co.
8. Margaret Cross b. 7-6-1926 in Corinth, Chatham Co.

Husband

Name — Baldy S. Moore
Residence — Venice, California
Birth — 9-27- Place — Oxford, N. C.
Marriage — 10-6-1920 Place — New York City

Wife

Name — Moxie Lee Mims Moore
Residence — Venice, California
Birth — April 30, 1891 Place — Corinth N. C.
Her Father's name — Joseph A. Mims
Her Mother's name — Cornelia Lawrence Mims

Children

1. Helen Lawrence Moore b. 8-30-1921 in Durham, N. C., Durham Co.
2. B. S. Moore, Jr. b. 8-20-1925 in Venice Cal., L. A. Co., Calif.
3. Moxie Lee Moore b. 3-5-1929 in Venice Cal. L. A. Co., Calif.

Husband

Name — Harlowe Wordan Mims
Residence — Raleigh, N. C.
Birth — 9-15-1895 Place — Chatham Co.
Marriage — 9-15-1923 Place — Cary, N. C.
Number of times he married — once
His Father's name — Joseph Artemus Mims
His Mother's name — Cornelia Lawrence

Wife

Name — Nora Esther Park
Residence — Raleigh, N. C.
Birth — 2-18-1900 Place — White Plains, Surry Co.
Her Father's name — Robert Lee Pank
Her Mother's Maiden name — Martha Snead

Children

1. Cornelia Pank Mims b. 7-14-1924 in Raleigh, Wake Co.
2. Mary Helen Mims b. 2-15-1926 in Raleigh, Wake Co.
3. Kathyryne Mims b. 5-19-1929 in Raleigh, Wake Co.

Husband

Name — Adonas Ragland Rosser
Residence — Jonesboro, N. C.
Birth — 7-19-1866 Place — Chatham Co.
Marriage — 6-2-1907 Place — Goff
His Father's name — Thomas Carter Rosser
His Mother's name — Mary C. Ragland

Wife

Name — Raby Arletta Lawrence
Residence — Jonesboro, N. C.

Birth — 5-27-1879 Place — Chatham County
Her Father's name — John Henton Lawrence
Her Mother's name — Anna Rosa Marks

Children

1. Mary Rosa Rosser b. 5-4-1908 in Jonesboro, Lee Co. Married to Herbert L. Mann
2. Katie Lawrence Rosser b. 3-27-1910 in Jonesboro, Lee Co.
3. Mabel Dixie Rosser b. 5-14-1912 in Jonesboro, Lee Co.
4. Adonas Paul Rosser b. 4-28-1914 in Jonesboro, Lee Co.
5. Mary Lillian Rosser b. 7-27-1916 in Jonesboro, Lee Co.
6. Ruby Mildred Rosser b. 9-16-1918 in Jonesboro, Lee Co.

Descendants of Mary Lawrence

Charlie B. Harrington, son of F. Benjamin and Mary Harrington was married 1-7-1891 to Nannie A. Lawrence, daughter of F. Wm. and Bettie Lawrence.

Children:

1. George C. (b. 10-9-1891) — (d. 7-19-1919)
2. Zeb T. (b. 1-29-1895)
3. Mary A. (b. 8-25-1898)
4. Rupert L. (b. 7-16-1909)

Charlie Harrington, son of G. G. Harrington and Eliza Brown was b. 4-12-1873. He was married to Mamie E. Lawrence b. 12-23-1876 on 12-23-1896. Mamie was the daughter of William and Betty Mims Lawrence. Their resident was St. Paul's, North Carolina.

Children:

1. Elva Harrington (b. 9-19-1896) married Fred Bynum
2. Charles Hal Harrington (b. 8-3-1879) married Irma Thomas
3. Max Alexander Harrington (b. 8-26-1901) — (d. 10-23-1919)

Joseph Russel McDonald b. at High Point, N. C. married Irma Lawrence, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Mims Lawrence.

Children:

1. Hortense McDonald (b. 9-18-1915)
2. Frances McDonald (b. 6-18-1921)

William A. Lawrence b. 7-6-1840 was the son of Theophilus Lawrence and Mary Cross Mims, who was b. 5-18-1846 and d. 12-6-1912.

Children:

1. Nanie Lawrence (b. 5-18-1869) married Charlie Harrington
2. Ila Lawrence (b. 10-4-1873) married J. M. Craven, Burlington, N. C.
3. Ethel Mae Lawrence (b. 10-8-1871) — (d. 10-1872)
4. Mamie Lawrence (b. 12-22-1876) married Charlie C. Harrington, St. Pauls
5. Carl Lawrence (b. 4-14-1878) married Myrtle Yarborough, Hamlet, N. C.

6. Ollie Lawrence (b. 9-30-1881) married Carl Davis, Sanford, N. C.
7. Bertha Lawrence (b. 5-15-1885) married William L. Seaworth, Sanford, N. C.
8. Irma Lawrence (b. 5-29-1890) married J. R. McDonald, High Point, N. C.

Children:

1. Hortense McDonald (b. 9-18-1915)
 2. Frances McDonald (b. 6-18-1921)
- William A. Lawrence (d. 1-1-1917).

HENRY EVANS AVENT'S FAMILY

William A. Avent, b. 8-30-1854, d. 9-14-1945, oldest son of Henry Evans Avent and Mary Ann Elizabeth Buchanan, b. 11-7-1856, d. 3-14-1900.

1st Marriage — to this union was born eight children.

1. Cora Adelaide Avent (Ferrell)
2. Edward White Avent
3. Georgia Anna Avent (Carlton)
4. Early Henry Avent
5. Eula Avent (Allison)
6. Henry Lee Avent
7. Iola Cotten Avent (Ragland)
8. Jessie Esther Avent (Taylor)

2nd Marriage to Fannie Hurst King — No Children

3rd Marriage to Lona Upchurch Pendergrass

Children — Four were born to this union.

W. A. Avent's Family

Cora Avent Ferrell's Family

1. Olive Earle Ferrell — married Ronnie Adams
2. Ralph Alfred Ferrell
3. Mary Ann Elizabeth Ferrell, b. 9-2-1901, Durham, North Carolina
Married 8-17-1917 to John Wesley Daves (retired) b. 4-13-1891

Children:

1. Ruth Elizabeth Davies b. 4-19-1920, Durham N. C. Married 8-4-1914 First Baptist Church, High Point, N. C. to Lloyd W. Swink.

Children:

1. David b. 4-16-1948 High Point, N. C.
2. Susan, b. February in Charleston, South Carolina
2. Mary Helen Daves b. 3-6-1923 Durham, N. C. Married 1-1942 High Point, N. C. to Walter S. Hill, b. 3-27-1919.

Children:

1. Diane Marilyn, b. 3-12-1943 Durham, North Carolina
2. Nancy Jane, b. 3-19-1946
3. Jerry Walter, b. 6-4-1951, New York City
3. Kathryn Weston Daves, b. 2-19-1926 Durham, North Carolina

Married June to Joseph Church, Asheboro, N. C.

Children:

1. Rebecca, b. in High Point, North Carolina in November
2. Susan b. November in High Point, North Carolina

W. A. Avent's Family

1. Olive
 2. Joe
 3. Mary Davis
 4. Ralph
 5. Inez
- I. Cora Adeline Avent Ferrell (b. 4-12-1875) – (d. 12-24-1955)
Dallas Ezekiel Ferrell (b. 11-21-1872) – (d. 10-14-1951)
Children
- A. Olive Earle Ferrell, (b. 6-13-1899) married (6-2-1917) Conner Lester Adams (b. 4-22-1895) – (d. 5-16-1960. 5 Children, 8 living grandchildren
1. Virginia Olive Adams, (b. 5-26-1918) married (6-10-1949) George Patrick Tolen, (b. 8-18-1917) No children
 2. Ida Frances Adams, (b. 3-18-1922) married (1-12-1951) Paul Gregor Herig, Jr. (b. 1-14-1918)
Children: 2
Deborah Susan Herig – (b. 10-5-1951)
Elizabeth Poole Herig – (b. 12-27-1959)
 3. Dorothy Carolina Adams (b. 12-14-1926) married (1-1-1954) Meredith Royal Gilbert (b. 8-22-1912)
Children: 2
Muriel Elizabeth Gilbert – (b. 12-25-1954)
David Royal Gilbert – (b. 12-30-1959)
 4. Conner Lester Adams, Jr. (b. 12-15-1928) married (9-20-1946) Jacqueline Merle Proctor (b. 7-20-1929)
Children: 1
Brenda Elizabeth Adams – (b. 1-13-1948)
 5. Elizabeth Adeline Adams (b. 1-6-1931) married (12-19-1951) Walter Eugene Eakins (b. 11-2-1929)
Children: 3 living, 1 deceased
Olivia Rene Eakins – (b. 11-5-1953)
Walter Eugene Eakins – (b. 11-2-1954)
Constance Elizabeth Eakins – (b. 11-3-1956)
William Gregor Eakins – (b. 10-26-1958) – (d. 10-28-1958)
- B. Ralph Alfred Ferrell, (b. 2-27-1911) married (11-30-1939) Swannie Elizabeth Hunter, (b. 8-4-1912)
Children: 1
Swannie Evelyn Ferrell – (b. 6-1-1948)
- C. Alice Inex Ferrell, (b. 8-25-1912)
Paul Elton Champion (1st Husband) – (b.5-19-1914) – married (11-21-1937); Earl William Murrhee (2nd Husband) – (b. 5-20-1906) – married (6-20-1959)
Children: 1

Paul Inez Champion — (b. 5-4-1939)

D. Joe Ferrell's Address: 213 N. Queen Street, Durham, N. C.

Third Child of Cora Avent Ferrell

E. Mary Ann Elizabeth Ferrell, b. 9-2-1901, married 8-17-1917 to John Wesley Daves, by the Rev. C. E. Smith. John Wesley Daves was b. 4-13-1891 in Mecklenburg County, Va.

Children:

1. Ruth Elizabeth Ferrell, b. 4-19-1920, Durham, N. C., Married Lloyd W. Swink, Charleston, S. C., b.
2. Mary Helen Ferrell, b. 3-6-1923, Durham, N. C. Married 1-1-1942 to Walter S. Hill, b. 3-27-1919 in High Point N. C.
3. Kathryn Weston Ferrell, b. 2-19-1926, Durham, N. C., Married Joseph Church.

Children of the Lloyd Swinks

1. David Swink, b. 4-16-1948, High Point, N. C.
2. Susan Swink b. in Charleston, S. C.

Children of the Walter S. Hills'

1. Diane Marilyn Hill, b. 3-12-1943, Durham, N. C.
2. Nancy Jane Hill, b. 3-1-1946
3. Jerry Walter Hill, b. 6-4-1951, New York City

Children of the Joseph Churches'

1. Rebecca Church, b. High Point, N. C.
2. Susan Church, b. Nov. in High Point, N. C.

2nd Child of W. A. Avent, Sr.

II. Edward White Avent, b. 7-3-1880, d. 6-20-1943, married Margaret Exam Hamlet, b. 4-30-1885, d. 5-12-1948

Children — 9

A. Ruth Elizabeth Avent, b. 1904, married, Dwight Leeman McBane, b. 3-13-1900.

Children:

1. Margaret Nancy McBane, b. 4-16-1927, married William Lee Buchanan.
 1. Randell Lee Buchanan, b. 10-8-1952.
2. George Leeman McBane, b. 9-5-1930, married Audrey King, b. 8-18-1932.
3. Shirley McBane, b. 8-27-1933, married Arthur Weldon Holmes, Jr., b. 7-2-1931.

Children:

1. Gary Edwards Holmes, b. 9-23-1955
2. William Sidney Holmes, b. 11-12-1956
3. Cheryl Lynn Holmes, b. 6-30-1958
4. Bobbie Lea McBane, b. 9-13-1936, married John Kirkpatrick Clark, b. 1-4-1935

Children:

1. Teresa Lynn Clark, b. 3-17-1957
2. Kimberly Lee Clark, b. 1-24-1959
5. Belinda Kay McBane, b. 9-15-1946

B. Edward White Avent, Jr., b. 8-24-1906, married Annie Pauline Ray, b. 9-22-1906.

Children:

1. Edward White Avent III, b. 1-16-1933, married Elizabeth Blackard
2. Robert Ray Avent, b. 1-6-1935, married Johnsie Ann Sugg, b. 11-6-1935.

Child:

1. Robert Ray Avent, Jr. b. 5-12-1959.

C. Raymond Richard Avent, b. 11-12-1908, d. 5-1960 — Airplane Accident, married Goley Evelyn Marlette, b. 9-22-1915

Children:

1. Raymond Richard Avent, Jr., b. 11-16-1941
2. Linda Evelyn Avent, b. 6-27-1946

D. Clyde Brown Avent, b. 10-10-1910, d. 12- 12-....., married Effie Mae Stanley, b. 5-26-1916.

Children:

1. Don Brown Avent, b. 4-30-1943
2. Stanley Gray Avent, b. 4-17-1945

E. William Clayton Avent, b. 11-16-1912, married Rebecca Raye Finch, b. 8-20-1918

Children:

1. Della Jay Avent, b. 2-25-1952
2. William Randall Avent, b. 8-10-1956

F. Jesse Douglas Avent, b. 4-7-1919, married Alease Billie Coleman, b. 9-3-1919.

Child:

1. Michael Douglas Avent, b. 11-17-1939

G. Howard Foster Avent, b. 5-10-1921, married Eunice Carol Johnson, b. 10-27-1922

Children:

1. Susan Given Avent, b. 4-11-1948
2. Steven Foster Avent, b. 9-17-1955

H. Margaret Hazel Avent, b. 2-1-1923, married Mebane L. Hanford, b. 10-8-1913

Child:

1. Janis Hanford, b. 1-7-1952

I. Staley Allison Avent, b. 11-24-1925, married Janis Bendine Edward b. 5-22-1928

Child:

1. Mitchell Allison Avent, b. 8-13-1950

III. Georgia Avent, b. 10-2-1880, d. 11-30-1945, married Elvis Jasper Carlton, b. 11-10-1874, d. 3-10-1937

Children:

1. Roy Harland Carlton, b. 7-14-1898, d. 3-1957, married Maggie

Rogers, b. 1915, No children.

2. Ida Mae Carlton, b. 10-29-1900, married 9-2-1918 to Robert Alexander Hammond, Divorced 1942

Children:

1. Ernest Braxton Hammond, b. 6-25-1919
2. Wallace Reid Hammond, b. 6-18-1921, married Doris Herta Mommertz from Rivedesheim, Germany, b. 11-24-1924
3. Arthur Dewitt Carlton, b. 10-15-1902, married Lonie Cates

Children:

1. Henry Avent Carlton
4. Elma Elizabeth Carlton, b. 12-3-1906 married 1st James Luther King (deceased)

Children:

1. Annie Jane King (Jones) b. 4-17-1928
2. Andrew Wade King b. 6-27-1929
3. Marie Anthonette King, b. 1-29-1931 married 1st Lee Rawlens Hall married 2nd Clifton Ray Frederick

Child:

1. Leeland Wayne Hall (adopted by Frederick)
4. Carol Jean King (Adams) b. 3-1-1934
5. Elvis Jasper Carltofn, b. 1908, d. 1936
6. Henry Wade Carlton, b. 11-27-1912, married 1936 to Anna Durnigan

Children:

1. Henry Wade Carlton, Jr. b. 7-7-1937
2. Johnny Elvis Carlton, b. 4-1941
3. Tersa Carlton, b. 2-1946
7. Anna Rose Carlton, b. 6-21-1916, married 12-1937 to Rev. Leo Bridges

Children:

1. Joan Avent Bridges, b. 4-22-1946

IV. Child Wm A. Avent and Elizabeth (Cotton)

Early Henry Avent, b. Chatham Co., N. C. d. Durham, N. C. of Spanish influenza, married

Children:

1. Joseph Avent
2. A daughter
3. A daughter

Wife remarried — left the state

V. Child W. A. & Elizabeth Cotten

Eula C. Avent, b. 1885, d. 1931, married 1901, Henry Allison of Norfolk Va.

Children:

1. Beulah May Allison married Anthony Ceglas
1. Child: Ammie Lee Ceglas

VI. Henry Lee Avent, b. 2-7-1890 at Buies Creek, married 2-12-1909 1st Annie Ola King, b. 11-12-1889, d. 11-5-1912.

Child:

1. Roger Allison Avent, b. 5-29-1910, married Lois Morgan, Fuquay Springs, N. C.

Child:

Ola Avent, b. 6-21-1932.

2nd Marriage to Mamie Lillian Johnson, b. 3-12-1897.

Children:

1. Charles Henry Avent, b. 6-17-1926, married Helen Genette – No children
2. William Fleming Avent, b. 5-24-1931, married Jeanie Hansen

Children:

1. Lillian Ann Avent, b. 10-18-1953 in Alaska
2. Lisa Marie Avent, b. 4-13-1955, Chapel Hill N. C.
3. Judith Lee Avent, b. 12-23-1958, Chapel Hill N. C.

VII. Child of W. A. Avent and 1st wife, Mary Ann Elizabeth Cotten Iola Avent, b. 1-14-1893, married 1916 to J. Marvin Ragland

Child:

1. Elbert Ragland married Fay Stevenson, d. 1958

Child:

1. Sheila Stevenson

VIII. Child of W. A. Avent and 1st wife, Mary Ann Elizabeth Cotton, b. 11-7-1856, d. 4-14-1900

Child:

1. Jessie Esther Avent, b. 7-9-1895, Nurse in World War I in France, married 7-29-1919, Methodist Parsonage, Pittsboro, N. C. to James Harley Taylor, b. 9-26-1890

Children:

1. James Harley Taylor, Jr. b. 11-21-1920, married 8-1-1943 to Catherine Ledbetter, b. 8-20-1925

Children:

1. Linda Catherine Taylor, b. 7-17-1950
2. James Lawrence Taylor, b. 4-20-1950
3. Carolyn Marjeanne Taylor, b. 5-6-1957
4. Patricia Taylor, b. 4-1960
5. Janette Taylor, b. 4-5-1961
2. Edyth Elizabeth Taylor, b. 10-15-1923, married James Bizzell Darden, Clinton, N. C., b. 1-1-1929, Spent 32 months in Japanese prison during World War II

Children:

1. James Bizzell Darden, Jr., b. 9-28-1947
2. Steven Blaine Darden, b. 4-22-1951
3. William Ronald Darden, b. 9-3-1952
4. Denise Taylor Darden, b. 11-2-1953

3. Kenneth McNeill Taylor, twin to Edyth, b. 10-15-1923.
Married Dorcus Grey Stanley, b. 10-16-1923

Children:

1. Stephanie Barbour Taylor, b. 1-30-1952
2. Kenneth McNeill Taylor, Jr., b. 8-18-1954
3. Sarah Elizabeth Taylor, b. 5-7-1957
4. William Stanley Taylor, b. 12-.....-1960
4. Jane Louise Taylor, b. 7-4-1925, married Hugh Bryan Holcomb, Jr., b. 3-16-.....

Child:

1. Jeanette Ashby Holcomb, b. 12-13-1948
5. William Seymour Taylor, b. 11-22-1938

Children of W. A. Avent Sr. and 3rd Wife Lona Pendergast

- I. Bettie Gertrude Avent, b. 7-16-1908, married 11-5-1927, to Hoyle H. Carter, b. 8-3-1908

Children:

- a. Sandra Kay Carter, b. 3-11-1948
- b. John William Carter, b. 4-22-1944
- c. James Douglas Carter, b. 8-24-1934, married Nancy Lee Arnold
b. 6-23-1935

Children:

1. Roanie Lee Arnold, b. 12-24-1952
2. Jo Ann Arnold, b. 9-25-1957

- II. 2nd Child of W. A. Avent's 3rd Marriage to Lona Upchurch
Dallas Gaston Avent, b. 1-31-1910, married 11-18-1934 to Elsie Amelia
Baugh, b. 5-22-1912.

Children:

- a. Barbara Ann Avent, b. 9-22-1935 in Durahm, N. C., married 5-30-
1952 to Jack Davis.

Child:

1. David Jack Davis, b. 8-27-1958
- b. William Hubert Avent, b. 12-14-1937, Raleigh, N. C. enlisted in
Air Force 6-7-1955, Knoxville, Tenn.

- III. Ruby Wilson Avent, b. 4-17-1912, married Clair B. Rives, son of Charles
Rives and Sallie Avent Broughton, b. 12-8-1911, d. 7-8-1958

Children:

1. Lonnie Jeannette Rives, b. 12-2-1929, married 12-31-1946 to Ray-
mond Coolidge Ragsdale

Children:

1. Phillips Ray Ragsdale, b. 8-17-1948
2. Phylis Diane Ragsdale, b. 1-4-1950, Reidsville, N. C.
2. William Everette Rives, b. 10-2-1933, married Shirley Ann Wilson,
b. 10-2-1932

Children:

1. Gary Ann Rives, b. 6-16-1954
2. Christopher Douglas Rives, b. 8-28-1955. Died at birth.
3. Carolyn Elizabeth Rives, b. 12-9-1939, Raleigh, N. C. Married 8-12-1958 to Luther Thomas Jones
4. Patricia Anne Rives, b. 12-5-1947
5. James Michael Rives, b. 2-22-1954

IV. Rose Lillian Avent b. 2-8-1918. Married 1st Henry Allison. 2nd marriage Joe Hylman, b. 11-2-1915. Married 2-7-1946.

Children:

Susan Elaine Hylman, b. 9-1-1952 at Dayton, Ohio

AVENT-NASH

I. Leonides Hillery Avent b. 7-28-1857 married 3-23-1885 Lucy A. Nash, daughter of Joseph T. and Sallie Smith Nash, b. 2-19-1858.

Children:

1. Lillie b. 5-31-1884 married O. G. Weathers b. 11-1-1880.
2. Annie Lee Avent b. 10-29-1885 married J. C. Betts.
3. Lizzie Avent b. 6-13-1888 married J. W. Holt.
4. Emma Avent b. 6-3-1891 married Wade Nash.
5. Joseph Avent b. 4-15-1894 married Blanche Austin.
6. Mary Lee Avent b. 10-12-1896 married J. W. Stephenson.
7. Malcom Avent b. 10-1-1899 married Blanche Truelove

Lillie Francis Avent married Feb. 26, 1908. Otha Gray Weathers, son of James Iredell Jones Weathers.

Emma May Avent b. 6-3-1891 married 7-12-1912 to John Wade Nash b. 11-14-1880.

Children:

1. Bessie Lee Nash b. 6-19-1913 and d. 2-7-1917.
2. Thelma Nash b. 10-25-1914.
3. Lucy Ivine Nash b. 10-12-1916.
4. Mary Virginia b. 6-4-1919.
5. Stuart Avent Nash b. 11-1-1921.
6. Sallie Lee Nash b. 1-9-1924.
7. Margaret Nash b. 3-17-1928. } Twins
8. Wilma Nash b. 8-19-1928. }

Joseph Avent married 3-28-1922 to Blanche Austin b. 8-11-1931.

Children:

1. Beatrice Avent b. 5-27-1923
2. Marguerite Avent b. 6-17-1925.
3. Leonidas Avent b. 6-25-1927.
4. Charles Stewart Avent b. 6-25-1927. } Twins
5. Wilton Avent b. 3-26-1931.
6. Mary Sue b. 6-1-1933.

Malcom Avent married 12-18-1920 to Mary Blanche Truelove.

Children:

1. Louise Avent b. 9-20-1921.
2. Mary Frances Avent b. 2-3-1923.
3. Vi. Avent (?) b. 2-9-1927.
4. Park Avent b. 2-17-1923.
5. D. R. Avent b. 10-29-1927.
6. Josephine Avent 4-29-1930.
7. Henry Avent b. 4-10-1934.

BETTS

James Lee Betts b. 2-13-1909 married Alma Penny, Apex, N. C.

James Chestnut Betts b. 6-26-1883 married 3-29-1905 Annie Lee Avent

Children:

1. Blannie Betts b. 7-4-1906.
2. Lee Betts b. 2-13-1909.
3. Lonnie Betts b. 10-14-1910.
4. Cleron Betts b. 6-29-1915.
5. Doris Betts b. 7-2-1923.

Mary Lula Avent b. 10-12-1896 married 12-29-1919 to John Wade Stephenson b. 6-5-1895 at Holly Springs, N. C.

Children:

1. Agnes Stephenson b. 1-25-1921.
2. Hazel Stephenson b. 4-4-1922.
3. Lucy Stephenson b. 10-22-1929.

Lonnie J. Betts b. 10-14-1910 married 2-27-1931 to Vergie Lee Mann b. 12-27-1911, at Fuquay Springs, N. C.

Blannie Hawkins Betts b. 7-4-1906 married 2-7-1935 to Robert Ernest Davis b. 8-9-1896.

Cleron Titus Betts b. 6-28-1915 married 1-10-1936 to Corrine Tart who was b. 6-11-1919. They had one daughter Patricia Eleanor Tart.

ADDENDA

- Pg. 12, Col. Thomas Avent, d. 10-31-1757
- Pg. 27, Carlie Dawson Avent, b. 4-6-1880, d. 7-5-1880
Mamie Lee Avent, b. 8-1-1887, married Friday 10-13,-1922, at Durham, N. C.
Leslie Cleveland Parker, b. 6-4-1884 at Parkersburg, N. C. d. 12-5-1947. One
Child: Martha Anne Parker, b. Monday, 12-17-1923 at Baltimore, Md.
6. Louraine Blanche Avent, b. 4-18-1889, d. 8-5-1891
Willis Henry Thompson, Jr. — living
Elizabeth Avent Thompson d. 10-23-1934
Effie Florence Avent b. 11-20-1928
- Pg. 28, Mrs. Julia Deal Holder, Pg. 28, Joseph E. Sawyer d. 8-5-1948
- Pg. 30, Theophilus Lawrence married Mary Avent Children: 1. William Lawrence
2. Hettie Lawrence, married Theophilus Holland. Children: 1. John Holland
married Lillie V. Brown Children: Hubert, H. B. Mable, H. D. Flora Mae
(deceased) Ernestine and Marguerite.
3. Sarah Lawrence, married Tom Upchurch. Children: Tom married Mollie
Johnson, Joe married Johnson, sister of Mollie and daughters of William John-
son. Curtis married Repsie Cotton, daughter of Bennett D. Cotton.
- Pg. 30, Mary Cathern Avent b. 5-31-1898 married 5-31-1916 Hendrick Harvey Cole.
One child, Margaret Jennette, b. 10-15-1917, married 1st Edward Herman
Langston of Kinston. One son Edward H. Langston Jr. b. 7-14-1939 —
Adopted by his grandparents, later, but did not change name.
Margaret Cole Langston married 2nd. Henry Ottis Langdon of Benson, N. C.
Children: Helen Marie, b. 2-6-1943, Joyce Anne b. 2-21-1947, Donna
Teresa b. 11-25-1950. N. G. Avent d. 10-3-1939. Mary Addie McIver Avent
d. 2-26-1939.
- Pg. 36, Stephen Troy Roundy, b. 6-1-1948
- Pg. 36, Emma Maynard b. 1-26-1880, married 10-23-1898, Fred J. Saunders b. 10-27-18
d. 10-3-1944 Children: Emma Lee, Doris, Glenn, Wilma.
- Pg. 41, Margaret Joanne Swartz b. 12-10-1943
Leah Amanda Burton, b. 8-15-1953
- Pg. 45, J. H. Cotton, b. 4-2-1944
- Pg. 71, George C. b. 10-9-1892
- Pg. 72, Ruth Davies married, 1944
- Pg. 76, Earlie Henry Avent, b. 2-9-1882, d. 1918 Durham, N. C. married 2-10-1907
Tessie M. Ross. Children: 1. Joseph Wesley Avent, b. 2-17-1909, Durham,
N. C. married Alma May Snyder b. 2-10-1910, Bloomsdale, Ohio. Children:
William Martin Avent, b. 10-1934; Beverly Joan Avent, b. 5-20-1931 married
David Lloyd Passon, Bay Village, Ohio. 2. A daughter, born in Durham, N. C.
3. A child — not sure of its sex, born in Durham, N. C. The family moved
to Ohio, where the widow remarried.
- Pg. 21, Troy E. Jones, youngest son of James Henry Jones, d. 1955, age 80 and grand-
son of Sarah Jane Avent and Lucius Jones.

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