

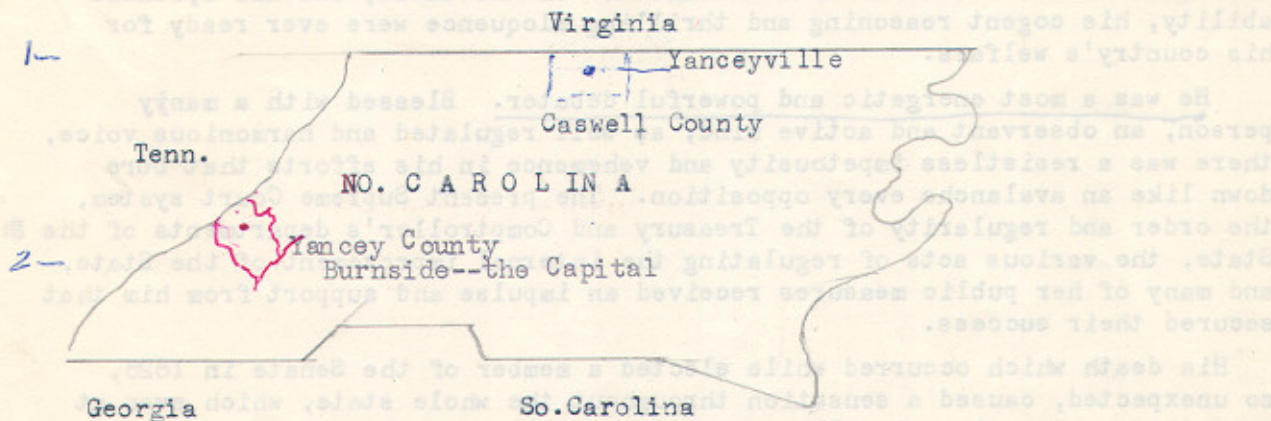
The History of "YANCEYVILLE"
From "Historical Sketches of No. Carolina, P.78
1584 - 1851

Caswell County was erected 1777, out of Orange County. It derives its name from Richard Caswell, first governor under the constitution etc.

Caswell C. is situated in the north western part of No. Carolina and forms a beautiful compact square, having the Virginia line on the North, Person County on the east; Alamanace and Orange on the South; and Rockingham Co., on the west.

The capital is Yanceyville, named in compliment to Bartlett Yancey, and distant from Raleigh 66 miles. Population in 1954: 1,391 - not index 12.161 d.
Population is 7,081 whites, 7,770 slaves, 418 free negroes, 12,181 fef. Population.
Produce, Wheat, Oats, Corn, Tobacco, Cotton and Wool.
Its Climate is salubrious and its lands are fertile. Its revolutionary history is connected with Orange County.

Few counties can present citizens whose services are entitled to more respect, and whose devotion to the welfare of the State was more sincere than Caswell.



The County seat of Caswell Co. is Yanceyville; and this is associated, too, with the name of Bartlett Yancey. His character was one of which his country and state may well be proud, and which deserves to be cherished by every citizen. Tho many of us who have associated with and known this distinguished individual and therefore, are too near the Colssus to admire its perfect proportions, yet he was a man worthy of Rome in Rome's best days. Raised by his own energies and exertions to a rank high among his fellow-men, with a mind if not naturally overpowering, yet cultivated by education, with a person and manners "to win golden opinions from all sorts of men", his name deserves to be embalmed by the capital of the country in which he lived, by the people whom he served, and among whom he died.

The record of his native State has carried this feeling still farther, and named one of the most beautiful of her trans-montane (transmigrate) counties after this distinguished patriot. It will be for some pen more intimately acquainted with his private life, to give to the country the early account of this worthy citizen. The writer of this only knew him in the later periods of his public career.

He was educated at the University of No. Carolina and was for a time, it is believed, a tutor in that institution. His first appearance in politics was in 1813. as a member of Congress, where he served four years. In 1817 he was Senator from Caswell County and succeeded, as Speaker of that body Hon. John Branch, when the latter was elected Governor. From that period until his death, in 1828, he was a member of the senate, and speaker with little or no intermission.

Such was his unbounded popularity, that a manuscript sketch of this gentlemen by Mr. McQueen states that when a candidate for Congress he received every vote but one in Caswell County. As a lawyer, he had but few equals and no superiors. But it chiefly while presiding as Speaker, for a series of years, of a body that was graced

by many of the proudest intellectual ornaments of the state and agitated by some of the most important questions of the day, that the superiority of Mr. Yancey consisted. Early was this talent developed that while a member of the House of Representatives in Congress, the speaker, Mr. Clay, as will appear by reference to the Journals, often supplied his place by the substitution of Mr. Yancey; and he did not suffer by the comparison with that distinguished gentleman, who, as speaker, still stands unrivaled. Combining with great energy and quickness, and astuteness of mind, his bland and elegant manners rendered him practically fitted for this station.

The duties of this position necessarily excluded him from active participation in discussions on the floor, but whenever occasion called for it, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and his splendid ability, his cogent reasoning and thrilling eloquence were ever ready for his country's welfare.

He was a most energetic and powerful debater. Blessed with a manly person, an observant and active mind, a well regulated and harmonious voice, there was a resistless impetuosity and vehemence in his efforts that bore down like an avalanche every opposition. The present Supreme Court system, the order and regularity of the Treasury and Comptroller's departments of the State, the various acts of regulating the internal improvement of the State, and many of her public measures received an impulse and support from him that secured their success.

His death which occurred while elected a member of the Senate in 1828, so unexpected, caused a sensation throughout the whole state, which even at this distant day, is painfully remembered. All eyes had been turned to him as the appropriate successor to Gov. Branch in the Senate of the United States. Of such a son, Caswell may well be proud.

Park copied re Bartlett and T.B. Yancey 17 Feb 64

MRS. EVELYN PATE
Box 427
Burnsville, N. C.



Miss Alice Yancey
Blackfoot, Route #1
Idaho

21 April 1959

County Recorder, Yancey Co.
Burnsville, No. Car.

Dear Sir:

In checking a map of No. Carolina, find there is a Yancey County and am interested in learning something of the history of this county--how it came to have this name, etc. Do you have any such record there of the County or do you know where I could obtain it.

Also are there many people by the name of Yancey living there in Burnsville? I would like very much to obtain an address of some Yancey living there.

We are trying to make a connection with one of the four Yancey brothers (Charles, Joel, William and Robert) who came to America from Wales with Sir. William Berkeley in 1642 and settled in the James River Section of Virginia. My great grand-father was a Hiram Yancey, born in 1832 in Marion, Williamson Co., Illinois, and we have reason to believe that all of the Yanceys are descendants of these four, and possibly five Yancey brothers. Therefore am trying to find all the information I can about the name "Yancey" or of people by that name. Will appreciate very much any information you can give me, that I might follow up. A stamped and addressed envelope is inclosed.

Sincerely Yours

Alice Yancey
(Miss) Alice Yancey

We only have 1 person on the tax records in this county by the name of Yancey: Howard B. Yancey, 425 Thomas Trail, Box 1312, Gastonia, N. C. I do know there are some Yancey's families that live in McDowell County, which adjoins Yancey, But I do not know their given names or addresses. I feel sure that if you would write to the Register of Deeds, McDowell County, Marion, N. C. that they could secure some of the names and addresses. I am enclosing a folder on Burnsville & Yancey County that will give you a small bit of Yancey County history.

*ed Thanks sent
6 May 59*

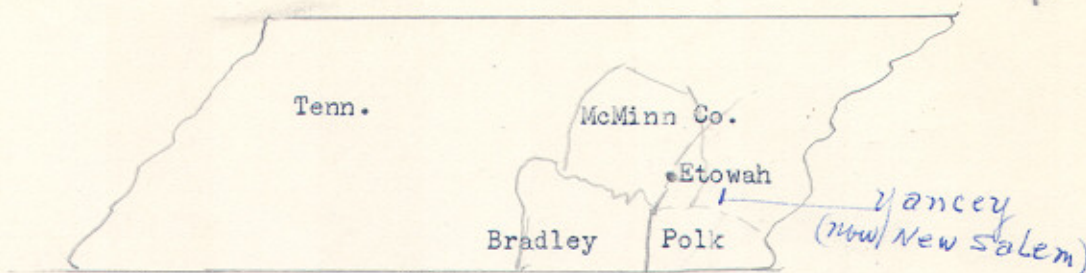
*Evelyn Pate
Register of Deeds*

April 1957

Checked book of Maps in LA Library.

In Map names of Tenn. found a town by name of Yancey listed as Rural town in McMinn County,--no post office, but mailing address of Etowah, Tenn.

Wrote Postmaster at Etowah, Tenn to see if he had any information re. Yanceys living in rural town of Yancey. See his letter--No. A2-35 in Corres. file.



Quote from Letter A2-35:

"The old Yancey settlement was located about 4 miles south of Etowah but the section is now known as NEW SALEM. There was a school that I believe was named the "Yancey School" but was later named the "New Salem School" and at present (June 1957) is being used as a Church Building.

.....I have contacted the people living in this section that I thot might help. All they seem to know is that the section once went under the Yancey name. None of them remember any person by the name of Yancey. I have been unable to contact the one man who may be able to help . . . "

Roy D. Bolsclaw

Postmaster--Etowah, Tenn.

I N D E X

Inf. re. Library Books w/Yancey Information:

(Page 1) Gen. & Historical Notes on Culpepper Co., Va. --by Raleigh Travers Green
& 2. (embracing a rev. & enlarged ed. of Dr. Philip Slaughter's Hist.
of St. Marks Parish, etc.)

Page 3: BOOK of Wm. & Mary Quarterly: College
Vol. 17, P. 224. Pub. by Wm. and Mary Quarterly, Williamsburg, Va.

Page 4: Historical Sketches of No. Car. 1634 thru 1681
by John Wheeler, P. 77 & 79.

Page 5: Same book by John Wheeler, P. 78

Page 6: Historical-- Virginia Historical Magazine,
Vol. 23 "Yanceys in the Revolution"

Page 7: Wm. and Mary Quarterly (2nd series) Vol. 7
The Yancey Family, p. 179

Page 8: BOOK: History of Louisa Co., Va. by M.H. Harris, LA Libr.
& 9 A Hist. Louisa Co.... STONEMAN'S RAID 1863--ps. 96, 97 & 98

Page 10: SAME: Hist. Louisa Co.. Pages 116, and others
Chap. Heading: Highways and Homes --- Yanceyville

Page 11: SAME: Hist. Louisa Co., Pages 11 and 12
Gives history of Robert Yancey Son of Col.
Stephen Yancey of Louisa (Book has Picture)

Page 13: SAME: Hist. of Louisa Co. The Kimbrough Family

Page 14: SAME: Hist. of Louisa Co. The Yancey Family. This just gives some Y
names--Robt. Y. data, etc. Bertha Had copied too
(Yanceyville)

Page 15: BOOK: Albermarle County in Virginia
by Rev. Edgar Woods History of Albermarle
mentions the Yancey Mills

Page 16: BOOK: William & Mary Quarterly; Vol. 6, 2nd Series

Page 17: Pages 148 & 149 SHEPARD & other Buckingham Families
by William Shepard. Y. Fam. mentioned

Page 19: BOOK: "A list of Places included in 19th Century Virginia Directories."
Edited, Ray O. Hummel, Jr.
Gives Yancey, Yanceyville and Yancey Mills

Page 18: BOOK Wm. & Mary Quarterly, Vol 7, 2nd Series
P. 179, gives some Y. history--same in Carraway, re Nanney

Page 20: BOOK: Men of Mark of Virginis
by Tyler; Page 434, 435 & 436: ROBERT DAVID YANCEY
Book has good Picture of this Robt. Y.

(Copy to T.Y. Feb. 9, 1968.)

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BOOK: "A List of Places Included in 19th Century Virginia Directories."

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Edited by Ray O. Hummel, Jr.

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- p.137 Yancey (Rockingham) 1884-85 PO--VSG (This town appears only in
list of post offices.)
Yancey' Mills (Albermarle) 1877-78; VSG (This town appeared for the
first time included in list of pr.farmers.)
Yanceyville (Louisa) 1577-78 VSG; (This town appeared for the first
time included in the list of princip.farmers)

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Book: Genealogical Historical Notes on Culpepper Co., Va.
(embracing a revised and enlarged ed. of Dr. Philip
Slaughters Hist. St. Marks. Psh. etc.)

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THE YANCEY FAMILY.

The first trace we have of this family is that four Welchmen, Charles, William, Joel and Robert Yancey, who came to Virginia, in 1642, with Sir Wm. Berkley, afterwards Governor, and settled in the James River region and prospered. From one of the original four was descended Lewis Davis Yancey, who settled in Culpeper county about 1710; married Mildred, daughter of Charles Kavanaugh, of Irish parentage, who owned a large land estate of 40,000 acres in said county. This tract extended westward and above the Beverly line up Muddy Run to Judge Field's Mills, across by Poor Town to Gibson's Mill on Mountain Run. A portion of this land he bequeathed to his daughter Mildred, which portion has never been out of the Yancey family, and is still owned by Benjamin M. Yancey, a great grandson of Lewis Davis and by Jas. Wm. Yancey, a great great grandson. Lewis Davis lived and was buried on the estate of the latter, "Arlington." From the "Crawford Book" we have, "John Yancey came from Wales about the middle of the 17th century;" then there must have been another brother.

Ch. of John Yancey: 1. Charles m. Mlle. Dumas, 2. Leighton moved to Rockingham county, 3. Bartlett to N. C.

Charles m. Mlle. Dumas. Ch: 1. Capt Charles (1741, 1841) of Louisa county, m. Mary Crawford; 2. Rev. Robert (was ordained by the Bishop of London at his palace in Fulham in Middlesex, 25th July, 1768 as an Episcopal Priest, there being no Bishop in this country under the colonial Government. On his return from England he accepted the Parishes of Tillotston and Trinity in his native country, 1774. He was the first who preached in that section of the country the doctrine of universal redemption.) He married Ann Crawford, dau. of David Crawford.

Ch. of Capt. Chas. and Mary Crawford Yancey: 1. Ann, 2. Elizabeth m. Jos. Kimbrough, 3. Unity, 4. Louisa Temperance, 5. Robert, 6. Mary, 7. Rhoda m. Rev. Wm. Crawford, 8. Joel Crawford, 9. David, 10. Wm. Crawford.

Ch. of Jos. Kimbrough and Elizabeth Yancey: 1. Dr. Wm. 2. Unity m. Col. Edmund Pendleton, 3. Sarah m. Peter S. Barrett, 4. Maria D. m. Bickerton Winston, removed to Ky., 5. Capt. Chas. Y. m. Mary P. Honeyman, 6. Elizabeth m. Dr. L. M. Ligm, 7. Susan H. m. Robt. H. Anderson.

Ch. of Rev. Robert and Ann Crawford Yancey: 1. Betsey 1775, 2. Charles 1776-1857.

Maj. Charles, son of Rev. Robert and Ann Yancey, born 1770 in Trinity Parish, Louisa county, Va., removed to Buckingham county. He was known throughout the State as the "Wheel Horse of Democracy," and also had the sobriquet of "Duke of Buckingham." He married Nancy Spencer and had 1. Mary Chambers m. Col. John Horsley, of Nelson county, 2. Francis Westbrook, 3. Elizabeth Ann m. 1st. Robt. Williams, of N. Y., 2nd. Richard Morris of Gloucester, Va.

Lewis Davis Yancey, a son of one of the original four, as stated above m. Mildred Kavanaugh and had nine children, John, Richard, Charles, Philip, Robert, James, Lewis, Nancy, and another daughter.

1. John settled in Rockingham county, ch: 1. Layton (was Lieut in "First Continental Dragoons in Revolutionary War") m. Fanny Lewis, 2. Ludwell, 3. John, 4. Fanny, 5. Polly.

Ch. of Layton and Fanny Lewis Yancey are 1. Layton, 2. Col. Wm. Burbridge, 3. Charles, 4. John, 5. Albert, 6. Thomas, 7. Fannie, 8. Clarissa, 9. Maria, and 10. Louisa.

Col. Wm. Burbridge m. 1st. Mary Smith, 2nd. Mary Gibbons, ch. 1. Diana

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Book: P.82 Genealogical Historical Notes on Culpepper Co.; Va.
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Smith m. Geo. Oliver Conrad (Harrisonburg), 2. Capt. Thomas L. m. Margaret Newman, 3. Edward S. m. Fannie Mauzy, 4. Wm. Burbridge, (Capt. of Peaked Mountain Greys, Civil war,) m. Victoria Winsborough, 5. Chas. Albert m. Julia Morrison, of Cumberland, Md., 6. Mary Frances, 7. Margaret J. m. Jos. N. Mauzy, 8. Dr. Layton B. m. Virginia Hopkins, (McGaheysville, Va.), 9. John Gibbons m. Bennett Bradley, (Harrisonburg).

Ch. of Chas. (son of Layton), and Lucinda Moyers, 1. Charles, 2. Elizabeth m. Hudson, 3. Ann m. Thos. K. Hamsberger, 4. Columbia, 5. Fountain Taliaferro.

Fannie (Layton,) m. Wm. Price (Standardsville); Clarissa (Layton) m. Wm. Rhodes (Albemarle Co); Maria (Layton) m. Grans; Louisa (Layton) m. Thos. Garth.

II. Richard (Lewis Davis), ch. 1. Henry, 2. Elizabeth m. Mr. Story, 3. Judith m. Daniel Field, 4. Agatha m. Benj. Pendleton.

III. Charles (Lewis Davis) m. Miss Powers (1740) of Eastern Va., ch: 1. Kesia m. Geo. Freeman (Ky.), 2. Ann m. Geo. Doggett, (N. C.), 3. William m. Miss Stone, 4. Thomas m. Sarah Mitchell, 1799, 5. Charles, major, 1774-1849, m. Susan Mitchell, 6. Jas.

Ch. of Thomas and Sarah (Mitchell) Yancey m. 1800. 1. Charles 1801-1867 m. Miss Withers and removed to Tennessee; 2. John William 1803-1894, m. 1834 Jane Terrell, ch: Wm. T., m. Nannie Stevenson, ch. William; 3. Elizabeth 1806-1841 m. Wm. Wigginton, ch. Sallie, Edmonia m. Henry Field, Benjamin m. ——— removed to Missouri; Susan E., 4. James Powers 1804-1884 m. 1845, Mary Coons, and had Jas. Wm., m. Florence Miller, ch. Ethel, James and Wm. 5. Benjamin b. 1809 m. 1839 Catherine Banks, dau. of Dr. Wm. Tunstall Banks, of Madison C. H., 6. Kesia Ann (1812-1881) m. Edward Lightfoot, 7. Susan.

Ch. of Benj. Mitchell Yancey and Catherine (Banks Yancey).

1. Pamela Somerville m. Capt. Joseph D. Brown, ch: 1. Mary Catherine m. Rufus T. Carpenter, and had Stacy Harris, Joseph Daniel, Ellie Florence, Frank Hill and Leslie Pamela. 2. Lily Banks m. Thomas M. Henry, Atty. at Pittsburg, and had Lucy Maxwell, Pamela Brown, 3. Josephene m. J. Benj. Flippen, (Cumberland Co.) and had Sue Gray, Elise Josephene, Marjorie Pamela, 4. Benjamin Armistead m. Frances Todd Faunt LeRoy, King and Queen county, and had Virginus Faunt Le Roy, Joseph Daniel, Juliet Faunt LeRoy, 4. Andrew Edward, 6. Gertrude Pamela m. John Bannister Sparrow, of Danville Va., 7. Florence Armistead m. Oliver G. Flippen (Cumberland county.)

2. Edward Duke.

3. Dr. Chas. Kavanaugh, U. S. N.

4. Mary Crimora m. Jno. W. Payne ch. Mary Catherine, Emma Carson, Fannie Keith, Crimora Yancey.

5. Sallie Thomas m. Jno. W. Payne.

IV. Philip (Lewis Davis) ch: 1. Lewis, 2. Philip, 3. Richard, 4. Jechanias, 5. Achilles, 6. Robert, 7. Kavanaugh, 8. Polly m. Jones Menefee, 9. Delpha m. Henry Menefee, 10. Mary Ann m. Wm. Johnson.

V. Robert (Lewis Davis) m. Miss Holliday. He was a Captain in the Revolutionary War.

VI. James (Lewis Davis) was a Maj. in Gen. Greene's army in the Revolutionary War, and after the War he settled in Western South Carolina, and practised law; he m. a Miss Cudworth, of Charleston, and had Benj. Cudworth Yancey m. Caroline Bird, dau. of Col. Wm. Bird, of the "Ariary," Warren Co. Ga., having Wm. Lowndes, (the "Orator of Secession," the "fire eater" as he was termed in the invective of those days), and Benjamin Cudworth.

Orator

Wm. Lowndes Yancey m. Earle, of Ga. and had 1. Co. Besson; 2. Ellen m. Hon. W. Martha; 5. Eva Cubet; 6. W. Huger; 9. Goodloe Harper, 1

VII. Lewis (Lewis Davis) m. Lewis Tutt

VIII. Nancy, (Lewis Davis) m. daughter, (Lewis Davis)

IX. daughter, (Lewis Davis)

John Brown m. Elizabeth (man), and had: I. John m. Capt. Daniel, received pension. Sheriff, m. Elizabeth Hill; dau. of Russell Hill and Miss m. Susan Powell, of Prince moved to Tennessee.

II. Children of Daniel Brown Mary Griffin. II. John m. S. Henry Hill. 3. Adaline m. Rev. m. Col. Hamlin, Dinwiddie c. Jane. 5. Armistead. 6. Sarah more. ch. Ed. and Sarah.

III. Armistead m. Mary of Jos. Meredith and Mary B.

1. Capt. Joseph Daniel m. Rufus T. Carpenter. ch. Frank Hill, Leslie Pamela. Pittsburg, ch. Lucy Maxwell Flippen, clerk, Cumberland mela. 4. Benjamin Armistead Queen County. ch: Virginus Roy. 5. Andrew Edward. 6. Florence Armistead m. Oliver

2nd. John Armistead, 3rd. 5th. Caroline Elizabeth m. Wm. Armistead m. Nannie B. C. Louis Dohme, Chemist, B. gene. 4. Ernest Clifton. 5.

IV. Thomas Coleman m. m. Wm. Lewis. 3. Emily m. Catherine, Julia, Ella, John, lin. 4. Jno. Wm. m. Miss R. ton. 6. Betsy Coleman. 7.

A. H. Spilman; ch: 1. Hamlin

V. Daniel m. Lucy Powe brey; 2. Robert m. Susan Co Ryland, Roberta m. Smith, J. 3. Elizabeth Ann m. Jas. C. Clem m. Miss Dick, Dan. m. Armistead Hill m. Mit Chap VI. Russell.

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Culpepper County, Va. by Alice Yancey
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Dr. Philip Slaughter's History of St. Mark's Parish
Compiled and published by
RALEIGH TRAVERS GREEN, Cylpepper, Va. c 1900

Miscellaneous Pages

There are several Yancey references in this book. I've just listed a few of them as follows:

- P.11 Gives the History of Culpepper Co., Va. (1748)
- P.14 A Chas. Yancey--French & Indian war --1753--1757
- P.15 Mentions Lewis Davis Yancey-- 1771--security for Bond.
- P.18 Richard Yancey chosen Vestryman
- P.19 Robert Yancey
- P.56 . . . md. dau of Coleman
- p.58 Mentions Yancey Field
- p.78 A.P.H. Scott md. Mary Yancey and left 6 children
- p.85 History of the Slaughter Family
- p.86 --Part 2--Joseph Daniel md. Pamela S. Yancey
- p.94 Benj. M. Yancey md. Pamela in 1839
Catherine J. da. Dr. Wm. T. Banks?

Several other pages given, but takes too much time to check--As book is in two parts, etc.--Just short references anyway

Part I: pages 1 to 120
Part II: pages

Part II, Page 83 --balance of Sheet:

William Lowndes Yancey, Sarah Caroline Earle of George Washington
Earle of Ga., and had 1. Col. Wm. Earle, m.

Ch: Virginia, m. Mr. Besson

2. Ellen, m. W. H. Skaggs; (Hon. W. H. Skaggs) (Hon W. H. Skaggs)
3. Mary, m. Claude Preston Lance;
4. Martha Martha
5. Eva Cubet;
6. Wm. Lowndes;
7. Benj. Cudworth;
8. Dalton Huger
9. Goodloe Harper
10. _____ wife to Jno. L. Harrett.

VIII. Lewis (Lewis David) ch. Geo. Garland - 2 names

Mary, m. Thompson Tutt
Ibly, m. Lewis Tutt

VIII. Nancy (Lewis David) m, Nalle

IX. Daughter (Lewis David) m, Nalle

End. of Y. Information

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From Book: William and Mary Quarterly
R 929 Vol. 17, P.224 Pub. by Wm. & Mary College
Vol.17 Williamsburg, Virginia

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES.

YANCEY FAMILY. An account of the Yancey family appears in Slaughter's St. Marks Parish. The following notes may be useful: Charles Yancey, Sr., makes a deed August 7, 1735, in Hanover County to son Archelaus. Will of Archelaus Yancey of St. Martin's Parish, Louisa County, dated June 12, 1764, and recorded in Louisa County May 4, 1765, gives his estate to his wife for life, and after her death the property is to go to the children. He makes William Crenshaw and son Stephen Yancey executors. Witnesses: Francis Clark, Isaac Clark, Joseph Clark, James Overton, Jr. According to Henning, *Statutes at Large*, Stephen was a wayward youth and was executed for murder. In the same records is the will of Rev. Robert Yancey, minister of Trinity Parish Church, Louisa County, doubtless the brother of Archelaus Yancey. He names wife Ann and brothers Charles and Jeremiah; his children to have three years schooling. Major Charles Yancey, a prominent member, about 1819, of the Virginia Legislature from Buckingham Co., was one of these children. John and Charles Yancey, of Culpeper County, were paid by the General Assembly for services performed in the French and Indian war. (Henning, *Statutes at Large*, VII. 22, 213, 214.)

will

The will of Richard Yancey was dated Aug. 24, 1768, and proved September 11, 1780, in Mecklenburg County, and names daughter Keziah Nichols, wife Mary and sons Lewis Yancey, William Yancey, living in Granville Co., North Carolina, Absalom, Robert, Richard, Charles, Hezekiah, Joseph —, Zachariah. The will of Hezekiah Yancey, of St. James Parish, Mecklenburg County, was proved June 11, 1782, and names his brothers Robert, Charles, Zachariah, Reuben, and Richard Yancey, and mother Mary Yancey. Witnesses: Thomas Greenwood, John Williamson and Robert Williamson.

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In Granville County, North Carolina, is the will of James Yancey, dated Dec. 30, 1777, and proved 1779. It names sons Bartlet, Philip Thornton, Lewis and Thomas Yancey, daughters, Jenny Sanders and Nancy Bagnes, son-in-law, Jesse Sanders. James Yancey marriage bond with Mary Bracey is dated August 15, 1765.

In Culpepper Co., Va., is the will of Lewis Davis Yancey, dated April 17, 1778, proved April 22, 1788. It names wife, Winifred, children: Charles, Lewis, Richard, John, Philemon, Ann Nalle, Winifred Nalle, James and Robert. There is also to be found at Culpepper, the will of Charles Yancey, dated March 10, 1805, and proved April 15, 1805. It mentions wife, Elizabeth and children Ann Daggert, William, Thomas, Keziah Freeman, and Major; and grandson, Charles Lee Yancey.

End. Y. information.

(No other Yancey reference in Book.)

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From: Book "Sons of the South"
by Clayton Rand.

Pub. Holt, Rinehard and Winston, N.Y., 1961

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Book in possession of Sharon Burton, Dr. of Wm. Yancey.

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William Lowndes Yancey

INITIALLY the greater number of statesmen and military leaders of the lost cause wanted neither secession nor war. They preferred to live in peace within the Union. Among the extreme secessionists, however, was William Lowndes Yancey of Alabama.

He was born in his grandfather's home, The Aviary, Warren County, Georgia, on August 10, 1814, the son of Benjamin Cudworth and Caroline (Bird) Yancey. His father was a midshipman in the colonial navy in the War for Independence and was later an associate of John C. Calhoun in the practice of law at Abbeville, South Carolina.

When William was three his father died, and his mother returned to her father's house. Later she went to live in Hancock County, Georgia, near Mount Zion Academy. There she married Nathan Sidney Smith Beman, head of the academy, who took her and her two children to Troy, New York.

Young Yancey attended the schools of Troy and Williams College but left college before graduating to enter the law office of an old friend of his father's, Benjamin F. Perry at Greenville, South Carolina.

Yancey plunged into the nullification controversy as a public speaker and editor of the Greenville *Mountaineer*. On August 13, 1835, he married Sarah Caroline Earle, the daughter of a wealthy planter. They lived for a time on a farm near Greenville but moved to Dallas County, Alabama, in the winter of 1836-37. Two years later, while visiting in Greenville, Yancey killed his wife's uncle in self-defense and was sentenced to a fine and a year's imprisonment, which was commuted. In Alabama he rented a plantation, and he and a brother bought the *Commercial Advertiser* and the Wetumpka *Argus*. He then bought a farm but was forced to resume the practice of law when his stock of slaves was almost wiped out by poison.

Yancey rose rapidly in the profession and was soon regarded as the leading advocate and most eloquent orator in the state. He was elected to the lower house of the state legislature in 1841, to the upper house in 1843, to the Congress in 1844, and was reelected, serving until his resignation on September 1, 1846.

His first debate in Congress with Thomas L. Clingman was so violent that a duel was fought in which neither was injured. He was relieved of all political disabilities arising from fighting the duel by a special act of the Alabama legislature, passed over the governor's veto.

Yancey became the recognized leader of the movement for southern independence. From the time he resigned from Con-

gress until the inauguration of Lincoln, he wielded a powerful influence; he believed in secession, was for a southern republic, and even advocated reopening the African slave trade.

The Alabama platform of principles written by him in 1848 in answer to the Wilmot proviso was his confession of faith, and he never deviated from it, even when the temptation of the vice-presidency was offered him on the Democratic ticket in 1860. Yancey spent twelve years arousing the South to the impending danger to their institutions. States' rights associations were formed, and a League of United Southerners was organized. By 1860 he dominated Alabama politically, as old-line Whigs and Democrats adhered to the principles expressed in Yancey's platform. The platform presented by Yancey stated that the Constitution is a compact between sovereign states, that citizens are entitled to enter into territories with their personal property intact, and without interference.

When Yancey went to the state Democratic convention at Montgomery on January 11, 1860, the legislature had already appropriated two hundred thousand dollars to arm the state against attack. The issue was not pressed to a conclusion in the Charleston national Democratic convention, and a majority of Southern delegates walked out. At an adjourned convention at Baltimore, Douglas adherents completed the destruction begun at Charleston by refusing to seat the Yancey delegation from Alabama. So the Constitutional Democratic Party was organized under Yancey's guidance, and Breckinridge was nominated for the presidency.

Following Lincoln's election, Yancey directed the proceedings of the Alabama convention and penned the ordinance of secession. In March, 1861, he was sent by Provisional President Jefferson Davis as the Confederacy's first Commissioner to England and France, seeking recognition. It was a hopeless situation with which the outspoken, undiplomatic Yancey could not cope, and when Queen Victoria proclaimed English neutrality, his brilliant but futile career came to a climactic close.

He returned to Alabama in 1862, was elected to the Senate of the Confederacy, and served until his death on July 27, 1863. When he died, at forty-nine, he was resisting centralized government in the Confederacy as he had fought it in the Union.

William Lowndes Yancey was an independent, dedicated spirit. He paid no homage to power or position, scorned condescending acclaim, and obeyed only the dictates of his own conscience and judgment. He spoke the truth as he saw it.



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