



Graveyard at "Arlington"

LEWIS DAVIS YANCEY

Third generation

- (3) Lewis Davis Yancey b.1689-d.1784 YFG.; m.1710 Mildred Winefred Cavanaugh d. aft. 1778; dau. of Phil-emon and Sarah Cavanaugh (45). Some say her mother was Anne, dau. of Benjamin Friend. Sarah Anne?

(4) Charles Yancey m. 1740 Caroline Powers

ch: Kezia m. George Doggett

Major (family name, not rank) m. Susan Mitchell

Thomas m. Sarah Mitchell

James

- (4) Lewis Yancey, said to be Lewis Davis Yancey Jr. This may explain why he is referred to as Lewis and his father as Davis; m. Winefred Henrietta Faver.

ch: Winefred Yancey m. Thomas Yancey

Isobel (Ibbly) m. Lewis Tutt

ch: George Tutt went to Ky.

Burkett Garland

Winefred Tutt m. Thomas Yancey

Richard

Henrietta Tutt m. Hansford Tutt

Lucy

Elener

Nancy

Henrietta Yancey m. Hansford Tutt

Eleanor

Lucy Yancey m. 3:16:1797 Larkin Menefee

Nancy

George Yancey, Deputy Sheriff RCV. 1795

d. WCK. aft. 1850.

Burkett Garland Yancey m. r. CCV. 11:1:1803

Milly Menefee

ch: Burkett G. Yancey Jr. m. Ellener _____

ch: Mildred J. Yancey b. WCK. 1829

Ellener H. Yancey b. 1831

- (4) John Yancey m. Mary Layton (See next chapter).

(4) Richard Yancey m. Judith Field dau. of Abraham Field of CCV.

ch: Henry

Judith Yancey m. Daniel Field

Elizabeth Yancey m. _____ Story

Agatha Yancey m. Benjamin Pendleton

(4) Philemon Yancey m. Sarah Powers
 ch: Robert
 Richard
 Philemon
 Mary
 Jechonias
 Achilles
 Lewis Yancey, Deputy Sheriff RCV..
 Cavanaugh
 Anne

Delphia Yancey m. Henry Menefee
 (4) Anne Yancey m. William Nalle, moved to SCK. In
 1790 they sold 200 acres, OCV., previously bo-
 ught by Martin Nalle (57), William's father,
 from George and Priscilla Dillard.
 ch: -6

(4) Winefred Yancey m. Martin Nalle. He d. 1806 Ky.
 ch: Anne Nalle m. Thomas Thomas

ch: Anne
 Lewis
 Winefred
 Martin
 Elizabeth Nalle m. Henry Thomas
 ch: Anne
 William
 Lewis
 Martin
 Robert

James Nalle b. SCK. 1787-d. HCK. 1842; m. 1822
 Amanda Boone of HCK..
 Mildred Nalle m. James Pawley of HCK..

William and Martin Nalle were sons of Martin of
 OCV. and grandsons of Martin Nalle of ECV..

(4) James Yancey m. Elizabeth Cudworth of CCSC..
 ch: Benjamin Cudworth Yancey m. Caroline Bird,
 dau. of William Bird of the "Aviary" WaCG.
 Benjamin served on the U.S.N. flagship,
 "Constellation": also studied law under
 John C. Calhoun.

William Loundes Yancey m. Caroline Earle,
 dau. of George W. and Elizabeth Robinson
 Earle. William Loundes Yancey was also a
 lawyer, a U.S. Congressman from Alabama and
 a noted orator, sometimes associated with

Cicero and Demosthenes as the greatest ora-
 tors of their time. One of his statements
 long remembered is "Where liberty is, there
 is my home." Years ago a friend had a lov-
 ingly worn leather bound copy of "The Orat-
 ions of William Loundes Yancey". She said
 that her father, a lawyer, never retired for
 the night without reading at least one of
 these orations.

(4) Robert Yancey m. Elizabeth Hollaway
 (4) Elizabeth Yancey did not marry.

Land Grant (53) to Martin Nalle of ECV: "Beverley
 Randolph Esq. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virgi-
 nia. To all to whom these presents come, Greeting.
 Know ye, that by virtue of a Certificate in right of
 settlement, given by the Commissioners for adjusting
 titles to unpatented lands in the district of Kentu-
 cky, and in consideration of the ancient composition
 of two pounds sterling paid by Martin Nalle unto th-
 is Commonwealth, there is granted by said Commonweal-
 th to the said Martin Nalle, assignee of William Dry-
 den, assignee of Thomas Reynolds who was assignee of
 Martin Fowler, a certain tract or parcel of land con-
 taining one Hundred Acres by Survey bearing the date
 the 15th of August 1788. Lying and being in the Co-
 unty of Fayette on the main fork of the Elk Horn and
 bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at an Elm, two B-
 uckeyes, and a White Oak sapling, thence North sixty
 degrees; East two hundred fifty-three poles, crossing
 a branch to two Hoopwoods, a Buckeye, and a Hickory,
 thence South sixty degrees, West two hundred and fi-
 fty-three poles, crossing the Spring Branch, to a Bu-
 ckeye, Hoopwood and White Thorne standing on the west
 bank of said Branch, thence North thirty degrees, West
 two hundred fifty-three poles, crossing a small bra-
 nch to the beginning. Including two Springs, one of
 which is very large, and an improvement at it, which
 is included in the center of the survey, being all on
 the waters of the South fork of Elkhorn, with its ap-
 purtenances, to the said Martin Nalle, and his heirs
 forever. In witness whereof the said Beverley Rando-
 lph Esq. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia ha-
 th hereunto set his hand, and caused the lessor Seal
 of the said Commonwealth, to be affixed at Richmond,
 on the eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord
 one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one"

From the Graveyard at "Arlington"

Lewis Davis Yancey 1689-1784
married 1710
Mildred W. Cavanaugh

(Grave of Mildred Cavanaugh Yancey not located.)

Charles Yancey 18th Century
married 1740
Caroline Powers

Benjamin Mitchell Yancey
youngst son of
Thomas and Sarah Yancey

Catherine J. wife of Benjamin Mitchell Yancey

Charles Cavanaugh Yancey, 2nd son of Benjamin and
Catherine J. Yancey, Born Dec. 20, 1842 - Died Feb.
19, 1922. Lt. Chew's Battery, Stuart's Artillery,
1863 - 65.

William Banks Yancey, youngst son of Benjamin
Mitchell and Catherine J. Yancey
Died Jan. 2, 1859 Age 5 years.

Major Yancey Born 1774 - Died May 5 1849
married Susan Mitchell

Susan T. Yancey wife of Major Yancey
Died March 6 1864 in her 25th year

James William Yancey 1852 - 1924
*Florence Miller Yancey 1860 -
parents of Ethel, James and William

Ethel May Yancey daughter of James William and
Florence M. Yancey 6 26 1888 - 4 24 1904

James P. Yancey 10 30 1874 - 3 9 1884
married 1845 Mary Anne Kooms
Parents of James P. and James William Yancey

Mary Anne wife of James P. Yancey
Died 5 28 1859 42 years.

Susan Elizabeth Wigginton 1837 - 1926
dau. of Thomas and Sarah Yancey
gr-dau. of Charles and Caroline Yancey
Parent of Elizabeth Y. and William Wigginton

It has been said that she replaced the broken stones
in the graveyard.

Thomas and Sarah Yancey believed to be buried in her
family's graveyard.

*Florence Miller Yancey (127) was buried at "Arling -
ton" 1943. The last of a prominent Georgia family,
she married 1st John J. Miller of Rappahannock Co. Va.



Tombstone of Lewis Davis Yancey
Courtesy of Maj. Gen. T. R. Yancey U.S.A. Ret..

JOHN YANCEY
Son of Lewis Davis and Winefred C. Yancey

John Yancey belonged to the militia and was paid for service in the French and Indian War. (76) In 1753 he married Mary Layton, daughter of Jacob and Frances Layton of Essex County, Virginia. Some remember being told that her middle name was Ethel. Others believe it was Elizabeth. Records show only Mary. At the time John Yancey of Culpeper married Mary Layton another John Yancey married Elizabeth Leighton. He was the son of Archelaus and Mary Crawford Yancey of Louisa County. (84) The similarity of names has caused some confusion. Although early American spelling frequently varies, that does not seem to apply here.

English records reveal (59) "L-e-i-g-h-t-o-n ... from Leighton, Salap, which was held as a knight's fee in the barony of Fitz-alan (Shropshire)". Also, "Sir William L-a-y-t-o-n (60) of Hermandanes, Worcester-shire", and "Sir Thomas Layton (61) of Layton, County of York, England, a knight." These would appear to indicate that in England also there were two distinct families.

Some histories say that Mary was the daughter of Joseph Layton, others say Jacob. Both may be true, if he had more than one name. Her mother, Frances Layton mentions (46) "Mary... the orphan and heir of Jacob Layton and wife of John Yancey". Gabriel Jones, (62) was selected in October of 1744 to be Mary's guardian. Further verification of Mary's father is found in an indenture (50) dated February 16, 1759 between, John Yancey and his wife Mary of Culpeper County and Parish of St. Mark on the one part and Thomas Bridgeforth of the County of Essex and Parish of St. Anne, on the other, concerning "all that tract and parcel, of land that one Jacob Layton formerly of Essex County purchased of one Charles Curtiss, of the County, of Gloucester ... the above named John Yancey having intermarried with the daughter and heir of the before named Jacob Layton ... and recovered the said land of one Thomas Lay orphan, in our General Court of Essex". The deed of Thomas Lay specifies "all houses and household edifices, buildings, yards, gardens, orchards, woods, underwoods, waters ... and appurtenances whatsoever, to the said tract." This appears to

refer to Mary's home, which had been leased.

Although Mary's ancestors are not identified, beyond her parents there is reason to believe that the following notes pertain to her line: (63) "Sir William Layton came to Virginia on the "Hopeful" in 1637 and settled in Lower Norfolk near Lynnhaven next to Capt. Adam Thoroughgood and his wife Elizabeth Layton".

The oldest son of John and Mary Layton Yancey is named William Layton Yancey. Some of his descendants have the same name but even more were named Thomas Layton Yancey.

William Terrell Yancey, speaking of Davis Yancey, referred to his son John being sheriff of Augusta Co. John's descendants also recall being told of it. But the dates and the size of his land grant are unknown.

Appointment to the office of Sheriff was usually a reward for service as Justice. (5) "It was a position of dignity, honor and responsibility. Before taking the oath of office (6) the appointee found it necessary to enter into bond, to our Sovereign Lady, the Queen (Queen Anne) her heirs, and successors, with good and sufficient sureties, at least the sum, of one thousand pounds sterling, which bond the Court is hereby empowered and required, to take, and cause to be acknowledged before them in open court." The sheriff was personally responsible for collecting (5) the levies of his county, (quit rents and taxes) a percentage of which belonged to him. Failure to collect what was due meant not only loss of his commission but of his property as well; Deputy Sheriffs shared the same responsibility.

John and Mary Yancey moved to Augusta County before 1774, when (65) "Several petitions of sundry persons of the Parish of Augusta in the County of Augusta whose names are hereunto subscribed were presented to the House and read, setting forth that the Parish is upwards of ninety miles long and near eighty miles wide: that there are between three and four thousand tithables in it and but one church. And therefore, praying that the said Parish may be divided by a line to be run from the top of the Blue Ridge, opposite John Yancey's to the said John Yancey's Plan-

tation, thence to James Anderson's on the head of Long Glade, and from thence, north forty-five degrees, West till it strikes the Allegheny Mountains, or any other manner the House shall think more proper." The petition was referred to the Committee for Religion.

While visiting relatives near Yancey on the Shenandoah River, our attention was directed to a clump of trees in the distance, as surrounding the original Yancey home in the Valley. The condition of the road prevented visiting it. But fortunately it was still standing when the East Side Highway was completed. It stood mid way between Rt#33, formerly the Stanardsville Pike, and the Merck Plant. Observing the sand, and river rock as we climbed the steep sixty or more foot hill, we were convinced that when the house was built, the river flowed much closer to the door.

Constructed of logs, with a roof of wooden shingles, which extended over the long porch, an extra room upstairs and down, at one end, suggested a modified ell. At the other end a large brick chimney served both floors. When the house collapsed, in 1957 wooden pegs, the pioneers nails, were exposed. They were three or four inches long, an inch square at the hammered end with one side straight, the opposite sloped abruptly to form a broad fine edge as thin as any razor blade and quite sharp. Just back of the house, in the side of the hill, a small door protected a spring with a place to keep things cool.

Nothing has been found to indicate when John and Mary Yancey returned to Culpeper. A deed (66) dated 1790 states that John Yancey gave 400 A. to his sons Layton and Ludwell. The description leads one to believe that it was the family farm in Culpeper, Virginia and that John had found it wise to retire.

John and Mary Yancey had two daughters and three sons. Fanny married John Etherington and moved elsewhere. Polly married Jonas Menefee. They owned land in Culpeper and Hampshire County Virginia. In 1839 they moved to Missouri. Culpeper County records 1782-1787 list John Yancey and John Yancey Jr. (72) whether accurate or done for convenience of distinguishing property is a question. Rockingham County in 1792, records (71) John Charles Yancey. This may

also have been his father's name. John served during the Revolutionary War, as quartermaster, 10th Virginia Regiment of Foot, under Maj. Samuel Hawse. Pay was \$27.50 per month. An old letter says, "John married Miss Savage." But no marriage record has been found. The Rockingham County, Virginia census of 1810 shows that he was married and living in Rockingham at that time. John and his wife were each forty-five years old or older and had a son sixteen or more years old. In 1799 he chose 250 acres adjoining, Layton Yancey, John Maggott and Paul Lingle, pursuant to his warrant #2119 for 200 acres, and Layton's warrant #397 (for 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres) for the 50 acres, which were to be included with the above 200 acres. Some recalled that John lived in his father's house.

In 1794, John and his brother Layton signed with others, a petition to repair the road over Swift Run Gap. This was the road over which their produce and cattle were driven to market in Richmond, Alexandria and Fredericksburg. Other familiar names on the petition were Jacob Bear, Charles Lewis, Peter Conrad, Thomas Harrison, Jacob Krisman, Conrad Hansberger, Adam Harnsberger and Adam Sellers. The turnpike was approved (8) in 1802. When completed it was to be maintained by charging tolls amounting to 25¢ for each coach, chariot or wagon; 17¢ for every 4 wheeled chaise or phaeton and horse; 12¢ for every riding chaise, or cart and horse; 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for every man and horse and 3¢ for every head of black cattle.

The potential of the Shenandoah River for improved navigation was also realized. Money for locks, and other improvements, was raised by selling stock, to be paid for in Spanish Milled dollars. Toll collected at Little Falls, and other designated points ranged from 44¢ for every hogshead of tobacco-\$1.10, for every ton of hemp, flax, potash, bar or manufactured iron. During the winter, flat boats of undressed lumber 10 x 80 feet were made with a rudder at each end. Spring rains caused the mountain streams to raise the level of the water in the river to a depth acceptable for navigation. Thus the Shenandoah 80 or more feet wide and in places quite deep became an active thoroughfare. Boats traveled in fleets. Each boat carried six men and was equipped with long horn, to be blown when leaving a station. It co-

uld no doubt be heard at the next. The shipper was insured. If in shallow water a jagged rock caused a boat to sink, (the river was full of jagged rocks), effort was made to salvage as much cargo as possible. The boat was dragged ashore for repair, then reloaded and the journey continued. After delivering the load the boat was sold for lumber, and the crew walked home.

Much of the early transportation, being by water influenced many to settle on rivers or large streams. It has often been repeated through the years, that at one time Yanceys owned nine miles along the Shenandoah River. The beauty of the river and the mountains beyond would have justified their choice. But there were also springs and fertile soil.

Phillip Ludwell came to America as did the Nann-ey brothers, with Sir William Berkeley. All are said to be related, which may account for the name of John and Mary Layton Yancey's youngest son. A private in the 10th Va. Reg. (68) Ludwell Yancey served under: Capt. Williams, Capt. John Gillison, and Gen. Slaughter. In 1792 he married Elizabeth Jeffries and settled in Culpeper, Virginia. Three years later he sold to his brother Layton, his half interest in the property given to them by their father. Ludwell and Elizabeth moved in 1801, to Kentucky, where they purchased a property from a Charles Yancey of Louisa County, Virginia, described (69) as on the north fork of the Licking River in Mason County.

Lt. Layton Yancey served throughout the Revolutionary War with his name misspelled Leighton. It was a natural mistake because the recorder was doubtless familiar with the name of Col. Robert Leighton Yancey who was with Gen. Washington. On May 12, 1780 Lt. Layton Yancey and his uncle Capt. Robert Yancey were taken prisoner at Charleston (128) and later paroled to the close of the War. Layton was recommended to be promoted to captain. This was granted but the commission did not reach him until after peace was declared. He was, however, still in the army and continued to serve for six months after the war.

In 1783, Layton Yancey served, as Justice of the Peace in Rockingham County, Virginia and in 1787 with

know
all men by these presents, that we Dennis Sanaghan
Joseph Cravens
as held
and being bound by Layton Yancey Sheriff of
Rockingham County
the form of Enstition to in the 11th of 1795

to be paid to the said Layton Yancey
his certain attorney, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns. To the true
payment of which we do hereby bind ourselves jointly and severally, our joint and se-
veral heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our
seals, and dated this 27 day of July 1795

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound Dennis
Sanaghan
shall make his personal appearance at Rockingham August
Court next

with then there to answer the sum of William
Herring James Curry John Wayt
Esq. & John Breckenridge
in satisfaction of debt for six pounds four shillings
nine pence - Damage three pounds

then the above obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force,
and virtue.

Witnessed and delivered,
in the presence of
Courtsey of
Daniel Flook Yancey.

Dennis Sanaghan (Seal)
Jos. Cravens (Seal)

his cousin George Yancey and James Logan, was appointed Deputy Sheriff (129). George was the son of Layton's uncle Lewis Yancey of Culpeper, Virginia. Some of George's descendants are buried in the graveyard, of Spaeder's Church at Mt. Crawford, Va.. Early in the 19th century another cousin, Lewis Yancey, Philemon's son came to the Valley and served with George as Deputy Sheriff and Layton Yancey as High Sheriff (85).

Jan. 12, 1798 an act was passed (7) which reads as follows: "Whereas it is represented that during the late war Leighton Yancey served in the First Regiment of Light Dragoons, commanded by Col. Theodoric Blank, and that afterwards he became entitled to the rank of captain, that before he obtained his commission as such, The Treaty of Peace was concluded. In consequence of which he has only received the bounty of and allowed to a lieutenant, and it is reasonable that he should be allowed a bounty proportionate to his service. Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly that Registrar of the Land Office be and hereby is directed to issue to the said Leighton Yancey a warrant for one thousand three hundred and thirty-four and one third acres of land, it being the difference, between the bounty allowed a lieutenant, and that for a captain."

Layton was the only one of John and Mary Yancey's children to remain in the Valley. He married Frances Lynn Lewis, daughter of Thomas and Jane Stotter Lewis of "Lynnwood" on the Shenandoah River.

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- (4) John Yancey (3) Lewis Davis. b. 1724-d. aft. 1790; m. r. OCV. 1753 Mary Layton dau. of Jacob and Frances Layton of ECV..
- (5) William Layton Yancey m. 1788 Frances Lynn Lewis. See chapter "Capt. William Layton Yancey".
- * (5) John Charles Yancey m. (6) Robert J. Yancey b. Va. 1793; res. WyCM.
- (5) Frances Yancey m. r. OCV. 1:24:1799 John Etherington.
- (5) Mary Elizabeth Yancey "Polly" m. r. OCV. 3:24:1808 Jonas Menefee son of Henry and Sarah Dollins Menefee.

- (5) Ludwell Yancey b. Va. 1757-d. MCK. 9:8:1821; m. r. OCV. 4:10:1792 Elizabeth Jeffries b. Va. 1764. d. 7:19:1839; dau. James and Elizabeth Jeffries
- (6) Thomas Yancey
- (6) William Yancey b. in Va. 2:10:1795-d. MCK. 9:5:1885; m. _____
- (7) Keturah Arnold Yancey b. 3:20:1826
- (7) Elizabeth Everette Yancey b. 4:27:1835
- (7) Martha Everette Yancey b. 1:21:1839-d. 2:20:1875.
- (6) Frances Yancey m. 3:10:1826 Richard Wells
- (6) Harlow Yancey b. 8:7:1802-d. 9:1:1880 MCK. 1st m. 7:31:1827 Anne Waller Bullock 2nd m. 12:4:1850 Elizabeth M. Wells 3rd m. 3:21:1807 Elizabeth Webb McMillin

* Layton S. and William believed to be older brothers of Robert, son of John Charles Yancey Jr., but not authenticated. They probably left Virginia before the 1810 census.