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CHAPTER XVIII

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From the best evidence available, it would appear that John T. Medearis and Rachel Davis had several sons in addition to our ancestor John. There are

Medearis families that trace their descent from sons Charles and Oliver. Charles and Oliver lived on Troublesome Creek in Guilford County, N. C. in the 1780's and deed records of Guilford County reflect their presence there. They also appear on the 1790 census. Oliver sold his land in Guilford in 1809 and moved to Ohio. Oliver's will is recorded in Book D, page 111 of the will records of Clermont County, Ohio. It is dated August 8, 1826 and probated in July 1829. It mentions wife Willmuth, children James Davis, Wilmuth Stuart, Tulitha, Emry, Elizabeth Crumbaugh, Abraham, Newlilly Lucas, Regina Stuart, Sally, Ellsworth, Washington and John Red. Oliver's wife's maiden name is thought, by descendants, to be Redmond. She died May 19, 1842 and is interred in Plattsville Cemetery east of Sidney, Ohio. This writer has corresponded with several descendants of Oliver and has considerable data on his descendants, that space does not permit including in this book. Correspondence was carried on for several years with a descendant, Floyd Medaris, of Hammond, Indiana, now deceased. His letters comprise over 200 pages of typewritten material. He was intensely interested in Medearis (Medaris) history.

A little booklet called Biography of the Medearis Family by Mrs. Frank Medearis (1925) is in the Library of Congress. This booklet was reproduced in Yancey-Medearis and Related Lines. It indicates that Charles son of John Medearis and Rachel Davis married about 1765, Betsy Gregory, and that their children were: Thomas, John, Sally, Mary, Millie, Mallich, Betsy, Stephen, William, Nancy and Alford. Son John (of Charles) is said to have married first a Miss Wagner and second Mary (Polly) Pegrim daughter of Daniel and Agnes Pegrim. After John's death in 1823 his widow took the children to Indiana and settled there in 1828, planting the Medearis name there.

One other son of John T. and Rachel Davis Medearis is known, Abraham Medearis appears on the 1800 and 1820 census of Person County, N. C. as a single person. If he ever married, we have no record. A letter to his brother, John, written by Abraham in 1816 will be found at appendix 45.

There could have been other sons of John T. and Rachel Medearis, but we have no proof. If there were daughters we have no record.

The Bible records (appendix 42) state that John Medearis, son of John and Rachel Davis Medearis was born February 22, 1744 in Essex County, Virginia, between "Rappahanock and the Dragon". Dragon Run or Creek runs through Essex and Middlesex Counties more or less parallel to the Rappahanock River, so it was between these two streams that he was born.

John Medearis is usually referred to by descendants as "Captain John", because of his military rank in the Revolution. Very little is known about his early life. By the time of the Revolution he was living in North Carolina, probably Wake County.

John Medearis was 32 years old when the Revolution began. He committed himself to the colonial cause on April 16, 1776 when he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental Line. Thus he was in the service before the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776,

and he served throughout the war until after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781. He was promoted to Captain on December 23, 1777.

Not many details of his early Army service are known, but we believe that he was at Valley Forge in the spring of 1778 after the terrible winter of 1777-78. The suffering and privations endured by George Washington's troops during that winter are well known to all students of American History. Captain Medearis of the North Carolina Brigade is mentioned in George Washington's general orders at Valley Forge on May 29, 1778. Documents in Captain John's pension file in the National Archives (S-2823) indicate that he was at Halifax, North Carolina on November 3, 1778, at the request of Colonel Nicholas Long and General Jethro Sumner, and was given assignment in the Quartermaster Department. He became Assistant Deputy Quartermaster to Colonel Nicholas Long, Deputy Quartermaster General, both served under General Nathanael Greene, who had been appointed Quartermaster General in 1778. From Halifax, N. C. he moved with the troops to Kingston, N. C. and assumed the responsibility of supervising the making of tents for the troops and securing clothing and supplies "without cash if he could". From Kingston he marched with the troops to Charleston, S. C. where he continued his Quartermaster activities, taking order from General Benjamin Lincoln. (History students will note that General Lincoln was the officer who received Cornwallis' sword at the surrender at Yorktown).

During this period of his service he was not always able to get supplies "without cash", and spent large sums of his own money, hoping to be reimbursed later. In some of the writing of descendants it is stated that he never presented a claim for these sums of money that he spent. The documents in his pension file do not bear out this, and in the interest of presenting a factual account, it must be said that he did endeavor to secure reimbursement for these sums of his money that he spent on supplies for the Army. This fact should not detract from the 6 years of arduous service that he performed for his country. It is only human that he should have presented a claim. The pension file indicates that his efforts to secure reimbursement were not entirely successful. In 1795, Congressman Nathaniel Macon from North Carolina did secure a partial settlement of \$2,400 for him. (Macon, Georgia was named for Nathaniel Macon).

Captain John Medearis did find time during his Army service to marry. His bride was Sarah Hicks Bell, daughter of Robert Hicks Sr. of Granville County, North Carolina, and widow of Thomas Bell. (see Chapter XXIII). Their marriage bond in Wake County, N. C. is dated November 21, 1780, but apparently the ceremony was not performed until December 19, 1780 as Sarah's family records at appendix 44 indicate, or December 20, as the Bible records at appendix 42 states. His military duties probably accounted for the delay.

Sarah Hicks had married Thomas Bell in Granville County, N. C. August 17, 1763 (Granville marriage bonds). Seven children were born to their marriage. Thomas Bell died May 26, 1778.

Although Captain John Medearis was 36 years of age when he married Sarah, if he was ever married previously, we have no record.

Captain John was mustered out of the service in 1782 after the war's end. In 1783 he was promoted to rank of Brevet Major.

Four children were born to Captain John and Sarah. They were:

1. Washington Davis Medearis b. Sept. 20, 1783 (see Chapter XIX).
2. Benjamin Whitehead Hicks Medearis b. July 25, 1784 (see Chapter XX).
3. Martha Jerusha Medearis b. July 22, 1786 (see Chapter XXI).
4. Mary (Polly) Medearis b. August 18, 1788 (see Chapter XXII).

Captain John and his family continued to live in Wake County, North Carolina until about 1809 when he moved his family to a land grant of over 3,000 acres in Bedford County (now Marshall, County) Tennessee. He named the valley in which his grant lay, Liberty Valley, and it still bears that name today. A historical marker commemorating his Revolutionary service stands near where his home was. He operated a large and prosperous plantation until his death, March 31, 1834 at the age of 90 years. He was active until his death. His great granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Medearis Feeney in her account of the family (excerpts at appendix 43) has this to say about his death, "It was while pruning a young orchard that he met with the accident that a few days later resulted in his death. He cut a vein in his leg and realizing his condition, made his way to the spring, knowing that he would be found sooner there than in the orchard".

Captain John's grave is in the family cemetery on a gentle slope in a field near where his house stood and near the spring that is mentioned above. The DAR and descendants erected an imposing monument over his grave in 1953.

His wife, Sarah, preceded him in death about 1820 and it is assumed that her grave is near his, although a marker does not exist.

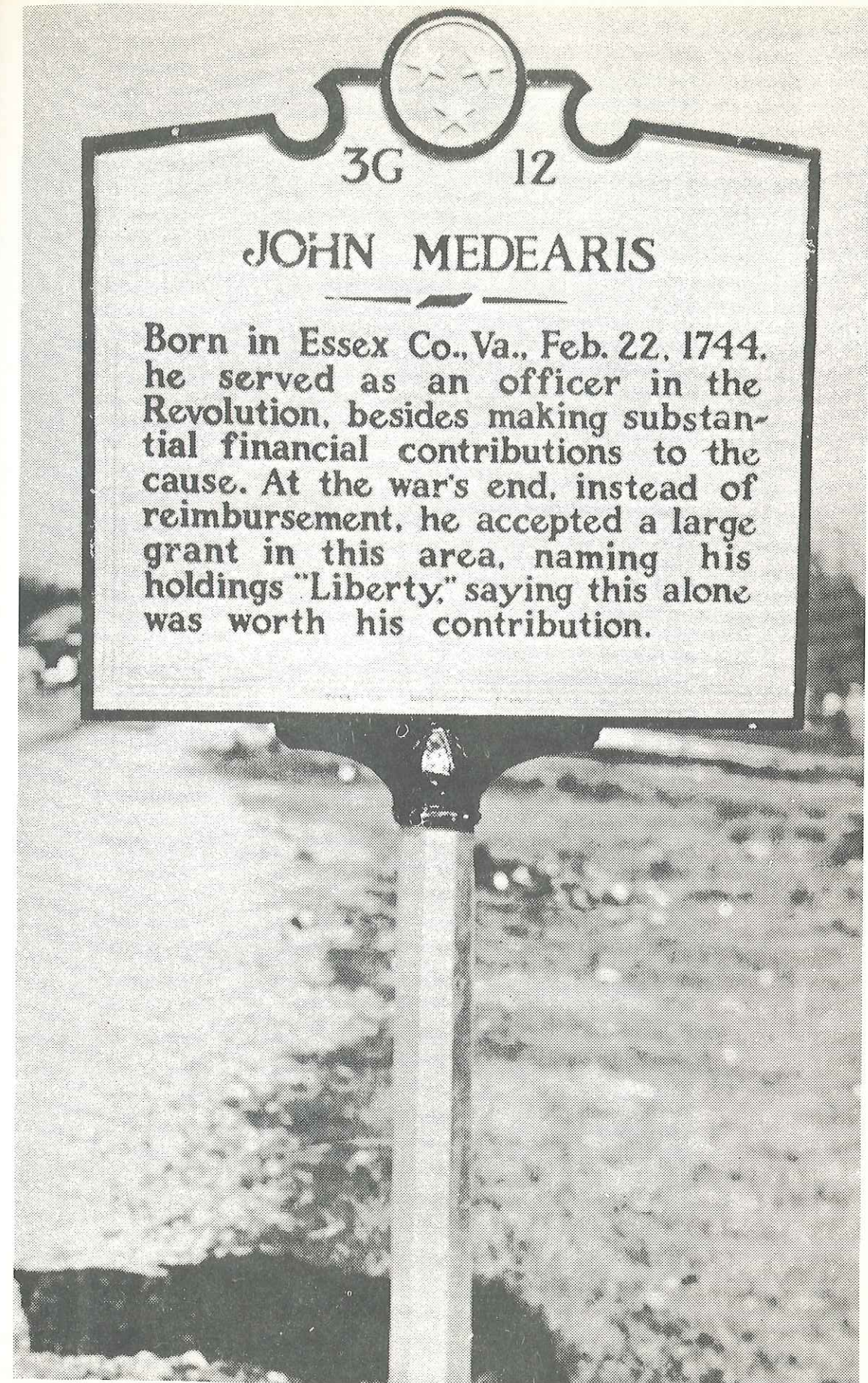
Many descendants of Captain John Medearis have joined the Daughters of the American Revolution based on his service. The DAR Lineage Books can be found in most genealogy libraries, along with an index to the books.

All of the Yancey descendants listed in this book from page 5 to page 113 are descendants of Captain John also, as David Yancey Sr.'s wife was Rachel Davis Medearis, granddaughter of Captain John and his wife Sarah. (page 6).

Captain John is listed in Heitman's Officers of the Revolution. Xerox copies of all of the papers in his pension file (S2823) can be secured from the National Archives, Washington, D. C. for a dollar and fifty cents.

Captain John Medearis is mentioned many times in the State Records of North Carolina by Clark.

This letter from Vol. XVI page 961 to General Jethro Sumner is only one example:



HISTORICAL MARKER

LIBERTY VALLEY, MARSHALL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

(Date Unknown)

Dear General:

Inclosed is a letter from Major Dixon which I brought forward.

We are at a loss to know whether the rendezvous of the troupes are to be at Hillsborough or not as the Commissioners have not yet one bushel of Grain. Bacon are coming in fast. There is a large quantity of provisions at Harrisburg. So much that Mr. Vass know not what to do with it untill orders come to let him know whether to remove it to Hillsborough or not.

Major Dixon will wait at Hillsborough untill Thursday morning then return home as there seems to be no hopes of any troops there before the twentieth.

He begs your instructions before then as also Mr. Birdsong at this post. I expect to be by on Monday or Tuesday & am Sir

Your very Hum. Obt. Srvant,
John Medearis
S Q M D

There is ample evidence that Captain John Medearis was a well educated man for his time. He was past 84 years of age when his pension application was filed on September 19, 1828. Some physical infirmity must account for the fact that it is in the handwriting of his son, Washington Davis Medearis and signed with a mark.

It is to such men as Captain John Medearis, that our country owes its freedom.



DEDICATION OF CAPTAIN JOHN MEDEARIS MONUMENT
October 11, 1953, Marshall County, Tenn.

Pictured are part of the descendants present. Identification is from Yancey-Medearis and Related Lines. Front row (seated) L to R: William Medearis Smith, Higgins children. Kneeling to right of flagpole: Jane Cato, Emma Jean Saunders. To right of monument (kneeling): two granddaughters of Angie May Wallace, Mary Higgins, Rachel Dryden. Standing L to R: Monument salesman, Phillip Higgins, Angie May Gill Wallace, Maude Holman, Alice Holman, Nancy Saunders, Sara Saunders, Mamie Holman, Richard Tallman, Hattie Lee Morgan. Right of monument (standing): John Wallace, Emma Saxon, Jessie Green, Joyce Saunders Wright, Ethel Cummins, Annie Holman, Louise Higgins, Ruth Cato, Nell Tallman, Marian Medearis Green, Jane Alford (her daughter in front of her), Richard Tallman Jr. Dedictory speaker was Ex-Gov. James McCord.

CHAPTER XIX

FAMILY OF WASHINGTON DAVIS MEDEARIS

Washington Davis Medearis was the first child born to Captain John Medearis and Sarah (Hicks) (Bell) Medearis. (see Chapters XVIII and XXIII). He was born September 20, 1783, probably in Wake County, North Carolina. Probably most of his early life was spent in Wake County. We do not have any details of his early life.

In July 1807 he was in Rutherford County, Tennessee and in June 1808 he was in Davidson County, Tennessee apparently attending to family business in preparation for the family move to Tennessee. (see appendix 46 and 47).

In June 1809 he was in Amelia County, Virginia to get married. The marriage bond of George Washington Davis Medearis and Elizabeth Sharp Woodward in Amelia County is dated June 12, 1809. The family Bible (appendix 42) says that they were married June 18, 1809. Thomas Woodward was surety to their bond. The Bible record indicates that her father was Thomas Woodward of Amelia County. She was born February 5, 1793 (see appendix 14).

Also in Amelia County marriages, is that of John T. Medearis to Patty Avery, who writes her own consent. Witnesses to consent were Joel Avery and George Avery. Surety was George Avery. Date is August 28, 1800. The writer does not know the identity of this John T. Medearis. If this was the father of Captain John Medearis and grandfather of Washington Davis Medearis he would have been an aged man in 1800. Whether he was a grandfather or other relative of Washington Davis, his presence in Amelia County might account for a North Carolina boy meeting and marrying a Virginia girl that he met on a visit to a relative.

Apparently Washington D. Medearis didn't care for the "George" part of his name, as his marriage bond seems to be the only place he used it.

It is generally assumed that Washington Davis and Elizabeth moved to Tennessee about the same time as his parents. This would have been shortly after their marriage. Mary Elizabeth Medearis Feeney, their granddaughter, in her family account, (excerpts at appendix 43) says that when Elizabeth, her grandmother, came to Tennessee "she made the trip as far as Nashville, Tennessee with General Andrew Jackson and wife. There were no ways of travel then but over-land. She spent several weeks as their guest at the Hermitage". Since Mrs. Feeney remembered her grandmother, she had probably heard this story from her. It is possible that Washington Davis came with his father's family and Elizabeth traveled with the Jackson family or it could have been that both of them traveled with the Jacksons. This writer has not tried to reconcile this story with the travels of Andrew and Rachel Jackson.

We do know that Washington D. and Elizabeth Medearis settled in Bedford County, Tennessee in the part that later became Marshall County. Their home was near that of his father's in Liberty Valley.

Washington Davis Medearis died in 1838 only four years after his father's death. It is believed that he is buried near his father's grave in the family burial plot, but no marker exists.

On January 26, 1842 Elizabeth Woodward Medearis married Joel Yowell, a widower, in Marshall County, Tennessee. He was the father of one of her sons-in-law, William Russell Yowell. Joel Yowell died in 1855. In 1859 she started to Texas with her sons, John T. Medearis and Wiley W. Medearis and their families. Her two daughters-in-law, Frances Dean Medearis and Mary Lipscomb Medearis became ill of a fever in Sevier County, Arkansas and both died there. (appendix 51). After their deaths John T. Medearis, his mother Elizabeth, and all the children returned to Tennessee.

During the Civil War Elizabeth was at the home of her daughter, Sarah Loyd, at Cheneyville, Louisiana and died there in 1864 or 1865. (see appendix 52). Although there are some unmarked graves on the grounds of Loyd Hall, it is not known whether one of them is hers. This writer searched for a marker for her in nearby cemeteries without success, and never did find one cemetery that was supposed to be in a deep woods, according to local residents.

Children of Washington Davis and Elizabeth (Woodward) Medearis:

1. Rachel Davis Medearis b. March 10, 1811 m. David Yancey May 14, 1829. He was b. Dec. 19, 1808 in North Carolina. She d. April 3, 1899 in Titus County, Texas. He d. May 14, 1885 in Titus County, both are interred in Yancey (Center Grove) Cemetery, Titus County, Texas. Their ten children and their descendants comprise pages 5 through 113 of this book.
2. Sarah H. Medearis b. Dec. 24, 1813 m. James D. Loyd Aug. 5, 1835. They settled near Cheneyville, La. where her husband became a prosperous planter. Their old home, Loyd Hall, still stands, a fine example of Louisiana plantation architecture. According to tradition, James Loyd, while not in the army, was killed trying to aid the Confederate troops during the Civil War. Sarah and James had no children. She went back to Tennessee and died there after James' death, "according to one source". Another source says she died in La.
3. Margaret B. Medearis b. Feb. 10, 1816 m. Aug. 5, 1835 Henry S. Blakemore (3 children - known descendants will be listed later in this chapter).
4. Mary (Polly) Medearis b. May 23, 1818 m. William Russell Yowell son of Joel Yowell Jan. 26, 1840 in Marshall County, Tenn. They lived near Petersburg, Tenn., later moving to Lewisburg. He was b. May 8, 1820 and d. Jan. 29, 1912. She d. March 12, 1896. They are interred in Lone Oak Cemetery, Lewisburg, Tenn. (7 children - known descendants will be listed later in this chapter).
5. Catherine (Kitty) Medearis (this must be the child listed in the family Bible as Christian L. b. Sept. 1, 1820). She married Thacker Vivian Griffin July 22, 1841 in Marshall County, Tenn. He was an

early day preacher of the Church of Christ (sometimes called Christian Church in his day). He was a widower when he married Kitty. He was b. Nov. 25, 1800 in South Carolina and d. Feb. 12, 1853 Dallas County, Texas. She died in 1845 in Tennessee and is believed interred in the Medearis family cemetery. Thacker Griffin is credited with establishing the first congregation of his faith in Dallas County at Hord's Ridge in 1846. (2 children) of which, more later in this chapter).

6. George Washington Medearis b. March 5, 1823 m. Kate Blakemore, died soon after marriage. (no children).
7. William Green Medearis b. Aug. 10, 1825. Died young.
8. John Thomas Medearis b. April 5, 1828 m. 1. Frances Evaline Dean March 22, 1849. She was b. March 28, 1833, the daughter of Henry and Frances Dean. She d. Oct. 31, 1859 in Sevier County, Arkansas. (5 children) (see appendix 51). 2. Harriet Jane Noblitt, daughter of Abraham Noblitt b. April 29, 1860. She d. Feb. 23, 1917. (11 children).

Mrs. Feeney's account of the family (appendix 43) states that her father, John T. Medearis attended school in Liberty Valley and later at Franklin College near Nashville. Franklin College was operated by Tolbert Fanning, well known Tennessee leader of the movement to restore the New Testament Church to its first century purity.

After the ill fated attempt to move to Texas in 1859, and the tragic death of his first wife, Frances Dean Medearis, in Arkansas (appendix 51), John T. Medearis, his mother, his five children and his brother Wiley's infant son, John Lipscomb Medearis, all returned to Tennessee. In 1864 he purchased a tannery at Fayetteville, Tennessee. In 1866 or 67 he entered into partnership with others in a woolen mill which business was at first successful but later failed.

John T. Medearis had become a Christian at Franklin College, and was active in the Church of Christ for the remainder of his life. Mary Elizabeth Feeney states that the "church at Fayetteville stands today a living monument to his unceasing energy and faith".

John T. Medearis died at Fayetteville August 5, 1897.

(Known descendants will be listed later in this chapter).

9. Elizabeth S. Medearis b. 1830 died young.
10. Martha Frances Medearis b. Oct. 16, 1832 m. about 1851 William Lodowick Pearce son of Joshua and Esther (Tanner) Pearce. He was b. about 1830. (6 children - known descendants will be listed later in this chapter).
11. Wiley Woodward Medearis b. March 28, 1836 m. 1. Mary Lipscomb in 1858. She d. Oct. 30, 1859 in Sevier County, Arkansas (1 child) (see appendix 51).

In Mary Elizabeth Feeney's account of the family, she states that Wiley Woodward Medearis spent a year in New York City in 1857 studying "the science of allopathy, or as it was commonly called, "water cure"." In the eighteen hundreds there were many schools of medicine and the healing arts in this country that used different approaches to health and the treatment of disease.

Mrs. Feeney states that upon his return from this study that he and his brothers, "on a small scale, conducted a Sanitarium" and "had many patients come to them for this new treatment".

Descendants of Wiley Woodward state that he was a medical doctor and practiced as such, and that he served as a doctor in the Confederate Army with rank of Captain. This writer has not attempted to verify his Civil War service.

After the tragedy of his first wife, Mary Lipscomb's death in Arkansas in 1859, Wiley came on to Texas while his brother, John T. returned to Tennessee taking Wiley's infant son, John Lipscomb. Wiley later married again in Texas and returned to Tennessee to bring his son to Texas.

His second marriage was to Kate Smith daughter of William S. and Nancy Smith. She was b. April 20, 1844 d. July 15, 1875. He d. 1908. They had 6 children. (Known descendants will be listed later in this chapter).

Known descendants of each of the children of Washington Davis and Elizabeth (Woodward) Medearis will now be listed in order of the children's births. Descendants of Rachel Davis (Medearis) and David Yancey have already been listed (pages 5-113).

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Descendants of Margaret E. (Medearis) and Henry S. Blakemore:

- I. Sarah Elizabeth Blakemore m. Cannon Luna. They had several children among whom were:
 - A. Mary Elizabeth m. John Smith McDoniel (his second wife).
 - B. Maggie m. William Hardin Thorp.
 1. Minnie Thorp (lived Dallas, Texas, never married).
 2. Hugh Thorp (lived Dallas, Texas, never married).
- II. Sue Catherine Blakemore b. Nov. 24, 1839 m. Charles Alexander Gill (his second wife). He was an architect and civic leader in Dallas, Texas. An elementary school there is named for him. He was b. Sept. 15, 1837 and d. June 10, 1916 a few days after being injured when struck by a taxicab in Dallas. She d. July 9, 1882. Both are interred in Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. (2 children).
 - A. Frances Gill b. July 25, 1872 m. Mr. Morgan. She d. July 24, 195 She is interred Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. (3 children).

1. Guiton Morgan, former City Manager of Austin, Texas.
2. Ian Henly Morgan, County Engineer Travis County, Texas.
3. Charles Alexander Gill Morgan, Geologist, Harvard graduate, with 1934 Byrd Expedition to South Pole, on Gen. Eisenhower's staff in Europe after WWII.

B. Ella Gill b. March 28, 1877 m. W. J. Lockett. She d. Feb. 21, 1968. Interred Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. (no data on children, if any).

III. Mary Davis Blakemore m. Mr. Crunk (no further data).

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Descendants of Mary (Polly) (Medearis) and William Russell Yowell:
(Data as furnished by Mrs. W. H. Alford, Jr. of Lewisburg, Tennessee in 1957).
Their children are:

- A. Lucy Elizabeth Yowell b. Nov. 15, 1840 m. William Norris Cowden.
 - A. Joel G. W. Yowell b. Feb. 18, 1843 m. Prudence Rector.
 - A. William G. J. Yowell b. May 17, 1846 m. (1) Bettie Morris; (2) Bell Smith.
 - A. Martha T. Yowell b. Sept. 25, 1849 m. John Luna (no issue).
 - A. Mary Pierce Yowell b. March 28, 1853 m. Henry Bascome Gill.
 - A. James Albert Yowell b. Nov. 14, 1856 m. Julia Stone.
 - A. J. Wiley Yowell b. Jan. 14, 1861 m. Nora McConnell.
- A. Lucy Elizabeth Yowell married William Norris Cowden an outstanding criminal lawyer of Tennessee. At one time he was the clerk of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. He was a man of wealth and influence. This couple was lovingly known to their family as "Big Pa and Ma Lizzie" and it was in their hospitable home that the Medearis' and Yancey's on their covered wagon trek to Texas, spent the night before leaving Tennessee. Land that is now Lone Oak Cemetery was given by W. N. and Lucy Elizabeth Cowden. William Norris Cowden was born December 6, 1837 and died in 1892. Lucy Elizabeth Cowden died in February 1923 and both are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Lewisburg, Tennessee. They were married in 1856. Their children are:
- B. John Alonzo Cowden b. Aug. 6, 1857 m. Aimee Johnson.
 - B. William Washington Cowden b. May 3, 1859 m. (1) Jennie Cooney, (2) Margaret Jones.
 - B. Mary Martha Cowden b. Feb. 9, 1862 m. Robert Grundy Hendrick.
 - B. Loyd Erskine Cowden b. Nov. 7, 1867 m. Lula McLaurin (no issue).
 - B. Effie Cowden b. Dec. 24, 1865 m. (1) John Acuff, (2) Minor Wilkes.
 - B. Joseph Wilson Cowden b. Feb. 15, 1871 m. Leo Pettit (no issue).
 - B. John Alonzo Cowden b. Jan. 10, 1884 m. John Hyland (no issue).

B. William Washington Cowden and Jennie Cooney's children are:

C. Will Norris Cowden b. Dec. 16, 1889 m. Johnnie Mai Fry.

B. William Washington Cowden and Margaret Jones' children are:

C. Thomas Harold Cowden b. April 12, 1902 m. Ruth Watts.

C. Will Norris Cowden and Jennie Mai Fry's children are:

C. Frances Cowden b. April 15, 1913.

C. Thomas Harold Cowden and Ruth Watt's children are:

C. Betty Ann Cowden b. April 25, 1945.

B. Mary Martha Cowden married November 5, 1879 to Robert Grundy Hendrick who was born June 8, 1848. Martha Cowden like her mother, ran away from home to marry Mr. Hendrick whom she met one day and married the next. Her father was in Nashville at the time as clerk of the Supreme Court and Ma Lizzie knowing Big Pa's explosive disposition thought wise for her to deliver the news of Martha's elopement in person. When she in her gentle nature broke the news that Martha had married Grundy Hendrick he in a moment of anger stormed out, "Who in the hell is Henry Grundick!! Time proved that Martha knew a Southern gentleman at first sight and through the years this family lived up to the high standard of their forbears. Their children are:

- C. Elizabeth Zana Hendrick b. June 29, 1881 m. Frank Oliver Roberts.
- C. Effie May Hendrick b. March 14, 1886 m. Joe F. Moss.
- C. Aimes Hendrick b. Feb. 24, 1889 (never married).
- C. Jennie Medearis Hendrick b. Sept. 2, 1891 m. Guy J. McLaughlin.
- C. William Tilman Hendrick b. Dec. 28, 1882 m. Pearl Pylant.
- C. Robert Grundy Hendrick, Jr. b. Jan. 27, 1894 m. Elsie Lee Ziegler.

Elizabeth Zana Hendrick married Frank Oliver Roberts July 3, 1905 in Manila, P. I. their children are:

- D. Martha Roberts b. Sept. 23, 1906 m. Henry Moss Green.
- D. Elizabeth Roberts b. Oct. 20, 1911 m. Jas. Collier Moore.

D. Martha Roberts married Henry Moss Green Nov. 25, 1924 and their children are:

- E. Henry Moss Green, Jr. b. Sept. 26, 1925 m. Anna Belle Geise.
- E. Franklin Hughes Green b. July 22, 1927 m. Margo Feldman.

E. Henry Moss Green, Jr. married Aug. 1, 1950 to Anna Belle Geise who was born July 15, 1927 and their children are:

- F. Patricia Green.
- F. Henry Moss Green III.
- F. Deborah Green.
- F. James Franklin Green.
- C. Effie May Hendrick married Oct. 24, 1906 to Joe F. Moss who was born Dec. 2, 1882. Their children are:
 - D. Joe Hendrick Moss b. Aug. 2, 1907 m. Elizabeth Hardison.
 - D. Robert Henry Moss b. Oct. 9, 1917 m. Adelaide Moore.
- D. Joe Hendrick Moss married Elizabeth Hardison and their children are:
 - E. Betsy Ann Moss b. April 5, 1934 m. Lt. Duke Johnson.
 - E. Edith Moss b. June 6, 1939 m. June 22, 1957 Arthur V. Wynne.
- E. Betsy Ann Moss married Feb. 20, 1954 to Lt. Duke Johnson who was born Feb. 5, 1935 and their children are:
 - F. Elizabeth Ann Johnson b. Nov. 11, 1955.
 - F. Duke Johnson, Jr. b. Nov. 21, 1956.
- D. Robert Henry Moss married Nov. 4, 1939 to Adelaide Moore who was born Oct. 24, 1917 and their children are:
 - E. Carolyn Moss b. Oct. 23, 1941.
 - E. Robert Henry Moss, Jr. b. June 25, 1944.
 - E. Joseph David Moss b. Aug. 1, 1953.
- C. Jennie Medearis Hendrick and Guy L. McLaughlin were married March 10, 1910, Guy J. McLaughlin was born Aug. 2, 1886 and their children were:
 - D. Jane McLaughlin b. Jan. 15, 1911 m. Jay Burnett May 20, 1959 (no issue).
 - D. Lt. Guy J. McLaughlin b. Oct. 13, 1921: killed in action in Rome Italy, July 1944, after his 33rd. air mission.
- C. William Tillman Hendrick married Pearl Pylant in Feb. 13, 1911. Pearl Pylant was born Feb. 17, 1893. Their children are:
 - D. William Tillman Hendrick, Jr. b. Feb. 10, 1918 (died an infant).
 - D. John Tillman Hendrick b. May 3, 1914 m. Ruth Franklin in June 20, 1941 (no issue).
- C. Robert Grundy Hendrick, Jr. and Elsie Lee Ziegler were married Feb. 22, 1925. Elsie Lee Ziegler was born Jan. 7, 1904. Their children are:
 - D. Issabelle Hendrick b. Sept. 20, 1927 m. Aug. 26, 1945 Archie Edward Singleton.
 - D. Robert Ziegler Hendrick b. Dec. 2, 1931.

- D. Issabelle Hendrick married Archie Edward Singleton who was born Oct. 12, 1924 and their children are:
 - E. Harold Edward Singleton b. July 10, 1946.
 - E. Edith Lee Singleton b. Nov. 10, 1950.
 - E. Robert Hendrick Singleton b. Sept. 8, 1956.
- B. Effie Cowden and John Acuff's children are:
 - C. Bessie Pillow Acuff b. Jan. 16, 1889 m. (1) Robert Keller (2) Richard Bayley.
- B. Effie Cowden and Minor Wilkes' children are:
 - C. Cowden Wilkes (no issue).
 - C. Thomas Woodson Wilkes b. Jan. 18, 1901 m. Evelyn Diatiker.
- C. Bessie Pillow Acuff and Robert Keller's children are:
 - D. Robert Pillow Keller b. 1913 m. Katherine O'Neal.
- C. Bessie Pillow Acuff and Richard Bayley's children are:
 - D. Elizabeth Bayley b. Dec. 28, 1920 m. E. O. Parr.
 - D. Martha Bayley b. Dec. 27, 1922 m. Reavis Coggin, Jr.
 - D. Jane Bayley b. May 12, 1925 m. Richard Allen Hunter.
 - D. Evelyn Bayley b. Aug. 6, 1927 m. Dr. Grover C. Wallace.
- D. Robert Pillow Keller and Katherine O'Neal's children are:
 - E. Kay Frances Keller b. Sept. 16, 1939.
- D. Elizabeth Bayley married E. O. Parr and their children are:
 - E. Larry Wayne Parr b. Sept. 19, 1947.
- D. Martha Bayley married Reavis Coggin, Jr. and their children are:
 - E. William Reavis Coggin b. Jan. 17, 1944.
- D. Jane Bayley and Richard Allen Hunter's children are:
 - E. Richard Allen Hunter, Jr. b. Oct. 22, 1945.
 - E. Joe Cowden Hunter b. Nov. 8, 1946.
- D. Evelyn Bayley and Grover C. Wallace's children are:
 - E. Stephen Patrick Wallace b. March 26, 1949.
 - E. Dandra Lee Wallace b. Aug. 23, 1951.
- C. Thomas Woodson Wilkes married Evelyn Diatiker who was born July 4, 1906. Their children are:

- D. Beverly Carolyn Wilkes b. May 11, 1928 m. (1) Mr. Tucker (2) E. E. Brown, Jr.
- D. Thomas Woodson Wilkes, Jr. b. Aug. 1, 1937.
- D. Beverly Carolyn Wilkes and Mr. Tucker's children are:
 - E. Barbara Lynn Tucker b. Oct. 12, 1948.
- D. Beverly Carolyn Wilkes and E. E. Brown, Jr.'s children are:
 - E. Emmett E. Brown III b. July 17, 1952.
 - E. Deborah Yvonne Brown b. April 6, 1954.
- A. Joel G. W. Yowell left Tennessee and went to Arkansas as a young man where he married Prudence Rector. He was a man of wealth and was of financial assistance to his father in his failing years as well as his widowed sisters. He was a "Santa Claus" to the younger generation. Joel G. W. and Prudence Yowell's children are:
 - B. Minnie Yowell b. April 1876 m. Robert L. Lund.
 - B. Snow Yowell b. Nov. 21, 1880 m. (1) Calvin Ledbetter. (2) John Boyle.
- B. Minnie Yowell and Robert L. Lund's children are:
 - C. Robert Lund, Jr. b. June 16, 1900 died 1923 (never married).
 - C. Joel Y. Lund b. Sept. 7, 1903 m. Erle Harsh.
 - C. William R. Lund b. May 16, 1908 m. Bettie Brown.
 - C. Dorothy Lund b. March 24, 1911 m. Austin P. Leland.
- C. Joel Y. Lund married Erle Harsh was born Jan. 31, 1908. Their children are:
 - D. Erle Talbot Lund b. April 10, 1933 m. John Shepley Lionberger, Jr. June 23, 1956.
 - D. Sarah Brandon Lund b. Feb. 29, 1936.
- C. William R. Lund and Bettie Brown b. May 2, 1911. Their children are:
 - D. William R. Lund, Jr. b. June 9, 1935.
 - D. Virginia Starr Lund b. Jan. 19, 1938.
 - D. Mary Leathan Lund b. March 23, 1949.
- C. Dorothy Lund married Austin Porter Leland b. Jan. 31, 1907. Their children are:
 - D. Mary Talbot Leland b. Jan. 28, 1936.
 - D. Irene Austin Leland b. March 31, 1947.
 - D. Austin Porter Leland, Jr. b. May 4, 1939 died 1945.

- B. Snow Yowell and Calvin Ledbetter's children are:
 - D. Calvin Reville Ledbetter b. March 30, 1905 m. Virginia Campbell.
 - D. Joel Yowell Ledbetter b. Feb. 19, 1911 m. Julia Bond.
- D. Calvin Ledbetter married Virginia Campbell and their children are:
 - E. Lt. Calvin Reville Ledbetter, Jr. b. 1929 m. Mary Brown Williams.
- E. Lt. Calvin Reville Ledbetter b. Dec. 28, 1956.
- D. Joel Yowell Ledbetter and Julia Bond's children are:
 - E. Virginia Reville Ledbetter b. Feb. 27, 1939.
 - E. Joel Yowell Ledbetter, Jr. b. June 8, 1940.
 - E. Julia Plunkett Ledbetter b. Jan. 26, 1948.
- A. William G. J. Yowell and Bettie Morris' children are:
 - B. Morris Yowell b. Sept. 16, 1869 m. (1) Lula Burns (2) Miriam House.
 - B. Walter Yowell m.
- A. William G. J. Yowell and Bell Smith's children are:
 - B. Mary Smith Yowell.
 - B. Lizzie Yowell.
- B. Morris Yowell and Lula Burn's children are:
 - C. Lizzie Yowell m. Roscoe Clark and had several sons.
- B. Morris Yowell and Miriam House's children are:
 - C. Gotha Yowell b. Nov. 29, 1920.
- B. Walter Yowell married (1) and had the following children:
 - C. B. and D. Yowell (twins).
 - C. Jim Yowell.
 - C. Forrest Yowell.
 - C. Arthur Yowell.
- B. Walter Yowell married (2) and had one child:
 - C. Otha Brents Yowell (no issue).
- A. Mary Pierce Yowell married July 31, 1873 Henry Bascom Gill b. May 22, 1850, d. Sept. 2. 1895. Their children are:

- B. Mattie Young Gill b. Dec. 16, 1875 m. George R. Gillespie.
 - B. Elizabeth Estell Gill b. Oct. 2, 1878 m. Dr. Jno. A. Hardison.
 - B. William Bascom Gill b. Aug. 5, 1885 m. Carrie Wilson.
 - B. Angie May Gill b. July 25, 1888 m. Cecil C. Wallace.
- B. Mattie Young Gill and George R. Gillespie's children are:
- C. George R. Gillespie, Jr. b. Oct. 29, 1902 m. Katherine Thorne.
 - C. Joseph Bascom Gillespie b. Nov. 10, 1904 m. Courtney Waggoner.
 - C. Harold Young Gillespie (twin) died an infant.
- C. Carroll Cowan Gillespie (twin) b. May 25, 1907 m. Margaret Garrett. Their children are:
- D. Martha Elizabeth Gillespie b. Jan. 5, 1911.
- C. George R. Gillespie, Jr. and Catherine Thorne's adopted children are:
- D. George R. Gillespie III b. June 11, 1938.
 - D. Susan Thorne Gillespie b. March 31, 1940.
- C. Joseph Bascom Gillespie married Courtney Waggoner and their children are:
- D. Courtney Louise Gillespie b. May 5, 1931 m. Rice P. White.
- C. Carroll Cowan Gillespie and Margaret Garrett's children are:
- D. Billie Carol Gillespie b. Dec. 27, 1934 m. T. B. Tanner.
- D. Billie Carol Gillespie and T. B. Tanner's children are:
- E. Jacqueline Lee Tanner b. Sept. 7, 1953.
 - E. Charles Michael Tanner b. Sept. 21, 1954.
- B. Elizabeth Estell Gill and Dr. Jno. A. Hardison's children are:
- C. Mary Ann Hardison b. Sept. 4, 1917 m. Roy B. Broster, Jr.
- C. Mary Ann Hardison and Roy B. Broster's children are:
- D. John B. Broster b. May 17, 1945.
- B. William Bascom Gill and Carry Wilson's children are:
- C. Daniel Bascom Gill b. Feb. 5, 1908 m. Alice Medora Mosby.
 - C. Joseph Bridgforth Gill b. Aug. 28, 1919.
 - C. Elizabeth Yowell Gill b. May 8, 1923 m. William Oscar Campbell.
 - C. Marion Wilson Gill b. Aug. 3, 1928.
 - C. Carolyn Gray Gill b. Jan. 27, 1936.

- C. Daniel Bascom Gill m. May 31, 1956 to Alice Medora Mosby b. Jan. 30, 1924. Their children are:
 - D. Daniel Mosby Gill b. Sept. 3, 1949.
- C. Elizabeth Yowell Gill m. Aug. 22, 1947 William Oscar Campbell b. Aug. 26, 1919 and their children are:
- D. William Alexander Campbell b. Sept. 20, 1950.
 - D. David Gill Campbell b. Aug. 19, 1953, d. 1953.
 - D. Mary Gill Campbell b. April 27, 1955.
- B. Angie May Gill and Cecil C. Wallace were married Oct. 11, 1911. Cecil C. Wallace was born Jan. 20, 1879, died Sept. 18, 1948. Their children are:
- C. Jane Wallace b. Aug. 8, 1913 m. Wm. Howard Alford, Jr.
 - C. Lt. Cecil Gill Wallace b. May 17, 1916; killed in action Aug. 25, 1944.
 - C. John Laws Wallace b. Oct. 1, 1919 m. Joanne Sharp.
 - C. George Bascom Wallace b. Feb. 23, 1924 m. Dorothy Dean Davis.
- C. Jane Wallace m. June 26, 1936 to Wm. Howard Alford, Jr. b. Sept. 6, 1904. Their children are:
- D. Jane Alford b. April 8, 1942.
 - D. Mary Alford b. June 22, 1944.
 - D. Nancy Alford b. July 4, 1947.
- C. John Laws Wallace m. May 26, 1951 to Joanne Sharp b. July 23, 1928 and their children are:
- D. Madalyn Wallace b. June 10, 1953.
 - D. Joanne Wallace b. Dec. 15, 1955.
- C. George Bascom Wallace m. March 13, 1947 to Dorothy Dean Davis b. June 19, 1923 and their children are:
- D. George Bascom Wallace, Jr. b. Feb. 21, 1948.
 - D. Anne Wallace b. March 3, 1951.
- A. James A. Yowell and Julia Stone's children are:
- B. Joe E. Yowell b. Aug. 5, 1883 m. Katherine Chamberlain.
 - B. Alice Yowell (died young).
- B. Joe E. Yowell and Katherine Chamberlain were married Oct. 20, 1915. Katherine Chamberlain was born Jan. 29, 1888. Their children are:
- C. Joel Erwin Yowell, Jr. b. Nov. 11, 1916 m. Virginia Margaret McElhinney.
 - C. Edwin James Yowell b. Nov. 15, 1918 m. Elizabeth Erin.

- C. Harry Barton Chamberlain Yowell b. Dec. 6, 1920 m. Ann Metz.
- C. Katherine Chamberlain Yowell b. Jan. 17, 1925 m. Capt. Donald C. McClung.
- C. Jeannett Thompson Yowell b. Jan. 29, 1930 m. Carl C. Durrend.

- C. Edwin James Yowell m. Oct. 19, 1946 Elizabeth Erin and their children are:
 - D. Katherine Susan Yowell b. Feb. 3, 1949.
 - D. Edwin James Yowell III b. Nov. 30, 1954.

- C. Harry Barton Yowell m. 1947 Ann Metz and their children are:
 - D. Jason Edwin Yowell b. Nov. 24, 1956.

- C. Jeannette Thompson Yowell m. Nov. 1951 Carl C. Durrend and their children are:
 - D. Katherine Barton Durrend b. March 3, 1953.

- A. J. Wiley Yowell and Nora McConnell's children are:
 - B. William Russell Yowell m. Lillian Wilson.
 - B. John Willis Yowell b. Nov. 14, 1905 m. Miriam Frances Luck.

- B. William Russell Yowell and Lillian Wilson's children are:
 - C. Barbara Ann Yowell b. Sept. 27, 1931 m. James William Sherrow.
 - C. Martha Lee Yowell b. Oct. 28, 1935 m. Sept. 6, 1957 Patrick George Marshall.

- C. Barbara Ann Yowell m. Nov. 22, 1951 to James William Sherrow and their children are:
 - D. Jane Ann Sherrow b. Dec. 7, 1952.
 - D. David William Sherrow b. Dec. 31, 1954.
 - D. John Dalton Sherrow b. July 3, 1956.

- B. John William Yowell and Miram Frances Luck's children are:
 - D. Joe Wiley Yowell b. June 13, 1931 m. Jacquelin Sylvester.

- D. Joe Wiley Yowell married Jacquelin Sylvester and their children are:
 - E. Nancy Jo Yowell b. April 30, 1953.
 - E. John Russell Yowell b. May 24, 1956.

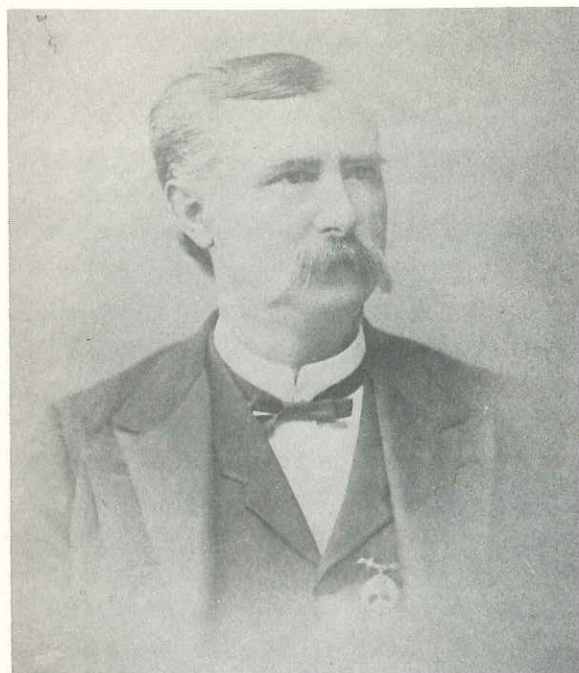
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John Thomas Medearis
1828-1897
Wiley Woodward Medearis
1836-1908



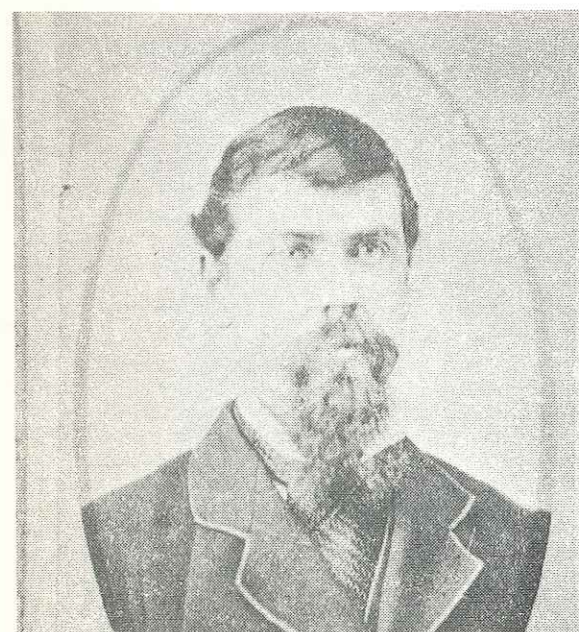
Mary Lipscomb Medearis
1842-1859
Lucy Dean Lipscomb
(mother of Mary)



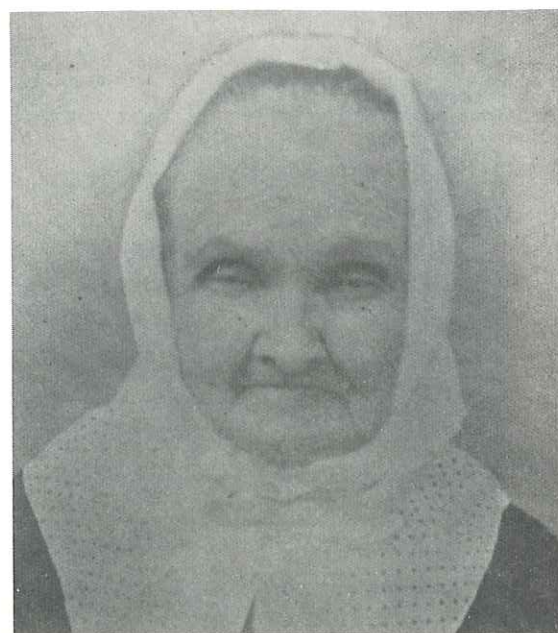
Albert Addison Johnston M.D.
1835-1905



Elizabeth Griffin Johnston
c.1842-1897



Washington Davis Medearis
1856-1931



Rachel Davis Medearis Yancey
1811-1899

Descendants of Catherine (Kitty) (Medearis) and Thacker Vivian Griffin:

- I. Elizabeth Griffin b. about 1842-43 m. Sept. 2, 1858 Dr. Albert Addison Johnston, pioneer physician of Dallas County, Texas. Dr. Johnston was born in Kentucky Feb. 2, 1835. He graduated at the University of Louisville Medical School in 1856 and came to Texas in the fall of that year. Dr. Johnston was the first President of the Dallas County Medical Society. He served as a surgeon in the Confederate Army in Louisiana during the Civil War. Elizabeth stayed with her aunt, Sarah Medearis Loyd, at Loyd Hall, Cheyneyville, La. during the war. (see appendix 52 for a letter that she wrote while there). She d. in 1897. He d. in Dallas Feb. 10, 1905. Both are interred in Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas.
- A. Richard Griffin Johnston b. July 6, 1859 d. Oct. 26, 1863. (Their only child).
- II. Joseph M. Griffin b. Dec. 2, 1844. He served in the Confederate Army under Captain W. W. Peak of Dallas. (see appendix 53). He never married. He died as a result of wounds sustained at the Battle of Mansfield in Louisiana in 1864.

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Descendants of John T. Medearis and Frances Evaline Dean:

(From data furnished a number of years ago by Mrs. Frances M. Eslick and Mrs. Jane Holland).

- I. Mary Elizabeth Medearis b. Feb. 22, 1850 m. A. W. Feeney April 5, 1868. Children:
 - A. Mattie Evelyn, died in infancy.
 - B. John Mark, m. Mollie Johnson, one son:
 - a. Cyril, died in childhood.
 - C. Lula m. Lon Gilliam, three children:
 1. Mary Agnes
 2. Raymond
 3. Tate
 - D. Rosa May m. Roy O'Neal, one child:
 1. Rose Marie
 - E. Robert P. m. Pearl Morrin, two children:
 1. Ray
 2. Sarah

F. Annie Bell, m. Wade Hampton, one child:

1. Mary Morgan, died in infancy.

G. Clarence m. Emma Jones, one child:

1. Clarence (daughter)

H. Raymond

I. Mary m. Hugh Kirkpatrick, one child:

1. Mary Hugh

J. Fan

II. Lucy Catherine Medearis was born Feb. 16, 1852 m. John David Neeld Aug. 15, 1869, died Sept. 29, 1947. John David Neeld born 1845, died Dec. 1881. Their children:

A. Jessie Irwin Neeld b. Jan. 24, 1871 m. Elbert Oliver Green Aug. 21, 1902. Their children:

1. Francis Neeld Green b. Nov. 11, 1904 m. Josephine Snyder Oct. 23, 1938.
2. Julius Elbert Green b. Dec. 21, 1905.
3. Catherine Green b. April 23, 1907.

B. Emma Evalyn Neeld b. June 29, 1872 d. June 14, 1971 m. James Augustus Moores Sept. 9, 1897. Their children:

1. James Neeld Moores b. Sept. 23, 1898 d. Dec. 1898.
2. Lucy Moores b. March 23, 1900 m. Robert Wilson Gray. Their children:

a. Martha Gray m. Henry Wright, one child:

1. Wilson Wright

b. Nancy Gray m. William Ward, one child:

1. Martha Ann Ward m. Don Skinrood

c. Robert W. Gray, Jr. m. Martha Bruce

1. Bob Gray
2. Bruce Gray
3. James Gray m. Betty Rambo

3. Hugh Wilson Moores b. Dec. 15, 1902 m. Horton Lamb Rawls.

4. Catherine Moores b. Dec. 25, 1904.

5. Mildred Moores b. Sept. 23, 1906 m. Irwin Stewart, their children:

- a. David Stewart
- b. Michael Stewart

6. Virginia Moores b. Jan. 1911 m. Ed C. Smith, their children:

- a. Virginia Moores Smith
- b. Jack Smith

7. Sarah Moores b. April 2, 1913 m. James Walker, their children:

- a. Sally Walker
- b. Jimmie Walker

8. Ruth Moores b. June 18, 1915 d. Nov. 8, 1922.

C. Bertha Neeld b. March 22, 1875 m. Robert Duff Dryden June 15, 1904. Their children:

1. Annie Neeld Dryden b. June 19, 1906.
2. Rachel Davis Dryden b. July 13, 1909 m. Hugh MacGilbra Burras May 18, 1937.

D. James Harvey Neeld b. Dec. 22, 1879 m. Nellie Bruce Yoest April 26, 1899. Their children:

1. James Harvey Neeld, Jr. b. April 20, 1907, m. Lazinka Orman Parks Jan. 26, 1929, their children:

- a. James Harvey Neeld III m. Sandra Ann Seward
- b. Naomi Lucille Neeld

2. John Bruce Neeld b. Dec. 25, 1910 m. Brownie Earl Walters Dec. 23, 1937. Their children:

- a. John Bruce Neeld, Jr.

E. Mary Neeld b. Feb. 24, 1881 m. Hirman Clay Higgins June 15, 1904, their children:

1. Louise Higgins b. March 26, 1905
2. Phillip Medearis Higgins b. Nov. 23, 1908 m. Lucille Fain Nov. 29, 1938, their children:

- a. Philip Medearis Higgins, Jr.
- b. Ann Fain Higgins
- c. Charles Owen Higgins

Lucy Catherine Medearis married the second time in 1913 to Hugh D. Smith, her brother-in-law.

III. Harvey Dean Medearis, Sr. b. Feb. 9, 1854 m. first cousin, Bettie Dean, May 10, 1882 daughter of Mannon Dean. Harvey Dean Medearis d. at Pulaski, Tennessee June 3, 1935. Bettie Dean Medearis d. at Pulaski, Tennessee June 13, 1956.

H. D. Medearis, Sr., owned and operated the Coco-Cola Bottling Plant from 1911 until death. Their children and grandchildren:

- A. John Mannon Medearis b. Dec. 20, 1883 m. Gertrude Pierce. Living in Colorado, no children.
- B. Frances Medearis b. Jan. 27, 1887 m. Bennett Eslick (Attorney) Jan. 15, 1919. Bennett Eslick d. July 4, 1955. Their children:
 - 1. Brooks Breckenridge Eslick b. Jan. 20, 1920 "Brooks Insurance Agency". Served three terms (6 years) as State Senator, m. Jean Russell of Paris, Tenn. July 7, 1946. Their children:
 - a. Frances Edwina Eslick b. Sept. 24, 1950.
 - b. Bettie Dean Eslick b. Jan. 18, 1952.
 - 2. Edward Medearis Eslick b. Aug. 31, 1921 m. Mary Eleanor West Sept. 3, 1945. No children. Profession: Manager of Tel. & Tel. Exchange, Dickson, Tennessee.
 - 3. Nancy Dean Eslick b. Sept. 16, 1922 m. Rexford Taylor Wiley March 6, 1948 who is Master Sergeant in U.S. Air Force. Their children:
 - a. Steven Randolph Wiley b. Anchorage, Alaska March 31, 1955.
- C. Harvey Dean Medearis, Jr. b. Dec. 16, 1891 d. Aug. 12, 1936 m. (1) Mary Thomison, one child.
 - 1. Mary Syd b. Jan. 18, 1916 m. Dr. Robert T. Odom Sept. 29, 1938. Their children:
 - a. Peggy Syd b. Nov. 14, 1940.
 - b. Helen Dean b. March 9, 1943.
 - c. Janie b. June 10, 1947.
 - d. Sally b. Jan. 7, 1949.

Harvey Dean Medearis, Jr. married (2) Mary Lucille Holly Dec. 6, 1929, one son:

- e. Harvey Dean Medearis III b. May 15, 1931 m. Jane Elizabeth Allen b. June 6, 1932, their children:
 - 1. Harvey Dean Medearis IV b. July 19, 1952.
 - 2. Bettie Jane b. March 1, 1955.
 - 3. John Leslie b. July 18, 1956.

IV. Washington Davis Medearis b. April 13, 1856 d. Jan. 20, 1931 m. Lucy Ann Allen b. Aug. 6, 1863 d. April 20, 1948. (Entered Coca-Cola Bottling business in 1908). (see appendix 53).

A. Leland Davis Medearis b. Oct. 6, 1901 d. May 17, 1941 m. Mayme Sue Franklin b. Sept. 5, 1901.

- 1. Jane Elizabeth Medearis b. Oct. 10, 1923 m. Dr. William Cannon Holland b. Sept. 26, 1921, a teacher at Vanderbilt Medical School.

- a. Sue Franklin Holland b. May 11, 1953.
- b. Betty Adele Holland b. May 11, 1954.
- c. William Cannon Holland III b. Sept. 7, 1956.

B. Frank Lipscomb Medearis m. Gladys Wheatley.

- 1. William Davis Medearis
- 2. Frank L. Medearis
- 3. Mary Gladys Medearis

V. Martha Frances Medearis b. Nov. 11, 1858 m. Hugh Douglas Smith b. Feb. 24, 1852 d. June 26, 1921. She d. March 18, 1881.

A. William Medearis Smith b. Oct. 16, 1878 d. Aug. 18, 1956 m. Thomas Josephine Lauderdale b. Dec. 11, 1888. Their children:

- 1. Frances Josephine Smith b. March 5, 1911 m. Joseph Gatewood Ham Dec. 4, 1931, their children:

- a. William Gatewood Ham b. Sept. 26, 1932.
- b. Charles Douglas Ham b. Oct. 14, 1934.
- c. Van Eugene Ham b. Nov. 1, 1948.

- 2. Frances Dean Smith b. Sept. 10, 1913 m. Benjamin Franklin Barry Feb. 15, 1938. Benjamin Franklin Barry b. Aug. 3, 1911. Their children:

- a. Adele Wynne Barry b. April 8, 1940.
- b. Thomas Lauderdale Barry b. Sept. 23, 1945.
- c. Franklin Dean Barry b. Aug. 4, 1950.

- 3. Tommie Lucille Smith b. Jan. 27, 1917.

- 4. Hugh Lauderdale Smith b. May 31, 1919 m. Sept. 13, 1941 Hilda Nichols b. Feb. 1, 1919.

- a. Virginia Ann Smith b. April 4, 1946.
- b. William Medearis Smith b. Jan. 29, 1948.
- c. Joe Nichols Smith b. March 12, 1950.
- d. Mary Smith b. April 16, 1952.

5. Emmaline Gray Smith b. Sept. 28, 1921 m. Jan. 1, 1944
Howard Bush Woodside. Their children:
 - a. Lucille Smith Woodside b. May 28, 1947.
 - b. Paisley Ann Woodside b. Oct. 13, 1953.
6. Dorothy Smith b. July 7, 1924 d. Jan. 1934.

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Descendants of John T. Medearis and Harriet Jane Noblitt:

- I. Nancy (Nannie) Thomas b. Aug. 28, 1861 d. Aug. 20, 1879, never married.
- II. Anna Belle Medearis b. May 4, 1863 m. Willis Franklin Holman Dec. 4, 1881 at the church in Fayetteville, Tennessee. Willis Holman d. Jan. 10, 1902, after an accident while superintending planting of fruit trees in Davidson County. His wife, Anna Belle d. Sept. 14, 1916, immediately following an operation. To this union were born the following children:
 - A. Mamie b. Sept. 9, 1882. She lives at Nashville, Tenn. (1973).
 - B. Annie Belle b. Oct. 25, 1884 d. 1969.
 - C. Beulah b. Dec. 26, 1886 d. when about one year of age.
 - D. Maude Medearis b. Feb. 17, 1889.
 - E. Alice b. July 17, 1892.
 - F. Willis Franklin b. Nov. 6, 1894 d. July 26, 1957.
 - G. Elizabeth b. Jan. 10, 1897.
 (none of the above Holman children married).
- III. Wiley Alice Medearis b. March 26, 1865 d. Feb. 1, 1945 in Nashville, Tenn. (never married).
- IV. William Robert Medearis b. Oct. 3, 1867 m. Nana Elizabeth Burton of Chattanooga, Tenn. Nov. 23, 1898. They lived in Nashville, then in St. Louis, Missouri and later in Memphis, Tennessee, but their three children were born in Nashville, Tennessee.
 - A. Virginia Ann Medearis b. March 8, 1900 m. Lester Charles Mitchum Dec. 28, 1921. He was b. Jan. 16, 1896. She d. Nov. 1970.
 1. Helen Elizabeth Mitchum b. Aug. 5, 1923 m. Claude D. White of Clarksdale, Miss. July 28, 1946. To this union was born two children: Elizabeth Ann b. Oct. 23, 1948 and Claude D. White, Jr. Jan. 29, 1953. (Helen Elizabeth Mitchum d. Jan. 10, 1954. She was killed in an automobile accident a few days after Christmas of 1953). Claude White has remarried a fine Christian woman.
 2. William Charles Mitchum b. Nov. 28, 1925 (called Bill) has not yet (Nov. 14, 1957) married.

3. Virginia Ruth Mitchum b. Dec. 2, 1927 m. Leonard James Brummett Dec. 19, 1949. They were both graduated from Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., and are now missionaries - now on leave in this country at Yale University. To them was born Barry Scott Oct. 19, 1951. He was born in this country, but was only a baby when his parents were sent to the Philippines, where they lived until the summer of this year, 1957. In the Philippines, they were located at Bangued Abra and before returning to this country they adopted a little Korean-American orphan Feb. 7, 1957. Her name is Kathy Kim Brummett b. May 23, 1958.

4. Robert Medearis Mitchum b. July 11, 1930 m. Bettye Jean Davidson Feb. 22, 1954. They have no children as yet. He graduated in the U.S. Air Corps, and is now (Nov. 1957) on some secret mission.

- B. Helen May Medearis b. Oct. 7, 1901 m. James Barrow Simmons Aug. 28, 1922. He was b. June 27, 1899.

1. Jeanne Helen Simmons b. Nov. 26, 1931 m. Joseph Edward Allen Aug. 2, 1954. To this union one son was b. Dec. 20, 1956, Joseph Edward Allen II.

2. Virginia Barrow Simmons b. May 12, 1934.

- C. William Robert Medearis, Jr. b. May 21, 1904 m. Mrs. Mabel Louise McMillan Dec. 31, 1941.

- V. Sallie Lenore b. Nov. 11, 1869 m. Dr. William Simon Vertrees Jan. 1, 1890 at Nashville, Tennessee. He d. 1908.

- A. Martha (Mattie) Belle b. Oct. 22, 1890 m. Stephen Moore. They had one child - Walter - who d. Nov. 1916. She has since m. T. Hugh Snell and lives in Palmdale, Florida.

- B. Woodford Mitchell b. Dec. 30, 1892 d. May 6, 1941 m. Annie Warren Peyton Dec. 26, 1916 in Fayetteville, Tenn. They had one daughter, Margaret Warren. She m. Robert Chunn. They had two boys - Jan Erwin b. Aug. 26, 1944 and Joel b. Jan. 1, 1951. They now live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Margaret Warren Vertrees was b. Nov. 23, 1917.

- C. Robert Medearis Vertrees b. Nov. 3, 1894 m. Marguerite Patton Hash Nov. 25, 1933. No children have been born to this union. They live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

- D. Duncan Eve Vertrees m. Martha Frances Knowles March 19, 1919 in Detroit, Michigan. To this union were b. two sons as follows:

1. Robert Albert Vertrees b. Dec. 23, 1919 Detroit, Mich. m. Carol Ann Dixon of Detroit, Michigan, in Alexandria, La., July 4, 1942. To this union were born two children - Paul Robert Vertrees b. Sept. 2, 1946 at Detroit, Mich., and Christine Ellen Vertrees b. Jan. 19, 1951 in Dearborn, Mich.
 2. Duncan Eve, Jr. m. Jean Elizabeth Sparling of Yale, Mich. in Yale Sept. 25, 1951. Of this union two children were born - Dennis Duncan Vertrees b. in Detroit Jan. and Elizabeth Ann Vertrees b. Nov. 11, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan.
- VI. Ethel May Medearis b. Aug. 6, 1872 m. Dr. John Overton Cummins June 22, 1919 at Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Cummins was a very fine physician. He was a widower. His first wife had left five children. He d. July 28, 1932.
- VII. Lily Myrtle Medearis b. July 20, 1875 m. William Harry Winnett Oct. 4, 1894 in Nashville, Tennessee.
- A. Martha Lucile Winnett b. Sept. 25, 1896 m. John Lovick Turner, Jr. Oct. 4, 1917 in Thomasville, Georgia.
 1. John Lovick Turner III b. Aug. 25, 1918 m. Anne Davis March 3, 1944 Montgomery, Ala. To them were born two children: John Lovick Turner IV Jan. 2, 1946 m. Ann Sandford McLeod June 27, 1970, Amanda Davis Turner Nov. 9, 1949.
 2. Lucile Winnett Turner b. Oct. 19, 1919 m. Frank Thomas Holt III April 2, 1944 in Thomasville, Ga. Born to them: Deane Winnett Holt Sept. 13, 1945, Frank Thomas Holt IV and John Turner Holt (twins) June 26, 1949.
 - a. Deane Winnett Holt m. William Usher Norwood. 2 children, Helen Holliday Norwood b. Aug. 30, 1969 and William Brittain Norwood b. June 24, 1971.
 3. Harry Winnett Turner b. Sept. 24, 1924 m. Margaret Norman Feb. 4, 1949. Born three children: Harry Scott, Dec. 14, 1949, Nell Winnett May 20, 1952, Benjamin Coleman April 3, 1954 - all three born in Thomasville, Georgia.
- Lily Medearis Winnett m. (2) Dr. James Levick Foster May 9, 1902 in Nashville, Tenn. She d. May 14, 1961
- B. Edward Levick Foster b. Dec. 28, 1903 Thomasville, Ga. m. Margaret Baker of Memphis, Tenn. 1925 (no children).
 - C. Jane Neblitt Foster b. May 7, 1905 Thomasville, Ga. m. Laurence Clay Sullivan Aug. 18, 1930 in Lexington, Ky. (no children).
- VIII. Gertrude b. Aug. 21, 1877 d. at age 3 months.

- IX. Emma Medearis b. Oct. 5, 1878 m. William Edward Saxon Dec. 31, 1917. (no children). Emma Medearis was a teacher in the Nashville city schools before her marriage. After her marriage to Edward Saxon she taught in the public schools of Lexington, Ky., where she received her college degree from Transylvania College. Edward Saxon graduated in Drama and Public Speaking in the School of Expression (now Curry College) in Boston. He taught in Nashville. He was on the stage for several years before going to Lexington, Ky., in Lexington he taught drama, public speaking, vocal and literary interpretation of the Bible at Transylvania College. He died Feb. 28, 1945, of a heart ailment.
- X. Nellie Decima Medearis b. Nov. 17, 1880 m. Romain Tallman June 21, 1904 in Nashville, Tenn. He d. Oct. 13, 1955, interred Mt. Olivet Cemetery.
 - A. Albert Romain Tallman, Jr. b. and d. Aug. 6, 1907.
 - B. Ruth Romain Tallman b. Aug. 6, 1907 m. Joseph William Cato Sept. 15, 1929 in Nashville, Tenn. Born to them: Anne Romain Cato, Sept. 22, 1930; Jackson Williamson Cato Aug. 24, 1933; Jane Carolyn Cato May 1943. (Joseph William Cato d. Aug. 24, 1955. Interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.).
 1. Ann Romain Cato m. Robert (Bob) Hood Sowell Aug. 23, 1957.
 - C. Richard Medearis Tallman m. Helen Rothenburg Oct. 3, 1935. Born to them: Richard Medearis Tallman, Jr. April 10, 1940; Edward (Eddie) Romain Tallman Dec. 26, 1942; Patricia Anne Tallman July 12, 1945.
- XI. Hattie Lee Medearis b. March 12, 1884 m. William Bradford Sept. 20, 1905 in Nashville, Tenn. He d. April 4, 1924.
 - A. Sara Clare Bradford b. Aug. 4, 1908 m. Joseph Albert Saunders Sept. 14, 1934. Born to them: Sara Joyce Saunders March 19, 1935; Nancy Lee Saunders Aug. 7, 1939; Emma Jean Saunders Aug. 7, 1942; Mary Narcissa Saunders Sept. 30, 1944; Kathryn Saunders Aug. 26, 1946.

Sara Joyce Saunders m. Joe Clifford Wright Nov. 28, 1952. Born to them: Joycelyn Kay Wright July 7, 1952; Jerrel Lee Wright Aug. 6, 1954.

Mary Narcissa Saunders m. Stanley Eugene Mahurin Dec. 17, 1966. Born to them: Eric Wayne Mahurin b. Dec. 17, 1966; Donald Wesley Mahurin b. Oct. 25, 1970.

Kathryn Louise Saunders m. Bobby Jack Kelso. Born to them: Sherly Lynn Kelso June 21, 1971.

B. Harriet Locke Bradford b. Jan. 30, 1911 m. Noah Jefferson Nesbit Sept. 12, 1946. Born to them: Rebecca Irene Nesbit Sept. ,1950.

C. Marian Medearis Bradford b. Nov. 2, 1913 m. Ernest Greene. He lived only seven months after their marriage. She has not remarried. She is co-owner of Ever Green Place, 5007 Gallatin Road, with Mrs. Jos. A. Saunders. This is the ancestral home of the Bradfords. Marian lives at this address with her mother and her two maternal aunts - Mrs. Ethel Cummins (Mrs. J. O. Cummins) and Mrs. Edward (Emma) Saxon.

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Descendants of Martha Frances (Medearis) and William Lodowick Pearce:
(From: Three Pioneer Rapides Families by George Mason Graham Stafford. Copy in Rapides Parish Library, Alexandria, La.).

I. William Eugene Pearce was b. in Rapides Parish, La. near the town of Cheneyville in 1852 and d. at his home in Alexandria, La. on Wednesday March 16, 1932 at the age of eighty. He m. Jan. 12, 1876 Charlcie Emma Leadbetter, who was b. March 24, 1854 and d. Oct. 15, 1942. Two daughters were born of this marriage:

- a. Mattie Catherine Pearce
- b. Charlcie Emma Pearce

II. Esther Pearce m. Dr. T. M. Brentz. They had four children: James, Mattie, Daisy, and Ruby Brentz. (Note by D.M.W. - Could this be Dr. T. W. Brents - Page 13?).

III. Austin Pearce m. Mattie Ready. They had three children: Mary Martha, Carrie Medearis, and William Robert Pearce.

IV. Sally Pearce m. James Calton and they had five children: Josie, Frances Meadeariss (sic) William, Samuel and Clarence.

V. Joshua Pearce m. Esther Hymes. They have a daughter Inez Pearce.

VI. Catherine Pearce d. at the age of sixteen unmarried.

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Descendants of Wiley Woodward Medearis and Mary Lipscomb:

The following information was given to W. H. Norwood by Mrs. W. C. Martin of Stockdale, Texas, in August, 1958. Mrs. Martin was Eva Ellen Medearis, a daughter of John Lipscomb Medearis.

I. John Lipscomb Medearis was the oldest child of Wiley Woodward Medearis and the only child by Mary Lipscomb, his mother, who died in Arkansas while they were attempting a move from Tennessee to Texas. The date of her death was Oct. 30, 1859.

John Lipscomb Medearis b. June 30, 1859 d. July 24, 1942 (83 yrs.)
m. Frances Octavia Knight (Night) b. 1860 d. July 19, 1936. Their 10 children were:

I. Lucy Medearis b. May 27, 1883 d. Nov. 26, 1950 (67 yrs.) m. Monroe Garner. Their children were:

- A. Annie May Garner b. 1901 d. 1914 (13 yrs).
- B. Leonard Garner b. 1905 m. Hazel . They have no children, live in Arizona.
- C. Craig Garner m. Margaret Germer, they live at Stockdale, Texas. Their children:

- 1. Craig Garner
- 2. Juaneti Garner
- 3. Rodney Garner
- 4. Jack Garner
- 5. Janice Garner
- 6. Leonard Garner (Leo)
- 7. Roy Garner

D. Chrystal Garner m. H. E. Stagman. They live in Houston, Texas. Their children: (2) no information.

II. Mary Addie Medearis b. Jan. 22, 1885 m. Elijah Cozart and lived at Fort Worth, Texas. Their children: (3)

- A. Charles Cozart
- B. Gertrude Cozart m. Charles Lauson and lived at Fort Worth, Texas. Their children were:

- 1. Charles Lauson
- 2. Helen Lauson

C. Helen Cozart m. Wesley House and lived in Phoenix, Arizona. Their children were:

- 1. Sandra Lynn House

III. Eva Ellen Medearis b. Jan. 23, 1887, living at Stockdale, Texas. She m. W. C. Martin. Their children were: (8)

A. Curtis Martin b. May 28, 1905 lives at Devine, Texas m. Joe Bailey Brite. Their children: (2)

- 1. William Curtis Martin
- 2. Helen Bain Martin

B. Estelle Martin b. Oct. 1, 1907 m. C. H. Dickerson and they live in San Antonio, Texas. Their children: (3)

1. George Colby Dickerson
 2. Dorothy Dickerson
 3. Wanda Joe Dickerson
- C. Delia Martin b. Jan. 16, 1910 m. J. B. Fanning. Their children:(1)
1. Patricia Fanning
- D. Lora Martin b. March 6, 1912 m. Bill McLennan and lives at Columbus, Texas. Their children:
1. Mike McLennan
- E. Mable Martin b. May 2, 1914 m. Manuel Teague and they live at Beeville, Texas. Their children:
1. Jerry Teague m. Buddy Hawkins
 2. Martin Teague
- F. Alton Martin b. March 28, 1916 m. Louise Keinipper. They live at Devine, Texas. Their children: (6)
1. Paul Bain Martin
 2. Lawrence Martin
 3. John Martin
 4. Charlie Martin
 5. Kenneth Martin
 6. Linda Martin
- G. Bain Martin b. April 12, 1918 m. Norma Jordan. They lived at Stockdale, Texas. No children.
- H. Elmore Martin b. Jan. 12, 1922. Not married, lives at Amarillo, Texas.
- IV. Wiley Wood Medearis b. Dec. 26, 1890 d. July 17, 1942 m. Bertha Stevenson and lived at Long Beach, California. Their children:
- A. Wiley Wood Medearis, Jr. m. and lived at Long Beach, California. Their children:
1. Lucian Medearis
- B. Margaret Medearis m. R. B. Blumenshine and lives at Rt., Albuquerque, N. M. Their children:
1. Judy Blumenshine
- V. Meda Medearis (Twin sister to Wiley Wood Medearis) b. Dec. 26, 1890 d. Dec. 1918 m. Wiley Montgomery. They lived at Stockdale, Texas. Their children: (5)

- A. Robin Montgomery m. and lived at . 1 child. No information.
- B. Lola Montgomery m. Henry Longhurst and lived in California. No children.
- C. Edith Montgomery m. and lived at . 1 child, Mary.
- D. Mary Montgomery m. Frank Jennel and lived at Seminole, Texas. 2 children, no information.
- E. Wilbur Montgomery b. Dec. 5, 1918 m. Ruby . They lived at 1500 West 135th St., Gardena, California. Their children:
1. Judy Montgomery
 2. Mike Montgomery
- VI. Harvey H. Medearis b. Sept. 8, 1892, now living in California, m. Elmira Hicks. Their children: (2)
- A. Hicks Medearis m. had children, lives in Calif., no information.
- B. Dorothy Medearis m. had children, lives in Calif., no information.
- VII. Edna Etta Medearis b. May 18, 1895 living in Fort Worth, Texas m. Ross Hemby. Their children: (2)
- A. John Medearis Hemby lives in Fort Worth, Texas m. Johnnie Mae . Their children: (2) no information.
- B. Woodrow Hemby never married.
- VIII. Fannie Lou Medearis b. Feb. 6, 1898 living at Stockdale, Texas m. Charley Smalley. Their children: (1).
- A. Ralph Smalley b. Dec. 24, 1916 m. and lives at 424 Hodgkins Place, Fort Worth, Texas. (No further information).
- IX. Ira Olof Medearis (girl) b. June 12, 1900 m. Leo Hightower, they live at Victoria, Texas. Their children: (1)
- A. Leo Hightower, Jr. m. Dora Lou Russell, they live at Victoria, Texas. Their children: (3)
1. Mike Hightower
 2. Pat Hightower
 3. Randy Hightower
- X. John Holland Medearis b. March 24, 1904 d. Aug. , 1955 m. Addie May Burris b. , they lived at Long Beach, Calif. Their children:(3)

A. John Holland Medearis, Jr. living at Long Beach, California. He is married (wife's name not available). Their children:

1. Pamela Medearis

B. Mozelle Medearis m. Dick , they are living at Compton, California. Their children: (3) no information.

C. Betty Jean Medearis

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Descendants of Wiley Woodward Medearis and Kate Smith:

I. William Smith Medearis m. Laura (no further data).

II. T. W. (Thomas Washington) Medearis b. Feb. 12, 1866 d. Dec. 17, 1947 m. May 10, 1887 Emma (Magness) Medearis b. March 11, 1869 d. Dec. 1, 1917. Their children:

A. Wiley Alice Medearis b. Feb. 25, 1888 m. Nov. 15, 1911 William J. Rudolph b. 1876 d. 1930, Divorced 1914, one child: William Lorenz Rudolph b. March 18, 1913 d. April 2, 1956. She m. in Oct. 1920 Frederick S. Tew.

B. Washington Willis Medearis b. March 18, 1891 d. Dec. 5, 1968 Houston, Texas m. in 1909 Lola Puryear, divorced before first child. One child: Madeline Medearis. He m. Bessie Grein. Their children:

1. Alice Mae Medearis b. Aug. 29, 1923 m. John Hamilton.
2. Billy Miller Medearis b. Aug. 28, 1930 m. Helen Elaine Reese b. Sept. 30, 1930. Their children:

a. Billy Miller Medearis, Jr. b. Aug. 10, 1948 m. Aug. 19, 1966 Sandra Jean Brezeale b. Feb. 13, 1947.
b. James Medearis b. Oct. 26, 1949.
c. Yavonne Elaine Medearis b. Aug. 15, 1951.
d. Deborah Lynn Medearis b. Aug. 19, 1954.

C. Carl Smith Medearis b. July 1894, d. Dec. 12, 1909 (age 15).

D. Frances Medearis b. Aug. 7, 1898 m. June 25, 1936 Dorris S. Key b. Jan. 11, 1896. No children. He d. April 16, 1964.

E. Lucille Medearis b. June 16, 1901 m. in 1930 C. I. Van Slyke b. Sept. 27, 1900 d. April 17, 1956. Their children:

1. Cornelius Leslie, Jr. b. Dec. 14, 1931 d. Oct. 1952.
2. James Wiley b. Sept. 18, 1935 m. Oct. 21, 1955 Shirley Martin.

3. James Wiley Van Slyke b. Sept. 18, 1935 m. Oct. 21, 1935 Shirley LaNelle Martin b. Feb. 13, 1937. Their children:

a. Denise Van Slyke b. July 25, 1956.
b. Daniel Lee Van Slyke b. Jan. 24, 1958.

(Data on this family furnished by Mrs. Alice Tew).

III. James Smith Medearis b. Sept. 12, 1867 Austin, Texas d. Nov. 16, 1946 Glendora, California. m. Oct. 30, 1887 Austin, Texas Nancy Elizabeth Miles b. Jan. 1, 1869 Clarksville, near Atlanta, Georgia d. Jan. 25, 1963, Riverside, California (Age: 94).

In 1891, James Smith Medearis came to Southern California where he had an uncle, James Smith, living in or near Los Angeles. He came by train bringing his wife and two children. For many years he owned and operated an orange grove.

Following are the marriages of the children of James Smith Medearis and Nancy Elizabeth Miles Medearis:

A. Albert Medearis b. Dec. 13, 1890 Austin, Texas d. Jan. 19, 1953 Los Angeles, Calif. m. Dec. 23, 1917 Ruby Irene Willingham b. Nov. 5, 1896 Indian Territory (now State of Oklahoma - near Ardmore). Their children:

1. Joyce Audrey Medearis b. Feb. 4, 1920 Imperial Valley, Calif. m. Robert W. Thompson b. Nov. 15, 1919, Evanston, Wyoming. No children.
2. Betty Jean Medearis b. May 23, 1924, East Los Angeles, Calif. d. Dec. 19, 1930 Santa Barbara, Calif.
3. Jerry Alen Medearis b. Oct. 11, 1931 San Gabriel, Calif. m. Aug. 1, 1953 Jacqueline Beeler b. March 23, 1936 (divorced).

a. Jeri Lee Medearis b. July 31, 1954.

B. Mary Ann Medearis b. Nov. 15, 1891 d. Feb. 26, 1951 Ferris, Calif. m. June 10, 1912 Roy Elmer Jones b. April 2, 1890. Their children:

1. Virlin Randolph Jones b. Jan. 1, 1914 Long Beach, Calif. m. Dec. 5, 1942 Julia May Warden b. Aug. 2, 1925 Portland, Oregon.

a. Carol Ann Jones b. June 15, 1946 Bishop, California.
b. Terry Randolph Jones b. June 27, 1947 Bishop, California.

2. Leonard Martin Jones b. June 12, 1917, Long Beach, Calif. m. Oct. 3, 1947 Ana Frances Sprague b. Sept. 24, 1920.

a. Thomas Edward Jones b. Dec. 1, 1948 Los Angeles, Calif.
b. Linda Louise Jones b. June 7, 1950, Los Angeles, Calif.
c. Robert Andrew Jones b. Nov. 7, 1952 Los Angeles, Calif.

3. Charles Medearis Jones b. Feb. 1, 1928 Romoland, Calif. m. Oct. 24, 1948 Patricia Dean Jackson b. May 11, 1931, Corona, California.
 - a. Steven Charles Jones b. June 19, 1949, Hemet, Calif.
 - b. Celia Denise Jones b. April 26, 1952 Hemet, Calif.
 - c. Patrick Mark Jones b. June 30, 1953 Hemet, Calif.
 - d. Shannon Scott Jones b. Feb. 25, 1963 Hemet, Calif.
- C. Harriet Louella Medearis b. Feb. 28, 1893 Pasadena, Calif. m. Nov. 29, 1913 Luther Otto Vastbinder b. Jan. 31, 1893 d. Dec. 3, 1959.
 1. James Luther Vastbinder b. Nov. 2, 1914 m. 1952 Erva Herrick. No children.
 2. Harold Freeman Vastbinder b. Nov. 9, 1916 m. Feb. 6, 1934 Vera Heron.
 - a. Eugene Wendell b. Sept. 17, 1935.
 - b. Betty Roberta b. Dec. 26, 1936.
 - c. Dale b. Aug. 27, 1939.
 - d. Larry Marshall b. April 25, 1943.
 - e. William Leroy b. Oct. 14, 1945.
 - f. Harold Freeman, Jr. b. Nov. 22, 1947.
 3. Leroy Millard Vastbinder b. March 1, 1922 m. Margaret Donovan July 12, 1942. (divorced).
 - a. James Millard b. Jan. 17, 1944.
 - b. George Stephen b. Sept. 26, 1946.

LeRoy M. Vastbinder had his name legally changed to LeRoy M. Danner in 1953 after his mother's marriage to Marshall Danner. He is now Lt. Col. LeRoy M. Danner in the United States Army stationed in Virginia. Married June 17, 1961 to Edna Konrad.

 - a. Jay Christopher Danner b. July 2, 1962.
- C. Second marriage of Harriet Medearis Vastbinder to Marshall Danner b. Dec. 10, 1890 Albion, Idaho. One son.
 1. Lewis A. Danner b. Dec. 4, 1929, m. Oct. 1, 1950 Juanita Zoe Smoot b. Oct. 22, 1931.
 - a. Paula Ann Danner b. Jan. 26, 1955.
 - b. Michael Allen Danner b. Aug. 30, 1956.
 - c. Kathy Lynn Danner b. Sept. 1, 1959.
- D. Jennie Medearis b. Aug. 11, 1894 Pasadena, Calif. m. April 27, 1927 Santa Rosa, Calif. Arthur L. Rudd b. Oct. 2, 1900 Sterrett, Alabama.

1. Velma Elizabeth Rudd b. June 6, 1928 m. Nov. 23, 1946 William R. Peil. (divorced).
 - a. Michael William Peil b. Aug. 11, 1947 San Mateo, Calif.

Second marriage June 21, 1952 Ralph Gordon Williams b. Dec. 22, 1930 Beaver, Utah. 2 children.

 - a. Catherine Anne Williams b. Oct. 15, 1953 San Mateo, California.
 - b. Steven Reese Williams b. July 5, 1957 Los Angeles, Calif.
2. Elinor Janet Rudd b. Feb. 27, 1931 San Francisco, Calif. m. Loyd E. Scott July 4, 1956.
- E. Otelia Kate Medearis b. Dec. 25, 1895 d. April 2, 1943 Los Angeles, California. Never married.
- F. James Andrew Medearis b. Dec. 27, 1897 Pasadena, Calif. m. July 3, 1936 Eula Barrett b. Nov. 11, 1917 Imerial Valley, California. Two sons.
 1. Ronald James Medearis b. May 22, 1937 Maywood, California.
 2. Leland Larry Medearis b. Sept. 14, 1942 Monterey Park, Calif.
- G. Hazel Maud Medearis b. Feb. 13, 1899 Pasadena, Calif. m. July 4, 1926 Frederic Bell b. Feb. 14, 1901 Boulder, Colo. One daughter.
 1. Viola Jane Bell b. Oct. 19, 1927 San Francisco, Calif. m. Aug. 19, 1950 Robert Bevier b. Oct. 21, 1922. 2 children.
 - a. Nancy Elizabeth Bevier b. July 3, 1955.
 - b. Linda Bevier b. March 3, 1958.
- H. Wiley Richard Medearis b. June 10, 1900 Pasadena, Calif. m. Thelma Garner. No children.
- I. Miles C. Medearis b. March 18, 1902 Pasadena, Calif. m. Dec. 3, 1927 Helen Hager b. June 25, 1906. Two children.
 1. Miles Calvin Medearis, Jr. b. Sept. 10, 1928 m. Jan. 1956 Angeline Paglia b. Jan. 8, 1930. One daughter.
 - a. Lisa Rene' Medearis b. Dec. 19, 1957.
 2. Mary Gwynn Medearis b. Sept. 6, 1935 m. Sept. 12, 1953 John Dewey Hampton, Jr. b. Feb. 11, 1932. (3) children.
 - a. Mary Rebecca Hampton b. July 28, 1955.
 - b. John Todd Hampton b. Jan. 11, 1957.
 - c. Glen Alen Hampton b. Feb. 7, 1963.

- J. Harold A. Medearis b. Jan. 23, 1904 Pasadena, Calif. m. Anna Laura Nelson. No children. (divorced).
- K. Edna Ethel Medearis b. Sept. 27, 1905 Pasadena, Calif. m. Sept. 15, 1928 Glendale, Calif. Herbert Allen Munson b. Oct. 28, 1905 Toledo, Ohio d. March 1956. No children.
- IV. Sarah Ann Medearis b. May 25, 1869 m. G. W. Fritts. (no further data).
- V. Edna Medearis m. Henry Gassaway. (no further data).
- VI. Alice Medearis m. Albert Campbell. (no further data).

CHAPTER XX

FAMILY OF BENJAMIN WHITEHEAD HICKS MEDEARIS

Benjamin Whitehead Hicks Medearis was the second child born to Captain John Medearis and Sarah (Hicks) (Bell) Medearis. He was born July 25, 1784 probably in Wake County, North Carolina. Details are lacking regarding his early life.

He was married to Elizabeth (Betsey) Grady daughter of Dennis Grady on November 12, 1805 in Wake County, North Carolina. There is some indication that she may have been a cousin of Benjamin (see Bible records at appendix 54). (The identity of the Mary W. born 1784 and Elizabeth "cousin of B.W.H." born 1788 is uncertain).

Benjamin seems to have been the last of the Medearis family to move from North Carolina to Tennessee. He was still in North Carolina in January 1813. The date of his move to Madison County, Tennessee is not known, but the later years of his life were spent there.

His wife Elizabeth (Betsey) died in Madison County, Tennessee July 16, 1832. Benjamin's letter to his father telling of her death is at appendix 48. It appears that her mother, Mrs. Grady, was living in Bedford County near Captain John as he asks his father to show the letter to her.

Benjamin died March 15, 1840 at 7 o'clock in the morning according to the Bible records. (appendix 54).

The evidence seems to be that Benjamin and Betsey had at least ten children. The most complete list from one source that we have is that furnished by Mary Medearis Cloud, a descendant. From an old chart she has:

1. Abbey m. Stephens - Comment by D.M.W. - This child is called Abigail in another source. She was probably the oldest child. In his letter at appendix 50, Benjamin mentions her in 1810 as being a fine large child that could talk plain. (no further data available).
2. Margaret m. Samuel Reynolds - Comment by D.M.W. - possibly the child referred to as Pedy in Benjamin's letter of 1810 (appendix 50) "Pedy" could be a childish pronunciation for "Peggy", a common nickname for Margaret in the eighteen hundreds.
3. Mary (Polly) m. Lawrence
4. Dennis Grady b. May 7, 1817 d. April 15, 1857 m. 1. Mary Elizabeth Smith April 21, 1836 in Davidson County, Tenn. She was b. 1818 d. July 26, 1846. (3 children) 2. Sarah (Sallie) Crite Banks July 17, 1851. She d. March 25, 1890. (1 child). He was a publisher, editor, and printer at McMinnville, Tenn. (Descendants will be listed later in this chapter).
5. Elizabeth Grady m. Samuel Arnold - Comment by D.M.W. - They were living at Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tenn. in 1857 according to a letter Samuel wrote to the pension bureau (Capt. John Medearis' pension file).