

- 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).

## 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 eighteenth 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).

6. Joel B. m. Butler 27 Oct. 1845. - Comment by D.M.W. - His middle name was Bug. His son Benjamin Washington Medearis in a 1933 letter said that his father married Mary H. Butler daughter of Christopher Columbus Butler of North Carolina, about 1840, (7 children). (Known descendants will be listed later in this chapter).
7. John Medearis (no further data).
8. Ben Medearis (probably named Benjamin - no further data).
9. Fayette Medearis (no further data).
10. Mattie Medearis m. Butler - Comment by D.M.W. - Probably the same child that another source names Martha Jerusha. (no further data).

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Descendants of Dennis Grady Medearis and Mary Elizabeth Smith:

- I. Elizabeth Martin (Lizzie) Medearis b. Feb. 28, 1838 d. May 30, 1920 m. Oct. 30, 1856 David Crockett Norvell b. July 4, 1838 d. Oct. 6, 1902.
  - A. Mary Jerusha Norvell b. June 10, 1860 d. April 25, 1873.
  - B. Anna Beecher (Beechie) Norvell b. Sept. 21, 1862 d. Oct. 9, 1928 m. Dec. 23, 1888 Winfield Decatur Barton b. Nov. 10, 1862 d. June 26, 1934. Both interred Oak Lawn Cemetery, Jonesboro, Arkansas.
    1. David Ralph Barton b. March 9, 1890 d. May 12, 1915. Interred Kit Carson Cemetery, Taos, N. M.
    2. Winfield Decatur Barton Jr. b. Feb. 23, 1892 d. Sept. 26, 1892. Interred Philadelphia Baptist Cemetery, Jonesboro, Ark.
    3. Arthur Seibert Barton b. Sept. 17, 1895 d. July 31, 1967. Interred Oak Lawn Cemetery, Jonesboro, Arkansas.
    4. Mary Jerusha Barton b. May 9, 1896 m. Harry Ross Davidson Sept. 1, 1933. He was b. July 24, 1884 d. June 4, 1959.
    5. Elizabeth Beecher Barton b. Jan. 16, 1899 (unmarried). She is a retired teacher living at Jonesboro, Ark. (1972). She is very interested in family history and furnished much of the data for this chapter.
    6. Lillian Barton b. Dec. 5, 1901.
- C. Elijah Grady Norvell b. Feb. 13, 1865 d. July 4, 1954 m. Feb. 9, 1904 Ida Florence (Boggs) Williams.

1. Olive Norvell b. Nov. 26, 1904 m. Beeler Brown.
  2. Grady Williams Norvell b. 1906 m. Doris Wilcoxson
  3. Cornelia Norvell b. 1908 d. 1967 m. Sam Key d. 1967.
  4. Thomas Franklin Norvell b. June 16, 1916 m. Estelle (2 daughters, names not available).
  5. Martha Fayette Norvell b. Dec. 12, 1917 m. Eddie Miles, Jr., (2 children, names not available).
  6. Florence Mildred Norvell b. 1920 m. 1. Mr. Reed 2. Mr. Bruce.
- D. Margaret Morris Norvell b. March 18, 1868 m. Dr. Charles S. Hale July 25, 1893.
1. Tommie W. Hale (girl) d. 1920.
  2. Morris Grady Hale d. young.
  3. Esther Hale
  4. Dick Hale d. young
  5. Lizzie Hale d. young
  6. Charles Seibert Hale, Jr. m. Ethel
    - a. Charles S. Hale III
- II. Susan Hicks Medearis b. Sept. 10, 1840 m. July 13, 1860 Henry H. Butler b. May 24, 1840.
- A. Lovey Ann Butler b. Aug. 7, 1861
  - B. Joyce Butler (never married)
  - C. Grady Butler d. young
  - D. Mollie Butler
  - E. Frank Butler
  - F. Ida Butler
  - G. Lulu Butler
  - H. Billy Butler
  - I. Lizzie Butler
- III. Mary Ann Medearis b. March 14, 1843 m. 1. Oct. 6, 1861 Thomas A. Huffman b. Feb. 9, 1841. 2. Mr. Green.

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Descendants of Dennis Grady Medearis and Sarah Crites (Sallie) Banks:

- I. Thomas Benjamin Medearis b. Jan. 30, 1855 m. Flora Butler Jan. 31, 1884. She was b. Nov. 20, 1854 d. Nov. 23, 1940. He d. Dec. 24, 1937. (His name is shown as Benjamin Thomas in the Bible records).
- A. Mary Eleanor Medearis b. Jan. 23, 1887 m. William Buck Cloud Feb. 5, 1914. He d. Nov. 20, 1952. She furnished data on this family.
1. Wm. Montjoy Cloud b. Nov. 23, 1914 m. Evelyn Like b. Feb. 5, 1918.
  2. Thomas Edward Cloud b. Aug. 7, 1916 m. Nancy Beaumont.
  3. Margaret Eleanor Cloud b. March 2, 1919 m. Phillip Evaul b. Sept. 30, 1914.
  4. Dudley Medearis Cloud b. Oct. 25, 1920 m. Pauline Raymond.
  5. Martha Elizabeth Cloud b. May 19, 1928 m. Trez Tiffany Thompson, Jr. b. June 3, 1925.
- B. Grady Benjamin Medearis b. July 10, 1891 d. 1958 m. 1916 Bertha Sumner d. July 11, 1958.
- C. Margaret Butler Medearis b. Sept. 10, 1895 d. Jan. 19, 1906.

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Descendants of Joel Bug Medearis and Mary H. Butler:

- I. Martin Grady Medearis (no further data).
  - II. Elisah Stout Medearis (no further data).
  - III. John Thomas Medearis (no further data).
  - IV. Columbus Lafayette Medearis (no further data).
  - V. Emerson Etheridge Medearis (no further data).
  - VI. Infant died unnamed in 1860.
  - VII. Benjamin Washington Medearis b. April 6, 1859 m. 1. Ida J. Huffman of Cottonwood Point, Missouri Dec. 6, 1879.
- A. W. E. Medearis, proprietor of Central Hotel, Knoxville, Tennessee (1933).
- Benjamin Washington Medearis m. 2. Martha Hix.
- A. Ollie m. Bulinger, lived at Murray City, Tennessee (1933).
  - B. Pearl m. R. E. Pettigrew, lived at Parsons, Tennessee (1933).
  - C. Mollie Mae m. Batten, lived at Humboldt, Tennessee (1933).
  - D. Benjamin Winton
  - E. Bug Alberto, lived N. Y. City (1933).
  - F. Loyall Lafayette, live N. Y. City (1933).
  - G. Robert Ernest m. Sue Helen operates Medearis Equipment Co. Nashville, Tennessee (1958).

1. Mary Medearis m. Granstaff, teacher Donelson High School near Nashville (1958).
  2. Son (Church Educational Director (1958)).
  3. Daughter (doing graduate work Peabody College) (1958).
- H. Paul Edison Medearis lived at Elizabethton, Tenn. (1933).
- Benjamin Washington Medearis m. 3. Mrs. Emma Roberts.
- A. Walter M. Medearis lived Parsons, Tennessee (1933).

Information on the family of Joel Bug Medearis is largely from a letter written by Benjamin Washington Medearis in 1933.

CHAPTER XXI

FAMILY OF MARTHA JERUSHA MEDEARIS

This chapter, following this paragraph, was written by Mrs. Martha Cooper Rehfeldt of Jackson, Miss., a descendant of Martha Jerusha Medearis and William Phillips. She is now deceased. The wording is hers, only outline numbers and letters have been added, to make lines of descent clearer. The editor's notes on William Phillips will be found at appendix 56.

Major William Phillips born in North Carolina, Nov. 27, 1777, died April 13, 1864 in Sidney, Ohio.

His wife, Martha Jerusha Medearis born in North Carolina, near Raleigh July 22, 1786, married about 1800, died in Bedford Co., Tenn. before 1817. She was the daughter of Capt. John Medearis (Revolutionary War) and his wife Sarah Hicks Bell, daughter of Robert Hicks of N. C. and widow of Thomas Bell of N. C.

William Phillips was an only child, his mother remarried and from the marriage there were several children. His mother is buried in Yazoo County, Miss., as were his half sisters.

Major William Phillips was a personal friend of Sam Houston, David Crockett and General Andrew Jackson, and he was a Major under his command, during the war of 1812. He fought with great bravery in the Battle of New Orleans.

He was among the first settlers of White Co., Tenn. Soon after the war closed he came to Warren County, Miss. Later to Yazoo Co., Miss. where he was a successful planter. In 1828 he built a beautiful home on the bank of the Yazoo River, on his 3000 acre plantation. In Vicksburg and in 1817 he married Jane Brown of Northern Alabama, a splendid woman near his age. The closing years of his life were spent in Sidney, Ohio.

Children of Martha Jerusha (Medearis) and William Phillips:

- I. John H. Phillips m. Nancy Moore b. 1801 d. 1840.
- II. Hugh Lawson White Phillips. u.m. Mexican war with 3d La. Infantry.
- III. William Phillips d. 1836 u.m.
- IV. Richard Sparks Phillips b. 1806 d. 1857 m. June 10, 1841 to Susanna Augusta Winn of Holmes Co., Miss.
- V. Dr. Haywood Phillips m. Thermopylea Hurst b. Nov. 8, 1812 m. 1843-4 d. May 1890 of Pneumonia. Buried in Phillips Cemetery.
- VI. Martha Jerusha Phillips m. Col. Joseph M. Armistead m. March 3, 1837 d. 1849.
- VII. Benjamin Phillips m. Frances West of Hamilton County, Tenn. b. 1814 d. 1870 Soldier C.S.A. Private in Hamers Rifles, Yazoo City, Miss. No Survivors. Buried Phillips Cemetery.

Second Generation and their children:

- I. John H. Phillips m. Nancy Moore b. 1801 d. 1840.



Home Major William Edward Phillips built on "Belle Prairie", one of his Yazoo Delta plantations. It is still in the Phillips family. Many of the children of Major Phillips and Martha Medearis Phillips, his wife, are buried here.



Dr. Haywood Phillips  
1812-1890



Thermopylea Hurst Phillips  
1828-1909



Alphonso W. Feeney  
Mary Elizabeth Medearis Feeney  
1850-



William Russell Yowell  
1820-1912



Mary (Polly) Medearis Yowell  
1818-1896

Their children and grandchildren:

- A. Martha Jerusha Phillips m. John R. Wilson of Yazoo Co., Miss. June 2, 1850.
- B. John H. Phillips (Peter) C.S.A. U.M.
- C. William R. Phillips m. Judith Ball Hurst, b. 1832 d. Aug. 26, 1862 m. March 25, 1856 C.S.A. Casualty.

They Had:

- 1. William Haywood Phillips m. Bell Smith b. 1857 m. April 1, 1880 d. March 3, 1933.

Their children:

- a. Katherine Bell m. Andrew R. Hutchins b. March 4, 1881 m. Nov. 28, 1903 no heirs.
- b. Bernard Smith m. Effie Adams - no heirs - b. Nov. 23, 1885 m. July 24, 1807 d. Aug. 8, 1916.
- c. Ida May (Pet) m. M. B. Stroud of Jefferson County, Miss. b. Jan. 4, 1888 m. July 23, 1916 d. March 1955.

Stroud children:

- 1. Haywood Belle m. Willis Broomfield b. Dec. 27, 1917 m. Nov. 21, 1937.
- 2. M. B. Stoud, Jr. b. July 31, 1919.
- 3. Miriam b. March 18, 1922.
- 4. Vivian Marie b. July 23, 1925.
- d. William Haywood Phillips, Jr. m. Claudine Swayzee b. Oct. 4, 1892 m. June 1918 no heirs W.W.I.
- e. John Sharpe Phillips b. Sept. 2, 1894 m. June Williams of Memphis, Tenn.
- f. Walter Clifton Phillips m. Berry Brister b. 1896 m. Nov. 22, 1923.
- g. Marie Elliott Phillips m. Edgar McDonald b. Feb. 26, 1902 m. Jan. 1924.

Second Generation continued:

- IV. Richard Sparks Phillips m. Susana Augusta Winn b. 1806 m. Jan. 10, 1841 d. 1857.

They had:

- A. Benjamin West Phillips m. Fannie H. Christmas b. Sept. 16, 1852 m. June 5, 1877 d. May 15, 1882, accidentally (no heirs to survive).
- B. Oliver Winn Phillips m. 1. Susan Josephine Hinton b. Feb. 27, 1849 m. Dec. 11, 1879 d. May 31, 1924. (Lived Flora, Miss.)

Their children:

1. Josephine Winn m. William E. Russell.
2. Oliver Winn Phillips, Jr. d. young.  
Oliver Winn Phillips m. 2. Susie Alice McGowen Nov. 21, 1895.

Children by Second marriage:

3. Annie Elizabeth m. James A. Williams b. May 27, 1897 m. June 11, 1918 d. Oct. 28, 1918.
4. Benjamin West m. Pearlee Wade.
5. Carrie b. Dec. 27, 1899 m. Archie Buckley.
6. Lavinia b. Dec. 27, 1899 d. Aug. 10, 1926.
7. Hallie C. Phillips m. Walter D. Callahan b. July 7, 1902 m. Dec. 20, 1920. Lives Jackson, Miss. Two daughters Annie Ruth Callahan Cook, Helen Sue Callahan Steele.
8. Margaret Phillips m. Robert Costello b. March 28, 1904 m. Sept. 5, 1928.
9. Raiford S. Phillips m. Hazel C. Dukes b. May 10, 1908 m. June 28, 1930.  
Raiford Sparks Phillips and West Phillips live at Flora, Miss.

- V. Dr. Haywood Phillips m. Thermopyea Hurst b. Nov. 8, 1812 m. 1843 - Died May 19, 1890 of Pneumonia. His wife was the daughter of Chatham Hurst and Anne Eliza Gaskins of Heathville, Va. m. there Sept. 24, 1824. His wife b. Jan. 9, 1828 d. Feb. 11, 1909. Chatham Hurst was the son of Warner Hurst and Susan Spiller of Va. She was the daughter of Capt. Benjamin Cluverius Spiller (Rev. War) and Ann Frazer.

Their children.

- A. William Edward Phillips b. Nov. 19, 1845 m. Elizabeth (Bettye) Reed, daughter John Hampton Reed and Elizabeth Hurst, she was the daughter of Thomas Hurst and Elizabeth Hughlett of Heathville, Va. She died Aug. 3, 1877. Married second Nellie Bowers of New Orleans June 16, 1881. She died 1884.

Their child:

1. Nellie Medearis (Meda) b. April 24, 1882 Yazoo Co., Miss. m. Dec. 9, 1903 Herbert Hunting Hunter, Yazoo Co., Miss., son of Isaac Huntington Hunter and Carrie Roberts. Meda d. June 6, 1950 and buried Yazoo City, Miss. Herbert Huntington Hunter d. Sept. 5, 1915, buried Yazoo City, Miss.

Their children:

- a. Herbert Hunting Hunter, Jr. b. May 19, 1906 d. June 7, 1943, buried Yazoo City, Miss.
- b. Nell Bowers Hunter b. Sept. 18, 1907 d. March 4, 1927, buried Yazoo City, Miss.

- c. Mildred Hunter b. Nov. 28, 1909 d. Oct. 19, 1931 m. Iverson.
- d. Garland Richmond, Jr. b. Jan. 16, 1908 in Amite Co., Miss.

Their children:

1. Mildred Marguerite b. Jan. 27, 1942.
  2. Iverson Garland III b. Nov. 18, 1944.
  3. Sandra Nell b. Jan. 16, 1946.
- e. Marguerite Hunter (Polly) b. July 11, 1911 m. Robert Warren McCallum b. May 23, 1908 Weathersby, Miss. One son Robert Warren, Jr. (Bob) b. Jan. 27, 1947.
  - f. William Phillips Hunter b. July 18, 1912 W.W. II m. Sept. 9, 1942 Elizabeth Gouldman, Hazelhurst, Miss. b. April 18, 1920.

Their children:

1. William Phillipe Hunter (Bill) b. Sept. 3, 1943.
  2. James Nelson Hunter (Jimmy) b. July 19, 1947.
  3. Meda Louise Hunter b. June 1, 1951.
- g. John Haywood Hunter b. March 10, 1915 m. March 7, 1943 Sara Powell, Hattiesburg, Miss. b. June 26, 1915.

Their children:

1. Carolyn Hunter b. April 1, 1944.
2. John Haywood Hunter, Jr. (Jack) b. July 7, 1949.
- William Edward Phillips m. 3. Margaret John Fryer May 15, 1887.

Children by third marriage of William Edward Phillips:

2. William Edward Phillips Jr. b. April 15, 1889 d. June 22, 1950 d. um.
3. Thomas Haywood Phillips b. Feb. 18, 1891 m. Annie Gibson Montgomery Nov. 11, 1917.

Their children:

- a. Lemuel Montgomery Phillips b. Aug. 6, 1918 m. Blanche Bouron.
  - b. Thomas Haywood Phillips, III b. Jan. 24, 1920 m. Mary Scot of Chesapeake W. VA. (Thomas U.S. Navy W.W.2).
  - c. Mary Ann Phillips b. Oct. 6 m. Julian E. Lipscomb III W.W. 2, Jackson, Miss.
4. John Fryer Phillips m. Mary Reade Montgomery b. Jan. 14, 1894 d. June 29, 1947 - W.W. I.

Their children:

- a. John Fryer Phillips, Jr. m. Pauline Reid b. Aug. 8, 1926.
  - b. Mary M. m. James B. Blisson, W.W.2.
  - c. Margaret Eggleston.
5. Chatham Hurst Phillips m. June 1, 1916 Mary Louise Barnwell b. March 10, 1896 d. April 1953 - no heirs.
  6. Darrington Gaskins Phillips b. Jan. 17, 1895 m. Werdna Crawford.

Their children:

- a. Werdna Dee
  - b. Phillips
  - c. Harriett
  - d. Mabry
7. Frank Lewis Phillips d. y.
  8. Gray Hudson Phillips d. y.
  9. Margaret Phillips m. Aug. 6, 1952 Clyde Welden Paine son of Dr. Ruffin Baker and Ida Jane Weldon of Manderville, La.
- B. Thomas Haywood Phillips m. Mercy Elizabeth Pearce b. Aug. 29, 1871 d. Aug. 17, 1946. b. Sept. 15, 1851 d. Jan. 29, 1936 Jackson, Miss.

Their children:

1. Annie Bell Phillips b. Jan. 22, 1896 Belle Prairie Plantation m. Dec. 28, 1922 Aurelius West Garraway WWI, b. Feb. 13, 1888 m. in First Methodist Church, Yazoo City, Miss.

Their children:

- a. Thomas Phillips Garraway b. Dec. 19, 1923 m. Joan Bartlett, Greenfield, Mass. Feb. 23, 1957.
  - b. Frederick West Garraway b. June 23, 1926.
  - c. Robert Charles Garraway b. April 29, 1929 m. Mary Jane Ball, Crawford, Miss. - daughter Lezette Garraway.
  - d. Anne Garraway b. April 2, 1937.
2. Charles Coker Phillips b. Jan. 15, 1903 m. July 22, 1937 Dolly Elizabeth Roper b. Jan. 31, 1907.

Their children:

- a. Charline Elizabeth Phillips b. March 29, 1941.
- b. Carol Roper Phillips b. March 2, 1943.

3. Mercy Elizabeth Phillips m. Nov. 22, 1941 Robert Joseph Johnson Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Child:

- a. Robert Joseph Jackson, Jr. b. Aug. 30, 1944.
4. Robert Pearce Phillips m. Dec. 28, 1935 Eliza Cummins of Abington, Va.

Their children:

- a. Eliza Cummings Phillips b. May 1, 1939 d. y.
  - b. Frances Pearce Phillips b. May 13, 1934 Brookhaven, Miss.
  - c. Mary Eliza Phillips b. Feb. 18, 1948 Brookhaven, Miss.
  - d. Virginia Cummings Phillips b. June 27, 1951 Brookhaven, Miss.
  - e. Cynthia Summers Phillips b. Dec. 26, 1954 Brookhaven, Miss.
5. Thermopelae Hurst Phillips m. Oct. 12, 1940 John Bradley Howard in Galloway Memorial Methodist Church.

Their children:

- Octavia Elizabeth Howard b. Aug. 3, 1945.  
Jean Phillips Howard b. Dec. 23, 1950.

- C. Anne Elizabeth Phillips b. 1856 m. March 30, 1875 d. May 13, 1925. She married her cousin Richard Desha Hines.

Their children:

1. Alice Hines m. J. H. Wiggins May 29, 1895 d. June 3, 1935.

Their children:

- a. Jackson Holmes Wiggins d. y.
  - b. Annie Willard Wiggins m. Elbert Alford b. Dec. 25, 1897 m. Dec. 21, 1919.
  - c. Bertha Bell b. Feb. 26, 1900 d. y.
  - d. Maggie May m. J. T. Carter April 16, 1926 b. Feb. 20, 1902. They live at Money, Miss.
  - e. Clice Claudine Wiggins b. Oct. 26, 1904 m. June 13, 1927 W. W. Latham.
  - f. Mary Elizabeth Wiggins b. Feb. 9, 1910 m. J. T. Ray, June 3, 1932.
2. Robert Desha Hines b. July 15, 1883 m. Jessie Varner of Senatobia, Miss.

A Son:

- a. Robert De Sha Hines b. Dec. 22, 1917 m. Feb. 11, 1945  
Sara Elizabeth Rainer b. Feb. 28, 1920.

Children:

1. Varner Reid Hines b. May 24, 1946.
2. Anne Hines b. Nov. 5, 1948.
3. Sara Louise Hines b. May 10, 1951.
4. Robert DeSha Hines b. March 10, 1953.
5. Thomas Randolph Hines b. April 23, 1956.

3. Claud Edward Hines b. Aug. 27, 1887 m. Doris Shackelford,  
no heirs.

4. Haywood Phillips Hines (no heirs).

- D. Mary Alice Phillips b. April 19, 1863 m. June 29, 1886 d. Sept.  
5, 1955 Jackson, Miss. Mary married Judge Thomas Collins Cooper  
b. Dec. 4, 1853 d. July 19, 1897. He was the son of Rev. George  
Washington Cooper and his wife Prudence Watson of Bertie Co., N.C.

Their children:

1. Martha Cooper b. Oct. 2, 1887 m. Sept. 3, 1913 Jackson, Miss.  
Dr. Frederick Edward Rehfeldt b. Sept. 2, 1879 d. June 8, 1943.

Their children:

- a. Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt, W.W.2 U.S.N. Lt. Commander b.  
July 1, 1915 m. June 23, 1942 to Ethel Evans Bennett of  
Fort Worth.

Their children:

1. Frederick Edward Rehfeldt b. Dec. 31, 1943.
2. Ethel Evans Rehfeldt.
3. Henrietta Rehfeldt b. Jan. 28, 1917 m. Oct. 15, 1940  
James Longstreet Minor, Jr. Macon, Miss.

Their children:

- a. James Longstreet Minor b. Jan. 29, 1941.
- b. Henrietta Rehfeldt b. July 13, 1944.
- c. Martha Ann Minor b. Dec. 11, 1945.

2. Florence Hurst Cooper b. July 6, 1889 m. July 14, 1915 Wiley  
Sutton Alliston, Jackson, Miss.

One Son:

- a. Dr. Wiley Sutton Alliston, Jr. m. Aug. 3, 1946 Dorothy  
May Herrin, Chapel, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio,  
Texas WW2.

Their children:

1. Florence Adeline Alliston b. July 21, 1947 d. Nov.  
13, 1950.
2. Dorothy Maurie Alliston b. March 18, 1951, Hartford,  
Conn.
3. Wiley Sutton Alliston III b. Aug. 9, 1953, Fort Worth,  
Texas.
4. Sara Elizabeth Alliston b. Feb. 7, 1957, Fort Worth,  
Texas.

3. Annie May Cooper b. June 15, 1891 m. Oct. 31, 1911 William  
Franklin Heard, Jr.

Their children:

- a. William Franklin Heard III b. Dec. 28, 1912 m. Dec. 24,  
1937 Nancy Kate Swayze.

Their children:

1. William Franklin Heard IV Oct. 7, 1941.
2. Dorothy Swayze b. Dec. 5, 1942.

- b. Edward Cooper Heard b. Feb. 13, 1915 m. May 13, 1937  
Aileen Baldwin.

- c. May Phillips Heard b. Nov. 16, 1916 m. Hall Mayberry Dec.  
21, 1945.

Their children:

1. Evelyn Ann Mayberry b. Dec. 31, 1949.

- d. Thomas Melvin Heard b. Feb. 5, 1918 m. Oct. 1949 Helen  
Donohoe.

Their children:

1. Thomas Melvin Heard Aug. 27, 1951 (adopted).
2. Michael Heard b. Dec. 1953.

- e. Robert Pearce Heard b. March 12, 1919 m. May 1948 Betty  
Gulledge WW 2.

Their children:

1. Betty Carol Heard
2. Margaret Ann Heard

- f. Josephine Jumphrey Heard b. Jan. 15, 1921 m. Dec. 24, 1941 John Wesley Bradshaw.

Their children:

1. John Wesley Bradshaw
  2. Mary Irene Bradshaw
4. Thomas Melvin Cooper WW I, b. July 27, 1894 m. Aug. 6, 1919 Sara Abney.

Their children:

- a. Thomas Melvin Cooper, Jr. WW 2, m. June 2, 1943 Charlotte Leah Allen, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

Their children:

1. Jan Leah Cooper b. July 7, 1951 Plainfield, N.J.
  2. Dana Clare Cooper b. March 11, 1955 Plainfield, N.J.
- b. Walter Abney Cooper m. Sept. 2, 1947 Esther Elizabeth Matthews, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas (WW 2).

Their children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Cooper b. Jan. 5, 1950 Fort Worth, Texas.
  2. Margaret Lee Cooper b. July 17, 1951 Fort Worth, Texas.
  3. Lynn Anne Cooper b. Aug. 7, 1953 Fort Worth, Texas.
- c. Phillips Hurst Cooper m. June 11, 1955 Vera Louise Traub, Koutz Memorial Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

Child:

1. Sara Ruth Cooper b. June 9, 1956, Casper, Wyoming.
- d. Mary Clare Cooper m. March 17, 1957 Dr. Marion Lee Croley.

- VI. Martha Jerusha Phillips only daughter of Major William Phillips. She was educated at Nazareth Convent in Bardstown, Ky. 1828-32. She was married to Captain Joseph M. Armistead, son of Samuel Armistead and Sarah, daughter of General Joseph Martin of Henry Co., Va. The Armistead family lived near Lynchburg, Va. Martha Jerusha and Capt. Joseph M. Armistead m. on Belle Prairie Plantation March 3, 1837. d. 1849 - both of Asiatic Cholera at Belle Prairie. An epidemic form. Two sons.
- A. One died in infancy.
  - B. William Phillips Armistead a member of the 18th Mississippi Regiment, killed in battle of Shiloh near Corinth, Miss. age 19.

Ref. Armistead Family by Garber P. 95. Family Records in Phillips Family.

Authorities

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## FAMILY OF MARY (POLLY) MEDEARIS

Mary Medearis was the youngest of the four children of Captain John Medearis and his wife, Sarah (Hicks) (Bell) Medearis. In many places her name is recorded as "Polly", which was a common nickname, in the nineteenth century, for girls named Mary. She was born August 18, 1788 in North Carolina, probably Wake County. (see appendix 42 and chapter XVIII).

She was married to Thomas Smith Feb. 15, 1810 shortly after the family move from North Carolina to Tennessee. Thomas Smith was born in Virginia according to the census records. His father's name is not known, but his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Critz, according to descendants. His birth is listed in the family records (appendix 57) as July 7, 1784 and this is born out by his age at death on his grave marker.

Mary and Thomas Smith settled in Bedford County Tennessee in the part that later became Marshall County. Their home was near that of her father's in Liberty Valley. The family were members of the Church of Christ (sometimes called Christian Church in their day) and worshiped at the Liberty Congregation. In 1846 Thomas Smith was a deacon of this congregation according to an article in the "Christian Review" published by Tolbert Fanning. The Smith family resided in Bedford and later Marshall County Tennessee until 1851, when they sold their Tennessee holdings, and moved to Dallas County, Texas. They purchased 855 acres of land in what is now southeastern Oak Cliff, a part of the city of Dallas. This land was an elongated, roughly rectangular, tract that reached from near the Trinity River where White Rock Creek joins the river, to near the Veterans Hospital in Lisbon. Their post office was apparently Lisbon, then a small town, but now (1973) a part of the city of Dallas. Thomas Smith was a well to do man for his day. The 1860 census of Dallas County indicates that he owned real estate and personal property valued at \$23,930.

The exact location of the Smith home is not known now. It was destroyed years ago by a tornado. The family cemetery is located at 3820 East Illinois Avenue in Dallas. The building at this address was formerly Linfield Elementary School, but is now (1973) the Administrative Offices of the Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District.

The editor of this book became principal of Linfield Elementary School in 1954 and remained its principal for 13 years. All that remained of the cemetery in 1954 were three broken markers laying on the ground and the remaining base of another. These markers were for Thomas Smith Sr., his son-in-law, William Kinnard, and William's son, Howard Kinnard. With the help of sixth grade boys, these markers were repaired by the editor and a fence erected around the graves. A base for a fifth marker has since been discovered outside the fenced area. An elderly lady, who in former years, lived near the cemetery, states that there were 16 markers there at one time. It is believed that Mary Medearis Smith and other members of the family are also buried at this location.

Thomas Smith died April 1, 1866 and his wife Mary Medearis Smith died Feb. 18, 1876. She was the only one of the four Medearis children to live to advanced age. She was past 87 years of age, and the next last surviving child, her brother Benjamin, had been dead nearly 35 years, when she died.

The Smith land was divided among the heirs in 1877 and the deed records of Dallas County have many documents recorded regarding this land.

The children of Mary (Medearis) and Thomas Smith are:

- I. Sarah H. (Sally) Smith b. Dec. 17, 1810. She married Thomas H. Allison October 12, 1831 in Tennessee. Not a great deal is known about the Allison family, Thomas H. Allison was living on April 23, 1877 when an agreement to divide the Smith land was signed. According to a deed dated May 27, 1882, (recorded Vol. 56 p. 566 of the Deed Records of Dallas County) Thomas H. Allison was then deceased. His widow Sarah H. Allison and the "sole children" of Thomas and Sarah, Mary A. Allison, Mark W. Allison and Mattie G. Allison, all of legal age, are grantors of two tracts of land to W. T. Gill and wife Mary E. Gill. At the time of this deed Mark W. Allison was living in Bedford County, Tennessee.
- II. Davidson M. Smith was b. Jan. 23, 1812 in Tennessee. He m. Ellen M. Clow Jan. 28, 1836. He acted as agent of his mother in collecting arrears of pension of his grandfather, Captain John Medearis. This is reflected in the pension file. He was living in 1877 when the Smith estate was divided and received his share. The 1850 census of Bedford Co., Tenn. lists the following children; Frances J. age 12, Mary M. age 10, John C. age 7, and Ann B. C. age 5. Nothing further is known about these children. The 1870 census of Dallas County shows D. M. Smith age 58, a Tanner and Ellen M. Smith living in the household of his mother, Polly Smith age 84.
- III. Elizabeth C. Smith was b. Oct. 13, 1813. She married William Kinnard but the family record does not give the date. She was apparently his second wife. He was born in Pennsylvania of Scotch ancestry and was a saddle maker by trade. (Reference Memorial and Biographical Record of Dallas County by Speer - Dallas Public Library). The evidence concerning the Kinnard children is a bit confusing. The 1860 census of Dallas County lists J. F. b. 1827 in Tenn., E. A. b. 1837 in Tenn., Kennedy b. 1845 in Tenn., Wayne b. 1847 in Tenn., Howard b. 1853 in Texas and Mattie E. b. 1857 in Texas. It is presumed that at least J. F. and E. A. were William's children by a previous marriage. Mattie E. must have died young. Howard died in 1868 and his marker exists in the Smith family cemetery. On the 1870 census, Elizabeth (a widow), is head of the household and living with her is K.S.M. Kinnard age 24 (shown as a female, but this is an obvious error) and Wayne also age 24. (Several people named Williamson were also living in the household.) The book referenced above in the Dallas Library indicates Elizabeth living in 1890 with her only surviving child William M. Kinnard. An affidavit dated March 3, 1906 (Vol. 34 p. 329

Deed Records of Dallas County) by W. M. Kinnard state he is 56 years old, resides in Dallas Co. and has done so for 54 years. That he is a brother of K.S.M. Kinnard, deceased and son of Elizabeth C. Kinnard and William Kinnard both deceased. He states that K.S.M. and he were only children and heirs of their parents, and that K.S.M. died October 25, 1885 and that his widow, Lula M. Kinnard, married Dr. R. W. Graves in 1887. Affidavit further states that K.S.M. and Lula married in 1873 and had: Cora M. Hart age 27 wife of J. J. Hart, Harry W. Kinnard age 25, J. Franklin Kinnard age 22, and Zule May Kinnard age 19. Lula M. Graves d. Nov. 13, 1904. She had 1 child by Dr. Graves. (Other documents in the Dallas Co. records show this child to be Thaddeus Cullen Graves b. about 1891).

Reconciling all of the above data concerning the Kinnard children poses a bit of a problem. It seems to this writer that Kennedy and K.S.M. must have been the same person, and that William M. and Wayne must have been the same person. If J. F. and E. A. were William's children by a former marriage, and the others died young, this would account for W. M. stating that he and K.S.M. were only children and heirs of Elizabeth and William.

- IV. Martha Jerusha Smith b. Dec. 16, 1815 m. Solomon Durrett March 13, 1834. It would appear that Solomon Durrett died prior to April 23, 1877 when the agreement to divide the Smith property was signed (Vol. 34, p. 607 Deed Records of Dallas County) since he did not sign the agreement with his wife.

From a warranty deed Nov. 16, 1885 (Vol. 344 p. 170 Deed Records of Dallas County), it appears that Martha J. Durrett was then deceased and the heirs to her estate were her five children; Mary J. Hawkins, H. W. Durrett, T. C. Durrett, R. H. Durrett (and wife S.C.), V. V. Thorp (and husband J. M. Thorp). The deed records further indicate that Mary J. Hawkins was a widow in 1890 and was living in 1905. R. H. Durrett was probably Rice who wrote the letter at appendix 28. Rice must have been quite a character. Bob Gill (page 216 of Yancey-Medearis and Related Lines) quotes him as saying that when the family moved to Parker County, "Comanche Peak was no bigger than his fist when they went there". Bob Gill also says that four of the Durrett children were, Tom, Rice, Mary, and Virginia and that Virginia married James M. Thorp and had one child Will T. Thorp. He says that Virginia died in the 1920's and her husband in the 1930's at Weatherford, Texas. Also that Will T. Thorp m. Lillian Hammons of Weatherford and had J. M., Joe Tom, and Rachel Virginia.

- V. Thomas Smith, Jr., b. August 31, 1818 m. Martha A. Sheppard (date not given in the family records). This family appears on the 1860 census of Dallas County, Texas. Martha's age indicates she was born in 1824. Their children on the 1860 census were; Thomas D. b. about 1841 in Tennessee, Lucinda A. b. about 1850 in Tennessee, and William R. b. about 1858 in Texas. Thomas Smith appears on the 1870 census without a wife. Martha had apparently died prior to 1870. Living with him

in 1870 were Lucindia age 21 and William R. age 12. Thomas Smith, Jr. was living in 1877 when the Smith estate was divided and received about 114 acres of land including the family cemetery mentioned previously.

Nothing is known of his children Thomas D. and Lucinda. Child William R. Smith lived until 1949 being near 90 years of age when he died. The elderly lady mentioned previously as having lived near the Smith cemetery told the editor several years ago that she knew William R. Smith, and that in his old age, he lived several miles from the cemetery across the Trinity River. She said that quite often he would walk from his home to the cemetery and would be seen at the grave of a daughter that had died in childhood. She said that when she saw him there she would invite him to have a cool drink of water and rest on her porch before walking back home. He had in his later years married a widow named Gragson and her descendants remember him fondly. Apparently he outlived her, became senile, and spent his last years at Terrell State Hospital and died there in 1949. If he had any children other than the daughter who died in childhood, nothing is known about them.

The editor has been told that after Thomas Smith, Jr. died (date unknown) that some of his heirs became involved in a lawsuit over his estate and that the lawyer who won the suit received half of the 114 acres of land as his fee. Some of this land was still in this lawyer's family a few years ago and may be still. The records of Dallas County probably contain the whole story on this, but this writer has not found time to research it.

- VI. John M. Smith b. Nov. 27, 1820 m. Martha E. Swanson (family records do not give date). We do not have very much information on this family. John M. Smith died prior to July 15, 1876, perhaps in Tennessee. On July 15, 1876 Thomas M. Smith, McDonald Smith, and James A. Smith of Williamson County Tennessee signed a power of attorney for Dr. David King to act for them in regard to division of the estate of Thomas Smith, deceased. (Vol. 34, p. 557 Deed Records of Dallas County). They were the sons of John M. Smith, deceased. It is presumed that they were the only surviving children of John M. Smith in 1876. We have no further data on descendants of this family.

- VII. The following account of the seventh child of Mary (Medearis) and Thomas Smith was written by a descendant, Robert T. Gill of Arlington, Texas:

Lucinda Murray Smith, our own great grandmother, was born 24 November 1822 in Bedford County, Tenn. We do not know the date of marriage, but her first husband, our great grandfather, was John Wesley MacDoniel, an Early Christian minister. To them were born two children: John Smith MacDoniel and Mary Elizabeth Medearis MacDoniel (who afterward dropped the "Medearis"). After 1851, when the Smith clan moved to Texas, but before the 1860 census, she married Eldridge Gill, who

was born 25 November 1822, and who died before her. She died 20 February 1906, at the home of Mary Elizabeth, in the Lisbon community, now in the city of Dallas, and is buried in the Old Lisbon Cemetery.

John Smith MacDoniel was born in Tennessee, in 1842, and came to Dallas with the family in or soon after 1851. He was married twice. We do not have the name of the first wife, but know that at least two children were born to this marriage: William and Maggie. He afterward married his cousin, Mary Elizabeth Luna. To them also were born two children: Bessie and Lola. When the War Between the States broke out, he was among the first in the Dallas area to volunteer, and was in the thick of the fight, in the Eastern Theater.

Will MacDoniel married Lena , and had two children: one of whom was killed in childhood by a vicious cow, and Lula, who married John McNiel, and now lives in Cockerell Hill, a suburb of Dallas. They have no issue.

Maggie MacDoniel, like her father, was married twice: first to a Mr. Hammond, by whom she had at least two children, Eldridge and Ophelia, and second to a Mr. Goodnight, a Union veteran, by whom she had at least: John, Hugh and L. G. Of these children the first three, Eldy, Ophie and John are dead. All married and most of the surviving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are living in and around Dallas.

Mary Elizabeth MacDoniel, our grandmother, was born in Tennessee, 23 January 1844 and came to Texas with the family ca. 1851. On 22 November 1860 when she was "nearly seventeen" she was married to William Thomas Gill, youngest brother of her mother's second husband, who was born in Tennessee 3 March 1839, tenth and next to the youngest child of Thomas Gill and his wife, Sarah Williams. They had four children: Annie Lou Gill, born 26 December 1861 and died 5 December 1875; Mattie Frances Gill, born 6 Oct. 1864 and died at Arlington, Texas 5 January 1949 (a career schoolteacher, she never married); John William Gill, of whom later; and Joe Gill born 24 May 1876 and died 26 June 1877. William Thomas Gill served in the Confederate Army, but having already established a home, he did not go immediately. His service was all in the Western Theater. He died at his home at Lisbon, Dallas County, Texas 1 September 1890. Mary Elizabeth died at Dallas 15 February 1924, at the home of her son.

John William Gill, Sr., son of William Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Gill, was born in the Lisbon community, Dallas County, Texas, 17 May 1870. He attended the local public school and Ad-Ran Christian College at Thorp's Spring, Texas, which became Ad-Ran Christian University while he was there, and later, after some wanderings, Texas Christian University, now located at Fort Worth, Texas. He did not finish, however, being called away in his senior year by his father's death. He afterward read law, passed the bar examination

and practiced for some years. In 1898 he was elected to the State Legislature from Dallas Co. On the evening of 4 January 1899, at Longview, Texas, he married Ada Antoinette Brown, daughter of Robert Garland Brown of that town, by his first wife, Marie Antoinette Flewellen. They went immediately to Austin for the convening of the Twenty-sixth legislature. When, as he said, he thought that he had been there long enough to get his name in the newspaper, he introduced a resolution in the House for the purpose of annexing the City of Oak Cliff to the City of Dallas. As soon as it became known, a delegation of the old citizens who had things pretty much as they wanted them, came down to "hang him". On about the next train, there came a group of the others to back him up. The upshot was that both groups were sent home to hold a referendum on the issue which was held and carried by the pro-annexationists, and the bill was put through. While in the Legislature he also introduced the bill establishing the College of Industrial Arts, at Denton, and helped Professor Grubbs to write the bill authorizing Grubbs Vocational College, which was later known as North Texas Agricultural College, and is now Arlington State College. In the 1920's and '30's he was a County Commissioner in Dallas County, and during his tenure, after liquidating a huge overdraft, opened, graded, graveled, and paved more roads and streets than any of his predecessors, and left a tidy balance when he went out of office. Also during his administration the Trinity River was straightened and levees raised; a system of viaducts connecting residential Oak Cliff and industrial West Dallas with the downtown area built; and the Dallas County Hall of Records erected. His name appears on all of these structures. In 1938, during the Thanksgiving holiday, he moved from Dallas to Arlington, in Tarrant County, where he died 24 January 1953, and his wife, 25 March the following year. Will and Ada Gill had in all five children: Mary Antoinette, born 2 May 1900 and died 23 March 1902, Ada Garland, born 27 October 1902, died 11 May 1909, Della Frances, born 8 April 1907, single, now living at 1600 West Abram Street, Arlington, Texas; John William, Jr., of whom later; and Robert Thomas, the author of this article, born 30 November 1916, single and living at the Arlington address; all of whom were born at 601 North Ewing, in the original townsite of Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas.

John William Gill, Jr., was born 20 January 1909. He attended the Dallas public schools and Southern Methodist University, at Dallas, and was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was assigned to his first pastorate at the 1933 session of the North Texas annual Conference. The next year, on "Conference Sunday," 28 October 1934, he married Mary Fleming Butler, born at Clarendon, Texas 9 July 1909, and died at Granger, Texas 11 September 1955, daughter of Arcadius Butler and his wife, Exa Fleming, and they had three children:

A. Mary Garland Gill, B. John William Gill, 3rd, and Frances Irene Gill. He is now (1973) pastor of the United Methodist Church at Perry, Texas.

A. Mary Garland Gill was born 25 September 1935 at Forestburg, Texas, and attended the public schools in the towns in which her father's work lay, and Arlington State College, now University of Texas at Arlington. She was married 3 September 1954 at Ben Brook, Texas to Will David Mason, of Georgetown, Texas, her father reading the service. For something old, she wore a brooch which had belonged to her great-great-great-grandmother, Polly (Medearis) Smith. They now reside at Hurst, Texas, a suburb of Fort Worth, and have two daughters:

1. Mary Lou Mason b. 3 January 1957 at Fort Worth Texas.
2. Beverly Lynn Mason b. 15 December 1962 at Burleson, Texas.

B. John William Gill 3rd was born 12 January 1942 at Chico, Texas, attended the public schools, and took his degree at North Texas State University. He married 1 September 1965 at Little River, Texas, where his father was then pastor, Judy Nell Morgan of that place, and now reside there. They have no children.

C. Frances Irene Gill was born 4 January 1946 in the Buckhorn community, where her father was pastor, near Moody, Texas, and attended the public schools. She was married 12 July 1963, at Little River, to Dave Eligh Perkins of Troy, Texas. They now reside at Eagle River, Alaska, and have three children:

1. Dave Eligh Perkins, Jr. b. 3 July 1964 at Troy, Texas.
2. Troy Houston Perkins b. 27 January 1967 at Temple Texas.
3. Crystal Dawn Perkins b. 7 December 1969 at Eagle River, Alaska.

VIII. Mary M. (Polly) Smith b. Dec. 19, 1825 m. Nathaniel O. McAdams Feb. 8, 1848. He was b. Nov. 23, 1820 in Tennessee. Nathaniel McAdams was sheriff of Dallas County, Texas when the Civil War ended and along with other county officers, was removed from office to make room for the "Carpetbaggers" and "Scalawags" of the reconstruction government. He later served for a number of years as one of the county commissioners of Dallas County and was a commissioner when the old red courthouse was built. His name is on the cornerstone of it.

The McAdams home was in what is now the Oak Cliff section of the city of Dallas near the intersection of Zang Blvd. and Illinois Ave. Of course this area was farm land in his day.

The McAdams family cemetery is west of Interstate Highway 35E and about 1/2 block south of Illinois Avenue. It is fenced and the gate is kept locked.

Nathaniel McAdams' grave marker shows that he was a Mason and died September 7, 1897.

Mary Smith McAdams died March 2, 1882 at age 56.

Nathaniel and Mary (Smith) McAdams had three children to reach adulthood.

Their oldest child, Mary M. McAdams was b. Dec. 24, 1851 in Tennessee. She m. William Bedford Rogers Dec. 7, 1871 He was b. Nov. 5, 1850 and d. Oct. 15, 1921. Both are interred in the McAdams family cemetery. They had four daughters, 1. Alice E. Rogers was b. March 13, 1881 and d. April 23, 1882. She is interred in the McAdams cemetery. 2. Ellen Rogers m. Nat Bumpas and had at least two children, Edgar Earl Bumpas who d. Dec. 24, 1901, age 5 months (McAdams cemetery), and Roger Bumpas. 3. Addie Rogers m. John Logsdon (no children). 4. Tillie Rogers m. Jim Logsdon and had one daughter Mary who m. a Mr. Reader.

Thomas A. McAdams only son of Nathaniel and Mary (Smith) McAdams was b. Dec. 18, 1853 and d. October 19, 1919 and is interred in the family cemetery. He was a farmer in the area where Wynnewood shopping center and residential area, in Dallas, is now. McAdams Street in this area was probably named for him or his father. He m. Nancy Marina Rogers. She d. in 1948 and is interred in the Old Five Mile cemetery on West Kiest in Dallas. They had at least four children, three of whom reached adulthood. 1. Rogers Owens McAdams b. Aug. 21, 1888 d. Dec. 2, 1889 interred in family cemetery. 2. Maud McAdams m. Daniel McDonough Jan. 14, 1900. He was b. Jan. 5, 1879 and is still living at the age of 94 in Colonial Acres Convalescent Home near Duncanville, Texas. The writer (D.M.W.) visited with him in August 1973 and verified some of this data on the McAdams family with him. Maud d. in 1951. They had no children. Their home was near where Kimball High School is now. 3. Marzie McAdams b. Nov. 20, 1893 d. March 24, 1968 m. John William Beazley Nov. 27, 1913. He d. Sept. 2, 1963. They had three sons; Douglas b. Feb. 17, 1915 m. Frances Crosby (1 son, Jack Allen Beazley), William T. b. June 10, 1917 m. Barbara Whitaker (no children) and Dan C. Beazley b. Feb. 16, 1925 m. Mary Kathryn Allen (4 children: Nancy Kathryn b. Nov. 5, 1944 m. Paul Crandall, Lynn Carlton b. Aug. 7, 1948, William Gary b. May 24, 1950 and Cynthia Ann b. Sept. 1, 1955. Nancy Kathryn and Paul Crandall have 2 children, Jenifer and Christopher). Dan Beazley lives in Dallas (1973). 4. Edgar McAdams, son of Thomas A. and Nancy Marina (Rogers) McAdams, m. Ruth Eshelman. They had one adopted daughter, Betty Jo.

Elizabeth McAdams, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Smith) McAdams was b. Dec. 17, 1861 d. Oct. 7, 1896. She is interred in the family cemetery. She m. Mark B. Stewart. His marker in the family cemetery does not show date of birth but shows d. Dec. 11, 1893. They had two children. Their son, David B. H. Stewart b. April 25, 1892 d. Feb. 1, 1893 is interred in the family cemetery. Their daughter, Mary Eunice Stewart b. Oct. 30, 1889 d. Nov. 20, 1972. m. Ernest A. Powers Sept. 10, 1908. They had two children: Stewart E. Powers b. Sept. 9, 1909 m. 1. Lenora Rushing April 20, 1935 (2 children, David Stewart b. Aug. 28, 1947 d. Aug. 28, 1947 and Donald Powers b.

Sept. 11, 1949). Stewart E. Powers m. 2. Helen Craig July 7, 1972 (live in Arlington, Texas 1973). Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Powers b. Jan. 31, 1915 m. 1. Charles A. Christesen Aug. 19, 1935. He. d. Jan. 22, 1947 (no children). 2. Lon H. Huffaker Sept. 27, 1948. They have one adopted daughter, Susan Elizabeth b. Jan. 22, 1950. She m. Gerald L. Scoggins and has one daughter, Mindy Michele b. April 23, 1969.

This account of the family of the ninth child of Mary (Medearis) and Thomas Smith is by Robert J. Gill of Arlington, Texas:

IX. Ann C. Smith, born 14 December 1827, in Bedford County, Tennessee, was married 27 November 1850 in that county to David King, M.D., born 29 June 1818 in the same county, son of Needham King and his wife Rebecca Hicks, both natives of North Carolina, where they were married. Dr. King attended the schools of Bedford County and studied medicine at Fairfield, Tennessee, attended lectures at Cincinnati, Ohio, and afterwards graduated from that institution. He returned to Fairfield and practiced medicine there some two years, and in 1851 moved to Dallas County, Texas, settling on a farm which has long since become a part of the city of Dallas. In 1870 he retired from the practice of medicine and moved into Dallas and lived for a time on Harwood Street near Ross Avenue. He was sometime City Secretary. The last days of Dr. King and his wife were spent with their oldest child, Mollie R. Crump, in Lubbock County, Texas.

A transcript of the King family Bible record follows:

David King and Ann C. Smith were married 27 November 1850  
Mary R. King married William D. Crump 1 March 1877  
Martha L. King and E. C. Turley were married 15 January 1891  
Jeff S. King and Mary Gertrude Annia were married 14 May 1893

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David King was born 29 June 1818  
Mrs. Ann C. King was born 14 December 1827  
Thomas N. King was born 22 March 1852  
Mary R. King was born 11 October 1853  
William King was born 13 January 1856  
Martha L. King was born 20 December 1859  
Samuel J. (Jefferson Samuel is written above in pencil) King was born 5 May 1862  
John M. King was born 29 January 1865

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Thomas N. King died 17 August 1852  
John M. King died 23 October 1865  
William King died 23 December 1871  
Ann C. King died 14 December 1911, 9 o'clock P.M.

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Only three of David and Ann C. King's children reached maturity:

A. Mollie King was born 11 October 1853 in Dallas County, Texas and was married 1 March 1877 to William Dorsey Crump, born 21 August 1844, at Louisville, Kentucky, and a veteran of Morgan's Raiders, in the Civil War. They resided for a time at Dallas and then began moving west with the frontier until in 1890 they arrived in what was the next year to become Lubbock County, Texas. W. D. Crump was a member of the Lubbock town-site company and the third County Judge of Lubbock County. Mollie Crump died 12 February 1926 and W. D. Crump 18 January 1940, both at Shallowater, Texas. They had six children:

1. Dave Crump, born in January 1878, in Dallas County, Texas, died in the fall of 1953, at Lubbock, Texas, was for a number of years a citrus fruit grower in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
2. Bob Crump, the only child of Will and Mollie Crump to marry, was born 27 October 1879, in Dallas County, Texas and died 20 April 1972, at Lubbock, Texas. He was the last surviving person, whose whereabouts was known, who was present at the founding of Lubbock and had been active in public affairs through the years. He was a classic example of that now rare avis, the genuine old-time cow-boy. During the Christmas holidays, 1930, he married Miss Novella Richmond, of Blanket, Texas, who was at the time teaching in the Lubbock schools. She taught out the session and resigned from the school system. She resides at Lubbock. They had two daughters:

(a) Mary Lou Crump was born in September 1930, at Shallowater, Texas, attended the public schools at Shallowater and Lubbock, and took her degree from the Texas Technological College at Lubbock. She married Dave Koehler, M.D. They reside at Portland, Oregon, and have two daughters:

- (1) Lou Anna Koehler
- (2) Lou Celia Koehler

(b) Novella Crump was born in January 1933, at Shallowater, Texas, and is also a graduate of the local public schools and the Tech. She was married 25 March 1956, at Shallowater, to James Hart, D.V.M. They reside at Lubbock and have a son of their own and an adopted daughter:

- (1) Dee John Hart
- (2) Cyd Hart

B. Mattie King was born 20 December 1859, in Dallas County, Texas. She was married 15 January 1891 to E. C. Turley, a wealthy Mississippi planter, and spent most of her adult life at Cold Water, Mississippi, and Memphis, Tennessee, or on nearby plantations. When already an old lady, she went to the Rio Grande Valley and for several years successfully managed a citrus farm in which she had invested a number of years previously. Plagued by increasing ill health and the threat of blindness she sold her

Valley interests and returned to Memphis to be near her doctor son. The last years of her life were spent at Staunton, Virginia, under the watchful eye of her daughter. She died there at an age of above one hundred years. The Turleys had two children:

1. Hubert K. Turley, a prominent physician and surgeon in Memphis, died in the midst of performing an operation. He had one child:
  - (a) Hubert K. Turley, Jr., who has followed in his father's footsteps. He has a family.
2. Annie May (Ann) Turley, was married to Robert Effinger, a New York broker, and also had one son:
  - (a) Robert Effinger, Jr., who has a family.

- C. Jeff King was born 5 May 1862, in Dallas County, Texas. He went to West Texas as a young man and was for some time County Clerk of Crosby County. He eventually went to California, and the Texas branches lost track of him. Following is a memorandum written on a leaf torn from a ledger-book:

Jeff S. King married Mary Gertrude Annia 14 May 1893

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Edwin Jefferson King 18 March 1895  
Mariette Alberta King 14 April 1898  
Raymond David King 17 November 1899  
Lillial Gertrude King 16 July 1904  
(Presumably these are birth dates, as Jeff King's next below certainly is.)

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Jefferson Samuel King 5 May 1862  
Mary Gertrude Annia, born 30 January 1877

- X. Rice M. Smith b. Dec. 8, 1831 d. June 15, 1833.

THE FAMILY OF ROBERT HICKS SR.,  
HIS BROTHERS, AND THEIR POSSIBLE ANCESTRY

The records of Granville County, N.C. contain many entries relative to the Hicks family. The original families were those of three brothers, William, Thomas, and Robert, our ancestor. William Hicks was deeded 502 acres of land on Tabbs Creek by The Earl of Granville March 5, 1749. It is said that some of this land is still owned by Hicks descendants.

Robert Hicks was deeded land by The Earl of Granville in 1756 (Book B, p. 536). He had previously lived in Bertie County, N. C., in the part that later became Northhampton County. Robert Hicks owned at least 700 acres of land in Granville County.

Thomas Hicks' land was just north of where Oxford, N. C. is now.

We are not sure who Robert Hicks married. We know that her name was Sarah. Some researchers have believed that her maiden name was Rives, but this is not certain. There is supposed to exist, an unrecorded will of William Rives of Granville made in 1751 which names a daughter, Sarah Hicks. This writer has not seen a copy of this Will.

Robert Hicks, Sr. died in 1792 and his Will is recorded in Granville County Book 2, p. 290. From his Will and deeds of gift recorded in Granville County, we have this list of the children of Robert Sr. and Sarah Hicks:

1. Abigail b. Dec. 15, 1748 m. William Yancey (Bond dated Nov. 13, 1767 Granville Co.) Mentioned in her father's will (see Chapter I).
2. Betsey (probably a nickname for Elizabeth) (Robert Hicks, Jr. deed of gift to sister Betsey - Deed Book 1, p. 533) (mentioned in her father's will).
3. Sarah Hicks b. Oct. 3, 1746 m. 1. Thomas Bell Oct. 17, 1763 (Granville marriage bond) (see appendix 44 for 7 Bell Children). There are several deed of gift from Robert Hicks, Sr. to his Bell grandchildren recorded in Granville County. 2. Captain John Medearis (Wake County marriage bond dated Nov. 21, 1780) (4 children) (see Chapters XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, and XXII.)
4. Isaac Hicks (deed of gift 1778 from Robert Hicks, Sr. to Isaac Hicks of Wake Co., if no issue to go to Robert Bell son of Sarah Bell).
5. Lucretia m. John Lock (mentioned in will).
6. Robert Hicks, Jr. m. Sarah Raven Sept. 10, 1793. She was a daughter of John Raven and Kindness (Hunt) Raven. After John Raven's death, Kindness m. Breedlove (Reference: Will of James Hunt 1798 Book 4, p.

177 Granville). Robert Hicks, Jr. was a Captain in the Revolution. He is mentioned in Wheeler's Reminiscences of North Carolina as fighting with great bravery at the Battle of Guilford Court House. His will is recorded in Granville Co., Book 11, p. 135 and was proven in May, 1829. The children of Robert Jr. and Sarah (Raven) Hicks were: (list by Mrs. Ruth Stokes, a descendant, with additions from Mrs. Elizabeth Hummell).

- a. Mary m. Jasper Hicks (son of William Jr.). They had 13 children.
  - b. Dr. John Raven Hicks m. Rebecca Wood. Thurston Titus Hicks in his Sketches of Hicks, Harris, Crews and Earl families (1926) says that Dr. Jack, as he calls him, had Dr. Robert I. Hicks of Warrenton, Va., R. Randolph Hicks, lawyer New York City, Samuel D. merchant Washington, D.C. and two daughters both of whom married M. V. Lanier of Danville, Va., a lawyer. Some sources say Dr. John R. Hicks married a second time to Jane Danvey (or Downey).
  - c. Kindness Hicks m. Parker F. Stone. The noted architect, Edward Durell Stone, is a descendant of Kindness Hicks, through their son Stephen Kutzoff Stone m. Amanda Brodie. Stephen and Amanda were early settlers in Fayetteville, Ark. They had seven children among which were: Robert (who had a son Ben, a judge at Amarillo, Texas), Amanda (never married) and Benjamin Hicks Stone m. Ruth Johnson. Children of Benjamin Hicks and Ruth Stone were James Hicks Stone, architect in Boston (d. about 1929), Margaret (d. young), Marion Brodie Stone m. Karl John Holzinger (parents of informant, Mrs. Ruth Stokes), and Edward Durell Stone, architect, New York City.
  - d. Robert Hicks m. Sarah Grenshaw (Grisham) (died prior to his father).
  - e. Lethia Hicks m. 1830 Donaldson Paschall.
  - f. Dr. Benjamin I. Hicks m. Martha Cowan, Warren Co., Miss.
  - g. Sarah Hicks m. 1. Valentine 2. Nutall.
  - h. James Hicks m. Jane Craig.
  - i. Nancy Hicks m. David A. Paschall 1836.
  - j. Joseph T. Hicks d. Warren Co., Miss. 1842.
7. Thomas Hicks - (deeds of gift Book S, p. 305, and Book L p. 208).

The 1792 will of Robert Hicks, Sr. also mentions Abigail Cooper and Tatey White. The identity of these two has not been established to this writer's knowledge. (see appendix 58).

There are more Hicks descendants in this book than there are either Yancey or Medearis descendants, because all of the descendants of William Yancey and

Captain John Medearis are also Hicks descendants through their wives. The Yancey's got an extra infusion of Hicks blood through Sarah Hicks, wife of Thomas Yancey, whose parentage is yet to be discovered.

William Hicks, brother of our Robert Sr. is also well documented in Granville, County. The name of his first wife however, is in doubt also. It is believed by some that she was a Harris. Thurston Titus Hicks in his Sketches, mentioned earlier, gives many descendants of William Hicks. He had a son William Jr. who had sons Jasper, Franklin Jack, Thomas (a doctor in Wake Co.) and Theodore. Another son of William Sr. was Abner Hicks b. October 8, 1777 who m. Elizabeth Harris in 1800 and had, William Rufus, James, Mary A. F., m. Daniel Stone and had 11 children, George Newton, John B., Samuel Simpson, Joseph Martin, Elizabeth, Robert A. and Benjamin Willis who m. 1. Susan Hester 2. Isabella Jane Crews. The second child of Benjamin Willis and Isabella Jane (Crews) Hicks was Thurston Titus Hicks b. Oct. 14, 1857 who wrote the Sketches. His son Benjamin H. Hicks of Henderson, N. C. reprinted the Sketches in 1954. This writer has a copy of the 1954 edition.

William Hicks, Sr. married a second time to Mourning Hunt widow of John Hunt.

On page 2 of Sketches, T. T. Hicks says that Thomas, the brother of William (Sr.) settled north of Oxford and was succeeded there by his son, Iverson Hicks, who was succeeded by his son Edward Hubbel Hicks. Other sources state that he married, late in life, a widow, Mrs. Constant (Parham) Hester, widow of Robert Hester, and that they had one son, Iverson. This Thomas has been identified by others as the son of Robert Sr. by that name. This writer is not prepared to offer proof as to who is right.

It is said that William Sr.'s grave marker states that he was from Long Island, New York. Thurston Titus Hicks was convinced that the three brothers came to North Carolina from Westbury, New York, and he corresponded with Benjamin Doughty Hicks of New York about family history.

Benjamin Doughty Hicks (1836-1906) was apparently a wealthy man. He was very interested in family history and traced his ancestry from John Hicks who came to Weymouth, Mass. from London in 1635 and who married Hored (sometimes spelled Horod or Horodias) Long in England. They separated, were divorced in 1648, and John Hicks went to Long Island, then part of the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam, to live, was one of the original patentees of land at Flushing. John Hicks was prominent in public life on Long Island. In 1655 he was sheriff of Flushing. He was a magistrate of Hempstead 1660 to 1663 and held other offices from time to time. (Introduction to History of Hicks Family by Benjamin Doughty Hicks (never completed) a copy of which the writer has).

John Hicks is generally identified as a son of Robert Hicks who came to Plymouth on the "Fortune", in 1621. The "Fortune" was the next ship after the "Mayflower" - (See The English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers by Charles Edward Bangs 1962 p. 119.) Benjamin Doughty Hicks says that he was unable to verify that John was son of Robert, although most writers on the Hicks family accept this.

John Hicks of Flushing married a second time to Florentije, widow of Jan Carman of Hempstead. She died prior to 1661 and 1662 John married Rachel, widow of Dr. Thomas Starr, of Charlestown, Mass. John Hicks died in 1672 and Rachel survived him. There were no children of these two marriages. John Hicks' will was dated April 29, 1672 and proved June 14, 1672 (Abstract of Wills (New York) Vol. I, p. 23).

Thomas Hicks, the son of John Hicks and Hored Long, also lived on Long Island. He was the first judge appointed for Queens County in 1691 and held office until 1699. He is usually referred to as Judge Thomas Hicks. He lived to be 101 years of age and one source says he left 300 descendants. His first wife was Mary Butler widow of John Washburn. They had two sons, Thomas and Jacob. His second wife was Mary only daughter of Thomas Doughty of Flushing. They had six sons and four daughters. One of these sons was John Hicks. Writers on the Hicks family do not give any details about this John Hicks family.

In Abstract of Wills (New York) Vol. II, p. 352, is an abstract of the will of John Hicks dated Nov. 12, 1727 and proved April 28, 1730. He leaves to his wife Ellinor all his "movable estate", his dwelling house, lands and meadows in Flushing for her use until his youngest son, Thomas is 21 years of age, and for the educating and bringing up of his children. As soon as Thomas became of age, his estate was to be divided among his four sons, Robert, Ellis, William and Thomas. His wife, his brother-in-law, Thomas Ellison, his brother Issac Hicks, and his friends John Tallman and Benjamin Thorne were executors. (Judge Thomas Hicks had a son named Isaac).

As far as this writer is concerned, the parentage of the above John Hicks is unproven, but it could be that he was the son of Judge Thomas Hicks. Also to this writer the identity of John's sons Robert, Ellis, William and Thomas is unproven, but it is certainly possible that three of them were the brothers of the same names who settled in Granville County, N. C. If these sons were minors in 1727 as they appear to be from the wording of John's will, then the ages would fit for the brothers, Robert, William and Thomas who lived in Granville County. Perhaps some day a descendant will find enough evidence to "tie together" our Hicks ancestry and prove that we are descended from Robert Hicks who came on the "Fortune" in 1621.

One of the things that has intrigued this writer, is the fact that Sarah (Hicks)(Bell) Medearis named one of her sons Benjamin Whitehead Hicks Medearis. An unusual name like this, leads one to assume that he was named for Whitehead Hicks, who was Mayor of New York City when the American Revolution started. Whitehead Hicks was the son of Thomas Hicks who died May 2, 1777 and a descendant of Judge Thomas Hicks. Whitehead Hicks was a Tory and loyal to the King, so the Colonists removed him from office and confiscated the lead window weights in his house to melt down for bullets. He died Oct. 3, 1780, a few years before Benjamin Whitehead Hicks Medearis was born. The question that intrigues this writer is why Sarah and Captain John who was certainly loyal to the American Cause, would apparently name a child after a Tory. It seems that the only explanation is that the Tory they were naming him after, was a relative of Sarah.

The Hicks family has had a number of distinguished members. Among these are Judge Thomas and Whitehead, already mentioned; Edward Hicks (1780-1849) noted painter; Elias Hicks (1748-1830), for whom the Hicksite branch of the Quaker religion is named; Isaac Hicks (1767-1820) merchant and ship owner of New York; Valentine Hicks, first president of the Long Island Railroad, for whom Hicksville, New York, is named.

Benjamin Doughty Hicks never completed his history of the Hicks family. His papers are now in the Nassau County Museum, East Meadow, L.I. N.Y. This writer has not had an opportunity to examine them.

Professor Robert A. Davison of Hofstra College, Hempstead, New York has written a biography of Isaac Hicks the noted ship owner and merchant, already mentioned. It is published by Harvard Press.

There is a tradition in the Hicks family of Long Island, that is found in a number of sources, that Robert Hicks who came on the "Fortune" was descended from Sir Ellis Hicks. Sir Ellis was knighted by Edward, the Black Prince on the battlefield at Poitiers in 1356. It is said that he was knighted for capturing a set of colors from the French.

## THE NANNEY-YANCEY THEORY

The notes that are reproduced following this paragraph were compiled by Mrs. Tempie Hill Carraway of Asheville, North Carolina. She was a great-granddaughter of Lewis Yancey and his wife, Mary Graves. Lewis was son of James Yancey and Ann Thornton of Granville County, North Carolina (see page 2 and appendix 5). Mrs. Carraway is reported to be deceased. Her notes were probably prepared about 1930. She furnished Mrs. Bertha Yancey Jenson of Blackfoot, Idaho a copy. Mrs. Jenson passed them on to Col. Lloyd R. Garrison of Denton, Texas. The copy reproduced here was made by, and received from Col. Garrison it contains parenthetical notes by him. DMW

## NANNEY or YANCEY HISTORY

Records furnished by O. E. Ruck; Genealogist, gentleman and distinguished officer in His Majesty's Service, now living in Wales. Mr. William Evans, Genealogist of Cumberland County, Va. Mr. William Shepard of Va. From Raleigh Travers Green's Book, taken from Dr. Slaughter's Notes on Culpeper County, Va. From Welsh Families and Antiquities. And from old letters owned by descendants of William Shepard.

Arms furnished by William Shepard.

Arms verified by Portcullis Pursuivant of Arms, London, Eng.; also by Burke's Heraldry.

## NANNEY OF NANNAU

From Cadwgan, second son of the Tribe, descendant of Nanney of York. Founder was Bleddyn ap Cynfyn, from the third royal tribe was descended.

Howard Selyf or Sele, possessor of NANNAU in the time of Owain Clyndwr (Owen Glendower? - LRG), was ninth from Bleddyn ap Cynfyn. His grandfather, Ynyr Tychan, Jr., son of Ynyr ap Meurig in the Third Regiment of Edward 1st, presented a petition to the Prince of Wales, stating that the King had made William Rhaglor of the Court of Tlybont for his services in taking, odic ap Llywel, who in the last War had made himself Prince of Wales. This petition was not granted, as Ynyr could show no charter to the office.

When Dwyn or Dwn visited Nannau in 1588 he was head of the family and signed the pedigree.

His grandson, head of the family, was Hugh Nanney, Esq., Sheriff of County in 1638. (A) grandson of Col. Hugh Nanney, died in 1667. (He was a) M.P., Colonel of Militia of his County and Vice Admiral of North Wales in the last year of William III. Edmon in Lanfuchreth Ch. was the last of the line of Nanney.

Catherine, daughter of William Vaughan, Esq., of Corsegedol. His (William Vaughan's - LRG) third daughter, Catherine, married Robert Vaughan, Esq., celebrated antiquary of Hangwrt. Catherine's oldest son, Hugh Vaughan, succeeded to the Nanney estates but died unmarried. His next brother, Robert of Nanney and Hengwrt in 1792 (was made a) Baron, and his son was Sir Robert Vaughan, Bart., M.P., of Nannau, who succeeded him. He was 44 years a Member of Parliament; also father of Griggith ap Howell Vaughan, Esq., of Phug and Hengwrt, and (of) Col. Edward William Vaughan, who inherited the Phug estates and assumed by license the additional surname of Sailesbury and died in 1807.

Sir Robert William Vaughan, third Baronet of Nannau, dsp in 1859 and the title became extinct and the estates were divided. (DSP means died without children - LRG) Nannau was left to the Hon. Thomas Price Loyd for life and then to John Vaughan, Esq. Hengwrt was given to his wife's three sisters for life; and the great collection of Hengwrt manuscripts to a kinsman, W.W. Lwyn (Sic-LRG) Esq., of Peniarth. The Phug estates to H.C.H. Wynn, second son of Lord Newborough.

(Signed) O.E. Ruck

Maisipandi in the Parish of Talyllyn, now reduced to a farm, was for many ages the seat of a family of note. Llyn Hughes, Esq., Sheriff of (the) County of Merioneth, 1582.

Llyn Dwn paid ten shillings to deputy for making out the pedigree. They traced their line from Eimon Dais, said to have been a descendant of Caradol Fraichfras and bore arms ascribed to that knight.

Heiress of the Hughes family married Lewis Nanney, Esq., a grandson of Hugh Nanney, Esq., of Nannau. Sheriff of Merioneth County, 1634. She married the second time to John Lloud of Ceiswyn, Sheriff of Merioneth Co., 1652.

The Maisypandi estates passed into that of Wynn of Maesyneuadd Talsarnaw through marriage of William Wynn, Esq., to Lowry, eldest sister of John Nanney in 1863 (1668?) The last of this name line died in 1868 (1668?)

Nanneys of Nannau bore Arms: Or, a Lion Rampant az. for Nanney on the first and fourth quarters: Ermine on a Saltire gu. a Crescent or, for Wynn. Mrs. Nanney of Bronylfa, St. Asaph, Flintshire. Lucy Victoria, widow of John Nanney, Esq., J.P., son of the late Rev. John Nanney, M.A., of Maceyneuadd, County of Merioneth, who adopted the surname Nanney in the room of his own name Wynn. (These arms were also borne -LRG) By Ann Fleming, daughter of John Fisher, Esq. of Chetwynd Lodge, Shropshire; (and by-LRG) third daughter of the late Edmund Williams, Esq., M.A., J.P. of Pentre Mawr in County of Denbigh. She married Mr. Nanney, who died Dec. 27, 1868.

Sir William Berkeley was a connection of the Nanneys through his ancestor Bleddyn Cynfyn of the third Royal Tribe of Wales.

One of the Nanneys descended from Carado Fraichfras, a knight of the mystical Round Table.

Vron Goch, just north of Baia Merioneth, was the home of the Nanney brothers who emigrated to America in or about 1640.

I send a little map in which Vron Goch is marked in the Valley of the River Dee, which rises in Bala Lake.

(Signed) O.E. Ruck

At Vron Goch were many Nanney Clans.

O.E. Ruck

William Shepard: "My theory is that the Nanney Brothers of Vron Goch, four or five, emigrated to America about 1640 and they did not leave their new address, gradually becoming known, perhaps, first by the name of Yanney or Nancey and finally by the name of Yancey. For people were not particular as to the spelling of names in those days."

From "Welsh Families and Antiquities": "The attributes of pure Welsh blood are, dark, vivacious, quick witted, and benevolent; full of family pride and affection. In the Celtic life three things you see, three elements you find, Religion, Love, Politics; and all the rest is Wind."

#### NANNEY ARMS

On a gold shield, a Lion in blue, facing to the left, rampant. No motto or Crest, showing great age, being used by a Welsh chief in battle for identification of himself and his followers. Mottoes were taken arbitrarily by families and the lack of one means nothing. However, in several branches of the Yancey family the motto which means "Touch Not the Cat Without the Glove" has been handed down by tradition.

A member of the Shepard family, Miss Annie Shepard, living in Buckingham County, Va., inherited from her mother, whose maiden name was Yancey, a copy of the Nanney Coat of Arms. Miss Shepard was 98 years old in 1928. (She may be dead now, but I had the privilege of seeing and copying this (Coat of) Arms.)

(Signed) Mrs. T. H. Carraway  
38 Edwin Place  
Ashville, N.C.

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LETTERS WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF THE YANCEY FAMILY - Virginia?

No. I

My dear Brother Robert: Since I last saw you my wife has been very ill in the house of her cousin, Charles Yancey. Every attention was paid to her before I reached her side and she was delivered of a fine boy before my coming. The boy resembles that old Welsh stock. Charles Yancey says that he must play astrologer and prepare the horoscope of the lad, and from the way he drinks whatever is given him he believes he was born under the sign of Bacchus. While visiting Charles Yancey's home during the convalescence of my wife, we discussed old Welsh Stock. He tells me that Mr. Evans of Cumberland County, says that he is also Welsh and is descended from some outlandish prince of that country.

"Mr. Evans is broadly cultivated, says that he does not believe the Yancey name is correct, that it was Nanney and got amended in transportation across the Atlantic.

"Charles Yancey had heard something of this kind from his folks and my wife has an old Arms of the family that he says belongs to the Nanney family. He says that he has seen it in his father's books. Mr. Evans was a distinguished soldier in the War, a gentleman and a scholar. He speaks Welsh and pronounces Welsh names very peculiarly....."

"(The letter describes a reunion of Revolutionary soldiers too long to copy.)

"(This letter was written by Samuel Shepard to his brother, Robert Shepard, Dec. 10, 1805. Published in Va. and Tenn. periodicals.)

"(Samuel Shepard's wife was a Yancey, and a cousin of Charles? Yancey.)

"Note that this is the same Arms owned by Miss Annie Shepard, my cousin.

"Samuel Shepard was my great grandfather."

(Signed) William Shepard

Letter No. II.

Charles Yancey, Major, called the Duke of Buckingham, writes to his cousin, Mrs. Samuel Shepard, in a letter without date, but from its contents, undoubtedly written about 1826.

"Travelers Rest, Nov. 4, 1826 ?

"My dear Cousin: I hear that your brother is sick. Have you heard from him? The Yanceys down that (way) have quite forsaken me...(He speaks of sales of slaves, etc., and ends:) "Come over soon with your whole family. I expect everyone at Christmas. We have replenished our cellars and larders; so tell Sam to come empty. When did Sam hear from his brother, L. Thomas Shepard, in Tennessee?

Affectionately,

Charles Yancey"

This letter was written by Major Charles Yancey. He was born in 1770 and was a son of Rev. Robert Yancey and Ann Crawford. The Rev. Robert Yancey lived in Buckingham Co., Va., also in Louisa County, Va., Trinity Parish. I think this Charles Yancey married Mary Spencer.

Letter No. III.

"His Excellency President Taylor.

Dear Sir: Permit me to introduce to your notice Mr. Edward B. Cabell, whom I presume is now in Washington, having left here a few days since.

Mr. Cabell seeks the office of Register of the Land Office, which is contemplated to be established in what is called the Platte Country in Missouri.

I think I can say he is a man of integrity, which is hazarding much in these days of great moral depravity.

You know the Cabell family and I presume the Bollings, his (mother?) was a sister to Powatan and Senacous and he married a daughter of Joseph J. Monroe.

You now have his heraldry, and I rate people very much by their stock, as I do blooded horses.

He is honest, moral, and sober, and of good business habits. If you cannot do better, take him.

(Signed) Charles Yancey,  
Travelers Rest, Buckingham Co., Va.  
Feb 18, 1824

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A Charles Yancey, Major (?), commanded the 1st Regiment, Va. Militia in the War of 1812. He also represented Buckingham (Co.) in the House of Delegates in 1796. He died April 18, 1857.

It seems that the information now in hand is well documented enough to accept. Note that all the clues came independently: first, the Arms, then the letters telling the name of the family to which they belong. Then, independently the information and confirmation from Col. O.E. Ruck, Genealogist, whose own name illustrates his theory: RUCK, ROOK, OKE, ROOK de ROORKE, - all the same family.

(Signed) William Shepard

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A great many records in Buckingham County were burned.

Since completion of these records the two following letters have been received, which I think strengthen the foregoing tradition and facts collected from various sources. These two letters came from different branches of the family.

(Signed) Tempie H. Carraway.

"Woodvale, Va., May 26, 1928

"Mr. Victor Graves: Dear Sir: I think you have discovered something which I have been vainly hunting for years, "The original Welsh family name of our family."

"I have always believed that it was not Yancey but had been changed on reaching the U.S.

"N.B. Yancey. My ancestor Lewis Davis Yancey told his children that the first settlers were four NANNEY brothers who came over from Wales with Sir William Berkley in 1640.

"I note again the Nanney name disappears and that of Yancey appears all over Virginia in the 2nd and 3rd generation. Certainly the possession of the NANNEY ARMS in the Yancey families is strong evidence.

(Signed) W.T. Yancey

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W. T. Yancey was one of the oldest living descendants in Va. in 1928.

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2nd Letter.

"Miami, Flori, Nov. 4, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Carraway: My father's name was John G. Yancey, also, and he knew that the name was originally Nanney, and Welsh.

(Signed) Mrs. E. Yancey Clark

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In South Hill, Va. there are Yanceys and also Nanneys. They do not claim any connection; but this can be explained, as the Nanneys probably came over later from a Nanney branch in Wales or England.

WILL OF RICHARD YANCEY

Mecklenburg County, Virginia

As read from a photostatic copy by Lloyd R. Garrison, Denton, Texas.

In the name of God, I Richard Yancey of the County Mecklenburg in the Colony of Virginia, being in my perfect health senses and memory do hereby make this my last will and testament revoking and setting aside all and every Will and Wills formerly by me made.

Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in a Christian-like manner.

Imps. I lend unto my beloved wife Mary my negroes Paul, Jane, Betty, and Frank during her natural life.

Imps. I give bequeath and confirm unto my daughter Keziah Nuchols the negroes Abram & Lucy, they and their increase to she and her heirs forever together with one featherbed and furniture all of which she has in possession formerly given by me in full of her part of my estate.

Imps. I give and confirm in like manner unto my son Lewis Yancey the negroes Jack, Beck, & Phil them and their increase unto him and his heirs forever together with one horse and saddle all of which he has in possession formerly given by me in full of his part of my estate.

Imps. I give and bequeath in like manner unto my son William Yancey two hundred acres of land be the same more or less whereon he now lives - beginning on the South side of Beech Creek in the province of North Carolina and County of Granville opposite to the mouth of a small branch which makes into the said creek on the North side thence running South to my back line which joins John Stovall thence West to my corner tree thence North along my old line to Beech Creek thence down the same as it meanders to the beginning for the compliment aforesaid which said land is hereby directed to be laid off by my executors of this my last will & testament hereafter mentioned together with one negro girl named Lucretia she, her increase unto him and his heirs, forever, together with one featherbed and furniture all of which he has in his possession formerly given by me in full of his part of my estate also every other thing and things formerly given by me be it of what kind soever.

Imps. I give and bequeath in like manner to my son Absalom Yancey a tract of land lying & being in the County of Mecklenburg in the Colony of Virginia on Beech Creek containing three hundred acres be the same more or less on top joining John Twitty's Order of Council & Thomas Stovall together with one negro boy named David one featherbed and furniture at the value of ten pounds current money of Virginia and one horse and saddle he has already received all of which in full of his part of my estate.

Imps. I give & bequeath in manner aforesaid unto my son Robert Yancey the negroes Milly & Jane and their increase with one featherbed and furniture which he has in his possession and thirty pounds current money of Virginia which said money is directed to be raised out of my perishable estate by my executors in full of his part of my other estate.

Imps. I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Yancey three hundred acres of land lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg in the Colony of Virginia be the same more or less on top beginning at the mouth of the Russ branch thence down Beech Creek as it meanders to the mouth of the branch from which my son William is (directed?) as aforesaid thence North thirty-seven degrees East to the back line thence to the beginning together with one negro girl named Toney she and her increase unto him and his heirs forever. One featherbed and furniture at the value of ten pounds current money of Virginia and one horse and saddle which horse he has already received in full of his part of my estate.

Imps. I give & confirm unto my son Charles Yancey all the remaining part of my lands joining my son William & Richard as aforesaid both in Virginia and North Carolina together with one negro boy named Micajah one featherbed & furniture at the value of ten pounds current money of Virginia and one mare which he has in his possession in full of his part of my other estate.

Imps. I give & bequeath unto my son Hezekiah Yancey the negroes Mary & they and their increase unto him and his heirs forever one featherbed & furniture at the value of ten pounds current money of Virginia one horse of ten pounds in value and twenty pounds in cash to be raised out of my estate.

Imps. I give & bequeath unto my son Joseph Yancey one entry of land on the Russ branch of Beech Creek in the County of Mecklenburg & Colony of Virginia which said Entry of Land is to be surveyed by my Ex-ors or Ad-mrs and (cleared?) out of the Office for my said son, Joseph and to be paid for out of the profits of my estate together with one negro girl named Isabel she and her increase unto him and his heirs forever - one featherbed and furniture at the value of ten pounds current money of Virginia and twenty pounds of like money to be raised out of my estate as aforesaid in full of his part of my estate.

Imps. I give and confirm unto my son Zacariah Yancey the land and plantation whereon I now live and one negro man named which said negro is directed to be hired out by my executors during my said son's infancy and the profits arising therefrom to be applied to his (use?) with the interest of the money from year to year which may arise by such hire likewise one featherbed and furniture of the value of ten pounds current money of Virginia and that my said son Zacariah be sufficiently schooled boarded and clothed and educated out of my other estate without reducing any part of the above given and bequeathed legacies all of which in full of his part of my other estate.

Imps. My Will and Pleasure is that if any of my Children above mentioned should decease before they or either of them arrive to the age appointed by Law for disposing of their several legacies heretofore given & bequeathed as is above mentioned or without heirs lawfully begotten that then such estate so given and bequeathed be and are hereby directed to be equally divided between my then living children or their heirs forever.

Imps. My will and desire is that after my just debts being final paid together with the several legacies as above mentioned that all & everything and

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things be and remain in the possession of my beloved wife, Mary, during her life and after her decease to be equally divided between my several children as above mentioned. I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved brother James Yancey and my son Charles Yancey and my whole & sole executors of this my last Will and testament. In Witness -- whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 24th day of August 1768.

Signed dated published and delivered  
in presence of

Henry Parkman

her  
Hannah X Parkman  
mark

Larkin Johnston

RICHARD YANCEY

(SEAL)

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 11th day of Sept. 1780 this will was proved by the oath of Larkin Johnson (no "t" in the name here as above - LRG) a witness thereto and at a Court held for the said County the 12th day of February 1781. The other witnesses residing out of this State, Elijah Graves was sworn and deposed that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the testator and verily believes that the name Richard Yancey to the said Will subscribed is the proper hand writing of the testator and the Court having compared sundry papers said to be written by the testator with his name subscribed to the said Will is of opinion that the same was signed by the testator himself whereupon the said Will was Ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Charles Yancey the surviving Executor therein named who made Oath thereto and together with Elijah Graves, Thomas Jones and James Hunt has Securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds conditioned as the Law directs certificate was granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form and the Letters of Administration formerly granted Mary Yancey widow on the estate of the said Richard are repealed.

Tests,

John Brown, Ct. Cur.

Examined.

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RICHARD YANCEY'S APPRAISEMENT

March 9, 1781

An account of the appraised value of the estate of Richard Yancey, died.

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	The appraised value
1 Negro called Frank	7500 -- --
1 do David	7500 -- --
1 do Paul	4500 -- --
1 do Jean	5000 -- --
1 do Bett	3500 -- --
1 do Tom	2000 -- --
1 do Inde	1000 -- --
1 do Teeney	7000 -- --
1 do Peter	5000 -- --
1 do Cyrus	5000 -- --
1 do Eddy ( or Eady )	5000 -- --
1 do Jacob	4500 -- --
1 Waggon & Harness	3000 -- --
1 horse	900 -- --
1 do	700 -- --
1 do	1200 -- --
1 do	2000 -- --
1 mare	1500 -- --
1 Colt	1000 -- --
35 head of Cattle	3500 -- --
10 head of sheep	950 -- --
6 old sows and 29 pigs	662 10 --
1 bed and furniture	1500 -- --
1 do & do	1500 -- --
1 do & do	1000 -- --
1 do & do	1200 -- --
a parcel of leather	200 -- --
1 pair of steelyards	125 -- --
1 grid iron £ 37 10s. 1 ladle £ 15.	
1 Coffee pott £ 25	77 10 --
1 spice mortar £50. 2 sad irons £15	
1 box iron £10 10s	75 10 --
* 1 looking glass £75. 1 Candle mould £10 10s	35 -- -- (Sic)
9 pewter plates £75. 1 copper stew kettle £50	125 -- --
A parcel of pewter £150. 8 chairs £62 10s	212 10 --
* 1 funnel £5 10s. 1 hackle £50	110 -- --
2 old pots and a frying pan	81 5 -- (Sic)
A parcel of old iron £170. 1 quart pot £20	190 -- --
37 lb of feathers	462 10 --
1 Sugar box £25. 4 raw cowhides £150	175 -- --
One spinning wheel £37 10s. 1 flax do £37 10s	75 -- --
1 do do £10. Parcel of tubs	
& Pails £35	45 -- --
1 grind stone £50. 1 pair shears £6 5s	56 5 --
1 briar sythe £12 10s. a parcel of Carpenter's tools £25	37 10 --
2 potracks	100 -- --

£ 80 401 10 --

\* Incorrect addition according to LRG

This appraisement was returned into Mecklenburg County Court the 9th day of April 1781 & Ordered to be recorded.

Teste  
John Brown, Ct. \_\_\_\_\_?

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MARY YANCEY'S Will - 13th April - 1795 - Recorded and --- --- ---

In the name of God, Amen.

I Mary Yancey of the State of VIRGINIA, Mecklenburg County, Being low in health and Weak in body, tho of sound and perfect mind I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Robert Yancey, one featherbed, two sheets & a blanket One copper skillet, a half dozen of Puter plates, and A half dozen of earthen plates, One gallon bason and One puter dish, One Spice mortar & One Butter pot, to him & to his heirs forever. ----

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandaughter Mary Yancey Daughter of Robert Yancey One Side Saddle and One Chist, to her and her heirs forever. ----

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Keziah Nuchols all my Waring Cloaths, to her & her heirs forever. ----

Item and it is my desire that all the rest of my estate Should be Equally divided amongst my Children, to wit, William Yancey, Absolam Yancey, Robert Yancey, Richard Yancey, Charles Yancey and Zachariah Yancey. ----

Item I constitute and appoint my son Robert Yancey my Sole executor and Trustee of this my last Will and testament Revoking all other Wills do proclame & declare this my last Will and Testament. As Witness my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of October One Thousand and seven hundred and Ninety.

Test. ---  
Interlined her  
before signed. Mary X Yancey  
mark (SEAL)

W. Jones  
James Griffin  
his  
James X Griffin Senior  
mark

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At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 13th day of April 1795- This Will was proved by the Oaths of James Griffin and James Griffin Senior Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste.  
William Baskerville Ct. Cur.

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 13th day of June 1796- On the motion of Robert Yancey the executor named in this will, who made Oath thereto and together with James Griffin his security entered into and acknowledged this bond in the penalty of two hundred pounds conditioned as the Law directs certificate was granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste.  
William Baskerville, Ct. Cur.

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JAMES YANCEY'S WILL. 1777.

In the name of God, amen, I James Yancey, being very sick and weak, but of perfect mind and memory - thanks be to God, calling unto mind the mortality of the body - and knowing it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

I give and recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God, that gave it, and my body unto the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors - Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God - and as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose in the following manner:

Item-1. I give to my son, Bartlett Yancey, my tract of land lying on Law-son's Fork - a branch of the Pacolet in South Carolina - containing three hundred acres.

Item-2. I give my son-in-law Jesse Saunders, forty pounds proc. money.

Item-3. I give my son Phillip Yancey two hundred acres of land I now live on, when cleared out of the office at the expense my estate, to run parallel with his upper line South, beginning at the County line.

Item-4. I give the remaining tract of land, I now live on to my son, Thomas Yancey. To be cleared out of the office agreeable to an entry made by me with Robert Jones in the year 1763. - at the expense of the estate - also the best bed, I have, and the furniture thereunto belonging.

Item-5. I give unto my daughter, Jenny Saunders, one bay horse that I bought from the Edward Saunders estate.

Item-6. I give unto my grand-daughter, Nancy Baynes, ten pounds proc. money.

Item-7. I give to my son, Thornton Yancey, a negroe woman, named Kate, provided he pay unto my estate the sum of twenty pounds.

All negroes I have now in my possession to be sold to highest bidder - among my children. (No other person to be bidder).

The most valuable negroe to be set up and sold, first, then the next - and so on until all are sold, all children to have equal parts. The residue of my other estate to be set up to public at twelve months credit with bond and approved security, with interest, to be applied to my just debts - the residue to be divided equally among my children.

It is my desire that the expense of my burial be allowed my executors out of my estate.

I constitute and appoint my sons Lewis and Phillip my whole and sole executors to my estate. I witness and hereunto set my seal this the 30th day of December, 1777.

James Yancey (Seal)

Granville County, Nov. Court A.D. 1779.

This Will duly approved by oath of Hayden Pryor - and ordered to be recorded.

Phillip and Lewis Yancey qualified as executors of said will.

Reuben Searcy Sec.

Copy of above will certified as true, perfect and correct will Of James Yancey as it appears on will record book I. Page 252

Charles Easton, Clerk  
Granville, Co. N.C.

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Other probable children of James Yancey (not mentioned in above Will). Notes by D.M.W.

1. Betty Yancey m. James Moore in 1765 in Granville County. Her husband bought a slave at the sale of James Yancey's estate. James in his Will specified that only his children could bid on his slaves. Betty must have been a daughter of James.
2. James Yancey also bought slaves at sale.

3. Annie Yancey m. Jesse Saunders 19 Oct. 1765 in Granville Co. She was wife of "my son-in-law Jesse Saunders" and daughter of James.

4. The mother of granddaughter Nancy Baynes was undoubtedly a daughter of James but her name seems to have eluded researchers.

As Col. Lloyd R. Garrison points out in Some Yancey Notes (1960), James had probably already provided for these children, as he probably had also for son Lewis who is mentioned only as an executor of his father's estate.

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Louisa County. Will Book 1, page 62, 1745 - 1761

In the name of God Amen. I, Archelous Yancey of St Martains Parish in Louisa County being in health and in perfect Senses have thought fit to make this my last Will and Testament making void all other wills whatsoever. I lend to my beloved Wife all of my Estate real and personal during her widowhood which State if she should think proper to alter, it is my desire that the whole Estate be taken out of her hands and sold, and the Amount thereof to be equally divided amongst my Children then living, and should any of my children die before and leave Issue Lawfully begotten, they to have their parents part, and in this manner I desire my estate to be divided at her Death should she not alter her state as above mentioned. It is my will that my Exors pay off all my just Debts from the Profits arising from the Crops. Lastly, I do make constitute and appoint William Crenshaw and my son Stephen Yancey Exors of this my last Will and Testament as Witness my hand & seal this 4th Day May 1756.

Archelaus Yancey (SEAL)

Francic Clark  
Isaac Clark  
Joseph Clark  
James Overton Junr.

At a Court held for Louisa County on the 12th Day of June 1764. This Will was this day proved in open Court by the Oaths of Isaac Clark and Joseph Clark witnesses thereto & by the Court.  
Admitted to Record & is Recorded Teste  
James Littlepage Cl: Curk ?

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YANCEY - WRIGHT BIBLE RECORDS

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by descendants of Arabella Wright Morris

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Marriages

Thomas and Sarah Yancey was married February 21st 1808.  
 Perry D. Yancey and Jane F. Marible was married August  
 21st 1842.  
 Benjamin H. Barnett and Irena Yancey was married December  
 8th 1842.  
 Noling J. Wright and Sarah A. Yancey was married November  
 28th 1838.  
 J.R. Mitchell and Virginia Wright was married October 4th  
 1870.

Births

William Yancey was born April 10th 1740.  
 Abigail Yancey was born December 15th 1748.  
 Thomas Yancey was born December 15th 1769.  
 Sarah Yancey was born January 24th 1789.  
 David Yancey was born December 20th 1808.  
 Katherine Yancey was born September 15th 1810.  
 Curren L. Yancey was born February 13th 1812.  
 Jackson F. Yancey was born November 15th 1814.  
 Perry D. Yancey was born November 27th 1815.  
 Thomas H. Yancey was born April 22nd 1818.  
 Elizabeth L. Yancey was born 9th April 1820.  
 Sarah A. Yancey was born February 14th 1822.  
 Irena Yancey was born October 28th 1824.  
 Helenan Yancey was born May 19th 1827.  
 Sarah Jane Barnett was born July 31st 1844.  
 Eliza Ann Wright was born March 1st 1846.  
 Yancey Wright was born October 27th 1841.  
 Irena F. Wright was born July 26th 184?  
 Arabella Wright was born September 26th 1845.  
 James H. Wright was born August 11th 1848.  
 ? ? ? ? ? ? ? was born September 4th 1850.  
 Uleses Melton Wright was born October 9th 1851,  
 and died August 24th 1852  
 Henry Wright was born February 11th 1783.  
 Letty Wright was born October 9th 1769.  
 Lucinday Wright was born October 28th 1804.  
 Moses F. Wright was born June 17th 1807.  
 Noling J. Wright was born March 25th 1809.  
 James F. Wright was born December 10th 1810.  
 Virginia Wright was born August 8th 1854.  
 William C. N. Wright was born April 9th 1861.

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Deaths

William Yancey died February 20th 1803 of a head Pleurisy.  
 Abigail Yancey died June 29th 1809.  
 Jackson F. Yancey died December 9th 1814.  
 Sarah Yancey died February 23rd 1859 ?  
 Helenan Yancey died February 23rd 1848.  
 Thomas Yancey died April 14th 1847.  
 Letty Wright died May 1st 1848.  
 Henry Wright died November 29th 1848.  
 U.M. Wright died August 24th 1852.  
 Moses T. Wright died March 15th (? 18th) 1859.  
 Noling (now spelled Nolan) J. Wright died May 10th 1866.  
 Virginia Wright died June 28th 1873.  
 her infant? died June 27th 1873.  
 Sarah A. Wright died March ? 1905.  
 Arabella Wright (Morris) died March 4th 1924.  
 Eliza Wright (Davidson) died April 26th 1922.

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM YANCEY

Granville Co., N.C. Will Book 6, page 9 (COPY)

August 1st 1803. An Inventory of the Estate of William Yancey Deceased. con-  
 sisting of Land & negroes 432 1/2 in this State 200 in Georgia. 432 1/2 in  
 Virginia A parcel of Negroes which is as follows--  
 Paul, Crease, Cease, Gilbert, Jack, Phil, Harry, Tamer Phillis, Judge, Vilet,  
 Bet, Peter, Peg. 6 Feather Beds, & furniture, 9 head of horses, 30 head of  
 cattle and a Yoke of Stears, 1 Waggon, 1 Cart, 8 Plow hoes 9 hilling hoes. 7  
 Grubing-hoes. 9 Weeding hoes. 3 pair of Wedges 1 Crosscut Saw. 1 hand saw. 40  
 head of hogs, 15 Sheep 8 Axes. 1 40 Gallon Still. 100 Gallons of Brandy-- 1  
 Cupboard. 2 Chests, 2 Tables. 1 set of Chairs, 2 Spining wheel, 1 loom, 3 pair  
 of cards, 3 looking Glasses-- 2 Guns. 2 sets of knives & forks, 1 set of crocra  
 ware- 1 Set of puter, 1 Set Kitchen furniture. 1 pair of Stilyars. 1 outing box.  
 5 Sithes. 20 Books 6 Butter pots. 10 Jugs. 1 Saddle. 3 coffee pots. 1 Tea-  
 kittle. 1 Culleander. 1 Candle mold. 3 drawing knives A parcel of puter. 1 set  
 of shoemakers Tools. 1 set of coopers Tools 1 Set of Shaving instruments. 1 Pair  
 of seales

Thomas Yancey ADM-

State of N Carolina)

Granville County) August Court A.D. 1803

The foregoing Inventory was rendered in Court on Oath by Thomas  
 Yancey Adm. and Ordered to be Recorded

Test. StepSneed Clk.

Note by D.M.W. - Compare names of slaves with those of Thomas Yancey's Inventory,  
 appendix 12.

## DEED OF THOMAS YANCEY TO JOHN LEWIS

This Indenture made this 24th December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fourteen between Thomas Yancey of the county of Granville State of North Carolina of the one part and John Lewis of the county of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia of the other Witnesseth, that the aforesaid Thomas Yancey for and in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred fifty Dollars to him in hand paid by the said John Lewis the receipt whereof the said Thomas Yancey doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained sold released enfeoffed & confirm and by these presents doth grant bargain and Sell Alien release enfeoff & confirm unto the said John Lewis his heirs and assigns forever one certain Tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in the county of Granville State of North Carolina on the waters of Beech Creek- Beginning opposite to the mouth of a branch on the North side of Beech Creek thence bounded by the Estate of Charles Yanceys line to a corner pine in the Estate of Anderson Taylors line thence along said line to a corner white oak on Stovalls and said Taylors line thence along said Taylors line to the Country line thence along the Country line to Beech Creek thence down said creek as it meanders to the Beginning. Containing by estimation two hundred acres be the same more or less with all Houses orchards gardens trees waters & with the Cotton Machine and all the apparatus thereunto belonging- To have and to hold the afore-granted land and premises with its appertuances unto the said John Lewis his heirs and assigns forever and I the said Thomas Yancey for myself my Heirs & do forever warrant & defend the said land & premises unto the said John Lewis his heirs against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever- In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal the day and year find above

Written Signed Sealed an Delivered  
in presence of

The words " do forever warrant & defend the Said  
land and premises unto the said John Lewis his  
Heirs & (between the fourteenth and fifteenth  
lines were entered before signing-)

Thomas Yancey (seal)

Tho: Brown - Surat

Jo: M David

John Culbreath

State of North Carolina  
Granville County February Court AD 1815

The foregoing deed was duly proven in  
open court by the oath of Thomas Brown  
a cosigning witness thereto, and ordered  
to be Registered -

(signature not legible) CLK

## WILL OF THOMAS YANCEY MADE AND APPROVED 21st DAY OF JULY, 1845

Georgia ) In the name of God, Amen  
Oglethorpe County) I Thomas Yancey being afflicted in body but  
possessing a reasonable mind to consider the  
uncertainties of life and the certainty of death do make the following in my  
last will and testament. My decease I commit my soul to God who gave it to me,  
after which I wish my body decently buried --- then should there be any just  
debts, I wish them to be paid. After which I wish the following disposition  
to be made of all my property, both real and personal ---

Item 1 - - I give one equal part to each of my children or their lawful rep-  
resentatives --- To David Yancey, Catherine Brooks, Perry D. Yancey, Eliza  
Paulk, Sarah Wright, Thomas Yancey (H.), Arrina Barnett and for an equal  
distribution to be made, - - -

Item 2 - - I desire five disinterested persons to be appointed or proportion  
all my negroes into seven equal parts by valuation giving to each above named  
his part by lot or otherwise and for speedy settlement to be made - - -

Item 3 - - I desire all my land with all my perishable property to be sold on  
a credit of twelve months and amount of sale to be taken into small notes for  
settling any disproportion made in the above named lots of Negroes and an equal  
division to be made among my above named children or their legal or lawful rep-  
resentatives.

Item 4 - - I publish declare and constitute the above and foregoing my last will  
and testament and to execute the same I appoint James O'Kelly, George Lumpkin,  
Benjamin H. Barnett, William Barnett.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the thirty first  
day of July, 1845.

his  
Thomas X Yancey  
mark

(SEAL)

(A paralytic in wheel chair  
hence unable to sign although  
well educated.)

Test.  
James O'Kelly  
Jan Kirk  
Robert Tuck

Georgia )  
Oglethorpe County )

Court of Ordinary, May 7, 1847  
The within Last Will and Testament  
of Thomas Yancey, deceased, having

been exhibited in open court and duly proven at this regular term of the court

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upon the oaths of James O'Kelly, John F. Kirk and Robert Tuck, all subscribing witness to the same, ordered that the same be admitted to record.  
Recorded 7th. day of May, 1847.

Georgia )  
Oglethorpe County)

In obedience to the order of the court of the Ordinary to us directed, we the undersigned Commissioners therein named have met at the residence of the late Thomas Yancey deceased and made the following distribution of the slaves belonging to the estate of the deceased.  
viz)

1. To Thomas H. Yancey, son of the deceased, we assign the following slaves, namely: Granderson, Nancy and child, America, Cleo and Minnerva valued to the sum of \$2,550.00 and to pay back \$144.29 that being the excess of the distribution share.
2. To Catherine Brooks, the following (i.e.) Ellick, Harriet, and child, Lucinda, Martin, James and Margaret valued at \$2,340.00, said share to receive \$65.71 to make it equal.
3. To Eliza Paulk, the following (viz) Sterling, Disedy and child, Ailsey, Ephram, Lucy, Phyllis and Viney valued at \$2,275.00 to receive back \$150.70 to make it equal.
4. To David Yancey the following (viz) Armstead \$800.00. Polly \$550.00. Warren \$550.00. Delphia \$375.00, and Gilbert \$100.00, valued at \$2,400.00 to receive \$5.71 to make it equal.
5. To Irene Barnett the following (viz) Stephens \$800.00, Arabella \$350.00, Inez \$650.00, Violet \$250.00, and William Hin \$425.00, valued at \$2,475.00 to pay back \$69.29.
6. To Perry D. Yancey the following (viz) Burnell, Harry Wyley, Betsy and Patric, valued at \$2,475 to pay back \$69.29.
7. To Sarah Wright the following (viz) Fleming, Charlotte and child, Solomon, Ben, Abednigo, and Washington, valued at \$2,325.00 to receive \$80.71 to make it equal.

Given under our hands this the 23rd day of December, 1847.

Peter W. Hutchinson )  
John B. Jackson )  
David R. Johnson ) Commission  
Isaac W. Johnson )  
Charles G. Hargrover)

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I do hereby certify that the above Commissioners appointed to divide the estate of the said Thomas Yancey, deceased, were duly sworn to the performance of that duty, Given under my hand and official signature this the 23rd day of December, 1847.

James O'Kelly L.I.

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INVENTORY OF THOMAS YANCEY'S WILL: RECORDED, OGLETHORPE CO., GA.  
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120 Hogs	\$160.00	3 looms Harnep & Sleys	\$ 8.00
2 Yoke of Oxen	40.00	5 Spinning Wheels	2.50
23 Head of Cattle	115.00	2 Whip Saws	3.00
7 Mules	455.00	1 Coop Cut Saw	5.00
4 Head of Horses	120.00	20 Bu. Peas	10.00
1 Rare (Maybe Rake)	1.50	1 Still and Worm	10.00
1 Cutting Knife	2.00	1 Road Wagon	25.00
1 Old Cotton Gin	2.50	2 Ox Carts	10.00
1 New Cotton Gin and Bonder		2 Log and 1 Fifth Chain	2.50
	100.00	1 Lersey Wagon and Hames	40.00
1 Set of Gin Gear	15.00	1 Turning Laythe	1.00
1 Thrashing Machine and		1 Set of Blacksmith Tools	20.00
Wheat Fan	15.00	1 Lot Plows	10.00
50 bu. damaged Wheat	31.25	3 Iron Wedges, Ox Staples	
150 Pounds of Seed Cotton	3.70	and Rings	2.00
50 Pounds of Ginned Cotton	5.00	1 Lot Plow Stocks and Gear	15.00
2 Iron Crow Bars	2.75	4 Sythes	5.00
200 Barrels Corn	500.00	1 Lot Weeding Horse	
700 Pounds of Fodder	28.00	(Maybe Hoes)	5.00
2 Spinning Ginnies	5.00	1 Lot Axes	5.00
1 Broad Axe, frow Adges,	3.50	1 Candle Stand	4.75
and Drawing Knife		2 Prs. Andirons, Shovels	
and Chifuly	1.00	and Tongs	2.50
4,000 Lbs. Bacon	120.00	1 Coffee Mill	.50
A Quantity of Lard and		1 Tin Lantern	.37 1/2
Barrels	22.00	1 Dining Table (Mahogany)	12.00
1 Lot of Barrels & Boxes	2.30	1 Small Lot Tin Ware	1.25
1 Barrel and Whiskey	7.00	2 Boxes Knives and Forks	.75
1 Barrel and Fish	3.00	? ? ?	.25
8 bu. Stands	8.00	1 Lot Bottles	7.00
1 Lot and Ings ?	2.50	1 Lot Earthen Ware	5.00
1 Carding Machine	.50	1 Lot Gun and Shot Pouch	2.50
1 Pr. Old Cart Huly	1.00	1 Pr. Shears	.75
1 Lot of Kitchen Ware & C.	15.00	3 Old Tin Wartars	.50
1 Bra	4.00	1 Chest of Drawers (C	8.00

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1 Bedstead and furniture	5.00	1 Clock Bul Flax Wheel and	1.00
1 " " "	12.00	12 Split Bottom Chairs	4.00
1 " " "	5.00	2 Rocking Chairs	.50
1 " " "	5.00	1 Marble Mortar and Pestle	.50
1 Lot Bedclothes	12.00	2 Small Maps	.12 1/2
28 Bunches Factory Yarns	26.00	1 Lot Books	7.00
1 Clothes Props	2.00	1 Small Pine Table	1.00
1 Safe	2.00	1 Lot Grubbing hoes,	
1 Pine Chest	1.00	Shovels	5.00
1 Small Parcel Brown Sugar	3.00		
1 Side Board	5.00		
1 Large Pine Table	1.00		
1 Small Pine Table	.50		

INVENTORY OF SLAVES OF THOMAS YANCEY AS RECORDED IN OGLETHORPE CO. COURTHOUSE, Pages 118-119. May 10, 1847

1 Negroe Man	Gilbert	\$100.00
1 " "	Jack	5.00
1 " "	Lewis	250.00
1 " "	Wiley	625.00
1 " "	Ellick	750.00
1 " "	Granscoson	725.00
1 " "	Armstead	800.00
1 " "	Burrill	800.00
1 " "	Sterling	750.00
1 " "	Stephen	750.00
1 " "	Larry	700.00
1 " "	Fleming (Boy)	700.00
1 " "	Warren	550.00
1 " "	Ben	450.00
1 " "	Harry	450.00
1 " "	Billy	425.00
1 " "	Martin	425.00
1 " "	Patrick	300.00
1 " "	Washington	325.00
1 " "	Ephriam	250.00
1 " "	Abednego	150.00
1 Old Woman	Tamer	100.00
1 " "	Phillis	75.00
1 " "	Violet	250.00
1 " "	Betty	300.00
1 " "	Cleo	350.00
1 " "	Dicy & Clic	
	Ailsey	600.00
1 " "	Sharlott and	
	Cleo Solomon	650.00

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1 Old Woman	Harriet	\$650.00
1 " "	Nancy	600.00
1 " "	Polly	550.00
1 " "	Manerva	450.00
1 " "	Delphia	375.00
1 Negroe Girl	Arabella	350.00
1 " "	Martha	275.00
1 " "	Margaret	250.00
1 " "	Vina	250.00

Also

1 Pr. Money Scales	.50
1 Pr. Steelyards	2.50
Cash on hand	10.00 plus .31
Mrs. Sally Lutus Acct.	4.50

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Total of estate \$18,536.36

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JOHN W. YANCEY, MD.

Taken from Fort Worth and the Texas Northwest, vol. III, p 222, (1922)  
Dallas Public Library number R976.4

A physician and surgeon who has long enjoyed an extensive practice at Fort Worth, Dr. Yancey has devoted much of his time to the educational and public side of his profession.

He was born in Tarrant County, Texas, Jan. 19, 1878, a son of C. D. and Martha (DeLong) Yancey. His father, a native of Alabama, came to Texas as a young man, first locating on a farm near Mansfield. He afterwards moved to Young County, Texas, and is still living at Eliasville in that County. The mother died at the age of fifty years, leaving nine children, all of whom are living except the youngest son, who was killed in France during the World War.

Doctor Yancey, the fourth child and the second son, grew up at Eliasville in Young County, attending the common schools there. He also attended the high school, and, as a young man, started out to make his own way in the world. He paid all his expenses while getting a medical education. For three years he served as a non-commissioned officer in the Medical Corps with an army hospital at Washington and at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. He completed his course and was the honor graduate and valedictorian of the class of 1909 in the medical department of Fort Worth University. Since that year he has been in active practice in

Fort Worth, his offices being in the Wheat Building. For two years he was an instructor in the Fort Worth Medical College. During the World War he helped train five classes of Red Cross nurses, and he had the satisfaction of seeing everyone in his training courses pass the examination. Dr. Yancey is a member of the County and State Medical Societies and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

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## WOODWARD FAMILY SKETCH

Notes by D.M.W. (1973)  
(See Chapters V and XIX)

The Medearis family Bible (appendix 42) says that Washington D. Medearis married Elizabeth Woodward June 18, 1809 and that she was the daughter of Thomas Woodward of Amelia County, Virginia. Records of Amelia County indicate that their marriage bond is dated June 12, 1809. Her name is shown as Elizabeth Sharp Woodward, and Thomas Woodward was surety. A middle name like Sharp, for a girl, would seem to indicate a family surname, possibly her mother's maiden name. Her mother's name has not been determined to our knowledge.

Other Woodward marriages in Amelia County are Jesse Woodward to Martha Mayes July 20, 1779, Thomas Woodward to Dorcas Allen daughter of William Allen, July 13, 1808 (this could be a second marriage for Elizabeth's father), and Peter Woodward to Agnes Alfriend January 27, 1823. Deed records of Amelia County reflect the following, Woodward names and years of deeds; Francis, Tabitha 1784; Jesse, Martha, 1785; Benjamin, Jesse, 1787; Thomas 1813-1833; Dorcas 1823-1833; Peter 1827. Peter Woodward's will was recorded in 1841, but does not name his wife or children.

At present the parents of Elizabeth cannot be further identified to our knowledge.

The Woodward name enters into our family again in 1856 when David Yancey Jr. married Emmaline Woodward in Marshall County, Tennessee. Family legend indicates that her ancestors were related to Elizabeth's, but exactly how, at this writing, we are unable to say.

Emmaline's parents were George Woodward born August 26, 1796 died December 12, 1868 in Marshall County, Tennessee, and Margaret (Porter) Woodward born April 11, 1808 died January 31, 1888. (see appendix 19 and 27). George Woodward's father was William Woodward born October 31, 1769 died September 30, 1843 in Marshall County, Tennessee. His mother was Nancy (Mayes) Woodward. She died August 20, 1865 at the age of 99 according to her grave marker. They are interred in the Woodward family cemetery, Liberty Valley, Marshall County, Tennessee.

William Woodward's will was proven November 6, 1843 in Marshall County. It is recorded in Book A 1835-1855 pages 110-113. He mentions his wife Nancy,

daughters Elizabeth Woodward, Nancy M. Woodward, Martha C. Gilliam (deceased), Lucy Sandifer, and Rebecca Davis, and sons German, George, and John. (a tombstone in the family cemetery says Marget C. Woodward wife of Jerman.) Also mentioned in William's will are grandsons Thomas and William Gilliam.

William Woodward has been identified by some researchers as the son of John Peter Woodward and his wife Elizabeth Pegram of Nottoway County Virginia. According to this source, John Peter came from Maryland to Virginia. This writer has not seen the evidence that this identification is based on.

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## POSSIBLE HINES CONNECTION

Notes by D.M.W. (1973)

This writer has long been intrigued by the recurrence of the Hines name in connection with the family of Thomas and Sarah (Hicks) Yancey, (see chapter I), but has never gotten around to seriously researching the problem.

Several older descendants, most of whom are now deceased, seemed to think that William Yancey's wife's name was Abigail Hines and this is found in some of their writings. It seems conclusively proven now that her name was Abigail Hicks and that she was a daughter of Robert Hicks Sr. of Granville County, N.C. The marriage bond of William Yancey and Abigail Hicks was issued November 10, 1767 in Granville County. James Yancey Jr. was surety. James Yancey Jr. was probably William's first cousin and son of his Uncle James Sr. (see appendix 5 and 6). The writer has a photo copy of this marriage bond. The will of Robert Hicks Sr., proven in May 1792, recorded Book 2, page 290 of Granville County Wills, names his daughter Abigail Yancey.

This writer does not rule out a Hines connection. It seems probable that there was one. Thomas and Sarah Yancey named a son Thomas Hines Yancey (chapter XIV). David Yancey Sr. named a son William Hines Crawford Yancey (chapter III).

The parentage of Sarah Hicks wife of Thomas Yancey, (page 3) has not been determined to our knowledge. In a letter dated June 17, 1928, Ellen Barnett Fleeman, daughter of Irene Yancey Barnett (chapter XVII) and granddaughter of Thomas and Sarah Yancey had this to say: "Grandma Hicks has a story to tell of her life. She was a Hines and her father was very wealthy and at one time was elected Governor of Virginia. She met a poor man she loved and eloped with him." It would appear that the "Grandma Hicks" she is talking about was the mother of Sarah Hicks Yancey, wife of Thomas, and that her maiden name was Hines. There is no Hines listed among the governors of Virginia but this does not rule out an element of truth in the story. Quite frequently family tradition in a number of retellings over several generations, will become distorted, but as has been frequently observed, usually contains an element of truth. The Hines ancestor

could have held some other elective office and in the retelling of the story, it became governor. The 1928 letter is on pages 96 and 97 of Yancey - Medearis and Related Lines.

This is an interesting area of research for someone who has the interest and time to do it. The writer hopes to get to it some day.

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Mt. Airy Titus Co. Texas

July 9th/1877

Mrs. S. E. Norwood

Dear Daughter

Considerable time has elapsed since we wrote last to you and now having a little rest from almost continuous manual labor we try again. We have had the hardest and most constant labor to go through with from the beginning of spring until last Friday evening.

We now have our crop clean and the prospect tolerable if we could get rain soon.

We (of course) as we grow older are losing much of our energy both of body and mind, and when we return from the field of labor with our garments wet with perspiration we feel hardly able to talk think or write much. On yesterday went about 2 miles to the Justice School house spoke about one hour and a 1/2 in a warm room to an attentive audience and walked home through the warm sunshine much fatigued again. With this exception we have rested since Friday except feeding stock, cooking, milking, etc.

On yesterday the 8th we received a letter from J.M. Norwood giving us the pleasing news of the birth of your 1st granddaughter and 1st great grand-daughter. In a few hours after a messenger came from the upper end of this co. and informed us of the birth of David & Emmas 1st grandson, our 1st great grandson. Ain't this getting rich fast, and old too!!

Archie & Lucy have not yet become members of the Church of Jesus Christ. They have no doubt often thought that they would obey the Lord but procrastination has thus far stolen their time! Archie's mother has united with our congregation. A letter recently from your brother John. All well except their little boy who seems to have been for some time unhealthy. John speaks of coming to Texas on a visit to spend several months.

His oldest daughter Margaret is still at McMinville College Tennessee progressing well and has become a Christian. Your mother recently received a letter from John's little daughter Emma Estella Yancey. She is very young to write but says that if grandma will write, she can answer her letter now. She

says that she has been to Ft. Smith and just returned home. Tell your Emma that grandma says that she must make haste and learn to write so that she can write to her grandma too. Tell little David that we want to hear from him too, how he can spell, how he can read, and how he can speak like a big man. Tell William Tolbert that we have been lost from him ever since he left us 29th of October 1875. Nobody is willing as he to prattle around me and ask me questions for solution to go with me hunting, fishing, etc. Farewell Willie recollect what I told you when we parted--i.e. Be a good-boy. Shun bad company. Use no bad words. Read good books, the Bible mostly. As you grow up to manhood strive constantly to train yourself to be a good man that you may be happy in this life and happy hereafter. I was glad to read one statement in Macks letter that he believed that George was one of the best boys that he ever saw. You once asked me something in relation to your childrens interests in Tennessee. I never learned how Bro. Noblitt left or disposed of his effects at his death. I know that it was his expressed intention to me to give the children a fare showing. It certainly would be right for some competent person to attend to their rights there for there ought to be something worth caring for.

Our fruit has been tolerably good this year except pares. The trees are all dead and dying with blight. We think that we will lose them all. We cannot account for the disease. Think it comparable to rust in the wheat or Oats.

Angy & George were well the night before last for the boys saw him at the debate then. All your brothers and sisters and their families are well as far as known. The general health of this country is good as far as we know. Hear of no sickness except some of Bro. Ephraim H. Smiths children. Some of them are sick. They recently came here from the bayou Bartholomew in Arkansas, a very sickly country, where he lost his wife and several members of his family. We are glad he has come among us for he is an able Christian preacher and an own brother of Albert our neighbor whom you know. Your mother has underwent much fatigue this Spring & Summer and has stood it wonderfully.

All join in love to you all

D. &amp; R.D. Yancey

Eliza in fine health attracts many beaux and is as active and can do much in the house or out of it as any girl of her inches.

Note By D.M.W.:

The above letter was written by David Yancey (1808-1885) (page 5-7) to his daughter Sarah Elizabeth Noblitt Norwood (page 50). He, as this letter indicates, did some preaching for the Church of Christ. As was true of most preachers of his day, however, he earned a livelihood by other than preaching. J.M. (James McGrady Norwood) was his grand son-in-law (page 50) and the first great grand daughter he mentions was Leona Elizabeth Norwood b. June 27, 1877 (page 51).

The first great grandson mentioned was William Anon Willis born July 7, 1877 (page 19).