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THREE YANCEY WILLS IN CASWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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Three Yancey widows made their wills in Caswell County, North Carolina in the 19th Century in such detail that they yield unusual amounts of genealogical data. Additional facts produced by Yancey descendants from Family Bibles and other records help to give family group lists, some of which can be brought down to the present day.

The first will is that of Bartlett Yancey, Senior's, widow, Ann (Graves) Yancey, who made her will will on 29 April 1816. It was proved in 1818 and is recorded in Caswell County Will Book H, p. 211. The testator named heirs as follows:

- My son Bartlett (1)
- My granddaughter Nancy Yancey (2)
- My granddaughter Pricilla Howard (2) (3)
- My daughter Elizabeth Slade (4)
- My daughter Isabel Collier (5)
- My grahddaughter Sally Rice (6)
- My sons John, James, and Bartlett Yancey (7) (8) (1)
- My daughter Nancey Johnston (9)
- My grandson Yancey Wiley (10)
- My daughter Mary Graves otherwise Mary Biddle (sic) (11)

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(1) This was the famous Bartlett Yancey, Jr., b. 19 Feb 1785 after his father's death; m. 21 Dec 1808, Ann (Nancy) Graves, his mother's niece, 3 Dec 1786 - 8 Apr 1855. 20 Dec 1808 is the date of the marriage bond, as noted by Mrs. John H. Kerr, Jr. The Bartlett Yancey Bible Records, recorded on p. 147 of Misc. Records Book 2, Office of the Register of Deeds, Caswell County, N.C. show the 21 December 1808 date as that of the marriage.

(2) Granddaughters Nancy and Pricilla Howard appear to be the daughters of deceased son Thomas - not mentioned in the will- by his first wife, Kesiah Simmons. The date of Thomas and Kesiah Yancey's marriage bond was 24 Feb 1789. It was the same date as that of the marriage bond of John Yancey to Elizabeth Lightfoot Moore. John was surety for Thomas' bond, as Thomas was for John's. On 10 Apr 1812, the lands of Thomas Yancey were divided between Attilia, James, Priscilla, Nancy, and Tryon, all of whom appear to be have been the children of Thomas. - Caswell Co., N.C. DB "Q", p. 442. But it is clear that only the first named, Attilia, was the child of Thomas Yancey's (second) marriage to Elizabeth Tait, on 10 Feb 1802 (bond.) Thomas Yancey died before 24 Apr 1804, where his widow Elizabeth was allotted eighty-five and a fourth acres "on the South Side of Country Line Creek" by a committee of "subscribers" summoned by the sheriff for that purpose.- Caswell Co., N.C. DB "N", p. 238. Since Thomas and Elizabeth Tait Yancey were married in February, 1802, Attilia, born in 1803, probably was the only child of Thomas' second marriage. That Attilia Yancey was the daughter of Elizabeth Tait Yancey we know from a deed of gift, made 29 Oct 1817, when Elizabeth Yancey of Caswell County gave her daughter, Attilia, a negro girl "from the estate of my father, Zephaniah Tait."- Caswell Co., N.C. DB "V", p. 46. Granddaughter Nancy Yancey m. (bond)

7 Oct 1817, Ambrose K. Ramsey. Security for the bond was Barzillai Graves, brother of Nancy's grandmother Ann Graves Yancey. The witness was Azariah Graves. Note that this marriage took place after the date of Ann Yancey's will. See also Note 7, below. In the N.C. State Archives in Raleigh "Guardians' Bonds" for Caswell County bolster the assumption that Thomas Yancey was a son of Bartlett and Ann Graves Yancey. On 30 Oct 1804, James Yancey and Bartlett Yancey (Jr) were appointed guardians for James, Tryon, Priscilla, and Nancy Yancey. On the same date, Elizabeth Yancey and Zephaniah Tate were appointed guardians of Attelia Yancey. On 29 Jul 1807, James Yancey was named guardian of Attelia. Cited by Mrs. Henry E. (Katherine Kerr) Kendall, 3 Feb 1966.

- (3) Precilla Yancey m. (bond) 26 Dec 1814, John Howard, whose bondsman was A. Gunn.
- (4) Elizabeth Yancey m. (bond) 26 Jun 1792, Nathan Slade.
- (5) Isabel Yancey m. 1st. Mr. Kimbrough and 2nd., John Collier.-Data from the notes of Mrs. Tampusie Hill Carraway.
- (6) Granddaughter Salley Yancey m. (bond) 6 Jul 1811, Archibald Rice, who signed with John Yancey. Mrs. Carraway's Notes show that Bartlett Yancey, Sr. and his wife Ann Graves had a daughter Sarah Yancey, who m. an Isaac Rice. Perhaps Bartlett's son John Yancey had a daughter Salley Yancey who married her cousin, if Archibald Rice was a son of Isaac and Sarah Yancey Rice. Many a Yancey has married a cousin.

- (7) Son John Yancey m. (bond) 24 Feb 1789, Elizabeth Lightfoot Moore. Only the surmise in Note 6, above, and deductions below, indicate that John Yancey and his wife might have had any children.

After having bought 33 3/4 acres "on the waters of Country Line Creek" in Caswell County from his brother James in 1801 (Caswell Co. DB "M", p. 186, cited by Wm. B. Yancey), in October 1807 John Yancey wold to James 311 acres in an area in Caswell County through which passed the "Main Caswell County Courthouse Road...and Mill Road...." No mention of the Country Line Creek acreage was made in this deed. (Caswell Co., DB "P" p. 181, cited by Wm. D. Yancey.) Witnesses to the first deed were J.G. Murphey and John Kimbro, the latter possibly the "Mister Kimbrough who was the first husband of John and James Yancey's sister Isabel." See Note 5, above.

In the 1800 Census for Caswell County, N.C., John Yancey's family included 5 males under 10, 2 males (26-45); 2 females under 10, 1 female (10-16), and 1 female (26-45). It seems possible that members of another family were living with John's family. For the number given seems inappropriate to a marriage made in 1789. Having sold his large tract of land in 1807, it is not surprising that John Yancey and his family do not appear in the Caswell County Census for 1810. He might have been the John Yancey who Worth Ray in his Tennessee Cousins says was in Giles County, Tennessee by 1810. (Tennessee Cousins, by Worth S. Ray, p. \_\_\_\_\_, cited by Wm. D. Yancey. In the 1820 Census for Giles County, Tennessee, there was no John Yancey, but the following Yancey families appear:

- Yancey, Alfred. - 1 male (26-45; 2 females under 10, 1 female (26-45)
- Yancey, Tryon M. - 1 male (16-26); 1 female (10-16).
- Yancey, Elizabeth L. - 1 male under 10, 1 male (10-16);  
1 female under 10, 3 females (10-16),  
1 female (26-45), 1 female over 45.

(Cited by Wm. D. Yancey.) This Elizabeth L. Yancey might well have been Elizabeth Lightfoot Moore Yancey, widow of John and the "female over 45." If married at seventeen in 1789, Elizabeth L. Yancey in 1820 must have been at least forty-nine years of age. It is not to be forgotten, however, that John Yancey was living in 1816 when his mother named "my sons John, James, and Bartlett," as executors of her will. A neighbor of these groups of Yanceys was a Polly Riddle: 1 male (26-45); 1 female over 45. Could this Polly (Mary) Riddle have been John Yancey's sister Mary, who m. (bond) 13 Feb 1794, John Graves, Jr., designated in her mother's will as "my daughter Mary Graves, otherwise Biddle" (sic)? The Register of Deeds of Caswell County has confirmed the correctness of the underscored words; but perhaps there could have been an error either in the Census Record or in the will as copied into the Caswell County record.

- (8) Son James Yancey m. 1st., (bond) 14 Jan 1794, Lucy Kerr; and 2nd., (bond) 24 Jun 1811, "Zelphah Johnston." By his first wife, James Yancey is said to have had a son, whose existence and identity have not been proved. But see Note 28, below.
- (9) Daughter Nancy Yancey m. (bond) 10 Dec 1795, Isaac Johns(t)on; security, Allen Johns(t)on. The name is written "Johnston" in the body of the bond, but both Isaac and Allen signed "Johnson." The official transcript of Ann Yancey's will says Nancy "Johnston." Witness was Tryon Yancey, not Thomas' son, Nancy's nephew, but perhaps her cousin Tryon Yancey, son of her Uncle Thornton Yancey. Nephew Tryon, born of Thomas' 1789 marriage, was too young. Cousin Tryon, born in 1776 (according to data from Mrs. L.L. Woods, a Thornton Yancey descendant through Philip, -The Yancey-Medearis Book, p. 106) was a bit young - 19, if born in 1776- to be a witness; but perhaps he and the Clerk of the Court did not know that was the case. At any rate, the Tryon M. Yancey (16-26) in 1820, who was about the right age to have been Thomas' Yancey's son Tryon, was certainly too young in 1795 to have acted as a legal witness. (NOTE: On p. 2 of a letter to Mrs. John H. Kerr, Jr., dated 18 Feb 1966, the compiler wrote of Thornton Yancey's son Tryon Yancey, Sr. (b. 1776) as "able to bear witness when needed until he died in 1810." 1810 was the year Mrs. Woods says Thornton Yancey died; and Tryon, Sr.'s son Tryon was not born until 28 Oct 1812, as shown in the Bible Record quoted in Mrs. Kerr's "Random Notes on Yancey," received by LRG on 24 Jan 1966.) No doubt it was the Tryon Yancey of Tennessee who was a student in the University of North Carolina in 1814. (The student was reported by Mrs. McNeill, who is a descendant of Thomas Yancey's daughter Attelia, half-sister of Thomas' son Tryon.) Information now includes no other Tryon Yanceys than those mentioned above; but the writer would not be surprised if more appear in records not yet consulted.
- (10) Grandson Yancey Wiley probably was the son of Frances (Fanny) W. Yancey, whose marriage bond to Alexander Wiley was dated 2 Oct 1804.
- (11) Mary (Polly) Yancey m. (bond) 13 Feb 1794, John Graves, Jr. Her mother's will names her as "my daughter Mary Graves otherwise Biddle." See the last part of Note 7, above.

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From the foregoing, it seems clear that the children of Bartlett Yancey (b. 1736?, d. ca. October, 1784 ( 12 ) and his wife Ann Graves

(12) The 1736 date is from an unidentified book or article entitled "Surry County." It is well known that <sup>Bartlett Yancey</sup> ~~at that time~~ <sup>some</sup> time before the birth of his youngest child, Bartlett Yancey, Jr. October, 1784 is given as the time of the father's death in "N.C. 10, Vol. 7", cited by Mrs. Bertha Yancey Jensen of Salt Lake City, Utah in March 1966. ( I shall try to get correct titles for the two references. in this note. -LRG) Bartlett Yancey's name is in the Granville County, N.C. Militia List for 1754, when he would have been eighteen. -Noted by Mrs. John<sup>n</sup> Kerr, Jr. A record of Administration of his estate is dated 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 1785. - Noted by Mrs. John<sup>n</sup> Kerr, Jr., in her Dec., 1965. notes,

Yancey ( -- --- ---- - -- --- ---- ) were:

1. John Yancey (living 1816) m. (bond) 24 Feb 1789, Elizabeth Lightfoot Moore.
2. James Yancey, b. 1772-1774?, " d. 27 Oct 1829 Caswell Co. Courthouse" (13) m. 1st., 14 Jan 1794, Lucy Kerr, dau. of Alexander

(13) Caswell Co., N.C. Census Records, 1800 and 1810; and entry in The Raleigh Register, both cited by Wm. D. Yancey.

1. Kerr and his 2nd. wife; and 2nd., (bond) 24 Jun 1811, Zelpah Johnston, dau. of Dr. Launcelot Johnston and Zerurah Rice his wife.
3. Thomas Yancey, m. 1st., 24 Feb 1789, Keziah; and 2nd., Elizabeth Tait, dau. of Zephaniah Tait. ( 13 a )

(13a) William Kerr, b. 1 Dec 1776, son of John Kerr and Mary Graves m. 1800, Polly (Mary) Tait, possibly sister of Elizabeth Tait Yancey. - Notes of Mrs. Katherine Kerr Kendall.

4. Elizabeth Yancey m. (bond) 26 Jun 1792, Nathan Slade
5. Isabel Yancey m. 1st., Mr. Kimbrough and 2nd., John Collier.
6. Sarah Yancey m. Isaac Rice. These two may have been the parents of Archibald Rice, who m. Salley Yancey, perhaps a daughter of John Yancey. See Note 6, above.
7. Mary (Polly) Yancey m. (bond) 13 Feb 1794, John Graves, Jr.
8. Nancy Yancey m. (bond) 10 Dec 1795, Isaac Johnston.
9. Frances W. Yancey m. (bond) 2 Oct 1804, Alexander Wiley. (13b)

(13b) The Alexander Wiley who m. (bond) 1779, in Caswell Co., Martha Lowell, may have been the father of this Alexander Wiley. The latter m. as his 2nd. wife, (bond) 28 Dec 1807, Polly ( Mary) Kerr. - Caswell Co., N.C. Marriage Bonds, cited by Mrs. Katherine Kerr Kendall.

The will of Zelpah Yancey, second wife and widow of James Yancey of Caswell County, was made 28 Mar 1843 and is recorded on p. 486, Caswell County, N.C. Will Book "O". James Yancey, probably the second son of Bartlett Yancey, Sr., and Ann Graves Yancey, who mentioned in her will her sons John, James, and Bartlett, married Zelpah (Johnsteh; as her name

is spelled in the marriage bond, on or after 24 Jun 1811, the date of the bond. If there was a relationship between Zelpha Johnston Yancey and the Isaac Johnston who married James Yancey's sister Nancy on 10 Dec 1795 (date of bond), it has not been noted by the Kerr descendants. (14)

(14) See Note 9, above.

In her will Zelpha Johnston Yancey named heirs as follows:

- My daughter Mildred Ann Yancey (15)
- My son Albert G. Yancey
- My granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Yancey Gunn, "daughter of James Gunn." (16)
- My three children Albert G. Yancey, William Yancey, and Mildred Ann Yancey.
- My two sons Albert G. Yancey and William Yancey. (17)

(15) Mildred A. Yancey m. (bond) 2 Jan 1849, James Malone, Sureties, James Malone and Thomas W. Currie. Witness, B.Y. Graves. James Malone was a Doctor of Medicine and lived in Leesburg. - Mrs. Kerr's Notes, Dec., 1965.

(16) When Zelpha Johnston Yancey mentioned her "three children" and "two sons," she must have meant her surviving children. For her legacy of one hundred and fifty dollars "in money" to "my granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Yancey Gunn daughter of James Gunn," shows that there had been another daughter, who married James Gunn. Although this marriage is not listed among the eighteen marriages of Caswell County Yancey brides, photocopies of whose marriage bonds are in possession of the writer, Mrs. John Kerr, Jr.'s notes state that James Gunn's wife was Elizabeth Yancey.

(17) This Albert G. Yancey, first child of James and Zelpha Johnston Yancey, 3 Sep 1817- 9 Aug 1887, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Graves Miles, 9 Feb 1823- 7 Feb 1898, daughter of Abner Miles and his wife Delilah Graves, dau. of John Herndon Graves and sister of Nancy, wife of Bartlett Yancey, Jr. - Notes of Mrs. John Kerr, Jr. Another Albert G. Yancey, believed to have been Albert Grandison Yancey, appears to have married Rebecca Yancey, daughter of Philip Yancey of Granville County, N.C. and lived in Pittsylvania Co., Va. - Notes on folder in papers under "Y" in the Equity File in Granville Co., N.C. Court House, and Pittsylvania Co., Va. records. William Yancey, the other son named in the will, m. (bond) 16 Dec 1839, Damaris R. Oliver. - Caswell Co., N.C. Marriage Bonds, Index in N.C. State Archives, p. 358. Damaris Oliver was the daughter of Reuben Oliver, who m. 17 Jan 1824, Nancy Lea. - Notes of Mrs. John Kerr, Jr.

Ann (Nancy) Graves Yancey, wife of Bartlett Yancey, Jr., was a daughter of John Herndon Graves, of Virginia, and his wife, Nancy Slade. He came to live in North Carolina. He was a brother of the elder Ann Graves Yancey, wife of Bartlett Yancey, Sr.; and thus Bartlett Yancey, Jr. and Ann Graves II, his wife, were first cousins. The father of the elder Ann Graves Yancey and John Herndon Graves was John Graves III, who married Isabella Lea. Bartlett Yancey, Jr., 19 Feb 1785 - 30 Aug 1828, m. 21 Dec 1808, Nancy Graves, 3 Dec 1786 - 8 Apr 1855. (18)

(18) Misc. Records, Book 2, p. 147, Caswell Co., N.C., Office of the

dau. of Thomas and Anne Talbot Slade

Register of Deeds appear to be somewhat in error as to the names and relationships stated in this paragraph, which are given as stated in notes of the Kerr Family. The father of John Graves III was a John Graves who had a son John II, who died as an infant. His father had yet another son, named Don John; for which reason descendants of the John Graves III above trace to their immigrant ancestor as follows: John Graves III, son of William, son of Thomas, Jr., son of Thomas Graves, who came to Virginia in 1608.- Notes of Mrs. John Kerr, Jr.

Ann Graves Yancey, widow of Bartlett Yancey, Jr., made her will in Caswell County, N.C. 9 Apr 1851, four years before her death on 8 Apr 1855. Witnesses were A. Ware and P.H. Womack. The will is recorded in Caswell Co., N.C. Will Book "R", p. 329. The testator named:

- My granddaughter Mary Ann McAdin (19)
- My granddaughter Betsy Ann Mebane, dau. of Giles Mebane.
- My daughter Ann Elizabeth Yancey (20)
- My granddaughter Frances Ann McAden
- My daughter May Catherine Mebane (21)
- My daughter Virginia Swepson (22)
- My grandson Bartlett Yancey McAden and his brother Rufus and their brother John Henry
- My deceased son A.S. Yancey and his surviving daughter, Ann (G\*J) Yancey (23)
- My daughter Mary C. Mebane (who must be the same as May Catherine Mebane, the mother also mentions "Mary Catherine, the wife of Giles Mebane." (21)
- My deceased daughter Frances McAden (24)

- (19) The name McAden is spelled both McAdin and McAden in the official transcript of the will received by the writer, as it probably was spelled in the will book.
- (20) Daughter Ann Elizabeth Yancey, b. 15 Jun 1821, the daughter who remained at home to stay with her her widowed mother, m.(bond) 9 Jul 1855 - at age 34- Thomas Womack. Tho. W. Graves signed with the groom and was a witness.
- (21) May or Mary Catherine Yancey, 26 Dec 1817 - 21 Feb 1906?, m. (bond) Giles Mebane, 25 Jan 1809 - 3 Jun 1899, who was named as executor of his mother-in-law's will. Giles Mebane and his brother Lemuel, who married Carolina Louisa Yancey, sister of Gile's wife, were sons of James Mebane and Elizabeth Kinchen, and grandsons of General Alexander Mebane, Jr. The children of Giles and Mary Catherine Yancey Mebane were: Mary Katherine, Virginia, Betsy (Elizabeth), Ame (sic) Yancey, DeBerniere Yancey, Frances Yancey, Emma Caroline, and Susan Alice.- Noted by Mrs. Edwin L. McNeill from the Mebane Family Charts in the hands of Robert Duff Mebane of San Antonio, Texas.
- (22) Virginia B. Yancey, b. 2 Nov 1826, m (bond) 23 Nov 1842, George W. Swepson, who, with A. Slade, signed the bond. No witness signed. This daughter is recorded in the Bartlett Yancey Family Bible as Maria Virginia..The name entered on the bond was "Virginia B. Yancey..All the insertions in the spaces on the printed bond form appear to be in the handwriting of Geo. W. Swepson. The co-signer, whose name was Abisha Slade, signed as "A. Slade " in a firmly different manner. Actually, the bride's full name seems to have been "Mariah Virginia Bartlett Yancey." For it was by this name that she was designated when her mother, Nancy Yancy,

widow of Bartlett Yancey, Jr. applied to the Caswell County Court in October, 1831, for division of slaves and property.- Noted from a photocopy of the original bond and by Mrs. Katherine Kerr Kendall after inspection of the official record in 1966.

- (23) The deceased son named was Algernon Sidney Yancey, 28 Jan 1816- 22 Aug 1846, who had m.(bond) 21 Dec 1838, Henrietta Graves. Their daughter, Ann E. Yancey, in the transcript of the will unaccountably "Ann(G\*J)" on page 2 and "Ann Elizabeth" on page 3, m.(license) 26 Jul 1866, Archibald W. Garner. She was not young: she, too, had had a widowed mother "to stay with."
- (24) Frances W. Yancey, who d. before her mother made her will in 1851, m.(bond) 4 Nov 1829, Henry McAden, M.D. Granddaughter Frances Ann McAden obviously was their child. Another daughter, Carolina Louisa Yancey, not mentioned in her mother's will, but listed in the Family Bible Record as the fourth daughter, was b. \_\_\_\_\_ and d. 24 Dec 1843. She m. (bond) 1 Nov 1841 - the Mebane charts show 18 Nov 1841- Lemuel H. Mebane, (brother of Giles, above). b. 4 Aug 1816 and d. before 1856. In the absence of any legacy to a child of Carolina Louisa Yancey, it is assumed that she had no children living at the time her mother made her will. Lemuel Mebane m. 2nd., 20 Jan 1849, Mildred Sadler. The "four children" noted on the Mebane charts as being those of Lemuel Mebane are assumed to have been children of the second wife.
- (25) Ann Graves Yancey had two other deceased sons, whom she did not name in her will as she done in the case of Algernon Sidney Yancey, who had left a daughter. The Bible Records list Rufus Augustus, first son, 26 Oct 1809 - 5 Nov 1829; and Curtius, second son, 30 May 1813- 6 May 1819. That explains why it is said that Bartlett Yancey, Jr. left no male grandchildren of the Yancey name. Daughter Frances McAden helped to preserve for a time the memory of her older brother, sadly dead at twenty, by naming a son for him. No other Yancey descendants are known to have borne the names Algernon, Sidney, or Curtius.

Of the five children of James Yancey of Caswell County and his second wife, Zilpah Johnston Yancey, four have been mentioned: Albert Gallatin Yancey, who became a Doctor of Medicine; William Yancey; Mildred Ann Yancey; and Elizabeth Yancey. The Kerr Family Records show a fifth child, a son, Monroe Yancey, "unmarried," who Mrs. John H. Kerr thinks died young. It also seems possible that there was a son and perhaps other daughters of James Yancey by his first marriage.

From what has been said above and from further data furnished by Mrs. John Kerr, Jr., the descent of John<sup>H</sup> Kerr, Jr. from James Yancey, Sr. of Granville County, N.C., is as follows:

James Yancey, Sr., of Hanover Co., Va. and Granville Co., N.C., b. ca. 1712, d. ca. 1779, m. ca. 1735, Ann Thornton, Their son,

Bartlett Yancey, Sr., 1736?- 1784, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Ann Graves. Their son,

James Yancey, Sr., of Caswell Co., N.C., (1772-74?) - 29 Oct 1829, m. 1st., 14 Jan 1794, Lucy Kerr; and 2nd., 24 Jun 1811, Zelpah Johnston. \_\_\_\_\_ James Yancey was a large landowner and served as a Caswell County representative in Commons of the N.C.

General Assembly, 1800-1803; 1807-08; 1811; 1822. . . . When Person County was formed in 1791 from Caswell County, the County seat of Caswell was moved to a new location, which was called Caswell County Court House. James Yancey was very active in getting the county seat placed in the new location. In 1833, four years after his death, the name of Caswell County Court House was changed to Yanceyville in his honor. (25a)

(25a) The terms of James Yancey's service were found in Wheeler's Historical Sketches of North Carolina, 1854, and cited by Mrs. Edwin L. McNeill. His being a large landowner and working for the location of the new county seat in its present location, and his being honored after his death by the change of the name to Yanceyville, are facts set forth in the Durham Morning Herald, 28 March, 1948; and in The North Carolina Guide, Robinson, Blackwell P., editor, Univ. of N.C. Press, 1955. These passages were brought to writer's attention in a letter dated 19 Mar 1964 by Mr. David Flick, of the Hymechee Regional Library at Yanceyville, N.C.

A son of James and Zilpah Johnston Yancey, Albert Gallatin Yancey, 3 Sep 1817 - 9 Aug 1887, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Graves Miles, 9 Feb 1823 - 7 Feb 1898, Granddaughter of John Herndon Graves. Their daughter,

Eliza Catherine Yancey, 30 Jun 1844 - 21 Apr 1927, m. \_\_\_\_\_ John Hosea McNeill Kerr, 20 Apr 1844 - 19 Aug 1924. Their son,

John Hosea Kerr, 30 Dec 1873 - 21 Jun 1958, m. 15 Apr 1899, Ella Lillian Foote, \_\_\_\_\_. John H. Kerr was a Member of Congress for thirty years, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. The John H. Kerr Dam across the Roanoke River at Chase City, Virginia and the lake made by the dam (often called Bugg Island Lake), were named for him. (The writer knows from two meetings with Representative Kerr, once in London during World War II and once in Mr. Kerr's office on Capitol Hill in Washington in 1950, with what unassuming charm he met strangers.) A son of John Kerr and his wife, Ella Lillian Foote,

John H. Kerr, Jr., b. \_\_\_\_\_, m. 12 Nov 1932, Mary Hinton Duke, b. \_\_\_\_\_, dau. of \_\_\_\_\_. He is a lawyer and has been a member of the North Carolina Legislature, being Speaker in 1943. He served also in the State Senate. (26)

(26) John H. Kerr, Jr. is a member of The Society of the Cincinnati by virtue of his descent through Zilpah Johnston Yancey from Dr. Launcelot Johnston.

The only child of John H. and Mary H. Duke Kerr; living, 1966:

John Hosea Kerr, III, b. 28 Feb 1916, A.B. UNC 1938, President of his class and elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year, Phi Kappa Alpha; President of "The Grail," L.L.B., UNC 1961, in 1966 member of the law firm of Taylor, Allen, Warren and Kerr in Goldsboro, N.C. He m. 21 Dec 1960 Sandra Moore Edgerton of Goldsboro, b. \_\_\_\_\_, dau. of \_\_\_\_\_.

The children of John Hosea Kerr, III and Sandra M. Edgerton, his wife  
John Hosea Kerr, IV, b. 18 May 1962; James Yancey Kerr, II, b. 8 Mar 1964.

A Complete List of the Children of Eliza Catherine Yancey and John H. McNeill Kerr:

1. James (Jimmie) Kerr, 23 Aug 1871 - 19 Nov 1875
2. John Hosea Kerr, 30 Dec 1873 - 21 Jun 1958
3. Mary Graves Miles Kerr, 1 Oct 1875 - 5 Dec 1965, m. 24 May 1894, Dr. W.O. Spencer.  
Children: a. William Oliver Spencer, Jr., b. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. John Kerr Spencer, who d. in 1965  
c. Frank Graves Spencer, b. \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Spencer lived in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was a N.C. state regent of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was a member of the National Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America; Vol. XV (1924), pp. 48-49. Her lineage as recorded on these pages was inaccurate. See her mother's lineage on pages above.
4. Albert Yancey Kerr, 28 Feb 1878 - 15 Jan 1942, m. 1st., 8 Dec 1898, Willie Meyers, who d. 3 Sep 1910 without issue. He m. 2nd., 30 May 1919, Mary Oliver, living, 1966, in Yanceyville, N.C. Children of the 2nd marriage:  
a. George Yancey Kerr, b. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Mary Frances Kerr, who m. Henry M. Donaldson and in 1966 lived in Fremont, Ohio  
c. Katherine Kerr, who m. Henry E. Kendall, and in 1966 lived in Raleigh, N.C., where he was head of the State Employment Commission.
5. Barzillai Graves Kerr, 4 Jul 1880 - 3 Dec 1939, m. 22 Nov 1906, Lucy Jackson, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
6. Martha Frances Kerr, 19 May 1883 - 21 May 1965, m. 14 May 1914; A.H. Motz.  
One child: a. \_\_\_\_\_  
( A daughter: please insert full name, etc.)
- 14 May 1914 correct for both 6 & 7?) 7. Nannie Emma Kerr, b. \_\_\_\_\_, m. 14 May 1914, Dr. S.A. Malloy, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. After living in Winston-Salem, N.C. through 1965, Mrs. Malloy went to live in Arizona with her only child, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full maiden name plus married name)  
who has no issue.
8. James Yancey Kerr, b. \_\_\_\_\_, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Helen Stidworthy, who d. in 196\_\_\_\_, without issue. Mr. Kerr, a retired official of the B. & W. Tobacco Company, in 1966 lived in Warrenton, N.C.

The Descent of Mrs. Edwin L. (Catherine Walker) McNeill from James Yancey of Hanover County, Va. and Granville Co., N.C.

James Yancey, Sr., of Hanover, Co., Va. and Granville County, N.C., b. ca. 1712, d. ca. 1779, m. ca. 1735, Ann Thornton. James Yancey bought his first land in Granville County in 1752. He became Sheriff of Granville County in 1774. He was a Justice of the Peace in 1769, and was a Captain in the Militia in a regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Henderson in the Country Line District of the county in 1776. On 22 May 1778, he took the Oath of Allegiance. (27) Their son,

(27) N.C. Colonial and State Records, Vol. 9, p. p. 572; Vol. 5, p. 9 2; Vol. 22, pp. 32, 162, 164; Vol. 22, p. 178. Yancey-Medearis Book, p. 106, citations by Mrs. L.L.Woods. 4 Jun 1752 was the date James Yancey, Sr. bought from Robt Jones 1280 acres on both sides of Jonathan Creek. - Granville Co., Deed Book B, p. 70.

Bartlett Yancey, Sr., 1736? - 1784, m. \_\_\_\_\_, Ann Graves, dau. of John Graves III and his wife Isabella Lea. See p. 5 and Note 18, above. Bartlett and Ann Graves Yancey's son,

Thomas Yancey, who d. before 24 Apr 1804, \_\_\_\_\_ m. 1st., 24 Feb 1789, Kesiah Simmons, by whom he had sons James and Tryon and daus. Riscilla and Nancy. (27a) He m. 2nd., (bond) 10 Feb 1802, Elizabeth Tait

(27a) See Note 2, above.

(or Tate), (dau. of Zephaniah Tait) who m. <sup>28 Oct</sup> 2nd., 1817, David Mebane, <sup>Dec</sup> 1760-1844, whose first wife had been Ann Allen, ~~1765-1812?~~ by whom he had a son, George Allen Mebane. The only child of Thomas and Elizabeth Tait Yancey, <sup>(14 Apr 1765-15 Mar 1812)</sup>

Elizabeth Attelia Yancey, <sup>23 Feb or 28 Jan</sup> 1803 - <sup>19 Dec</sup> 1882, m. <sup>27 Apr</sup> 1820, George Allen Mebane, <sup>10 Jan 1791-27 Aug 1847</sup> of Giles and Lemuel Mebane, both of whom m. daus. of Bartlett Yancey, Jr., Thomas' younger brother. (Mrs. McNeill: Do you know whether George A. Mebane was a brother or cousin of Giles and Lemuel Mebane? -LRG) The son of this marriage,

Thomas Yancey Mebane, <sup>4 Jun 1821</sup> b. ~~1812~~ in Orange Co., N.C., d. <sup>28 Jan?</sup> 1892 in Mebane, N.C., who served in CSA as \_\_\_\_\_ m. <sup>10 Oct</sup> 1844, Eliza Frances Mitchell, ~~1823-1902~~, dau. of William Mitchell (whose father mentioned her as William's daughter) (27b) Their daughter

(27b) Mrs. McNeill's notes.

10 Aug 1823 - 7 Oct 1902

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Harriet <sup>Ann</sup> M. Mebane, \_\_\_\_\_, m. <sup>4 Jul</sup> 1893, Thomas Mason Tarpley, b. <sup>29 May</sup> 1862 in Guilford Co., N.C. and d. \_\_\_\_\_ Their daughter,

Ella Paisley Tarpley, b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Ashville, N.C., m. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, John Walter Walker, b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Brooks Co., Georgia. Their daughter,

Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ Walker, b. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, m. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, Edwin L. McNeill, b. \_\_\_\_\_, (son of \_\_\_\_\_ McNeill and \_\_\_\_\_) In 1966 the Edwin L. McNeills lived in Raeford, N.C.

Children: \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_ (27c)

(27c) The data for descendants of Elizabeth Attelia Yancey and her husband, George Allen Mebane, were supplied by Mrs. Edwin L. (Catherine Walker) McNeill from Mebane Family charts in 1966 in possession of Robert Duff Mebane of San Antonio, Texas, and from \_\_\_\_\_

In 1957, when copying the names of Yancey grooms listed in the Caswell County, N.C. Marriage Bonds, all on p. 358 of the "Index" in the N.C. State Archives, the writer found ten of them. All except two are believed to be correctly placed in their families in this paper. The two exceptions are "Jas. M. Yancey," who m. 5 Jun 1833, Ann Shuemaker (28) and Wylie Yancey, who m. 12 May 1804, Susanna Rice. (29) Still another Caswell County marriage, not included in the *[This line to be pulled out with text below - L R 9]*

(28) The writer has very few references to Caswell Co., N.C. land transactions and to its Lists of Taxables. In them one might find information that would indicate the parentage of this Jas. M. Yancey.

(29) A Wylie Yancey is listed in the Country Line District Granville Co., N.C. List of Taxables for 1796. He was taxed on 300 acres, 1 poll, and 8 slaves. In the same district in 1796 lived several sons and grandsons of both James Yancey, Sr., of Granville Co., N.C. and his brother, Richard Yancey, Sr. of Mecklenburg Co., Va. The name Wylie Yancey indicates that the Wylie and Yancey families had intermarried before 1804, the year that Alexander Wylie married in Caswell County Frances W. Yancey, daughter of Bartlett Yancey, Sr., and produced "grandson Yancey Wiley." In 1812 a Wiley Yancey purchased land from Nathaniel Rice Country Line Creek in Caswell County.-Note from Mrs. John H. Kerr. Wylie Yancey of Halifax County, Va., m. Judith Ligon, b. 29 Aug 1797, 7th child of Joseph and Mary (Church) Ligon (Mary's will proved 3 Sep 1827). The children of Wylie Yancey and Judith Ligon Yancey were Elizabeth, Mary, and Judith. The mother, Judith Ligon Yancey, died before 17 Aug 1813, the date on which her oldest brother James Ligon (who d. 1821 in Clarke Co., Ga.) made his will. After mentioning his living brothers and sisters, he left property to his nieces Elizabeth Yancey, Mary Yancey, and Judith Yancey.-The Ligon Family In America, pp. 678-679.

More appears in this text

Writer's lists above, is that of Ludwell Yancey, who in 1792 married Elizabeth Jeffries. (30) on 15 November. (31)

(30) This name was noted in a paper from Mrs. L.L. Woods in 1957 in a list of seven Yancey marriages, all others of which appear in the Caswell County marriages. "Ludwell Yancey, Virginia, served in the Revolutionary War, 15 Jan 1777-Nov 1779."-Va. Hist. Mag., Vol. 23, p. 306. Ludwell is not a common Yancey given name in the early records of Granville and Caswell Counties or in Mecklenburg Co., Va. In Mason Co., Kentucky, a Ludwell Yancey d. before 30 Oct 1821, when inventory and appraisement of his estate, which included 16 slaves, was made by Lewis Bullock, James Shakelford, Lormier Chowning and John Lashbrooke; Winslow Parker, Jr. being administrator.-Mason Co., Ky. Book "E", p. 228; Recorded, Dec. 1821 at Mason Co. Court, Marshall, Ky., Book "E", p. 231. At the sale of Ludwell Yancey's personal effects on 1 Nov 1821, purchasers included Elizabeth Yancey, Harlow Yancey, William Yancey.-Book "E", p. 352. Twenty years later an inventory of the estate of Elizabeth Yancey, dec'd., Harlow Yancey, Adm., was made and recorded in April, 1841.-Book "M", p. 246. Appraisement of the estate of William Yancey, at \$10,108.00 was made on 23 Oct 1855, Daniel L. Yancey, administrator; W.W. Robb, Daniel L. Dobyns, and David L. Yancey, witnesses.-Book "Q", pp. 483-484. At the sale of William Yancey's estate, purchasers included Wm. M. Yancey, D.L. Yancey, Harlow Yancey, Frances, Maryah A. Early (late Yancey).-Recorded Jan., 1856, Book "Q", pp. 485, 486, 487. The record of the division of the slaves of William Yancey sheds more light on this family group. Commissioners appointed 19 Dec 1856 were Thos. M. Forender, Daniel L. Dobyns, and W.L. Poage. Named were "The Widow", David L. Yancey, Wm. H. Yancey, John A. Yancey, Frances A. Yancey, Martha A. Early (late Yancey); Martha for herself and as guardian for Wm. H. Yancey. David L. Yancey for himself and as guardian for Martha A. Yancey, Frances A. Yancey, and John A. Yancey, widow of William Yancey, dec'd.-Recorded Apr 1857 term of court for Mason Co., Ky. in Book "R", p. 111. The 1850 Census record for Mason Co., Ky. contains many names of Yanceys and Yancey four families-all persons born in Ky. or N.C., except

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In the name of God Amen. I Lewis Davis Yancey of the County of Culpeper being in perfect sence and memory (blessed be God) yet knowing the ~~uncertainty~~ <sup>certainty</sup> of this mortal life do make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all wills by me made

First I bequeath my soul into the hands of its Devine Author trusting that thru the merits of my Savior to receive pardon & remission of all my sins my Body I comend to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, and as to what worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of the same in manner following

Item I give and bequeath to my following children(viz) Charles Lewis Richard John Philemon, Ann Nalle & Winifred Nalle one Shilling Sterling each they having received their full proportion of my lands and personal estate

Item I give and bequeath to my loving son James two slaves Judy and Pink on this proviso that my said son James should live and make application for them within two years after my decease but if he should die or fail to apply for them within the time aforesaid then the said slaves to my son Robert should he survive, but in case he should die without being in legal possession I then direct the said (slaves) & their increase to be equally divided between all my Children or, between(?) Their representatives-

Item, I lend my beloved wife Winifred all the rest & residue of my slaves and personal estate after my Just debts are paid during her natural life and after her decease I give the same to my beloved son Robert and his heirs but in case he should die in the Service of his Country and not return to enjoy the same I then direct the whole to be equally divided between all my Children or their representatives

Lastly I appoint my beloved sons Lewis, Richard & Robert Yancey Executors of this my Last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Seventeenth day of April 1778.

Signed Seald published & declared by the sd Lewis Davis Yancey } Louis Davis <sup>his</sup> Yancey ( L-S) as his last will mark  
In presence of  
James Pendleton  
Henry Pendleton  
Elizabeth Yancey

A Codicil to the above will made this day and year underwritten, to wit, It being my will & desire to alter the second clause in my will above do it in manner & form following making (void) the said Claus intire & substituting in its stead, viz., I give and bequeath to my loving son Robert Yancey two slaves(viz) Judy & Pink he paying unto my loving son James Yancey Sixty pounds in gold or silver when demanded (as equivalent for the above two negroes) to him and his heirs forever In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Second day of May 1782.

Sealed Signd & acknowledged his  
In presence of us-- Lewis Davis <sup>his</sup> Yancey (L S )  
Birkett Davenport mark  
Hered Freemont  
her  
Frances + Miller  
mark

Copied 24 Feb 1966 by Lloyd R. Garrison.- Note: The name written "Louis" in the first signature above is fairly clear, and in the second signature "Lewis" is much clearer. It should be borne in mind that the writing was not that of the testator.-LRG See the Clerk's statement of proof of will on page following.

At a court held for Culpeper County, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1788.

This Last will and Testament of Lewis Davis Yancey Dec<sup>d</sup> was Exhibited to the Court by Robert Yancey one of the Executors therein named and was proved by the Oaths of James Pendleton and Henry Pendleton, two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded, and at a court held for Culpeper County, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1788, a Codicil to the last will and Testament of Lewis Davis Yancey, Dec<sup>d</sup> was proved by the oath of Birkett Davenport one of the witnesses thereto & Ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the said Executor, Certificate is granted him for obtaining for obtaining (sic- L R G) a probat thereof in due form he having made oath thereto & given bond & Security according to Law liberty being reserved for for the other Executor to qualify when he may think fit.

Teste.

John Jameson Cl<sup>r</sup> Cur

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Copied from photocopy 24 Feb 1966 by Lloyd R. Garrison.

Comments on the Will of Lewis Davis Yancey, Culpeper Co., Va., dated 17 Apr 1778, prvod 22 Apr 1788; the codicil of 2 May 1782 being proved 16 June 1788. ( Will Book "C", 1783-1791, pp. 287, 288, 289)

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In his will Lewis Davis Yancey named:

Wife Winifred  
"Children:" Charles  
Lewis  
Richard  
John  
Philemon  
Ann Nallé  
Winifred Nalle, and later named  
Son James  
Son Robert.

The expression "to be divied between all my children or between their representatives," could be taken to mean that children other than those named in the will, were living in April 1778, when the will was signed. But this is not a necessary conclusion. See Note 2, below.

The "Notes" of Mrs. Tempie Hill Carraway, a Yancey descendant who by 1928 had amassed many Yancey Family references, state that Lewis Davis Yancey m. 1st Mildred Kavanaugh, mother of all of Lewis Davis Yancey's children, except Winifred, daughter of his second wife. But copies received of Mrs. Carraway's "Notes" in two entries on the same page state that Lewis Davis Yancey's will was proved in 1784, when the photocopy of the Culpeper County record of the will shows 1788 as the date it was proved, ten years after it was made. In the same entry in the "Notes" Ann Nalle and Winifred Nalle are called granddaughters; although in the will their names are listed after the first five sons named in the first "Item" under "my following children (viz)----"

In two paragraphs on Lewis Davis Yancey Mrs. Carraway's "Notes" list "Philip" as a son; while the record copy of the will shows "Philemon." Also listed in the "Notes" as a child is "Mildred," who was not named in the will. But Mrs. Carraway in her "Notes" says, "All his children are not mentioned in the will. But I think the complete list was taken from a family Bible. But few dates." (1)

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(1) Carraway "Notes" as copied by Lloyd R. Garrison from a copy sent by Mrs. Carraway to Mrs. Bertha Yancey Jensen, who in 1957 furnished them to Lloyd R. Garrison.

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Witnesses to the will were James and Henry Pendleton and Elizabeth Yancey. Who was this Elizabeth Yancey, the witness? Was she an unmarried daughter or a daughter-in-law of the testator?

Why would a forty-six year old unmarried daughter (2) be given no

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(2) Based presumably on some family record, The Compendium of American Genealogy in its article on Lewis Davis Yancey, records as his eldest child, Elizabeth Yancey, b. ca. 1732. No documentation is offered. However, in Crozier's Virginia County Records, p. \_\_\_\_\_, in a Spotsylvania County, deed made in 1732, an Elizabeth Yancey, dau. of Winifred Cavanaugh Yancey, is mentioned as a granddaughter of Philemon Yancey. If Elizabeth was the first child of Lewis Davis Yancey, this mention in the deed of this child as "the dau. of Winifred Cavanaugh Yancey, granddaughter of Philemon Cavanaugh," should provide great documentary comfort to those who deny -

as others assert without documentation - that Mildred Cavanaugh, daughter of Charles Cavanaugh, Philemon's son or brother, was Lewis Davis Yancey's first wife and that all of his children were by Mildred except the last one, Winifred, daughter of Winifred Cavanaugh Yancey.

specific share in her father's estate, when apparently every other child was named in his will? If she had already had a settlement from her father, as had those to whom he left only a shilling each "they having received their full proportion of my lands and personal estate," why was she not included in that group? Was the settlement from her grandfather, Philemon Cavanaugh, so great that she was considered so well provided for that she did not need to share in her father's estate.

To the writer it seems more probable that the witness Elizabeth Yancey was a daughter-in-law witnessing in behalf of an absent son. According to the ( undocumented and in part erroneous ) article in The Compendium of American Genealogy, in 1966 still the writer's best reference as to the marriages of the children of Lewis Davis Yancey, there were at least three wives of sons who could qualify as Elizabeth Yancey, daughter-in-law of Lewis Davis Yancey.

John Yancey, b. ca. 1724, m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. John was listed in the first "Item" of his father's will. This writer knows no more of these two persons than that, except that sources other than the compendium cited say that John went to live in Rockingham County, Va. and had Layton, who m. Frances Lewis; Ludwell; Frances; and Mary (Polly). (3)

(3) The Yancey Family, an article in Part II, Genealogical and Historical Notes On Culpeper County, Virginia, etc., pp. 81-83, Raleigh Travers Green, 1900. Hereafter cited as Green.

Charles Yancey, b. ca. 1735, m. Elizabeth Powers. Here again the Compendium appears to be in error as to a date: Not only did Lewis Davis name his son Charles first among the five sons he named in the first "Item" in his will, which would indicate an earlier date for his birth, but the date of his marriage to Elizabeth Powers ( "of Eastern Virginia" ) is given in Green (4)

(4) Green, p. 82. Children: Kesiah m. Geo Freeman (Ky.) ; Ann m. Geo. Doggett (N.C.); William m. Miss Stone; Thomas m. Sarah Mitchell, 1799 or 1800; Charles, major, 1774-1849, m. Susan Mitchell, 6. Jas. "

as 1740, quite impossible as the date of marriage of a man born in 1735, not quite consistent as the date of marriage for Charles' son Thomas, who m. Sarah Mitchell in 1799 or 1800 (about sixty years after Thomas' parents were married; but Yancey men often did marry late; and this Thomas was his father's fourth child.)

James Yancey, b. ca. 1752, m. Elizabeth Cudworth b. ca. 1754. The marriage date may have been about 1781, as their first child, Benjamin Cudworth Yancey, was b. in 1782. (5) As James fought in the Revolutionary

(5) From a table showing the descent of Wm Lowndes Yancey from Lewis Davis Yancey, compiled by Mrs. Nellie G. Chambers, 609 2nd Street, Mt. Vernon, Washington, and given by Mrs. J. Freeman Lacy of Fort Worth to Lloyd R. Garrison in 1957.

War and then settled in South Carolina, where his son Benjamin Cudworth Yancey

married in Charleston, S.C. in 1808, Caroline Bird (b. 1785, dau. of Col. Wm. Bird and his wife Caroline Dalton,) perhaps at the time Lewis Davis Yancey made his will in 1778, James' wife, Elizabeth Cudworth Yancey, might have been visiting her husband's family in Culpeper that spring, when James might have been away serving in the Army. It would have been a courteous thing for Lewis Davis Yancey to include among the witnesses to his will the wife of his absent elder son. (6)

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(6) Data from the source cited in the preceding note. It might be well to bring out here some statements that have confused many who have been interested in Yancey Genealogy. James and Elizabeth Yancey's son Charles, who married a Mary \_\_\_\_\_, came from South Carolina, it is said, to live in Caswell County, N.C., where he was supposed to have been a contemporary of Bartlett Yancey, Junior, who was born in 1785, the year also in which Charles' mother was born. But Mrs. Nellie G. Chambers (See Note \_\_\_\_\_, above) has it that Charles made his home in Granville County, N.C. This writer thinks Mrs. Chambers was correct. For Bartlett Yancey, Senior, son of James Yancey, Senior, of Granville County, N.C. lived and died in Caswell County; and his children had land in the general area in which lived some sons and other grandsons of Bartlett Yancey's father James. It seems to this writer that the Charles Yancey who lived in Caswell County, N.C., who was a doctor, and who had a brother there who was a deaf-mute named Lemuel, was the doctor son mentioned in the will of Jechonias Yancey, who died on 15 Jan 1828 (Raleigh Register). Jechonias named his son Charles along with sons Lemuel and William and daughters Polly Yancey and Fanny Yancey. Estate papers show that Charles Yancey declined to participate in the administration of his father's estate. This may have been because he lived in Caswell County and had as a part of his family burden the guardianship of his deaf-mute brother, Lemuel, who seems to have been a lively character. It does not appear in any of this writer's notes that there were two Charles Yanceys living in Caswell County during the period under consideration.

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The given name of Miss Halliday, whom Robert Yancey is said to have married, is not in any of this writer's notes or references. The phraseology of Lewis Davis Yancey's will may be taken to indicate that Robert Yancey was younger than his brother James. But in 1778 Robert was probably well over twenty-one, since he was designated as one of the three executors of his father's will.

Dates given in secondary sources are seldom documented in these sources; and some of them rather obviously are incorrect.

*Lloyd R. Garrison*  
Lloyd R. Garrison  
7 November 1967

ADDENDUM.- W.H. Miller, author of Histories and Genealogies, Richmond, Ky., 1907, states that he took the data re the Yancey Family "from Dr. Slaughter's notes on Culpeper, compiled and published by Raleigh Travers Green, with his consent;" but Miller's account is is much fuller in detail than that in Green's book, providing much more in the way of credible documentation.- L R G

In the name of God Amen I Lewis Davis Yancey of the  
County of Culpeper being in perfect sense and memory (by aid of God)  
yet having the lesser faculty of this mortal life to me and aware that  
my last will and testament hereby expressing all that I am minded  
that I bequeath my soul into the hands of its heavenly Father trusting  
that through the merits of my Saviour to receive pardon & forgiveness of all my  
sins my Body I bequeath to the earth to be decently buried at the  
discretion of my Executors, and as to what heavenly good I have  
pleased God to bless me with I leave to the wisdom of the  
Heavenly Father and bequeath to my following children (all) Charles Lewis  
Richard John Thomas, Ann Sally Margaret still one stilling  
Elizabeth they having received their just portions of my stocks  
and personal estate  
I have also bequeath to my young son James two Slaves Judy  
and Jack on these terms that my said James should live and make  
application for them within two years after my decease but if he  
should see or find to apply for them within the time aforesaid I have  
the said Slaves to my son Robert should he survive, but in case he  
should die without being an legal person I have direct the  
said Slaves to be equally divided between all my children of  
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These Representations

That I have long before this time conveyed all the Real & Personal  
of my Slaves & personal estate after my last will or power  
during his Natural life and after his decease I give the same  
to my beloved son Robert and his heirs but in case he should  
die in the Service of his Country and not return to enjoy the same  
then that the said Estate be equally divided between all my Children  
or their Representatives

Lastly I appoint my beloved Sons Lewis, Richard & Robert joint  
Executors of this my last will Testament hereby Testifying all  
of my own free Will & in full Sense of Mind to have been done  
I bear that this Seveneenth day of April 1772.

Signed, sealed, published &  
Declared by the said Lewis  
James Gannay as his last will  
In presence of  
James Pundleton  
Henry Pundleton  
& Elizabeth Gannay

Lewis Lewis  
James Gannay (Jr)  
Richard

Witnessed to the above last made this day and year under  
written, first, It being my will & chosen to give the same  
to Lewis in my last will above do it in manner & form  
following making the said Lewis enter & substitute  
in its place, viz. I give and bequeath to my beloved son  
Robert Gannay the said (12) Acres of land he purchased  
my beloved son Lewis Gannay to be paid in full or when  
taken he wanted (as equivalent for the above last to give)  
to him & his heirs forever In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal this second day of May 1772

Lewis Lewis  
In presence of  
Berthel Duncanson  
Henry Pundleton  
James Gannay

Lewis Lewis  
James Gannay  
Richard

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At about held for Culpeper County April 27<sup>th</sup> 1788  
 This Last will and Testament of Lewis Davis Yancey  
 Dec<sup>d</sup> was exhibited to the Court by Robert Yancey, one of the  
 Executors therein named and was proved by the Oaths of James  
 Pendleton and Henry Pendleton, two of the Justices thereof &  
 ordered to be Recorded, And at about held for Culpeper County  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> 1788, about to the last will and Testament of  
 Lewis Davis Yancey, Dec<sup>d</sup> was proved by the Oath of Markell  
 Davenport one of the Justices thereof & ordered to be Recorded  
 And on the Motion of the said Executor, Certificate is granted him  
 for obtaining for obtaining, apud thereof in due form he having  
 made Oath thereof & given bond & Security according to Law  
 liberty being reserved for the other Executor to qualify when he  
 may think fit.

Teste John Jameson Clk. Cur.

VIRGINIA: In Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

I, Margaret B. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court in  
 and for the County and State aforesaid, do certify the foregoing  
 to be a true copy of the Last Will and Testament of Lewis D. Yancey  
 which is recorded in this office in Will Book C, page 287.

Given under my hand and the seal ~~xxxx~~ of the Court  
 this 21st day of August, 1964.

Teste: Margaret B. Brown, Clerk

By:

Dorothy J. Faulkner  
 DEPUTY CLERK

31 March 1966

Dear Mr. Yancey:

This is for your file; Though I should appreciate any comment you care to make. This draft looks even worse than the first one. The final revision will look better and be easier to read.

Some weeks ago I actually got some Xerox copies made of a copy of Lewis Davis Yancey's will that I typed. I do not recall whether or not I sent one to you. Probably not, as there are other papers to send with it.

Now I must get at my income tax return.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lloyd R Garrison

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The will of Charles Yancey of Culpeper County,  
Virginia, made 10 March 1805, proved 15 April 1805.  
Culpeper County, Va. Will Book B, page 75.

I Charles Yancey of the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

first I desire that all the perishable part of my Estate be sold after my decease and out of the Monies arising therefrom all my just debts be paid.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth the following property during her natural life, Viz. four negro men named Jack George Michael & R---too(?) & four negro women named Jude Hannah Jane & Jille. Also my Household & Kitchen furniture, plantation Utensils and as much of the stock as she may think proper to retain and after her decease I desire that my Executor shall sell the said property and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided between my three sons, Viz. William, Thomas & Major to them and their heirs forever.

Thirdly, I give to my daughter Ann Doggett a Negro woman named Dinah a negro man named Abram & a negro boy named Adam which are now in her possession also a Negro boy named Frederick and a negro Girl named Ciller to her and her heirs forever.

Fourthly, I give to my son William a Negro man named Isaac and a negro woman named Jude and a negro Girl named Aylcey which are now in his possession and a Negro boy named Sam to him and his heirs forever.

Fifthly, I give to my son Thomas a Negro man named Squire and a Negro woman named Aggy and a Negro boy named Gabriel which are now in his possession also a negro boy named Joe to him and his heirs forever.

Seventhly, I give to my daughter Keziah Freeman a negro man named Armstead a negro woman named Gill and a negro boy named Preston and a negro Girl named Eve which are now in her possession and also a negro boy named York to her and her heirs forever.

Eighthly, I give to my son Major a negro man named Guy and a negro boy named Primus and a negro Girl named Sally which are now in his possession and a negro Woman named Vilato (?) and a negro Girl named Milly and one hundred and eight pounds cash to him and his heirs forever.

Ninthly, I give to my Grandson Charles Lewis Yancey a negro boy named Frank to him and his heirs forever.

And Lastly, I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my sons William Thomas and Major Yancey Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made.

← No Sixthly-  
Clause-  
HRG

In the presence of Charles Yancey of the County of Cuppeper and State of Virginia do hereby make  
my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that to wit  
First I desire that all the probable part of my estate be sold after my decease and  
out of the monies arising therefrom all my just debts be paid  
Secondly I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth the following property during  
her natural life, to wit four negro men named Jack, George, Michael & Daniel & one  
negro woman named Jane Hannah Jane & Ellen also my household & well as my  
plantation Utomah and as much of the stock as she may think proper to retain and  
after her decease I desire that my Executors shall sell the said property and the  
money arising from the sale to be equally divided between my three sons, to wit William  
Thomas & Major to share and their heirs forever  
Thirdly I give to my daughter Ann Soggett a negro woman named Sarah  
a negro man named Abraham & a negro boy named Adams which are now in her

76. *Josephine* also a *Negro* boy named *Federick* and a *Negro* girl named *Biller* to her and her heirs forever

*Fourthly* I give to my son *William* a *Negro* woman named *Senae* and a *Negro* woman named *Jude* and a *Negro* girl named *Abby* which are now in his possession also a *Negro* boy named *Sam* to him and his heirs forever

*Fifthly* I give to my son *Thomas* a *Negro* man named *Byrne* and a *Negro* woman named *Abby* and a *Negro* boy named *Gabriel* which are now in his possession also a *Negro* boy named *Joe* to him and his heirs forever

*Sixthly* I give to my daughter *Kath* *Thomas* a *Negro* man named *Abraham* a *Negro* woman named *Gill* and a *Negro* boy named *Patton* and a *Negro* girl named *Est* which are now in his possession also a *Negro* boy named *York* to her and her heirs forever

*Seventhly* I give to my son *Major* a *Negro* man named *Joe* and a *Negro* boy named *Primes* and a *Negro* girl named *Sally* which are now in his possession also a *Negro* woman named *Utile* and a *Negro* girl named *Milly* and one hundred and eight pounds cash to him and his heirs forever

*Eighthly* I give to my Grand son *Charles Lewis Yancy* a *Negro* boy named *Frank* to him and his heirs forever

And *Lastly* I do hereby *Constitute* and *Appoint* my son *William Yancy* and *Major Yancy* *Executors* of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred five

signed sealed published & declared as and for the last Will & Testament of the above named *Charles Yancy* in presence of us  
*Charles Lewis Yancy* L.S.  
March

*William Yancy*  
*Richard Payne*  
*Henry Duval*  
*George Robinson*

At a Court held for the purpose briefly the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1805  
This last Will and Testament of *Charles Yancy* dec'd  
was exhibited to the Court by *William Yancy* and *Thomas Yancy* his  
the *Executors* thereof named and was proved by the Oaths of *William*  
*Major Henry Duval* and *George Robinson* three of the *Witnesses* thereto  
and ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the said *Executors*  
Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof as are herein  
they having made oath thereof and entered suit thereon in the presence

← No "Sixthly"  
clause in  
This Record  
Copy - WRK

*Five Thousand Dollars Conditional as the Law directs liability being assumed for the other Executor herein named to qualify which he may think fit*

*John Samson CLK*

VIRGINIA: In Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

I, Margaret B. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Last Will and Testament of Charles Yancey, which is recorded in this office in Will Book E, page 75.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 6th day of October, 1964.

Teste: Margaret B. Brown, Clerk

Certified copy of the will of James Yancey (Sr.), of Granville Co., North Carolina, dated 30 December 1777; proved November, 1779, as read by Lloyd R. Garrison, 6 November, 1967. This will is recorded in Granville Co., N.C. Will Book 1, page 252. It appears <sup>in part</sup> on pp. 94-95, The Yancey-Medearis Book, Genealogy of Yancey-Medearis and Related Lines, Compiled by W.H. Norwood in Co-operation with James Harvey Norwood, Sr. and Olivia Yancey Lacy., Corsicana, Texas, 1958.

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 for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to 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 it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the Same in the following manner & form -

- Item. I give to my Son Bartlett Yancey My tract of land lying on Lawson Fork a branch of Pascolate River in South Carolina Containing three hundred acres.
- Item. I give to my son in law Jesse Sanders forty pounds Proc. Money.
- Item. I give to my son Phillip Yancey two hundred Acres of Land I Now live on When clear'd out of the office at the expense of my estate to Run parallel with his upper line South beginning at the Country Line.
- Item. I give the remaining part of the tract I now live on to my son Thomas Yancey to be clear'd out of the office agreeable to an Entry made by me with Robert Jones in the year 1763 at the expense of my estate also the best bed I have and the furniture thereunto belonging.
- Item. I give to my Daughter Jenny Sanders one bay horse that I bought of Edward Sander's estate.
- Item. I give to my Grand Daughter Nancey Baynes Ten pounds Proc. Money.
- Item. I give to my Son Thornton Yancey a Negro Woman named Cate provided the said Thornton pay into my estate the sum of Twenty pounds Proc. Money

All the Negroes I have now in my possession to be sold to the highest bidder among my Children no other person to be a bidder & that the most Valuable'st Negro. be Set up & sold first and that the next Valuable'st sold next & so on til all are Sold also it is my will that they that buy's the first Negro Shall not buy the Second and they who first purchased Shall not have a Right to purchase any more and that the first four purchasers Shall not have a Right to bid for any till the other children have purchased equivalent to the first four If the Negroes should hold out and if they do not hold out they Shall give Bond and Security to the other Children for their equal part to the Rest with Interest from the date of said Bonds and that the Residue of my other estate be set up publick sale at Twelve months credit with Bond & approved Security with Interest from the date to be applied to the payment of my Just debts and the Residue equally divided among my Children also it is my desire that the expenses of my burial be allowed my executors out of my estate also I Constitute

(Will of James Yancey, Sr., continued.)

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and appoint my sons Phillip Yancey & Lewis Yancey my whole and Sole Executors of this my last will and testament  
I Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal. this 30th day of December 1777

James Yancey ( Seal )

Executed in presence of  
James Greenwood, William Cox  
Haden Pryon.

Granville County ss. November Court, A.D. 1779-

This will was duly proved by the oath of Haden Pryor and order'd to be recorded, & Phillip & Lewis Yancey Qualified as Executors to the Said Will

Teste

Reuben Searcy. C.C.

North Carolina,  
Granville County.

I, Charlotte Easton, Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, perfect and correct copy of the last will and testament of James Yancey, deceased, as the same appears of record in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Record of Wills, Book 1, page 252.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 24th day of August, 1964.

(Signed) Charlotte Easton  
Asst. Clerk Superior Court,  
Granville County, N.C.



All the Negroes I have now in my possession to be  
 sold to the highest bidder among my Children or  
 other persons to be a bidder & that the most val-  
 uable Negro, to be sold first and that the  
 next valuable to be sold next & so on till all are sold  
 and that my said children & their heirs & assigns  
 Negroes shall not buy the Negroes and they who first  
 purchased shall not have a right to purchase any  
 more and that the first of us who have shall not have  
 a right to bid for any of the other Negroes have  
 purchased equivalent to the first one if the Negro  
 should hold out and if there is not held out to wish  
 give Bond and Security to the other Children for the  
 equal part to the part with Interest from the date  
 of said bonds and that the residue of my other estate  
 be set up to publick Sale in Twelve months Credit  
 Bond & removed Security with Interest from the date  
 to be applied to the payment of my just debts and the  
 residue equally divided among my Children and in  
 my desire that the expence of my burial be allowed  
 Executors out of my estate also I Constitute and  
 appoint my Sons Phillip Yancey & Lewis Yancey my  
 and Sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament  
 Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & seal  
 the 20th day of December 1777

James Yancey (Sd)

Witnessed in presence of  
 James Greenwood, William Cox  
 and Aaron Fryer.

Granville County ss. November Court, A. D. 1779 -

This Will was duly proved by the oath of Haden Pryor and Order'd to be Recorded, & Phillip Yancey & Lewis Yancey Qualified as Executors to the Said Will

Teste

Reuben Saurcy, C. C.

North Carolina,  
Granville County.

I, Charlotte Eaton, Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, perfect and correct copy of the last will and testament of James Yancey, deceased, as the same appears of record in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Record of Wills, Book L, page 252.

Witness my Hand and the seal of said court,  
1st 24th day of August, 1904.

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Asst. Clerk Superior Court,  
Granville County, N. C.

EXTRACTS OF

18 Caswell County, N.C. Yancey Brides' Marriage Bonds, 1792 - 1866

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signers &amp; Witnesses</u>
Nathan Slade	Elizabeth Yancey	26 June 1792	Nathan Slade & John Graves, sgnrs; H. Haralson, D.C., wit.
John Graves, Jr	Polly Yancey	13 Feb 1794	John Graves, Sr. & John Kimbrough, sgnrs; A.E. Murphy, CC, Wit.
Isaac Johnson	Nancy Yancey	10 Dec 1795	Isaac Johnson & Allen Johnson, sgnrs; Tryon Yancey, wit.
Alexander Wiley	Fanny Yancey	2 Oct 1804	Alexander Wiley & Sam'l Morton, Jun., sgnrs; Alex Murphy, DC, wit.
Archibald Rice	Salley Yancey	6 Jul 1811	Archabal Rice & Jno Yancey, sgnrs; Alex Murphy, wit.
John Howard	Precilla Yancey	26 Dec 1814	John Howard & A. Gunn, sgnrs.; Azariah Graves, wit.
Ambrose K. Ramsey	Nancey Yancey	7 Oct 1817	A.K. Ramsey & Bargillai Graves, sgnrs.; Azariah Graves, Wit.
David Mebane	Elizabeth Yancey	28 Oct 1817	David Mabane & Jas Yancey, sgnrs.; Azariah Graves, wit.
Thomas Boswell	Elizabeth Yancey	22 Dec 1819	Thomasx Boswell & Nath'l Gooch, sgnrs.; Alex Murphy, wit.
Henry McAden	Frances W. Yancey	4 Nov 1829	H. McAden & Thos. D. Johnston, sgnrs.; Paul A. Haralson, wit.
Giles Mebane	Mary C. Yancey	8 Mar 1837	Giles Mebane & James Mebane Jr., sgnrs; Paul A. Haralson, wit.
John Harris	Elizabeth Yancey	28 May 1837	John Harris & Martin Morgan?, sgnrs.; Paul A. Haralson, wit.
Lemuel H. Mebane	Caroline L. Yancey	1 Nov 1841	L.H. Mebane & John Turner, sgnrs.; _____, wit.
George W. Swepson	Virginia B. Yancey	23 Nov 1842	Geo. W. Swepson & A. Slade, sgnrs.; no witness signed.
James Malone	Mildred A. Yancey	2 Jan 1849	James Malone & Thomas W. Currie, sgnrs.; B.Y. Graves, wit.
Thomas J. Womack	Ann E. Yancey	9 Jul 1855	T.J. Womack & Thos. W. Graves, Clk, sgnrs.; Tho. W. Graves, Clk, wit.
Archibald W. Garner (or Boyd?) Byrd/Atkins	Ann E. Yancey Anna Yancey	26 Jul 1866 22 Apr* 1866	Tho. V. Graves, Clk. Wm. Oliver, J.P.

\* Date of Marriage.

NOTE: These extracts were made from photocopies of the original documents as read by Lloyd R. Garrison.

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Mrs. Lacy does not now recall the source of an extract from a book that appears in the Yancey-Medearis Book, App. B, p. 34. I should like very much to know the name of the book from which the extract was taken, the name of the author, and the date and place of publication. The extract is as follows:

"From Surry County, Virginia we have this note:

- ✓ "Thomas Bartlett came to Virginia prior to 1637. Charles Bartlett was captain of a merchant ship on the James River in 1705. Saml Bartlett was born in Bristol Parish in 1734.
- ✓ "First, Charles Yancey, born in Wales before 1642, The first tracing we can get of this family is that four Welshmen, Charles, William, Joel, and Robert came to Virginia in 1642 with Sir William Berkeley and settled in the James River region and prospered. Charles is said to have owned a large landed estate and, after serving thirty years in public life, was defeated by a young man to whom he had refused the hand of his daughter. He married a granddaughter of Alexander Leighton and died in 1690. His son, Charles Yancey, Jr., born in 1678 at Hanover, Virginia, married a Miss Bartlett and died about 1735. Their son, Capt. James Yancey, born 1712, moved to Granville (Co.?), N.C. in 1750. (he) married Ann Thornton in 1735. She was born 1714. Captain James (Yancey) died 1779.
- ✓ "Their oldest son, Bartlett Yancey<sup>sr</sup>, born 1736 at Hanover, Virginia."

I have understood that Mrs. Lacy thought you sent her this extract. Many parts of it are very familiar to all of us, of course, as they have been repeated so many times. Descendants of Bartlett Yancey, Sr. in North Carolina would like to know in what book the statements above appeared as I have copied them. I think very likely one of your librarians would be able to document this passage very quickly. When you are next at the Library, will you ask, and then let me know the answer? No matter what it is, I shall be grateful.

I renew my thanks for your many kindnesses to us Texas Yancey descendants over a long period and thank you again for your latest contribution.

Sincerely,

*Lloyd R. Garrison*  
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