

- ① Attended Talk at Apex, NC 12 MAY 2009

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Billy Sears

1578 Luther Rd., Apex, NC 27523

Phone Book = Billy L. Sears - at above address
(919) 303-4638

Profile: I. Adelia Elizabeth Broadwell w/o Josephine Frances H
of the Moore H/Murray H Subclass - Isham
Senior H Line

CS-49
Profile noted
in Valley Folder

A. James Leonard Sears

1. Billy Leonard Sears ma Julia
Nichols

- ② Billy Leonard Sears b 1 MAY 1941. (Textile Eng.
State Col.) is son of James Leonard Sears
b 10 JUL 1907 of Moore/Murray H Class.
(28, pg 45). Billy Leonard Sears m 1961
Julia Nichols b 10 MAR 1943. - Adelia Elizabeth
Broadwell - CS 49 - Isham Senior H Line

- ③ Notes of RPU Call 24 JUN 2009 - (919) 303-4638

He was most cordial and lived near Green Level, is
knowledgeable about his heritage and about local sites.
He would be happy to show sites to me. It is correct,
official name is BILLY - not William. He recently visited
H. D. Kelly, Jr - s/o Billy Kelly. He knows the West Yorkshire
Book well. He recently went to the Isham Senior H homesites.
Says there were 3 homes: #1 Log Cabin #2 The Isham Senior H home
(wife) [split between children]; #3 2 story - A still upstairs caught
fire & the home burned. Moore H & Murray H live Mullholland place 751 - No Stone
Δ S. 2. Sears = 2 = Zelundon

④ From notes of RPU/SSU NC TRIP JUL/AUG 2009.

on Monday PM 10 AUG 2009- RPU & Mark Perry
riding in western wake encountered Billy at his home
we went in for a nice visit. Billy opened up
a letter I had sent him earlier in the year to which
he had not responded. (At the time of the visit on the
10th I did not recall my letter). We had a nice
chat and Billy is waiting for me to return and
to ride around the community with me. He
left the area at age 21 and moved back in
retirement in 1998. My notes taken at the time
are very poor and now so because I did not
have time to amplify them in the next day
or so as I usually do.

⑤ 20 MAY 2010- Called Billy Sears. He agrees that Kim Means
& I can see him 1-2 PM on SAT 5 JUN 2010. I told
him of the three talks.

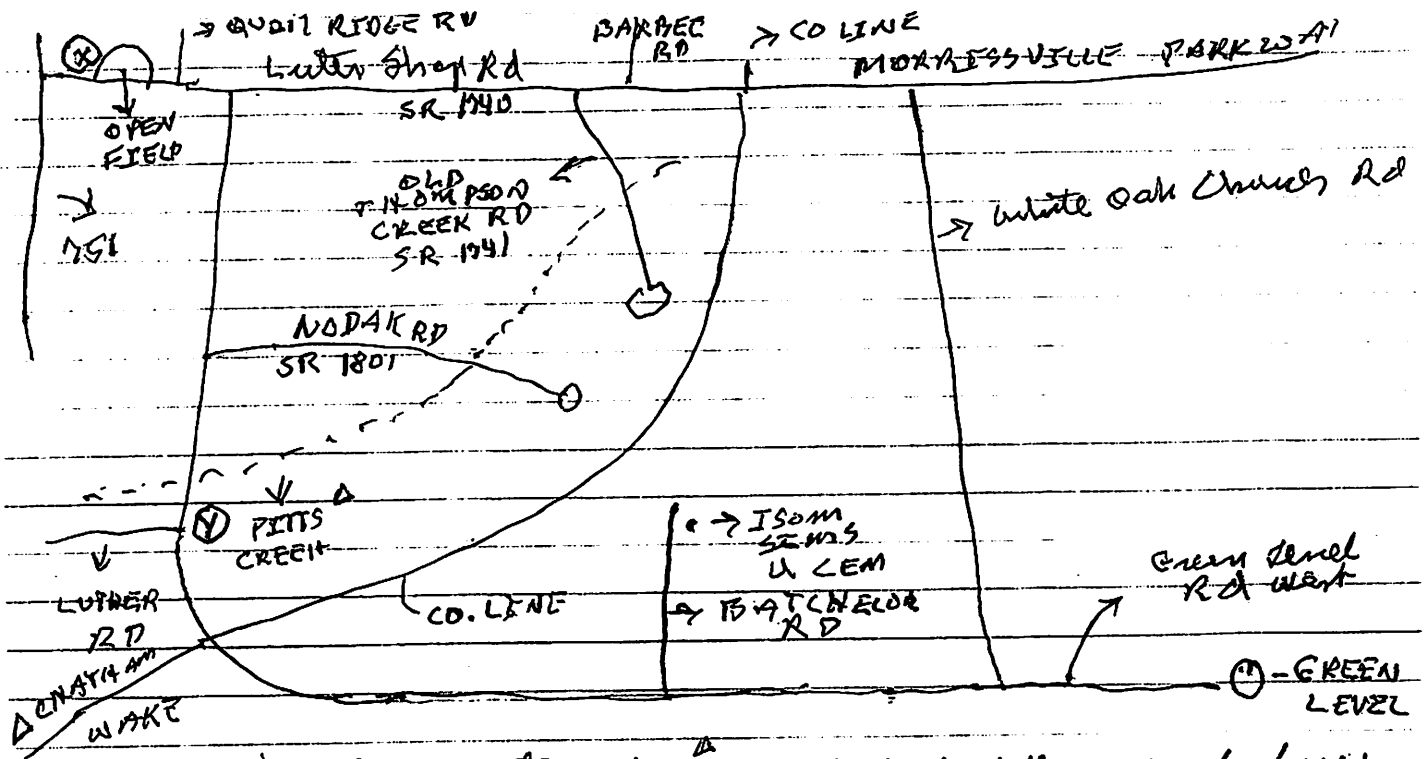
⑥ From notes of RPU/SSU NC Trip May/Jun 2010 - Pgs (29) - (32)
Notes of RPU + Kim Beach visit on 5 JUN 2010 SAT to
Billy Leonard Sears and notes of RPU review of steps 6 JUN 2010.
We reached Billy's home early afternoon on 5 JUN
and had a nice chat with Billy & wife and looked at
Billy's pictures. Then Billy served as a guide for a tour
of the area around the Sam Sims U plantation
across the Wake/Chatham border. See next page
for map RPU made the next day flying solo.

⑥ 5 JUN 2010 - CONTINUED

on our drive we paid a visit to the home of Nellie Olive Kelly, Jr. See his profile for notes of this visit. Billy had made arrangements for this visit.

At the end of our drive we returned to Billy's home where his wife offered cake & beverage. We, regrettably declined.

NOTE MADE ON 6 JUN 2010 as RPH retraced the path Billy Sears took us on the previous day



⑧ = Possible site of Cemetery where Moses U, Head of clan may be buried

Note that the land of Isaac Sears U extended North and West across Pitts Creek into Chatham Co, NC starting at the Cemetery of Isaac Sears U. This land may be a portion of what his GF Moses U owned - which land may have extended to ⑧. Site ⑧ at one point known as the Mulholland Place. ⑦ = home of Matthew Robert U s/o Isaac Sears U. Questions - Did Murray U (s/o Moses & FAT/O Isaac Sears U) inherit land of his FAT Moses U?

⑦ 18 MAY 2012 - Called Billy (919) 303-4638. His wife answered & called him "Bill" which apparently is what he prefers. He agreed to get together when we are in NC and I am to give him a call and set a time after we arrive.

⑧ 25 SEP 2013 - Notes of RPH Call to Billy - I called because I had just realized that the tour of western Wake Co, NC given to me by Billy in June 2010 gives a clue as to the location of the 550 acre Moxie U. bought from Joel Lane when Moxie first moved to Central County. I had earlier thought the track further north on Little Creek (which I thought was the same as Little Creek). The Moxie location of Little Creek is the same as the creek called Rocky Ford Branch on modern day maps. This is over the Moxie Tract only 2 miles west of Green Level. I asked Billy how he knew this was Little Creek. He said because his father told him so.

Billy does not have a computer but his son does. He will get his son to show him the where on my web site.

Billy seems inclined to look into some of the territories we discussed & maybe we can go on a tour of them next December.

(9) In Raleigh, NC THUR 19 DEC 2013

I called Billy Sears & hoped for a meet but we could not quite squeeze it in. I thanked him for helping locate Little Creek - cordial chat

(10) 6 SEP 2014 - Called Billy - (919) 303-4638

Asked him if he knew Stephanie Ann Sears wife of Woody Herman Sears. He said no. we had a nice chat

(11) 8 MAR 2016 Called Billy Sears at (919) 303-4638

and had a nice chat. Briefed him on my March 11-21, 2016 trip. I will call him when I get to Raleigh and we will get to get

I briefed him on the Cary Facility and invited him to participate. He is willing but on M, W, F at 10:15am he leaves to take his wife for dialysis & return at 3:15pm. At this point he cannot sign up for a slot - but he will welcome volunteers to come to his home to confer

Address - Billy Leonard Sears, 1578 Luther Rd
Apex, NC 27523.

(12) NOTES OF RPU VISIT TO M/PA BLS SAT 26 MAY 2012

I made my way west, getting gas \$5.57 and arrived at Bill Sears house at 10:50 AM. Spent 2 hrs. His wife Julia had recently been in the hospital for 5 weeks with the flu/pneumonia & was still walking with a walker.

Bill showed me some pictures including one of the house on Green Level West Rd at Luther Rd +

Owner = MATTHEW ROBERT U

I brought along the Master Outline for Josephine Frances U (D/O Isham Sims U) plus CS 49 for Adelia Elizabeth Broadwell and I got from Bill additional information for these Outline as follows: (Mostly from his memory)

Adelia Elizabeth Broadwell born Green Level Baptist Ch. Com. md S. Zebulon Sears "ZEB" b & d Wake Co, NC Bur ASWFF s/o Wm Gaston Sears - whose house still stands &

is occupied near Carpenter - Adelia & Zeb had only 6.

James Leonard Sears b Carpenter Area, WC, NC d DEC 1983 (WC, NC) lived Carpenter Area - Bur as MOT - Adelia md 23 DEC 1930 (not 1938) (WC, NC) Helen Marie Horton

b Carpenter Community, WC, NC D/O LWM GURNEY HORTON & JOHN LEWIS HORTON who lived on Fearington Rd, Chatham Co, NC. Leonard & Helen had only 3 children

Bill Leonard Sears "BILL" md 15 SEP 1962 (Temple

Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC - a fairly new church) (by Rev Wm O. Mills) DELLA JULIA NICOLS b Wake Co, NC.

They have only 1 child - Warren Ashley Sears b Guilford Co, NC & only 2 grandchildren

a. James Alan Sears b 8 JAN 1995 (Wake Co, NC)

b. Kathryn Ashley Sears b 2 MAR 1997.

Bill mentioned a Mills (I forgot the context)

W. C. Mills, ^{WILLIAM FLEMMING MILLS} formerly at NCSEA Poultry Dept - now in a rest home. his BKO = Talmadge Mills & his wife = METTIE

For my SCTWP History Project Bill suggests

LEWIS BARTHOLOMEW - about age 70 - he & wife have

both been and stoned. They live in SCTWP

⑬ Notes of RPU call 29 NOV 2017 to Bill Sears

I remained with him for one hour went to the Camp Facility mostly spent with Carla and Woody. He reports they had a pleasant visit and he is prepared to interact more. It is inconvenient for him to come on Thursday afternoons. (We need to open another time slot.). I explored a number of ways a person like him could be involved and he seemed open to such possibilities. I explained that our Volunteers are now committed to getting our Legacy trees done.

BILL L. SEARS
LEONARD SEARS
XFD 16345



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May 29, 2016

BILL L. SEARS
1578 LUTHER RD
APEX NC 27523

Dear Cousin Billy-

Thank you for your 20 Club activity and on the 26th for your 2016 membership in Reed Families. Others are helping as well and we are making good progress on the more Upchurch Family to include you

belong.

Only the next point needs 'can any

Family will be working to answer the same

of the local committee. Two key ones will

be even have church a mt. Pagan. After that

one membership, I will give your phone

number to our local coordinator in the

any Family to call you to see if you

can find a time to come a help.

My Best to you and Julia Phil Upchurch

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NOVEMBER 2, 2017

BILLY L. SEARS
1578 LUTHER RD
APEX NC 27523

Dear Billy.

It was great to have you participate in our Allied Families session on October 27, 2017. Brenda Corbin is a bit overwhelming but she knows her stuff on DNA and our Association is lucky to have her leading our DNA effort. I hope you will work with her on having your DNA tested.

Thanks for sharing the photos and documents which are now a part of our system. We will need to interact with you more to get more details from you and

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To share with you what we have.
We are a relatively new Association
and must do more to add to our
records. I hope Woody Yates will
help you have a look at some
of our records.

Thank you for your \$20
contribution renewing your 2017
membership in our organization.
We are proud of our Cay County
and hope you will find time
to visit and enjoy the resources
and the people.

Sending my best to you and
to Julia.

PS. Thought
you might
be interested in

The enclosed 30 OCT 2017
Report to my Board

Phil W. W. W.
Manager, Allied Families



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April 30, 2017

Dear Billy

Sorry I missed seeing you on our recent trip to NC - The visit was highly compressed. I hope you will stay in touch with our Cary Family as it has need of your knowledge.

Enclosed please find the following.

- A copy of our 19 APR 2017 Circular Newsletter
- A list of Projects for the Cary Family
- A membership form for 2017

I hope you will renew your membership for 2017 and that you will visit the Cary Family when you can.

Sending Best Wishes

Phil Upchurch



Note - Budget sent
to supporters 11 Feb 2017
But not to Billy Seave

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January 30, 2017

Dear Billy -

Time for a report on Allied Families. The enclosed summary shows our excellent progress and hopes for 2017. I hope you will renew your membership using the enclosed form.

I will be in the Cary Faculty March 29 - April 2 getting some new projects started. There will be two public events - #1 THURSDAY MARCH 30 2-4 PM - See Volunteers in Action. I will talk on the "Vision for Allied Families" at 3:00 PM. #2 SATURDAY APRIL 1 2-4 open House. It would be great to see you at either or both events - but drop by any time.

The Volunteers are working on several projects where your knowledge would be helpful. We need to record the SEARS family as a "Family of Interest" on our website but would need your help.

Hope your super treatments are going well

Phil Upchurch

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with all best wishes. Phil Upchurch

BILLY LEONARD SEARS

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~~JUNE~~ 3, 2016

BILLY SEARS
1578 LUTHER ROAD
APEX NC 27523

Dear Billy -

It was great to see you at the Open House of our Cary Facility. I am really pleased with how it has unfolded. A big recap is enclosed.

We realize your highest priority is to take care of the medical needs of your wife and I send my best wishes for her progress. Husbands & wives looking out for each other is how it is supposed to be.

Our first projects in the Cary Facility will be to annotate local cemeteries of special interest. I appreciate your willingness to help on these and our Cooperators/Volunteers will be in touch to capture your knowledge. I invite you to be as active in our work as your circumstances permit.

Phil Upchurch

Membership
form enclosed

TO SELECTED SUPPORTERS OF ALLIED FAMILIES----

A Brief Recap of the March 11-21, 2016 Trip of Phil Upchurch to NC

from MO

The main purpose was to get the Allied Families Cary, N. C. Facility operational. Cousin Mike Upchurch got our new computer and printer operational. Cousin Monk Perry helped acquire furniture for the facility, some really nice stuff cheap from N.C. State Government surplus. We are now operational and have four Coordinators who will keep the Facility open certain hours each week. They are Mike Upchurch, Carla Michaels, Woody Yates, and Roger Montague. They are prepared to orient and work with Volunteers starting with documenting local cemeteries. More projects will come later. We can accommodate more Coordinators and Volunteers.

During the week some 31 people visited the Cary Facility representing 124 family names based on the names of grandparents of the visitors. A highlight was the Open House for the Facility held 2-4 pm on Saturday March 19, 2016. Monk and Nancy Perry provided refreshments, Carla Michaels and Rebecca Bradley handled registration while Hilda Upchurch posted grandparents names.

The trip included a visit with Cousin Dr Jerry Lee Cross, PhD historian, in Zebulon, N.C. He will be a Consultant on our unfolding Allied Families program of work. Also visited was Cousin Tony Pearce of Franklin County, N, C. where many of our allied families had roots in the 1700's.

Altogether, I was in touch with over 50 people on the trip. Deep appreciation is expressed to all who took time to confer about family history.

The opening of the Cary Facility is a huge step forward. I will return for a visit in the fall and hopefully before then. In the meantime Cousin Monk Perry, one of our six founders, is our local "Supervisor" and may be reached at (919) 828-8101.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families

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email: phil@upchurchstory.com cell: (314) 313-4734

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25 JUN 2010

APEX, NC 27523

Dear Billy,

We returned home on June 15 after an enjoyable and productive three weeks in N.C. After 60 interviews and three talks we needed a vacation. I am now in the midst of processing details collected and sending thank you notes.

W. Alex Tach

I was glad you could attend the Syrex Talk to see what a wonderful worker we have in Kim Wrenn. The extremely valuable work she is doing is right in the area in which you and I are interested.

Thank you for serving as a guide on June 6. I made notes as we went but they were sketchy so I drove back later to make sure I knew where we had been. I made myself a pretty good map.

It was kind of your wife to offer refreshments when we returned from our ride around

the community. At that moment it seemed we were pressed to move on. The next time we have such a gracious offer I promise not to be rushing on to the next thing. Please thank your wife for her kindness. It seems that I am always pressing myself to cover a lot of territory when I visit NC. Sallaine says I should just move back to NC and take it easy.

The trip to Nellie O. Kelly "Preacher" and his wife was most productive and I thank you for making arrangements for the visit. He knows a lot and seems to enjoy sharing it. A notes visit would be useful.

I still have to process the notes made on the visit to Preacher and on the notes made otherwise with you. I look forward to staying in touch and to another visit when we next come to NC - probably next Fall.

In the meantime, Thanks Again
and All Best Wishes to you both

Phil Upchurch

XJD-16545

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BILLY SEARS

1578 LUTHER RD

APEX, NC 27523

Dear Cousin Billy,

It was great to chat by phone yesterday.
Here is how we are related:

Michael U, I b. 1624 - England - To America 1638

Richard U, I

↓
James V, I

Richard U, II

Nathan 4, I

BROTHERS → MOTHER

Gilbert

1st COUSINS → many of

Bartley jefferson u

2ND — 11 → Islam Series 4

Robert Jefferson 4

3.RD — " → Josephine Frances "

Robert Phillip U ←

477 — " → Adelia Elizabeth Broodwell

my children (3)

STH — 11 → James Leonard Sears

my Grandchildren (8)

6TH — 11 \Rightarrow Bully Leonard Sears

→ You

So, your Grandmothers Adelia and I are 4th Cousins, you and my grandchildren are 6th Cousins, while you and I are 4th Cousins twice removed.

I was impressed in our talk as to how much you knew about Moses & Murray and your knowledge of what is in the Upchurch book by me. It seems like you and I have a lot of interests in common and I hope we can visit. I would be grateful if you could point out some local sites to me. I'll be in touch about a visit in due course.

Enclosed is my Master Outline of the Family of Adelia Elizabeth (Broadwell) Sears. Anything you can do to help correct or update this outline will be appreciated. You will note that I collected full names (full maiden names of females), dates of birth/marriage/death and places of birth/marriage/death/burial. For places I like to include town/county/state and the name of Cemeteries.

It was great to visit Alex and give a talk and I hope to give another one if they will have me.

It would be a pleasure to hear from you
Cousin Phil Upchurch

BILLY LEONARD SEARS

The attached Pocket of Family History Information was provided to Phil Upchurch and Woody Yates by BLST when we met in the Cary Facility on October 27, 2017. A full copy was left in the Cary Facility and some of the sheets were modified to add more information provided by Bill.

Included in the Pocket were an excellent 12-Page Document entitled "The Sears Family of Wake and Chatham Counties". This has been placed in the Profile system under Sears.

Note that all of the above contains information yet to be extracted.

RPL
29-NOV 2017

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE

Insert proper name and, where known, place of birth, as city, village, town, or borough. See instructions.

WARD OF CITY

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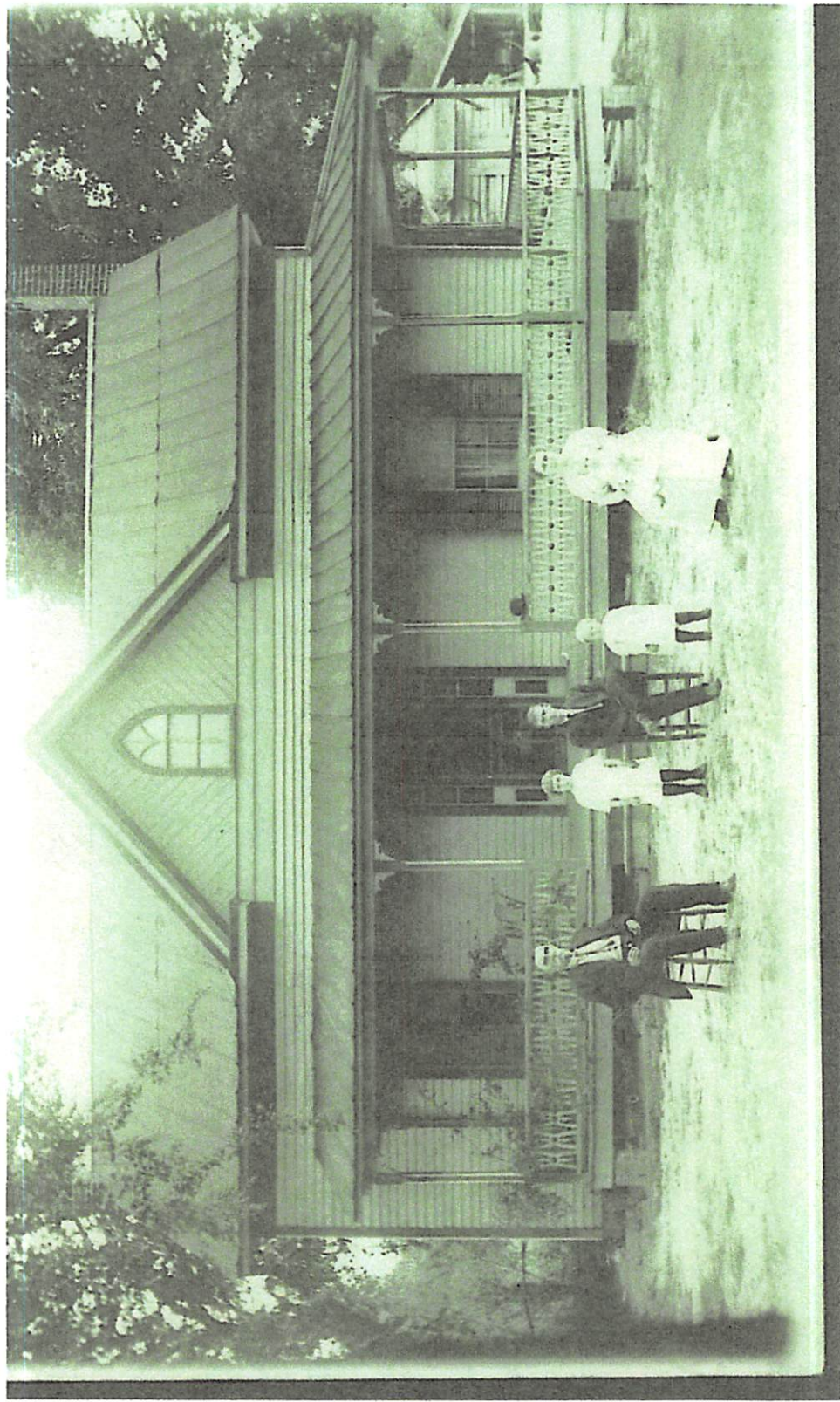
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* **Enumerators**[illegible]



MYRTIE BOLLING HORTON WILLIAM GERNY HORTON NANCY CLEA HORTON — SAVANNAH & FAMILY
JOHN LEWIS HARTMAN 1909



1913

JOHN LEWIS HORTON

NANCY CLEO "

WILLIAM GERNEY "

HELEN MARIE "

MYRTIE BOLLING "

OLIVIA GRACE " (baby)



BACK SIDE \approx 1837

← SECOND STORY ADDED \approx 1915



ABOUT 1995

1. Genia M Charlie Ward [Jessie M June Council]

2. Liza Jane M Kelly Harward [Will]

3. Rector M Chess Byrd [Luther, Ara, Arthur, Harvey]

4. Florence M Charlie Scott [Elsie]

5. Ida M Lonnie Rogers

6. Cassie M Elsie Fawceter [Lanie Cook
(brother of Adam Mills)] , Nina, Eva, Royce, Glenn]

7. Mary M Gus Herndon [Don, Cara, Eula, Bertha, Frank, Alma, Blanning]

Brothers of Sarah Gates

1. Tom M. Mary Mitchell [Eugene, Lettie, Elsie, —]

2. Bob M Martha Batekeler [Clemon, Clyde, Herbert]

Martha Batekeler was daughter of Bill and Nannie Batekeler.
Her sister was Josie, stepmother of Judd Gates

Barney Bennett Yates M Martha Womack

Children { Hettie —
Lillie M Tom Yates [Lattie, Iva, Lois, Alberta, Clairbone, Wilma]
[Arthur, Edith, Margie, Pearl]
James M. Lola Frances Sears [Alton, Lucile, Ray, Otha, Mildred]

Martha Almota Hilliard

I. Brothers

1. Joe M Mamie Hinton [Iola, Alice, Jim, Eugene]

② Fannie Johnson (Grandma Annie's sister)

3. Betty Knight [Ruth]

2. Bill M. Mary Edwards [Evander, Conley, Cecil, Avery, Freeman, Ed]

II Sister

Fannie M Buck Yates [Miranda, Jody, Flora, June, Julius, John, Wilson]

W. Beckwith

Hattie
Sears

W. Holt

Sector
Holt

Loretta
Council

Hettie
Womble

Margie
Council

Bartley Bennett Yates

Sister: Fidelia M Charlie Leuter

Brother: Joe John Yates M Janie Baucom [Raymond, Nerus, Hossie, Dennis]

Janie Baucom's Parents { Clotilde Hobson
Dennis Baucom

Dennis Baucom was a brother of Frances Baucom

Frances Baucom M Bart Sears (Parents of Selvy Sears, Lila Sears' father)

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Mrs. Jessie Broadwell's mother was Billie Beavers, sister of

Mr. Charlie Beavers. Their

grandmother was a Bacon.

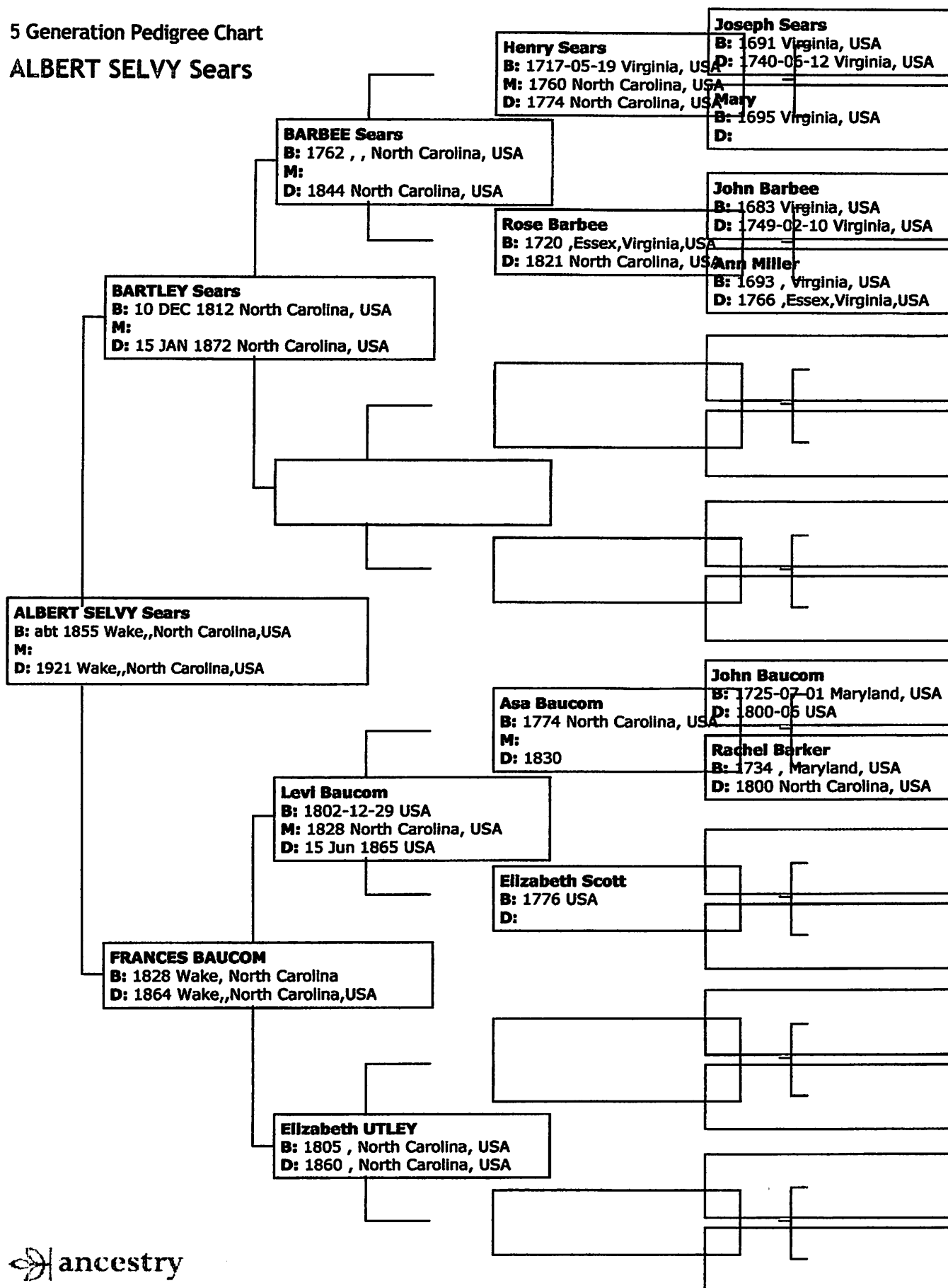
Grandma Joie Broadwell's mother → Billie Beaver
Mr. Charlie Beaver's sister

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Her grandmother
was a Baucum

a cousin of Dennis Baucum, Mrs. Janie Yalta's (see p. 41)
father

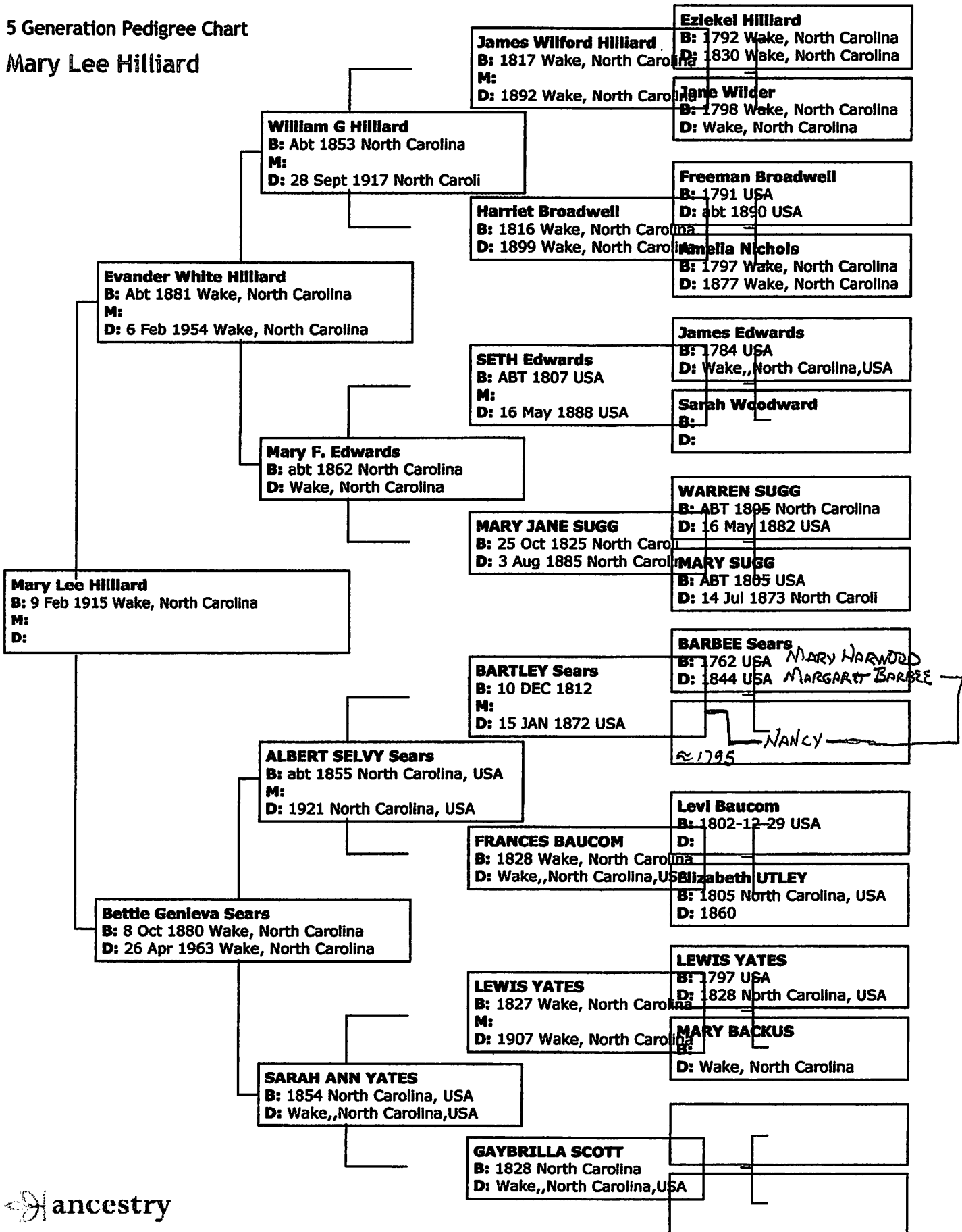
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ALBERT SELVY Sears



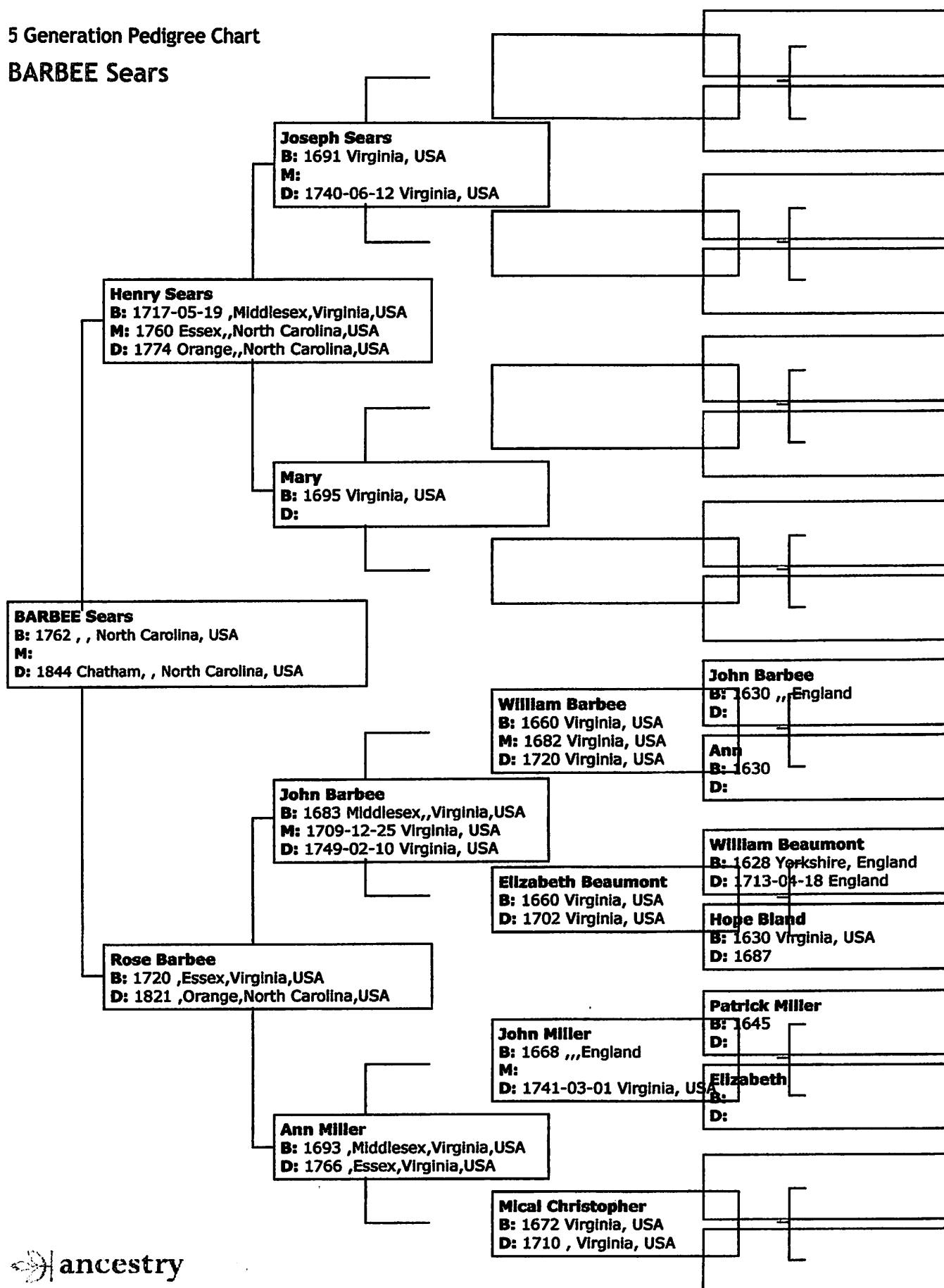
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Mary Lee Hilliard



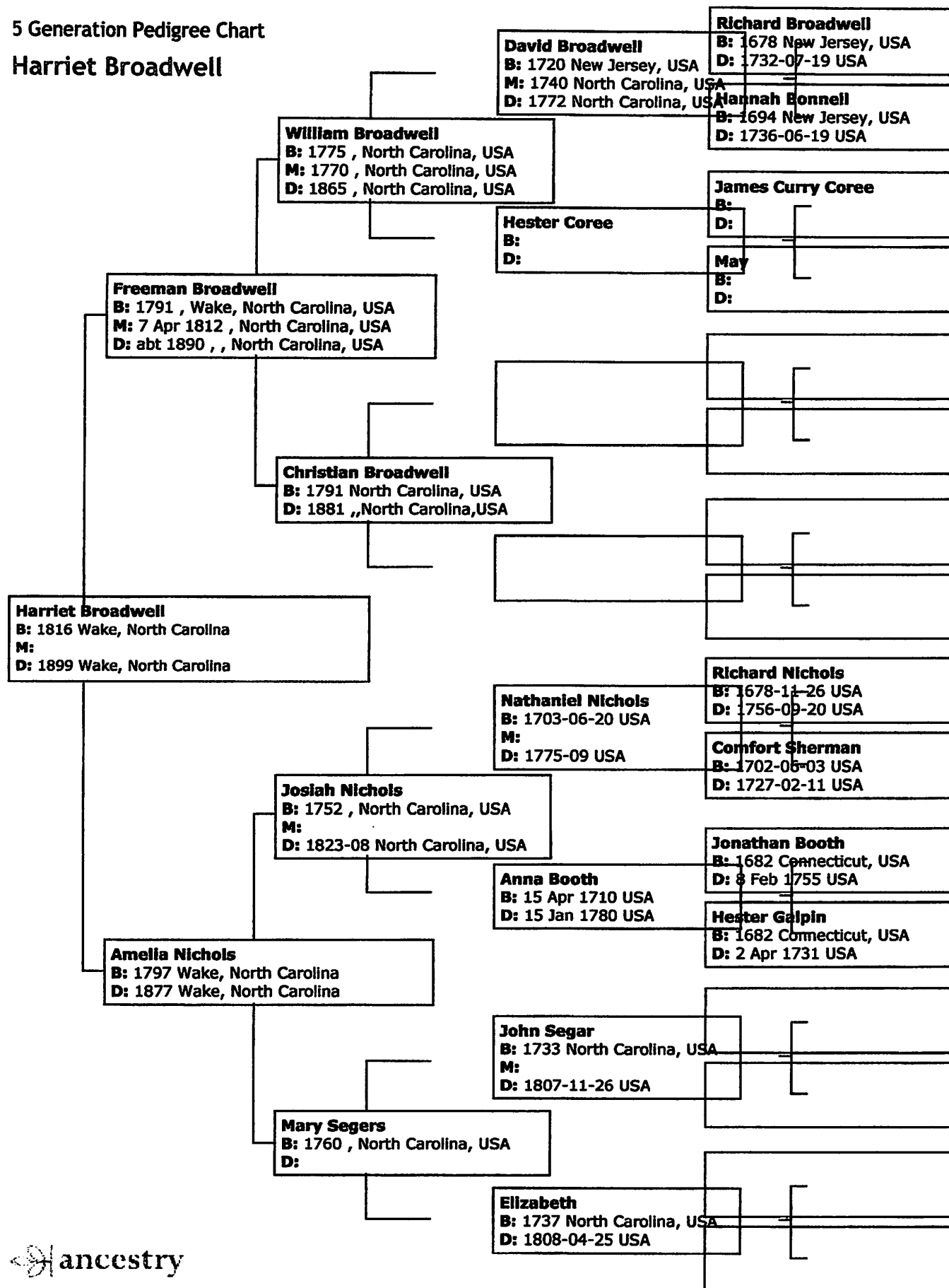
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BARBEE Sears



5 Generation Pedigree Chart

Harriet Broadwell



Subject: RE: Interview with Mr. Billy Sears

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, Nov 29, 2017 6:34 pm

To: "carla michael" <cjm400@gmail.com>, "Woody Yates" <woodyhyates@gmail.com>, "Jay Buck" <jaycbuck@gmail.com>

Cc: "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>, "Deb-S-4-5-6-7 aaHeck" <debrauheck@aol.com>

Hi Carla----

Thanks for the report on the meeting with Bill Sears. I listened to your one-hour recording of the meeting and got a good sense of your exchanges but could not follow all word for word. Part of the reason is my impaired hearing. It seems all enjoyed the session.

I have waited to write until I could talk to Bill about his reaction to the visit. He and I have just had a chat. He enjoyed the visit very much and looks forward to being a part of our operation. As we know he is limited by not using a computer. Also, he is committed to his wife's medical needs on Thursday afternoon which limits his participation then. He hopes we can open another time slot.

In the near term I think it will be hard to work closely with Bill in spite of the fact that he has a lot to offer. Down the road I hope we can figure out how to get the most out of a relationship with a person like Bill. He knows a lot and I think Sears could be a good fit to be an Associate Family in Allied Families. There are others like him but I hope most will be computer users which would make things easier. For now I think we need to put the idea of accommodating such participants on the back burner. But when the time comes I will be able to propose a series of activities which would make use of the knowledge and talents of such local people who have a heritage in the area.

Let us keep this kind of opportunity in mind for when the time is right. This is just one more of the many opportunities Allied Families has to grow. In the meantime full speed ahead on Legacy Trees.

Any follow-on thoughts will be welcomed.

Woody and Carla a special thanks to you both for meeting with Bill.

Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, allied Families.¹

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Interview with Mr. Billy Sears

From: carla michael <cjm400@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, November 21, 2017 2:59 pm

To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>, Woody Yates <woodyhyates@gmail.com>, Jay Buck <jaycbuck@gmail.com>

Hi, Phil,

Woody and I interviewed Mr. Billy last week at the Allied Office. I thought I would record it on my phone as I had done with my dad talking about tobacco farming one day, just to get all the details on file. I'm sending it along. It may come through as a link to GoogleDrive due to the size of the recording (1 hour 12 mintues).

There are some obvious ways we can improve the process, but we learn by doing. At least we have a recording!

Mr. Billy was so knowledgeable and willing to spend time with us. I found out that my genealogy overlaps with his on several branches of our respective trees.

Not sure what we will do with the recording, but at least we have it and can figure all that out later.

Blessings,
Carla

 Billy Sears Interview AF 17 Nov 2017.m4a

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From: carla michaela <cjm400@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 21, 2017 2:59 pm

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Subject: Sears Family

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Nov 13, 2017 2:25 pm

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Cc: "Jay Buck" <jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org>

Bcc: "Dr. Tom-S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>, "Deb-S-4-5-6-7 aaHeck" <debrauheck@aol.com>

Hi Woody, Carla, and Mike----

I am tardy in doing follow-up on the matter of the Sears family. Woody and I had a great meeting with Billy Sears on November 27 and he provided documents copies of which I have and copies of which remain in the Cary office.

For years I have had a cordial relationship with Cousin Billy. He has a lot of knowledge about local families and is a member of the Moses Upchurch/Murray Upchurch SubClan. He represents a valuable source of information for Allied Families. Our challenge is how to tap his knowledge and to get him involved in our Cary Facility. This is made more difficult because he does not use a computer. There are several like Billy we need engage over time but one hopes most will use computers. In the meantime I hope at least the minimum can be done to keep him in the fold as a test case.

Since Billy is of the Moses Upchurch Clan we should be able to have him work with the Tree Master of the Moses Upchurch Active Tree once that is fully implemented. Let's keep that in mind for later after we have moved on more fully from Legacy to Active trees. Later on we can perfect a process of such interaction.

The Sears Family is one of our important local families. Our set of Biofiles for the family includes Biofiles for about 250 people with the last name Sears. There are 25 with an XID number indicating that they are members of the Michael Upchurch, I Family. With a little extra research the 250 and the 25 could be easily doubled. I note many Sears marriages that relate to Yates, Mills, and other families that interest us. I have spent several hours upgrading the Sears Biofiles. Sometime in 2018 they will all be scanned and put on line. If there is special interest we could pull the Sears Group out for sooner action.

At this point I would not propose to add the Sears Family as an "Allied" Family to be enrolled as we propose to do for the Yates, Mills, and several other families. Our willingness to add a family as an "Allied" Family is generally contingent on having several descendants who are willing to participate actively. Recruiting such support is a slow process but I feel is doable in a few cases and is worthy of the effort.

I feel that the Sears family falls in a third category I would call an "Associate" Family. They evolved alongside our Upchurch and Allied families and our Association will be well served to find ways to capture, archive, and utilize data from these third-line families. I have some ideas on protocols for dealing with "Associate" Families but for now I think we should put this on the back burner. Having said this, note that Billy has already given us a great document on his Sears heritage. You could explore this a little more with him to add some clarity.

Perhaps you can explore some alternate pathways to get people like Billy involved. Getting his help on annotated cemeteries might be an option. Likewise, one could consider notable homes or places of interest in the area. Perhaps he has deeds or other documents to share.

Although Billy does not use a computer I wonder if a few instructions might be adequate to get him to watch on our Cary computer our videos or to read from the screen what can be portrayed about the Moses Upchurch enrolled family to which he belongs. This could occupy him for several visits to the Cary Facility and take up very little time of the Volunteers.

I am sorry to run on for so long but the exercise with Billy gets us into several facets of Allied Families that we need to perfect in due course. Some small steps now would be encouraging. Your help in this undertaking and your advice will be most welcome.

For The Cause~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families.

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Date: Fri, Nov 10, 2017 9:49 am

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A-ok, Mike! No problem. Enjoy safe travels and see you soon!

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