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Elizabeth Pearce Ray's Ancestral Families

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**The Pearce Family of Isle of Wight Co., VA
and
Northampton, Wake, and Franklin Co., NC**

(revised November 2011)

The major genealogical source for the Pearce family in this article is *The Families of Henry Nail & Mary Keller and Thomas Ray & Elizabeth Pearce: Pioneers of Shelby Co., IN.*¹ Abstracts of Virginia Patents were from *Cavaliers and Pioneers*. Data from county records are also cited. The Pearce surname was spelled Pearce, Pierce, and Peirce (among other ways) in records in Isle of Wight Co., VA, and Franklin, Northampton, and Wake Counties in North Carolina. Sometimes it was spelled several different ways in the same record. In this article, the spelling “Pearce” will be used. (If original spellings are required, please see the original records.)

George Pearce, Blacksmith

Our earliest documented Pearce ancestors in Isle of Wight Co., VA, were George Pearce and his wife Ann. He was a blacksmith and planter who lived in Isle of Wight Co., VA, near the Nansemond County line. Because this county line was disputed until the late 1600s,² George was sometimes referred to as being from Nansemond County and sometimes as being from Isle of Wight County. It is not clear whether he was born in Virginia or was an immigrant. Some researchers have suggested that the first record in which George Pearce’s name was mentioned was the 1664 patent in which Mr. John Appleton received 400 acres in Lancaster Co., VA, in the “freshes of the Rappa. River and about 14 miles above Nanzemond Towne.”³ Because this patent was for land in the Northern Neck area of Virginia (a considerable distance from Isle of Wight Co., VA), it probably referred to another George Pearce who lived in that area. There are two additional records that a George Pearce was transported to Virginia on a ship that sailed from Bristol, England, on 07 September 1668 by James Seaward [who could have been the James Seaward from Isle of Wight Co., VA] to be his servant for 4 years⁴ and that a George Pearce transported William Jones on a ship from Bristol, England, on 10 October 1668 to be his servant for 4 years.⁵ Of these two records, the second is the more likely to refer to George Pearce, Blacksmith of Isle of Wight or Nansemond County, because George was paid for smiths work done before 10 January 1669 for the estate of Mr. Robert Bracewell,⁶ when the account for Mr. Bracewell’s estate was recorded. This record is the first document so far identified for George Pearce, blacksmith of Isle of Wight Co., VA.

George was married to Ann (whose maiden name is unknown) by 1674,⁷ and they appear to have had at least six children, including sons Richard Pearce (who was appointed an executor of the estate of his mother Ann Pearce in March 1718/1719),⁸ George Pearce, Jr. (because George, Sr., recorded the mark for his son George Pearce in 1694),⁹ Phillip Pearce (because George, Sr., gave him land in 1684)¹⁰, and John Pearce (because he was born before 1680, when he recorded his livestock mark¹¹ and sold land that was part of the original patent to George Pearce, blacksmith¹²). George and Ann appear to have had at least two daughters whose names were not recorded—one daughter who married a man named Jones (perhaps

* **Nathan Pearce**

Nathan Pearce was the son of Philip and Sarah Pearce of Isle of Wight Co., VA, as shown in Philip's will of 1728.²¹ As one of the younger sons, Nathan was in line to receive his mother's 200-acre inheritance when she died, but he was willed no land directly. If Nathan was 21 years old when he was first mentioned as an adult in a 1746 deed,²⁶ then he would have been born in or before 1725. Nathan married Ann Westray, daughter of John Westray and Ann Exum, possibly as early as 1752 when Nathan and Ann's brother Edmund Westray were witnesses to a deed²⁷ but certainly before 1755 when John Westray named his daughter Ann Pearce in his will.²⁸ They appear to have had at least six children: Phillip, Stephen, Arthur, James, Elizabeth, and John Pearce. Nathan died before 26 March 1796 in Franklin Co., NC, when Ann (referred to by her nickname Nancy) Pearce received her dower land.²⁹ Ann Pearce apparently died in Franklin Co., NC, after 1810,³⁰ the last year in which she paid taxes on her dower land.

Nathan and Ann appeared to have moved to Northampton Co., NC, shortly after her father died. In 1756, he purchased 160 acres in Northampton County³¹ and then added 102 acres in 1763³² and 298 acres in 1766.³³ In 1774, they sold all three tracts of land³⁴ and had moved to Wake Co., NC (in the area that would become Franklin County), by 1775.^{35,36}

* **Elizabeth Pearce Ray**

Elizabeth Pearce was born ca 1767, in Northampton Co., NC. She was a daughter of Nathan Pearce and Nancy Westray. She married her neighbor Thomas Ray, son of William Ray, in 1783 at her father's house in Franklin Co., NC, which was located across Moccasin Creek from the Ray plantation in Wake Co., NC.³⁷ Thomas Ray died 16 November 1829 in Shelby Co., IN, and Elizabeth died on 27 October 1844 (date on her tombstone) or 13 November 1844 (death date among records associated with her Revolutionary War Pension) in Shelby Co., IN.¹ She and Thomas Ray had seven children: Hutson, James, Gilly, Susannah, Martha, Sarah, and Chaney.^{1,37}

Thomas Ray bought 73 acres in Franklin Co., NC, in 1787³⁸ and another 42 acres in 1794.³⁹ In 1795, Thomas and Elizabeth Ray sold all of their land in Franklin Co., NC,⁴⁰ and moved to Randolph Co., NC. In 1797, Thomas bought two tracts of land in Randolph Co., NC—one of 114 acres⁴¹ and the other of 100 acres.⁴² He added more land until he owned more than 300 acres in Randolph Co., NC. In 1817, Thomas and Elizabeth Ray sold their 310 acres in Randolph Co., NC,⁴³ and moved to Rowan Co., NC. They bought 217 acres on Bear Creek in Rowan Co., NC, in 1817⁴⁴ but stayed in this county for only about 5 years. In 1821, they sold their land in Rowan Co., NC,⁴⁵ and moved to Shelby Co., IN, where on 08 February 1823, Thomas Ray received a grant of 70.12 acres.⁴⁶

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[Craven Co., NC, Deed Book 5, p. 194], he and Richard Pearce were the executors, and Anne Pearce was a witness. John Fitagarrell/Fitzgarreld did not mention his daughter by name but she could have been named Anne because Anne Pearce was a witness of his will.)

B. 1723 or before in Isle of Wight Co., VA (if he was at least 21 years old when he received his first land patent in 1744)

D. after 02 October 1792 but before November Court 1792 Johnston Co., NC (dates that his will was signed and presented in court, respectively: Will Book 1, p. 60)

M. to Anne Fitzgerald? [see above] and/or to Mary Fitzgerald and/or Mary Everett (DAR records differ)

D. after 17 March 1815 but before May Court 1816 Johnston Co., NC (dates that the will of Mary Pearce was signed and probated, respectively: Will Book 1, p. 266)

Parents of 4 children (Children from Arthur's will are Theophilus and Jesse Pearce, Winniford Fulgum, and Moren Watkins. Daughters from Mary's will are Winefred Fulgum and Ann or Morning Watkins. Grandchildren from Mary's will are Levi Pearce, Jesse Pearce, Matthew Pearce, Nancy Moore, Zilphia Moore, Apsily Hays, Polly Pearce, Theophilus Pearce, William Pearce, Asa Pearce, and Wily Pearce.)

P1121 Theophilous Pearce

P1122 Jesse Pearce

D. after 12 February 1807 but before February Court 1807 Johnston Co., NC (dates his will was signed and probated, respectively)

M. to Elizabeth _____

Parents of 8 children (from Jesse's will)

P11221 Matthew Pearce

P11222 Levy Pearce

P11223 William Pearce

P11224 Jesse Pearce

P11225 Asa Pearce

P11226 Mathes Pearce

P11227 Apsilla Pearce

M. to _____ Hayes

P11228 Elizabeth Pearce

M. to _____ Rains

P1123 Winefred Pearce

B. ca 1748

D. 18 February 1833

M. to Raiford Fulghum

B. ca 1743 North Carolina

D. 11 December 1797 Wayne Co., NC

P1124 Mornen/Ann Pearce

B. ca 1770 Johnston Co., NC

D. 1850 Wake Co., NC

M. ca 1792

- P1141b Zilpha Pearce
- P1141c Bethany Pearce
- P1142 Ephraim Pearce
 - D. after 01 October 1825 but before August Court 1826 Johnston Co., NC
(dates his will was signed and probated, respectively)
 - M. to Edith _____
 - Parents of 2 daughters (from Ephraim's will)
 - P11421 Chancy Pearce
 - P11422 _____ Pearce
 - M. to _____ Pool
 - Parents of 2 children (from Ephraim's will)
 - P11422-1 George Pool
 - P11422-2 Rhody Pool (granddaughter)
- P1143 Richard Pearce, Jr.
- P1144 Everet Pearce
 - D. after 11 November 1807 but before November Court 1807 Johnston Co., NC (dates his will was signed and probated, respectively)
 - M. to Rachel _____
 - Parents of 1 child
 - P11441 Patience Pearce
 - M. to Jacob Stevens
- P1145 John Pearce
 - Father of ?, record of 1 (from the will of his mother Sarah)
 - P11451 Anna Pearce
- P1146 Martha Pearce
 - M. to _____ Nichols
- P1147 Ann Pearce
 - M. to _____ Runnels
- P1148 Unity Pearce
 - M. to _____ Talton
- P115 Thomas Pearce (see above. Additional evidence that Phillip Pearce had a son Thomas is that Thomas Pearce witnessed the 1753 deed in which Arthur bought land in Johnston Co., NC, from James Connor: Johnston Co., NC, Deed Book A-1, p. 21.)
- P116 George Pearce (Phillip Pearce gave 200 acres in the lower parish, Isle of Wight Co., VA, to his son George Pearce on 23 January 1724: Deeds, Wills, . . . , Great Book Vol. 2, 1715-1726, p. 693)¹⁹
 - B. ca 1703 Isle of Wight Co., VA (if George was 21 years old when he received the land mentioned above from his father¹⁹)
 - D. before 05 August 1746 Isle of Wight Co., VA (when his uncle John Peirce sold land to Patience Pearce, his presumed widow, without mentioning her husband George Pearce: Deed Book 7, p. 350)
 - M. before 09 August 1733 Isle of Wight Co., VA (when George and Patience Pearce sold land in Isle of Wight Co., VA, to Thomas Pearce: Deed Book 4, pp. 306-307. Dated 09 August 1733. Recorded 25 February 1733/34.)
 - To Patience _____

P141 William Pearce

D. after 29 April 1791 but before 05 December 1791 (dates that his will was signed and recorded, respectively: Will Book 10, p. 217)

M. to Martha _____

Parents of ?, record of at least 3 children (from grandchildren mentioned in William's will)

P1411 William Pearce

Parent of ?, record of 1 child

P15111 John Pearce

B. before 29 April 1791

P1412 _____ Pearce (daughter, perhaps Mary: In his will, dated 12 August 1791 and recorded 02 April 1792, Edmund Crumpler named his wife Mary and his sons Kinchen, Mathew, and John and his daughters Meriam Crumpler. [Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will Book 10, p. 225])

M. to _____ Crumpler

Parents of ?, record of 1 child

P15121 Kinchen Crumpler

P1413 _____ Pearce (daughter)

M. to _____ Allen

Parents of ?, record of 1 child

P15131 John Allen

B. before 29 April 1791

P15 John Pearce

B. before 09 October 1680 (when he registered his mark: Will and Deed Book 1, p. 449)¹¹

D. before 19 December 1751 and after 02 July 1752 (dates that his will was signed and recorded, respectively: Will Book 5, p. 440)

M. to Esther or Hester Hutchins (daughter of Richard Hutchins)

Parents of ? children, record of 2 daughters (identified in John's will)

P151 Elizabeth Pearce

P152 Mourning Pearce

P16 possible unnamed daughter _____ Pearce (Ann Pearce gave land to John Teasley, son of John Teasley, in her will,⁸ indicating that the son John could have been a grandson and the son of her unnamed daughter.)

M. to John Teasley

Parents of ?, record of 1 child

P161 John Teasley

D. after 30 December 1759 and before 02 May 1765 (dates that his will was signed and recorded, respectively: Will Book 7, p. 383)

M. to Mary _____

Parents of ?, record of 2 children (from his will; other children were implied but not named)

P1611 John Teasley

P1612 Silas Teasley

M. to Martha _____
 Parents of 1 child
 P11116 Haley Pearce
 B. ca 1792
 D. after 1833 Franklin Co., NC
 M1 10 September 1816 Franklin Co., NC
 To Patsey Pearce (daughter of James and Mary Pearce)
 (Parents of 8 children)
 M2 after 1830
 To Martha _____
 P11117 Chloe Pearce
 B. ca 1795 Franklin Co., VA
 Mother of 1 child
 P1112 Stephen Pearce (Ancestry World Tree Project: <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=bobebsker2&id=I11040>)
 B. 1755-1765 North Carolina (younger than 45 years in 1800 Census and older than 45 years in 1810 Census for Franklin Co., NC)
 D. before August Court Term 1831 Wake Co., NC (date that his will was probated)
 M1 ca 1774
 To _____
 Parents of 4 daughters and perhaps 4 sons (from the 1800 and 1810 Censuses for Franklin Co., NC, names of sons unknown)
 M2 ca 1810(?)
 To Elizabeth (Bryant) Stallings
 Parents of 2 sons
 Children of Stephen and his first wife
 P11121 Charlotte Pearce
 B. ca 1775 North Carolina
 M. to Jubal Upchurch (son of Richard Upchurch and Mary Perdue)
 B. 1762 North Carolina
 D. ca 1836 Franklin Co., NC
 Parents of 6 children
 P11122 Elizabeth Pearce
 B. 29 January 1789 Franklin Co., NC
 D. 14 June 1842 Greene Co., AL
 M. 19 March 1808 Franklin Co., NC
 To Simion Carpenter
 Parents of 1 child
 P11123 Mary Pearce
 B. ca 1793
 M. 30 December 1812 Franklin Co., NC
 To James Perry, Jr.
 P11124 Cherry Pearce
 B. ca 1795 Franklin Co., NC
 M. 09 October 1815 Franklin Co., NC
 To Drewry Denton (son of Jesse Denton)

- B. August 1784 Franklin or Wake Co., NC
 D. 25 August 1857 (age 73) buried Brandywine Center/Ray Cemetery, Shelby Co., IN
 M. 09 August 1807 Randolph Co., NC (date of bond)
 To Margaret Byerly
 Parents of 8 children
- P11152 James Wray
 B. 13 January 1787 Franklin or Wake Co., NC
 D. 08 October 1865 Shelby Co., IN, buried Brandywine Center/Ray Cemetery, Shelby Co., IN
 M1 01 December 1808 Randolph Co., NC
 To Tabitha Bass
 (Parents of 11 children)
 M2 05 November 1851
 To Maria (Surber) Hyatt
- P11153 Gilly Ray
 B. 04 October 1787 Franklin or Wake Co., NC
 D. 24 December 1870 DeWitt Co., IL, buried Texas Christian Cemetery, DeWitt Co., IL
 M. ca 1803 Randolph Co., NC
 To John Byerly
 Parents of 9 children
- P11154 Susannah Ray
 B. 04 April 1797 Randolph Co., NC
 D. 13 May 1869 Shelby Co., IN, buried Brandywine Center/Ray Cemetery, Shelby Co., IN
 M. 24 March 1810 Randolph Co., NC
 To Benjamin Willis Bass, Sr.
 Parents of 9 children
- P11155 Martha Ray
 B. 30 July 1803 Randolph Co., NC
 D. 13 March 1865 Butler, IL, buried Cherry Grove Cemetery, near Butler, Montgomery Co., IL
 M. ca 1820 Rowan Co., NC
 To John Nail [N141]
 Parents of 13 children
- P11156 Sarah E. Ray
 B. ca 1805 Randolph Co., NC
 D. before 1827 (date of the will of Thomas Ray [R12], her father) Shelby Co., IN, buried Brandywine Center/Ray Cemetery, Shelby Co., IN
- P11157 Chaney Lee Ray
 B. 12 January 1806 Randolph Co., NC
 D. 27 April 1883 (age 87 years) Henry Co., IA, buried Hickory Grove Cemetery, north of Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co., IA
 M. 22 July 1824 Shelby Co., IN
 To Hugh Campbell

7. 1674 September 20, Isle of Wight Co, VA, Deed Book 1 1688-1704, p. 30. Robert Lawrence, the Younger, sold 300a by a Beaver Dam Swamp to George Peirce, smith, of Nansemond. Land was part of a patent of 600a in Nansemond Co., VA, granted to Lawrence on 28 May 1673. Signed Robert (R) Laurence. Witnesses: Will Scott, Jr., and Henry Plumpton. Acknowledged and recorded 13 April 1674. On 20 November 1674, George Pierce, smith, of Isle of Wight Co., VA, assigned this tract to Hodges Council. Signed George (G) Pierce and Ann (+) Pierce. Witnesses: Margaret (Eeee) Jones, Ralph Bozeman, and Nath: Tonay. Acknowledged and recorded in court in Nanzemund Co., VA, on 12 August 1675. Also recorded 20 September 1690 in Isle of Wight Co., VA, at the request of Hodges Counsell because the records in Nansemond County had burned.
8. As shown by the following three records: 1) 1718/19 March 14, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Book II (Great Book), p. 1. Will of Ann Peirce of the Lower Parish. Dated 14 March 1718/19. Recorded 22 June 1719. Legatees: John Keighly, the plantation on which she had lived for 7 years and then plantation to John Teasley's son John; Patience Carver (relationship not stated); and movable estate to John Keighly. Witnesses: John Teasley, Thomas Altman, and Peter Davis. 2) 1718/1719 March 30, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will and Deed Book 2, pp. 662-664. Will of John Keighley. Dated 30 March 1719. Legatees: John Seriter (land on which he was living), Wm. Barden, Richard Pierce (the black horse of sd Keighley and a bed and furniture that is in sd Keighley's room), John Teasley, Wm Page, Virgus Smith, Thomas Aultman, Mr. John Hurst of Nansemond Co., VA (the executorship of the will of Ann Peirce, decd, ye 14th day of March 1718/1719). Signed John Keighley. Witnesses: John (t) Barden and Wm Barden. 3) 1718/1719 March 30, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will and Deed Book 2, pp. 662-664. Item, he [John Keighley] also gave the sole and lawful executorship of the estate of Ann Peirce, decd, 14 March 1718/1719 to Thomas Jones, John Teasley, and Richd Peirce because John Hurst was not willing to take it on. Signed John Keighley. Witnesses: Wm Page, John (F) Barden, and Wm Barden.
9. 1694 June 09, Isle of Wight Co., VA, County Court Orders 1693-1695, p. 34. George Pierce, Sr., had mark of son George Pierce recorded in court.
10. 1757 March 03, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 9, pp. 466-467. Nathan Pearce of Northampton Co., NC, sold 100a on east side of the main Blackwater River to Robert Holland of Isle of Wight Co., VA, for £11. Bounds: Dirty Branch, Thomas English, and main road. The land was part of patent granted George Pearce, Blacksmith, who gave it to Philip Pearce on 09 September 1684. Signed Nathan (backward N, his mark) Perce. Witnesses: John Elay, Edmund Westray, and William Seagraves. A memorandum that the land was delivered on 03 March 1760 was also recorded, signed by Nathan (backward N, his mark) Perce and witnessed by the same men.
11. 1680 October 09, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will and Deed Book 1, p. 449. John Peirce, his proper m'ke is A Swallow Tayl on y^e left year [sic] and a piece taken from underneath y^e right year and ordered to be recorded.
12. 1746 June 10, Deed Book 7, p. 337. John Peirce and Esther (his wife) sold 160a on Cypress Swamp to William Seagraves. Land was part of patent granted to George Peirce on 09 September 1684. Bounds: Brown's branch. Signed John Peirce. Witnesses: William Eley, Daniel Herring, and Thomas Smelly. Recorded 10 June 1746. (5) 1746 June 10, Deed Book 7, p. 339. John Peirce and Esther Peirce (his wife) sold 239a to Nathan Peirce on Cypress Swamp. Land was part of a patent granted to George Peirce on 09 September 1684. Bounds: William Seagrave. Witnesses: Jacob (X) Stephens, William Powell, and William (X) Seagraves. (5) 1746 August 04, Deed Book 7, p. 349. John Peirce sold 200a on Cypress Swamp and the north side of the main Blackwater Swamp to William Peirce. Land was part of a patent granted George Peirce for 1300a [?] 09 September 1674. Signed John (X) Pierce. Witnesses: John Eley and James Godwin. Recorded 14 August 1746.
14. 1703/04 March 09, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 1, 409. George Pierce and Anne (his wife) gave 200a called Seacock Swamp to their grandson William Jones and their "Coz:" Anne Wollee, to be divided equally. Acknowledged by both in court and recorded on 09 March 1703/1704.
13. 1674 September 20, Isle of Wight Co, VA, Deed Book I 1688-1704, p. 30. Robert Lawrence, the Younger, sold 300a by a Beaver Dam Swamp to George Peirce, smith, of Nansemond. Land was part of a patent of 600a in Nansemond Co., VA, granted to Lawrence on 28 May 1673. Signed Robert (R) Laurence. Witnesses: Will Scott, Jr., and Henry Plumpton. Acknowledged and recorded 13 April 1674. On 20 November 1674, George Pierce, smith, of Isle of Wight Co., VA, assigned this tract to Hodges Council. Signed George (G) Pierce and Ann (+) Pierce. Witnesses: Margaret (Eeee) Jones, Ralph Bozeman, and Nath: Tonay. Acknowledged and recorded in court in Nanzemund Co., VA, on 12 August 1675. Also recorded 20 September 1690 in Isle of Wight Co., VA, at the request of Hodges Counsell since the records in Nansemond County had burned.
15. 1674 September 21, Virginia Patent Book 6, p. 519. Geo. Pearce received 2100a in Nansemond Co., VA, by a branch of the Blackwater. Bounds: Col. Pitts and Col. Bridger. For transport of 42 persons: Joseph Woors, Tho. Seawall, Tho. Turner, Tho. Williams, Ed. Wessell, Nath. Chapman, Richd. Mathews, Samll. Daines, Rich. Lenersell, Xpian. Demacketts, Ralph Broune, Ed. Hull, Tho. Griffin, Susan Hall, Mar. Baker, Jno. Compton, Joan Estham (?), Rand. Delarge, Wm. Palmer, Darby Ray, Gerard Wakeham, Jno. Branch, Tho. Poole, Alexdr. Orrell, Richd. Bruster, Richd. Carter, Martin Hynton, Marg. Butty, Alice Wilson, Tho. Hunlock, Ann Underwood, Tho. Thickpenny, Robt. Regly, Peter Kickett, Robt. Percivall, Jno. Meeks; 6 Negroes.
16. As shown by two patents: 1) 1681 April 23, Virginia Patent Book 7, p. 70. George Peirce, 2500a, Isle of Wight Co., VA, on a branch of the Blackwater; 2100a by former patent, 400a being waste land bounded on the north side by the Cyprus Swamp and Col. Bridger, and 400a for transport of 8 persons: Jno. Williams, Edwd. Wilks, Antho. Ward, Mary Warker, Edwards Atly or Acly, Tho. Moor, Toby Smith, and Tho. Paine. 2) 1681 April 23, Virginia Patent Book 7, p. 71. George Peirce, 400a, Isle of Wight Co., VA, on branches of Blackwater; bounded by Mr. Asheley, Phill. Wrayford, and his own land. For transport of 8 persons: Jno. Sands, Abr. Barnes, Chr. Jones, Tho. Brown, Wm. Moon, And. North, Jno. Kind, and Fard. Stamp.
17. 1701 October 24, Patent Book 9, p. 401. George Pearce received 200a on the south side of the main Blackwater in the low ground of Seacock Swamp. For transport of 4 persons: John Pasco, John Duglas, Wm. Barn, and Ellinor Garner.
18. 1705 April 09, Will Book 2, p. 466. Inventory and appraisal of the estate of George Peirce, dec'd. Inventory mentions smith's tools valued at £2000, among other items. Presented by Arth (A W) Whitehead, Wm (M) Johnson, and Henry Pope. Value: 13579 pounds of tobacco.
19. As shown by three deeds: 1) 1730 January 05, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 4, p. 83. Philip Pearce sold 280a on Blackwater to George Pearce both of the lower parish Land was part of a patent granted George Pearce, dec'd. Bounds: Long Branch, Burn Bridge Pond, Robert Raford, and the Hog Pen Branch. Signed Philip (X) Pearce. Witnesses: Richard Pope, John Underwood, and Abram Ricks. 2) 1732 June 23, Deed Book 4, pp. 183-184. Indenture. Dated 23 June 1732. Recorded 24 July 1732. Philip Pearce and Sarah Pearce (his wife) of Bertie Precinct in North Carolina sold 160a on Cypress Swamp to William Ashburn of the lower parish of Isle of Wight Co., VA, for £8 and 10 shillings. Land was part of a tract formerly granted George Pearce for 2100a in 1674. Bounds: Dirty Branch, John Pearce, and Sarah Pearce [Philip's mother?]. Signed Philip (P) Pearce and Sarah (S) Pearce. Witnesses: Thomas Green, Richard (R) Pearce, Sarah (+) Pearce [Philip's mother?], and John (I) Pearce. 3) 1731 November 23, Deed Book 4, p. 184. Philip Pearce and his wife Sarah Pearce of Bartee Precinct in North Carolina sold an unrecorded number of acres to John Pearce of the

44. 1817 January 27, Rowan Co., NC, Deed Book 24, p. 275. Jacob Tutterow [signed in German] of Rowan sold 217a on Bear Creek to **Thomas Wray** of Randolph County for \$800. Bounds: Cope, **James Wray**, Alex' Smute. Witnesses: John Patton and **James Wray**. Acknowledged August Court 1817.
45. 1821 September 10, Rowan Co., NC, Deed Book 27, p. 62. **Thomas Wray** (no wife signs) sold 282a on Bear Creek to James Renshaw (both of Rowan Co., NC) for \$1000.00. Bounds: sd **Wray**, Godfrey Clement, Alexander Smoot, Jonathan Jarvis, and Jacob Helfer. Witnesses: Reuben Ellis and D. McGuire. Proved by D. McGuire in May 1822.
46. 1823 February 08, **Thomas Ray**, grant 04818, Shelby Co., IN. Description NE S03 T12 N06E, for 70.12 acres.

perhaps in or before 1724 when he received land from his father.¹² They had six children that he identified in his will¹⁶ (sons John, Edmund, and Benjamin Westray and daughters Ann Pearce and Martha and Mary Westray), and he died between 23 December 1755 and 01 January 1756 in Isle of Wight Co., VA.¹⁶

Ann Westray Pearce

Ann Westray was the only daughter of John Westray and Ann Exum to be married at the time of her father's death and so may have been their oldest daughter. Ann Westray was married to Nathan Pearce, son of Phillip Pearce, perhaps by 1752, the date of the first record in which both Nathan Pearce and Edmund Westray, brother of Ann, were mentioned.¹⁷

Westray Family Genealogy

W1 William Westray

D. before 09 August 1664 (Administrations and Probate, p. 8)⁶

M. to Elizabeth _____ (widow of possibly John Marshall and Ambrose Bennett)^{7,8}

Parents of ?, record of 2 children

W11 William Westray

D. after 24 December 1731 (when he give land to his sons Edward, Benjamin, and Mathew)^{13, 14, 15}

Parents of ?, record of 4 children

W111 John Westray

D. after 23 December 1755 but before 01 January 1756 Isle of Wight Co., VA (dates that his will was signed and recorded, respectively. Will Book 6, p. 205)¹⁶

M. to Ann Exum (daughter of Robert Exum and Patience Williamson)

Parents of 6 children (from John Westray's will)

W1111 John Westray

W1112 Edmund Westray

W1113 Benjamin Westray

W1114 Ann Westray

M. to Nathan Pearce (son of Phillip Pearce, Sr., and his wife Sarah)

W1115 Martha Westray

W1116 Mary Westray

W112 Edward Westray

W113 Benjamin Westray

W114 Mathew Westray

W12 Benjamin Westray

Exum/Axum Family of Isle of Wight Co., VA

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Major genealogies for the Williamson Family have been published in John Bennett Boddie's book *Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County Virginia* (originally published in 1938 and reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, pp. 505-512),¹ the an article in *Historical Southern Families, vol. I*, by John Bennett Boddie, entitled "Exum of Virginia and North Carolina,"² and "The Exum Family" by Mrs. John Preuit McDaniel.³ Data for Virginia Patents are from *Cavaliers and Pioneers*. Data for Elizabeth Pearce's ancestral line have been confirmed, and in at least one case corrected, by use of records from Isle of Wight Co., VA, as indicated.

William Exum (d. ca 1700)

William Exum, his wife Jane, and his son Francis were the first immigrants to carry the Exum or Axum name in Isle of Wight Co., VA, according to Boddie.¹ In 1666, W. Axum was among the people who Dr. Robert Williamson reported transporting to Virginia when he patented 3350 acres of land, indicating that William arrived in Virginia before 1666.⁴ William Exum was living in the upper parish of Isle of Wight Co., VA, as early as the 1667, when he was a member of a jury that determined that Edward Burgess had died a natural death.⁵ In 1668, William witnessed the will of Phillip Lupo, Sr.⁶ In 1671, Wm. Exum witnessed a record in which Wm. Bressie appointed Robert Flake, Arthur Smith, and John Carrel to be his attorneys to collect debts.⁷ On 09 April 1679, William Exum, planter of the upper parish, Isle of Wight Co., VA, bought 300 acres from John and Mary Davis on the Main Swamp.⁸ In 1693, he patented 450 acres for the transport of nine persons, including himself (William Exum), Jane (his wife), and Francis (his son).⁹ William died between 03 December 1700 (when his will was signed) but before 10 February 1700/1701 (when his will was recorded) in Isle of Wight Co., VA.¹⁰ In his will, he identified his wife Jane, his sons Francis and William Exum, and his daughter Deborah Jones.

In addition to William Exum (d. ca 1701), there are two more men in the late 17th century Isle of Wight Co., VA, with the surname Exum—Thomas and Jeremiah Exum. In his article on the Exum Family,² Boddie proposed that Thomas and Jeremiah Exum were the sons of Richard Exum, who died in 1668 in Essex Co., VA. He also believed that Thomas and Jeremiah were related to William Exum, because in his will dated 03 September 1712 and recorded 28 March 1720,¹¹ Jeremiah Exum left a cow and calf to his "cousin" Jane Exum. Boddie² believed that this cousin Jane was the widow of William Exum (d. ca 1701) and that the term cousin was sometimes "used loosely."

William Exum (d. 1720)

William Exum, the son of William Exum, married Susannah (whose maiden name is unknown). In the 1704 Quit Rent Rolls, he held 1400 acres of land in Isle of Wight Co., VA.

- M. to _____ Smith
- Ex113 Olive Exum
M. to Thomas Williamson (“The Exum Family” by Mrs. John Preuit
McDaniel)
- Ex114 Mary Exum
M. to William Jordan (“The Exum Family” by Mrs. John Preuit
McDaniel)
- Ex115 Ann Exum
M. to Arthur Williamson (“The Exum Family” by Mrs. John Preuit
McDaniel)
- Ex12 William Exum (The 1704 Quit Rents showed he owned 1440a in Isle of Wight Co.,
VA)
D. after 25 April 1720 but before 22 August 1720 Isle of Wight Co., VA (dates
that his will was signed and probated, respectively: Great Book, p. 51)¹²
- M. to Susannah _____
Parents of 6 children
- Ex121 John Exum (John moved to Edgecombe Co., NC, about 1750)
M. to Elizabeth _____
D. 1775 Edgecombe Co., NC
Parents of 6 children
- Ex1211 Benjamin Exum (From “The Exum Family” by Mrs. John Preuit
McDaniel: He was a Col. And was in the Senate of North Carolina.
Moved with his father to Dobbs Co., NC, [or Edgecombe Co.,
NC?] but his land fell into Dobbs County when it was formed in
1780. He was at the Battle of Camden in 1780.)
M. to Martha _____
Parents of at least 1 child
- Ex1411 Tabitha Exum
- Ex1212 Ethelred Exum (Coroner of Edgecombe Co., NC)
D. ca 1779
- Ex1213 Thomas Exum
D. before 1775 (Boddie) or 1779 (“The Exum Family” by Mrs.
John Preuit McDaniel)
M. to Mary _____ (maybe Pope; Thomas sold land inherited from
William Pope in Halifax in 1750)
- Ex1214 Sarah Exom
M. to Ethelred Phillips (sold 162a patented in 1730 in Edgecombe
Co., NC; Boddie) or to Joseph Phillips (“The Exum
Family” by Mrs. John Preuit McDaniel)
- Ex1215 Elizabeth Exum
M. to James Williams
- Ex1216 Martha Exum
M. to _____ Johnson
- Ex122 William Exum
D. 1756 Southampton Co., VA (Will in Book 1, p. 210)
M. to Patience Purcell (daughter of Arthur Purcell: Will Book 5, p. 3)

- Publishing Co., Baltimore), pp. 450-458.
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 3. "The Exum Family" by Mrs. John Preuit McDaniel (an article found at the DAR library).
 4. 1666 June 06, Virginia Patent Book 5, p. 511 (626). Doctor Robert Williamson received 3350a in Isle of Wight Co., VA. Land was on the greate sw. of the Black Water. Bounds: Swards branch. 295a were granted to sd Williamson on 26 April 1661 and 3055a for transport of 62 persons, including Joane Williamson, Wm. Tucker, Wm. Axum (?).
 5. Boddie, John Bennett, *Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County Virginia* (originally published in 1938 and reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore), p. 548.
 6. 1668 March 08, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will and Deed Book II, p 96. Will of Phillip Lupo, Sr. Dated 08 March 1668. Recorded 09 February 1670. He mentions that he is the heir of his father Phillip Lupo, goldsmith, he has a brother James Lupo, and a sister Katherine Mosecroft, who was lately deceased. His wife is Marie, his oldest son is Phillip, and he has a son James and a daughter Mary Ryall. Overseers: William Webb and Robert Kea. Witnesses: William Axum and Thomas Abbott.
 7. 1671 March 27 or April 09, Will and Deed Book I, p. 232. Wm. Bressie appointed Robert Flake, Arthur Smith, and John Carrel his attorneys to collect debts 09 April 1671. Witnesses: Wm. Exum and Wm. Richardson.
 8. 1679 April 29, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will and Deed Book I, pp. 399-400. Indenture. John Davis and his wife Mary Davis sold two tracts to William Exum, all of the upper parish, Isle of Wight Co., VA, for a valuable consideration. The first contained approximately 250a and was bounded by Thomas Tooke. The second contained approximately 150a. Signed John Daves and Mary (TTT) Daves. Witnesses: Thomas Moore and John Burnell. The deed of sale was acknowledged on 01 May 1679 by Jno. Davis and his wife Mary and recorded.
 9. 1693 9ber [November] 09, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Court Orders, October 1693-May 1695, p. 8. [cop:] "These may certifie" that "there is due to" Mr. Exum 450a for transport of the following persons, being legally proved in Court, vizt: Wm. Exum, Richd. Hickman, Jane [Exum] his wife, Tho: Hastow, Francis [Exum] his son, Fra: Bullivant, Samll. Browne, and Abrahm. Bralah.
 10. 1700 December 03, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will and Deed Book II, p. 436. Will of William Exum of the Upper Parish. Dated 03 December 1700. Recorded 10 February 1700/1701. Wife Jane. Daughter Deborah Jones. Sons William and Francis (both received land on the Blackwater). Executor: wife. Witnesses: Nathaniel Whitby and George Gurney.
 11. 1712 September 03, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Great Book 1719-1729, p. 21. Will of Jeremiah Exum. Dated 03 September 1712. Recorded 28 March 1720. Wife (not named). Daughters Elizabeth, Mourning, Christian (land he bought from James Collins), Sarah, Mary, and Jane. Granddaughter Catherine Scott. My cousin Jane Exum. Witnesses: John Gibbs, Thomas Godwin, Jr., and Mary Godwin.
 12. 1720 April 25, Isle of Wight Co., VA, The Great Book 1719-1729, p. 51. Will of William Exum. Dated 25 April 1720. Recorded 25 August 1720. Sons John, William, Joseph, and Robert. Daughters Anne and Sarah. Wife Susan. Witnesses: Thomas Atkinson, Francis Exum, and William Crocker.
 13. As shown by two deeds: 1) 1737 July 28-29, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 5, p. 203. Lease and Release. George Williamson of Henrico Co., VA, cooper; John Williamson and Thomas Williamson, both of Isle of Wight Co., VA, and planters; Robert Exum of Isle of Wight Co., VA, planter, and Patience, his wife; Elizabeth Joyner of Isle of Wight Co., VA, widow; and Julian Williamson of Isle of Wight Co., VA, spinster; sold about 250a near a place called Blackwater Swamp in Newport Parish to Lewis Burwell of James City Co., VA, for £25. The tract was part of a patent for 500a granted to Robert Williamson, uncle of sd George Williamson, on 30 October 1686, 200a of which had been formerly sold by George Williamson, father of sd George Williamson and brother and heir of the sd Robert Williamson, to John Surginer on 09 April 1691. Signed Geo: Wmson, John (I) Williamson, Thos Williamson, Robt. Exum, Patience (X) Exum, Eliz'th (-) Joyner, and Julian (X) Williamson. Witnesses: Elias Burt, John Clayton, Thomas Hardyman, and Thomas (X) Morein. Recorded 23 January 1737. 2) 1737 7br [September] 24, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 5, p. 156. Jno. Williamson, Thomas Williamson, Robert Exum and Patience (his wife), Elizabeth Joyner, and Julian Williamson of Isle of Wight Co., VA, sole 200a on the west side of the third swamp of the main Blackwater [Swamp?] to Arthur Crocker of the Lower Parish for a valuable consideration. The tract was part of a patent for 500a granted to Robert Williamson on 30 October 1686 and it is now in the possession of sd Crocker. Signed John (I) Wmson, Thomas Williamson, Robert Exum, Patience (+) Williamson [sic], Eliz'th (+) Joyner, Julian (+) Wmson. Witnesses: Geo: Wmson, Jacob Darden Jr., and Sam'l (S) Atkinson. Recorded 26 September 1737.
 14. 1727 February 03, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Newport Parish Vestry Book, p. 33.
 15. 1735 August 25, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 4, p. 524. Petition of William Clark for an Order for 1a of land from Robert Exum for the building of a Water Grist Mill. Signed Robert Exum and Luke Wiggs. Recorded 24 May 1736.
 16. 1737/1738 January 17, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will Book IV, p. 427. Will of William Clark of Newport Parish. Dated 17 January 1737/1738. Recorded 27 September 1742. Wife Ruth. Sons Joseph and Benjamin. Daughters Elizabeth, Sarah, and Ann. Executor: wife. Witnesses: Thomas Atkinson, Robert Exum, and Hugh Hunniford.
 17. As shows by: 1) 1738 February 26, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will Book 4, p. 227. Appraisal of the estate of Robert Exum. Ordered 26 February 1738. Recorded 23 April 1739. Taken by John Denkley, Francis Williamson, Joseph Exum, and Thomas Joyner. 2) 1740 November 24, Will Book 5, p. 304. Additional inventory of the estate of Robert Exum returned by Patience Exum. Recorded 24 November 1740.
 18. 1751 November 07, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 8, p. 422. John Westray, the younger, and his wife Ann Westray and David Atkins and his wife Susannah Atkins divided 100a in Newport Parish. This tract's history is as follows: Robert Exum died seized of 100a which had been willed to him as Heir of the Body of William Exum, dec'd., on 22 November 1720. Robert Exum, dec'd, left issue and coheirs the said Ann Exum and Susannah Exum to be divided between them. Signed John Westray, Ann (X) Westray, David (X) Atkins, and Susannah Atkins. Recorded 07 November 1751.
 19. 1724 January 20, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Great Book, Vol. 2, p. 686. William Westwary (Westray?) of the lower parish gave 100a to his son John Westray. Land was where William Seller lived. Bounds: The Long Branch, the land that John Westwary bought from Henry West, and the Walnut Neck Branch. Signed William (X) Westwary. Witnesses: John Jonson, John (X) Batten, and Mikel (X) Fulgum. Recorded 25 January 1724.

George Williamson

George Williamson was the second son of Dr. Robert Williamson and his wife Hester Bridger. He owned 2735 acres that he paid quit rents on in 1704 and acquired even more land before his death. He married Hester Bridger, daughter of Joseph Bridger and Hester Pitt, before 1703.¹² They had nine children. He died between 26 April 1721 and 28 May 1722 in Isle of Wight Co., VA.¹³

Patience Williamson Exum

Patience Williamson was a daughter of George Williamson and his wife Hester Bridger. She married Robert Exum before 1737.¹⁴ Robert died after 17 January 1737/1738 when he witnessed the will of William Clark of Newport Parish and before 26 February 1737/1738 when his inventory was presented.¹⁵ Patience and Robert Exum had at least two daughters: Ann who married John Westray and Susannah who married David Atkin or Atkinson.¹⁶

Williamson Family Genealogy

WL1 Richard Williamson

M. to Margaret Sherwood Brown (Daughter of George and Elizabeth Brown)⁶

Parents of ?, record of perhaps 5 children

WL11 Richard Williamson, Jr.

WL12 Henry Williamson

WL13 John Williamson

WL14 James Williamson (also a Doctor of Physic)

WL15 Robert Williamson ("Doctor of Physic")

D. after 16 February 1669 but before 02 May 1670 Isle of Wight Co., VA (Dates that his will was signed and proved: Will and Deed Book 2, p. 85)¹¹

M. ca 1652² (estimated from the birth of their first son Robert)

To Joan/Joane/Jone/Jane Allen (daughter of the Arthur Allen and his wife Alice Tucker of Surry Co., VA. Arthur was the builder of Bacon's Castle in Surry Co., VA. After Robert's death, Joan married Robert Burnett. She and Robert Burnett had one daughter Ann. After Robert Burnett died, she married Reuben Proctor.)²

B. ca 1638

D. after 1710 (because she is mentioned as Joan Proctor in the will of her brother Arthur Allen II)²

Parents of 4 children

WL151 Robert Williamson

B. ca 1653 (because he was younger than 18 years old when his father wrote his will in 1669)²

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 3. Johnston, Hugh Buckner, "The Williamson Family of Isle of Wight County, VA," *Historical Southern Families, Vol. III*, by John Bennett Boddie, Pacific Coast Publishers, Redwood City, CA, 1959.
 4. 1640 June 23, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, Guardian Accounts, Book A, p. 20. Capt. John Upton gave 50a at the head of Pagen Creek to Christopher Benn, cooper, and his wife Ann Benn for love and affection. Bounds: sd Upton, Thomas Jones, and the Cross Creek. Witness: **Richard Williamson**.
 5. 1646 March 14, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, Guardian Accounts, Book A, p. 107. William Yarret of Isle of Wight Co., VA, sold 350a to Thomas Brandwood of London. Land was half of 700a, which was patented by Hugh Will of Isle of Wight Co., VA, on 01 March 1640. Hugh Winn sold 350a to William Yarrett on 21 July 1644. Bounds: Bennetts Park, Samuel Jackson, Goose Hill Creek, and Swards Creek. Signed William Yarret. Witnesses: **Richard Williamson** and Thomas Wombwell.
 6. 1654 March 24, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Book A, pp.85-86. Dated 24 March 1654. John Druett and his wife Margaret, formerly widow of **Richard Williamson**, decd, and administrator of his estate sold 60 poles square to Thomas Elmes. The land conveyed to sd Margaret by **George Brown** and his wife Elizabeth on 21 September 1655 and was situated on the northeast side of the Indian Field in the Upper Parish. Bounds: land at sometime belonging to **Richard Bennett, Esq.** By order of the Council 24 March 1654 to sd Elmos. Recorded 02 August 1659. Witnesses: Wm. Dawson and Wm. Lewer.
 7. 1652 August 14, Will and Deed Book 1, 265-266. **Richard Williamson** of Surry, son and heir of **Richard Williamson**, late of Isle of Wight Co., VA, sold 250a on the Blackwater to Arthur Davis. Land was from a patent to Thomas Taberer and Francis Higgins dated 14 August 1652. Recorded (?) 24 October 1672.
 8. *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, vol. 6, June 1899.
 9. 1637/1638 January 15, Virginia Patent Book 1, pt. II, p. 513. John Dennett received 400a in Charles River Co., VA. Bounds: John Burland, Uteys Creek, a path doing from Litte Towne to Chiskiake through the middle of the ground and upon the southward side of second swamp, and southeast on a barren level that that goes from Martins Hundred to Chiskiake. For transport of 8 persons, including **Robert Williamson**.
 10. 1666 June 06, Patent Book 5, p. 511 (626). **Doctor Robert Williamson** received 3350a in Isle of Wight Co., VA. Land was on the greatesw. of the Black Water. Bounds: Swards branch. 295a were granted to sd Williamson on 26 April 1661 and 3055a for transport of 62 persons, including **Joane Williamson, Wm. Tucker, Wm. Axum (?)**.
 11. 1669 February 16, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will and Deed Book 2, p. 85. Will of **Robert Williamson**, Doctor of Physic. Dated 16 February 1669. Recorded 02 May 1670. He is to be buried "as near as maybe" to his late deceased father-in-law, **Mr. Arthur Allen**. Wife **Jone**. Son **Robert** (younger than 18 years, land at Blackwater), sons **George, Arthur, and Francis**. Executors in trust: Friends Major **Nicholas Hill** and **Capt. John Grove**. Executor: son **Robert**. Witnesses: **John Hardy** and **William Sherwood**. **Mr. Robert Burnett** as marrying the relict of **Robert Williamson** gave bond for the estate 02 November 1672. Security: **Mr. Driver** and **Mr. Arthur Allen**.
 12. As shown by two deeds: 1) 1703 March 29, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 1, p. 389. **George Williamson** and his wife, **Hester Williamson**, sold 200a to **Phillip Rayford**. Bounds: **William Crumpler** and the Blackwater Swamp. Signed **George Williamson** and **Hester (X) Williamson**. Witnesses: **Francis Williamson** and **William Crumpler**. Recorded 09 April 1703. 2) 1703, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Deed Book 1, p. 389. **George Williamson** and his wife **Hester Williamson** sold 200a to **William Crumpler**. Bounds: Blackwater Swamp. Signed **George Williamson** and **Hester (X) Williamson**. Witnesses: **Francis Williamson** and **Phillip (X) Rayford**. Recorded: 09 April 1703.
 13. 1721 April 26, Isle of Wight Co., VA, The Great Book, p. 118. Will of **George Williamson**. Dated 26 April 1721. Recorded 28 May 1722. Son **George**. Son **Robert**. Grandson **Jacob Darden**. To sons **John** and **Robert**, sd George's land on the Blackwater. Son **Thomas**. To daughter **Hester**, the plantation on which **Mr. Rudben Proctor** was living, being land escheated by **Col. Joseph Bridger** and so made over to the mother of sd **George** and to **Robert Williamson**, the brother of sd **George** by the sd **Col. Bridger**. Daughters **Mary, Patience, Elizabeth, and Juliana**. Executor: son **Robert**. Witnesses: **Francis Williamson, William Vasser, and Joseph Price**.
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1676, and he led some of the attacks on the rebels from one of the ships in the York River in front of West Point.

In the meantime, much happened at Bacon's Castle. On Friday, September 15, 1676, John Finley, Allen's overseer, returned home on horseback from Jamestown where he had been visiting with Allen. Joseph Rogers, one of Bacon's supporters, arrested him almost within sight of Bacon's Castle. Rogers questioned Finley, then released him. Before Finley rode half a mile further on, Rogers and other Baconian supporters re-arrested Finley, disarmed him, and stole his horse. In time, Finley was sent to Charles City County where he was imprisoned for the next 11 weeks.

Three days later, on September 18th, a Monday evening, 70 of Bacon's followers, led by William Rookings, Arthur Long (Allen's brother-in-law), Robert Burgess, Joseph Rogers, and William Simmons seized, occupied and garrisoned Bacon's Castle. They went about with a military bearing complete with officer's ranks (Rookings was Commander, Rogers was Lieutenant, Long was Captain, Simmons was Ensign) and colors. They wrought havoc both inside and outside the house while they remained there. They shot and ate some of Allen's cattle, ground his wheat into meal in a hand mill, and trampled his crops of wheat, tobacco, and grain into the ground.

The Baconian Rebels also plundered the house and stole (among other items) three fine saddles, some bridles, 22 pairs of fine dowlas sheets, six pairs of new Holland sheets, 56 pillow cases (most of them new), 24 fine napkins, two table cloths, 24 fine Holland dowlas aprons, 36 fine dowlas towels, 26 women's shifts - most of them fine, dowlas and new, several pairs of sleeves, handkerchiefs, women's head linen of all sorts, a new bed and bolster, three pewter basins, 14 new pewter plates, two pewter porringers and three mustard pots. Undoubtedly they drank the contents of the large Dutch case with six or seven three-pint bottles in it. They looked unsuccessfully for Allen's silver.

Finally, the rebels fled on the night of December 27th, when British marines from the ship *Young Prince* moved up to Surry from Isle of Wight County. They stole more of Allen's household linen and books by stuffing them into pillow cases, their breeches, and whatever else was handy. Allen later sued the rebels in both Surry and Charles City County courts for about 25,000 pounds of tobacco for damages. He compromised with some of the smaller men in Charles City and accepted a payment of 250 pounds of tobacco each, but he insisted on full payment from the leaders.

Joan Allen Williamson

Joan Allen appears to have been the oldest daughter of Arthur Allen and Alice Tucker and was probably born about 1638. Her first husband was Dr. Robert Williamson⁶ and they had four children. Her second husband was Robert Burnett⁶ and they had one child. Her third, and last husband, was Reuben Proctor.¹ She died after 1709, when her brother Arthur wrote his will.¹

A16 Katherine Allen

M. 1670 Isle of Wight Co., VA
To Capt. John Hardy

A17 _____ Allen (daughter)

D. by 20 October 1691

M1 to _____ Johnson

Parents of ?, record of 1 child

A171 John Johnson

M2 to William Mayo (before William married Isabel _____)

Parents of perhaps 6 children

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2. 1649 March 14, Virginia Patent Book 2, p. 197. Arthur Allen received 200a in James City Co., VA [Note: but would be in Surry Co., VA, after its formation in 1652]. The land was between Lawnes and Chipoaks Creeks and bounded on the north by the land of Capt. Peirce, now in possession of Edward Blane, east toward Lawnes Creek, joining with his eastermost angle on the land of Mr. Rennolds. For transport of 4 persons: Alice Tucker, Wm. Eyres, Wm. Mors, and Thomas Rastill.
3. 1668 July 07, Surry Co., VA, Record Book I, p. 306. Wm. Dowling, about 50 years, made a Deposition concerning a conversation between Mr. Richard Lawrence and Mr. Robert Williamson at the Court. . . . Arthur Allen, age 60 years, testified that he and his brother went to James City so see a horse—two horses for sale; one died. The question of the discussion being which horse died. Daniel Tucker, about 55 years, testified that while he was at his brother Allen's house, he saw the horse in Mr. Bland's and Mr. Carter's field but presently saw it in his brother's field.
4. 1661 October 06, Surry Co., VA, Record Book I 1652-1671, p. 174. Indenture of Jno. And Peleg Dunstan, of Lower Chippokes, planter, and Arthur Allen, Gent., Planter, 500a in Lower Chippoakes formerly belonging to John Dunstan, their father, decd, and given by him to Cicely Dunstan, his wife, by his last will and testament and to John and Peleg Dunstan, etc.
5. Winfree, Waverly K., *The Laws of Virginia Being a Supplement to Hening's The Statutes at Large, 1700-1750* (Richmond, 1971), pp. 364-367.
6. 1669 February 16, Isle of Wight Co., VA, Will and Deed Book 2, p. 85. Will of Robert Williamson, Doctor of Physic. Dated 16 February 1669. Recorded 02 May 1670. He is to be buried "as near as maybe" to his late deceased father-in-law, Mr. Arthur Allen. Wife Jone. Son Robert (younger than 18 years, land at Blackwater), sons George, Arthur, and Francis. Executors in trust: Friends Major Nicholas Hill and Capt. John Grove. Executor: son Robert. Witnesses: John Hardy and William Sherwood. Mr. Robert Burnett as marrying the relict of Robert Williamson gave bond for the estate 02 November 1672. Security: Mr. Driver and Mr. Arthur Allen.

was also the traditional builder of Historic St. Luke's Church, Isle of Wight Co., VA. This church was probably constructed about 1660. This Gothic brick structure is the oldest intact non-Roman Catholic church building in the Western Hemisphere (from the Bridger Family Association web page <http://www.bridgerfamilyassn.org/facts.htm>).

The earliest person identified in Bridger line by John Bennett Boddie was Lawrence Bridger, who was the beloved Rector of the Parish of Slimbridge for 55 years. (Additional generations have been documented by John A. Brayton in his book *Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia, Vol. 10, Bridger of Godalming, Surrey; Slimbridge, Gloucestershire; and Virginia.*³) He was a fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1568. He received a B.A. on 23 October 1570 and an M.A. on 21 June 1574. He was Canon of Gloucester in 1586. Magdelene College, the patron of the Rectory of Slimbridge, appointed Lawrence Bridger as Rector of Slimbridge. Slimbridge is located in Berkeley Hundred, Gloucester. In his history of Berkeley Hundred, Gloucester, John Smythe of Nibley wrote that Lawrence Bridger received an income of £250 per year, and when Lawrence died, he was a very rich and very honest man. Lawrence's will was dated 24 September 1630 and probated 30 June 1631. His executor was Joseph Bridger, who was his oldest son by his second wife. As identified in his will, Lawrence Bridger's children were identified as Samuel Bridger, Lawrence Bridger, Joseph Bridger, Benjamin Bridger, Arthur Bridger, Faith Bridger, Elizabeth Driver, Marie Breathers, and Ann Osborne.

Samuel Bridger was the oldest son of Lawrence Bridger, Rector of Slimbridge. He was born in 1584. He matriculated at Madgelen College 30 April 1602 when he was 18 years old. He married Mary _____. Samuel was the auditor of the College of Gloucester, when he died in 1650 and was buried in the Cathedral of Gloucester. He may also have been the Sub-Dean of the College. His epitaph reads: "Here lyes the body of Samuel Bridger, gent, who departed his life upon the 31st day of July, An. 1650. Receiver of this College Rents, he paid His debt to nature, and beneath is laid To rest untill his summons to remove, at the last audit to the Choir above."

Samuel's will was dated 30 July 1650 and was probated 19 October 1650. In his will, he identified his wife Mary Bridger; his daughters Martha and Marie Bridger; and his sons John, Joseph, James, George, Jonathan, and Samuel Bridger. He left his manor and farm of Woodmancote with woods and seats (except for the estate and dower of Samuel's wife Mary) and the auditor's office to his son John, with sons Samuel, Joseph, James, George, and Jonathan as defaults if John had no heirs. Son Samuel received land in the Parish of Cam and Stinchcombe. Son Joseph received the rent and inheritance of the lands in Slimbridge. Son James received lands in the tenure of Wm. Belcher of Forbridge. Son George received lands in Slimbridge now in Tenure of Alice Howell, widow. Son Jonathan received lands in Slimbridge now in tenure of John Deacon. His sole executor was his wife Mary.

Hester Bridger Williamson

Hester Bridger appears to have been a younger daughter of Joseph Bridger and Hester Pitt. She married George Williamson, and they had nine children.

Br1147 Joseph Bridger
 M. to Elizabeth Norsworthy (daughter of John Norsworthy)
 Parents of 7 children
 Br115 James Bridger (who came to Virginia)
 Br116 George Bridger
 Br117 Jonathan Bridger
 Br118 Samuel Bridger
 Br12 Lawrence Bridger
 Children of Lawrence and his second wife
 Br13 Joseph Bridger
 Br14 Benjamin Bridger
 Br15 Arthur Bridger
 Br16 Faith Bridger
 Br17 Elizabeth Bridger
 M. to _____ Driver
 Br18 Marie Bridger
 M. to _____ Breathers
 Br19 Ann Bridger
 M. to _____ Osborne

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3. Brayton, John A., *Colonial Families of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia, Vol. 10, Bridger of Godalming, Surrey; Slimbridge, Gloucestershire; and Virginia* (currently available through Genealogical Publishing Co.)

a ring that belonged to the grandfather of William Pitt whose name was Mr. Roger Cookes; William owned two ships the *Mary Rose* and the *Supply* in 1627), Robert Pitt (came to Isle of Wight Co., VA), Henry Pitt (Capt. Henry Pitt of Isle of Wight Co., VA; patented 450a on Pagan Creek on 13 January 1652), and Thomas Pitt (probably came to America and patented 872a on the Appomattox River, on 07 December 1641, in Charles City Co., VA); and daughters Mary Pitt, Ann Pitt, Maud Pitt, and Martha Pitt. He also mentioned his brother-in-law Richard Davis, sister Marlowe, sister Gunning, cousin Mary Robinson, sister Alice Knight and her husband, cousin William Pitt (a draper), and cousin Nicholas Pokes. Executors were his wife and his son William. His wife, Mary Pitt, left a will, dated 25 November 1634, with her son Robert as executor. In her will, Mary Gibbs mentioned her loving brother-in-laws Mr. Abraham Edwards and Mr. John Pearse and gave both 40 shillings; later she mentioned a sister Pearce.

Robert Pitt

Robert Pitt, son of William Pitt and his wife Mary Gibbs, was a mariner and a merchant. As a mariner, he was the captain of a privateer out of Bristol named *Thunder* and fought in the 1628 war against France to aid the Huguenots. In Virginia, Robert was a merchant and a large dealer in land and servants, according to Boddie. He probably came to America a few years before he received his first land grant, dated 14 February 1637, for 550a on the New Haven River (later called the Pagan River).³ He received 209a by patent in 1643⁴ and another 300a next to his 550a by patent on 17 April 1648.⁵ On 07 June 1654, he (as Lt. Robert Pitt) received 1200a in the same place,⁶ and this patent was renewed in 1662.⁷ In 1664, with his son-in-law Joseph Bridger and Mr. William Burgh, he received 3000a on a branch of the Blackwater.⁸

Robert Pitt represented Isle of Wight Co., VA, in the house of Burgesses from 1646 to 1660. He was a Lt. Col. in the Isle of Wight County Militia in 1662 and was a member of the Governor's Council.

He was married three times, according to Brayton.² His first wife's name is unknown; they apparently married in England before Robert came to America and had five children. His second wife was Elizabeth Stevens, sister of George Stevens of Surry Co., VA; they had one child. His third wife was Martha _____.

Hester Pitt Bridger

Hester Pitt was a daughter of Robert Pitt and his first wife whose name has been lost. She married Joseph Bridger and they had seven children.

M. 19 June 1603, St. Thomas, Bristol, England
To Mary Gibbs (daughter of William Gibbs and Elizabeth Northall)
B. baptized 01 September 1578 Christ Church Parish, Briston
D. 1634 (will dated 25 November 1634, with her son Robert as executor), buried June 1634, St. Thomas Parish, Bristol, England

Parents of 7 children

Pt11221 William Pitt

B. baptized 22 May 1604

D. after 02 October 1630 but before 09 June 1631 (dates that his will was signed and recorded, respectively)

Pt11222 Mary Pitt

B. baptized 29 March 1607

M. to Andrew Newell

Pt11223 Thomas Pitt

B. 22 March 1614/1615

D. before 1630 (according to the will of his brother William)

Pt11224 Anne Pitt

B. baptized 06 January 1608/1609

M. 27 December 1627 St. Thomas, Bristol
To Abraham Edwards

Pt11225 Maude Pitt

B. baptized August 1617

M. after 1634

To Richard Russell

Pt11226 Martha Pitt

B. 17 August 1619

D. After 1634 (according to the will of her brother William)

Pt11227 Robert Pitt (In Isle of Wight Co., VA, before 1637)

B. baptized 16 March 1605/1606, St. Thomas Parish, Bristol, England

D. ca 1674 Isle of Wight Co., VA (Will and Deed Book 2, p. 128. Dated 06 June 1672. Recorded 09 January 1674.)

M1 by 1630 (according to Brayton and she may or may not have accompanied him to America)

To _____

(Parents of perhaps 5 children)

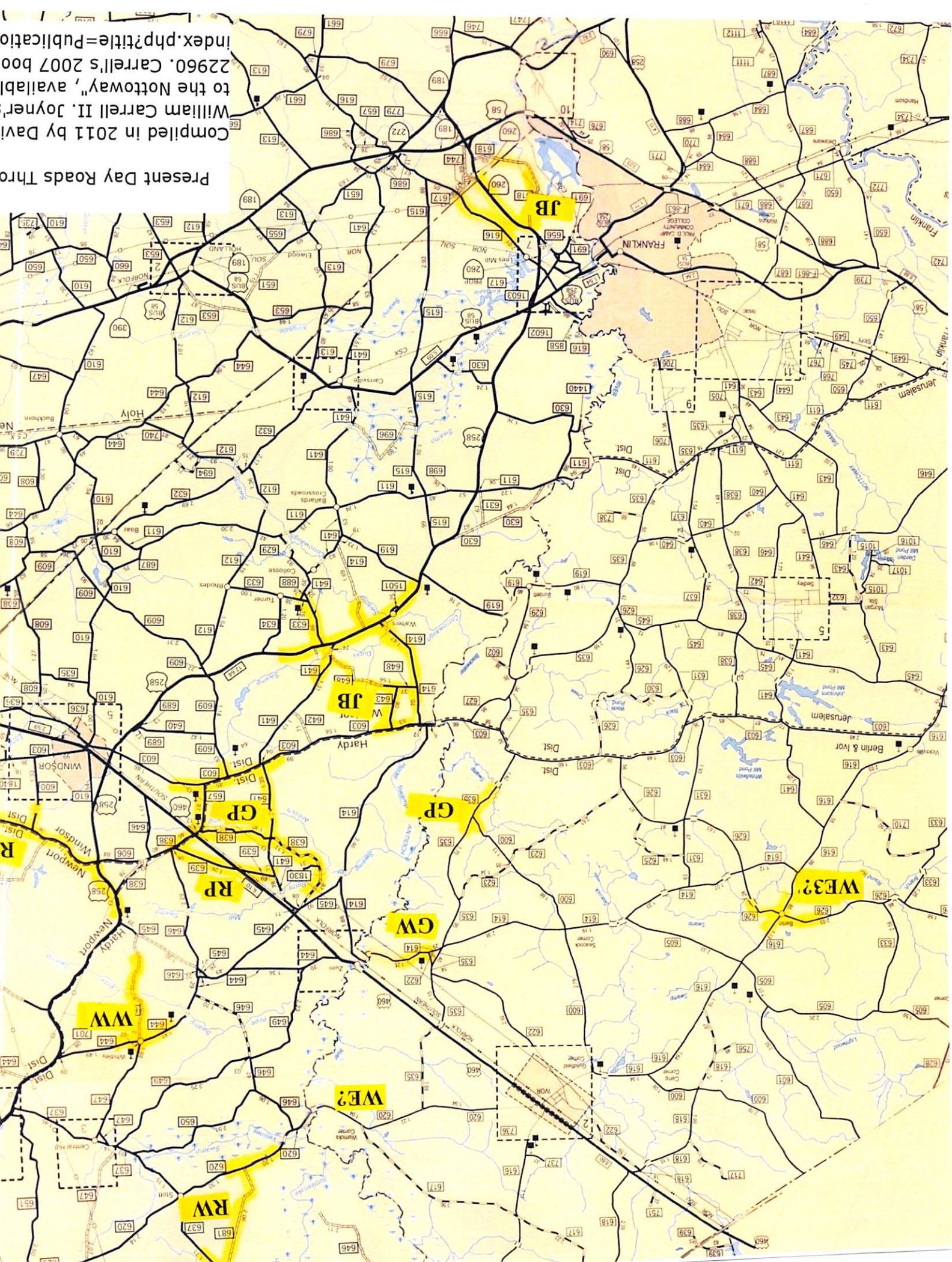
M2 after 1644

To Elizabeth Stevens (sister of George Stevens)

(Parents of at least 1 child)

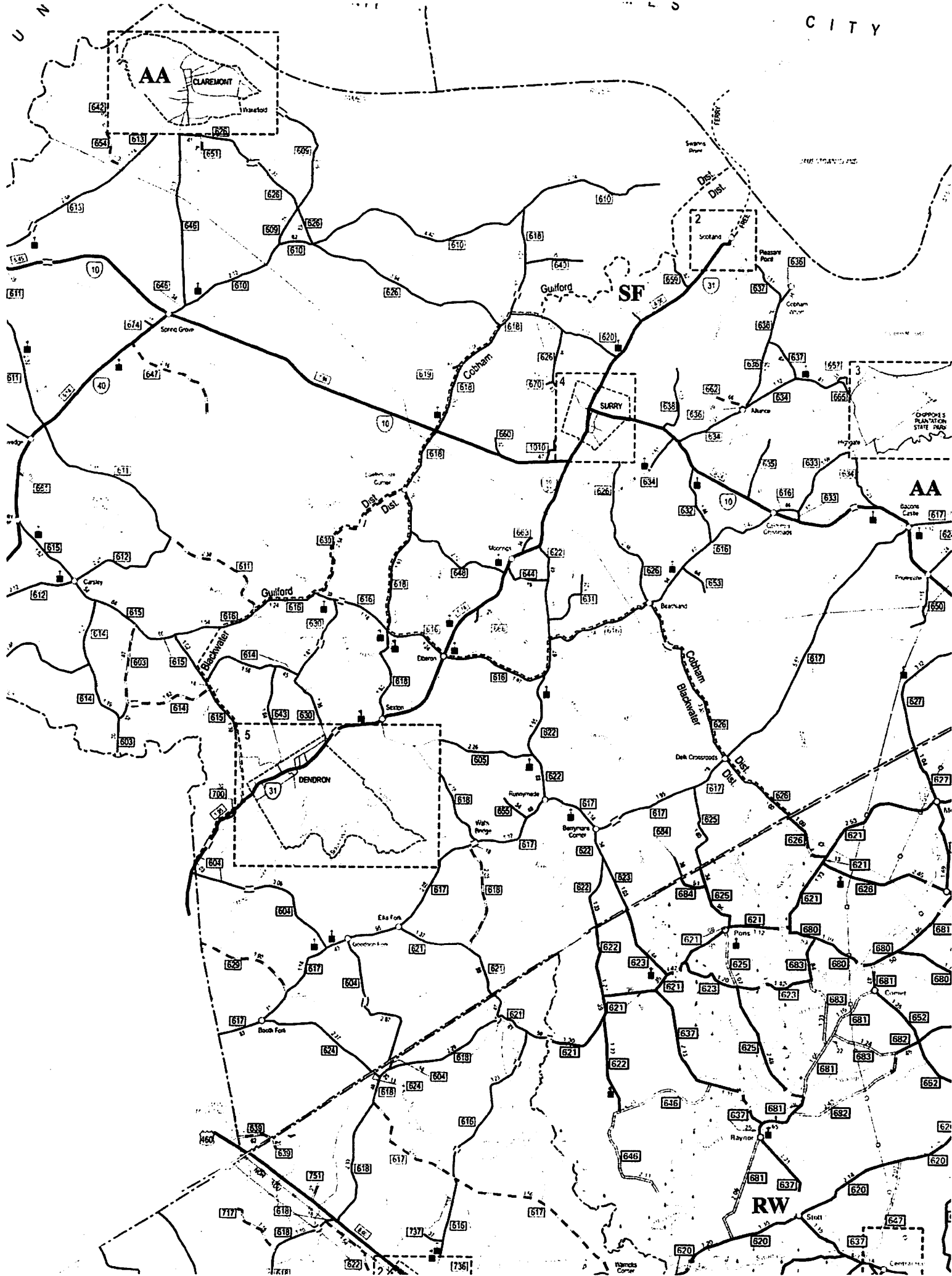
M3 to Martha _____

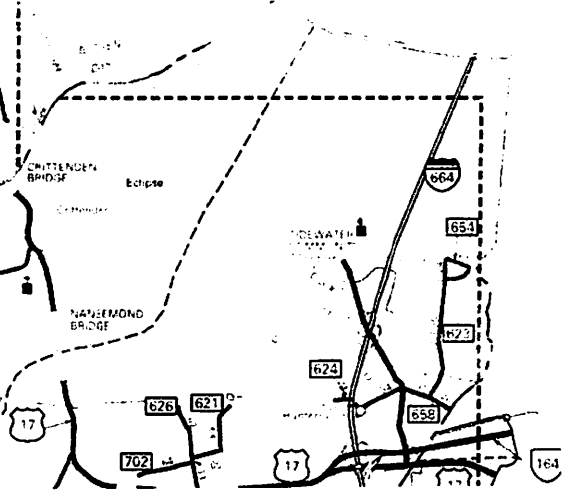
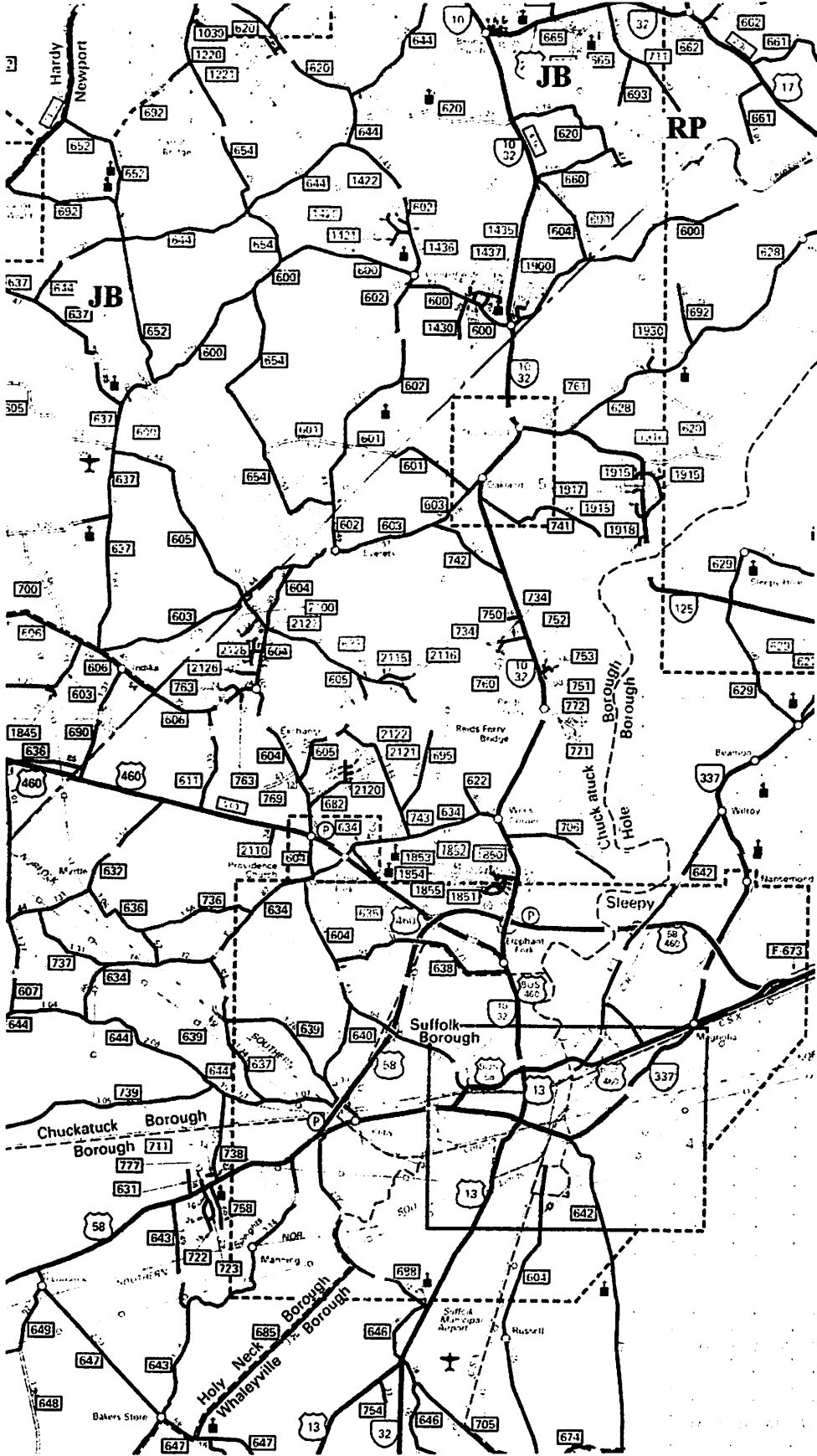
Pt11227-36 Sarah Pitt
 M. to Tristram Norsworthy
 Pt11227-37 Martha Pitt
 M. to _____ Norsworthy
 Pt11227-38 Mary Pitt
 M. to _____ Drury
 Pt11227-4 Elizabeth Pitt
 B. ca 1636
 M. to _____ Northworthy
 Pt11227-5 Hester Pitt
 B. ca 1638
 M. to Joseph Bridger
 (See Bridger Family)
 Child of Robert Pitt and Elizabeth Stevens
 Pt11227-6 Mary Pitt
 B. ca 1650
 M. after 1667
 To John Brasseur
 Parents of 1 child
 Pt11227-61 Mary Brasseur
 B. ca 1670
 M. ca 1687 Isle of Wight Co., VA
 To Capt. Thomas Cocke of Henrico Co., VA
 Child of Robert Pitt and Martha _____
 Pt11227-7 Martha Pitt (no further record)
 B. by 1674 Isle of Wight Co., VA
 Pt11228 Henry Pitt (patented 450a on Pagan Creek 13 January
 1652)
 B. baptized 07 October 1613
 D. ca 1666
 M1 by 1637
 To _____
 M2 by 1651
 To Anne _____ (widow of Robert Watson; after Henry
 died she married Capt. James Powell)
 Parents of 1 child
 Pt11228-1 Thomas Pitt
 Pt1123 Alice Pitt
 B. baptized 21 July 1585
 D. June 1586 (buried 24 June 1586)
 Pt1124 Joane Pitt
 B. & D. June 1588 (baptized 19 June 1588)
 Pt1125 Joane Pitt
 B. & D. June 1591 (Baptized 08 June 1591)
 Pt1126 Anne Pitt
 M1 to _____ Waters



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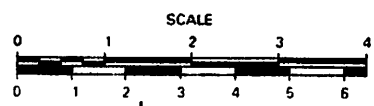


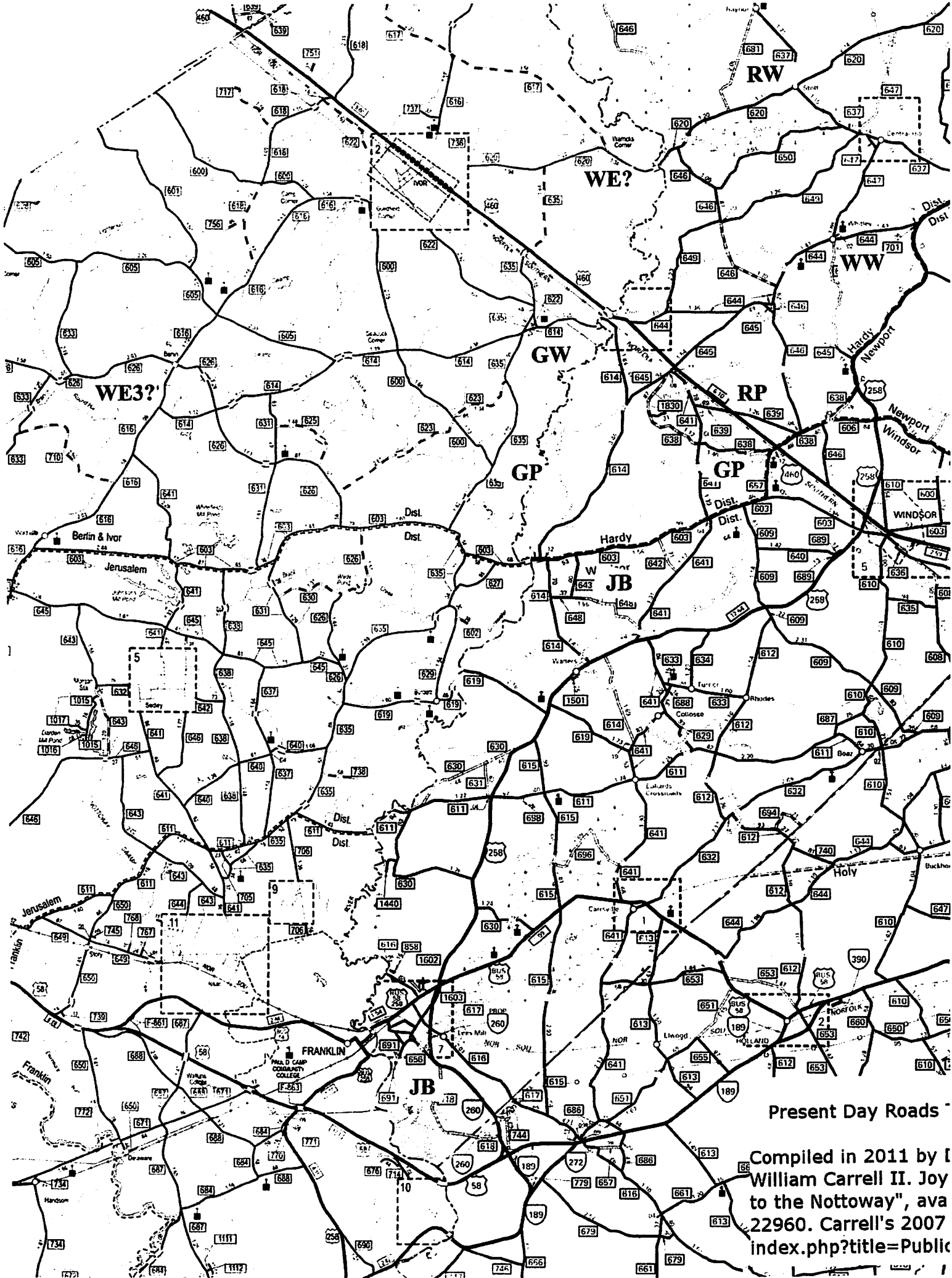
KEY

- AA** Arthur Allen
- GP** George Pearce
- GW** George Williamson
- JB** Joseph Bridger
- NB** Nathaniel Basse
- RP** Robert Pitt
- RW?** Richard Williamson
- RW** Robert Williamson
- SF** Smith's Fort Plantation
- WE?** William Exum, Sr
- WE3?** William Exum III?
- WW** William Westray

h Lands Once Owned by Some Ancestors of Elizabeth Pearce

Ross from plat maps created by Ulysses P. Joyner Jr. and naps have been published in his 2008 book, "From The Pagan from the author for \$20 at 10528 Little Skyline Dr, Orange, VA may be downloaded from <http://bridgerfamilyassn.org/wiki/>

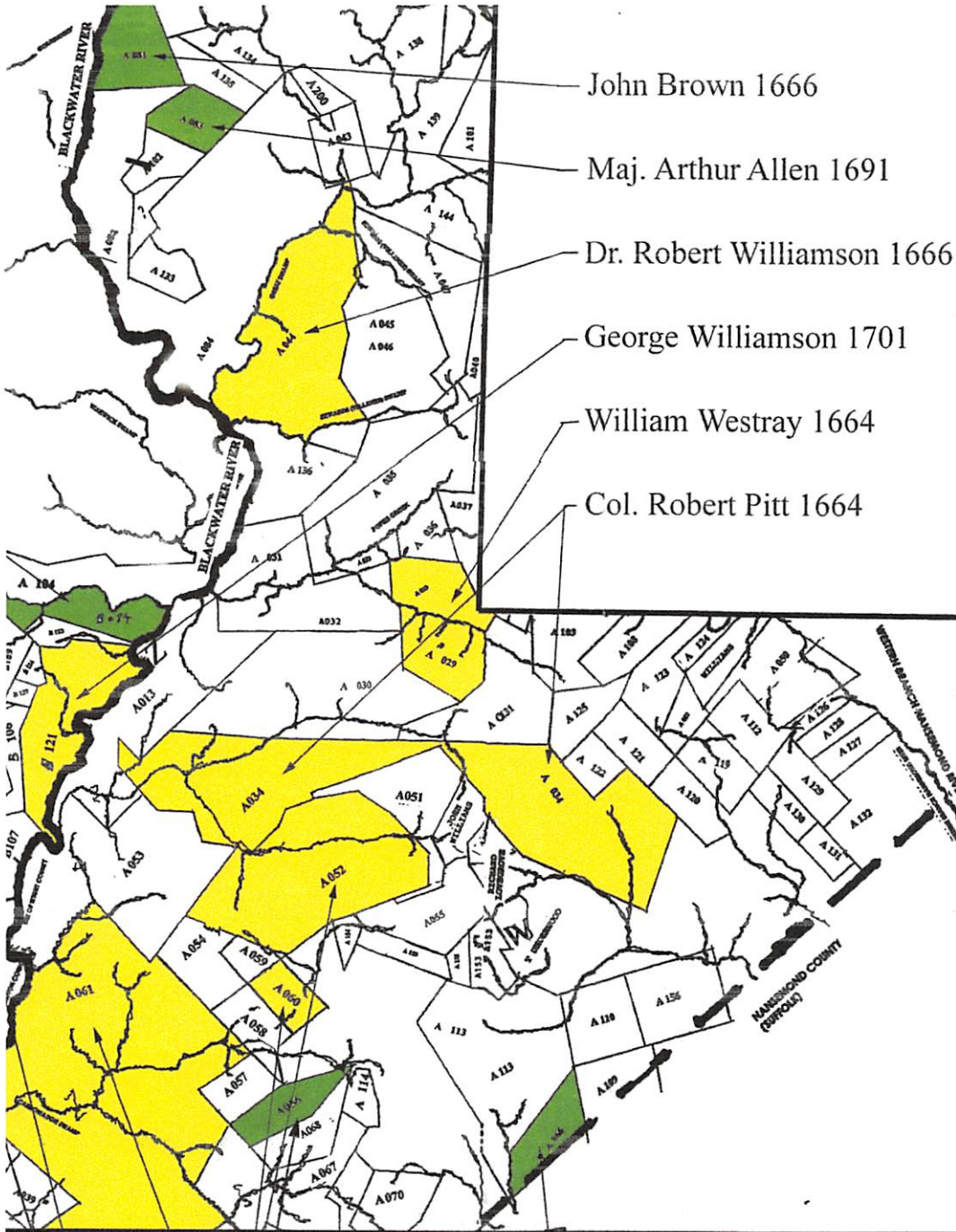




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- John Brown 1666
- Maj. Arthur Allen 1691
- Dr. Robert Williamson 1666
- George Williamson 1701
- William Westray 1664
- Col. Robert Pitt 1664

- Arthur Allen 1679
- William Powell 1681
- George Pierce 1674, 1681
- Col. Joseph Bridger 1680
- George and Anne Pierce 1701
- John Teasley 1713 [suspected location]
- Thomas Allen 1714
- James Allen 1683
- William and Mar Brown 1702
- Joseph Bridger 1670

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Arthur Allen 1701

John Allen 1727, 1728

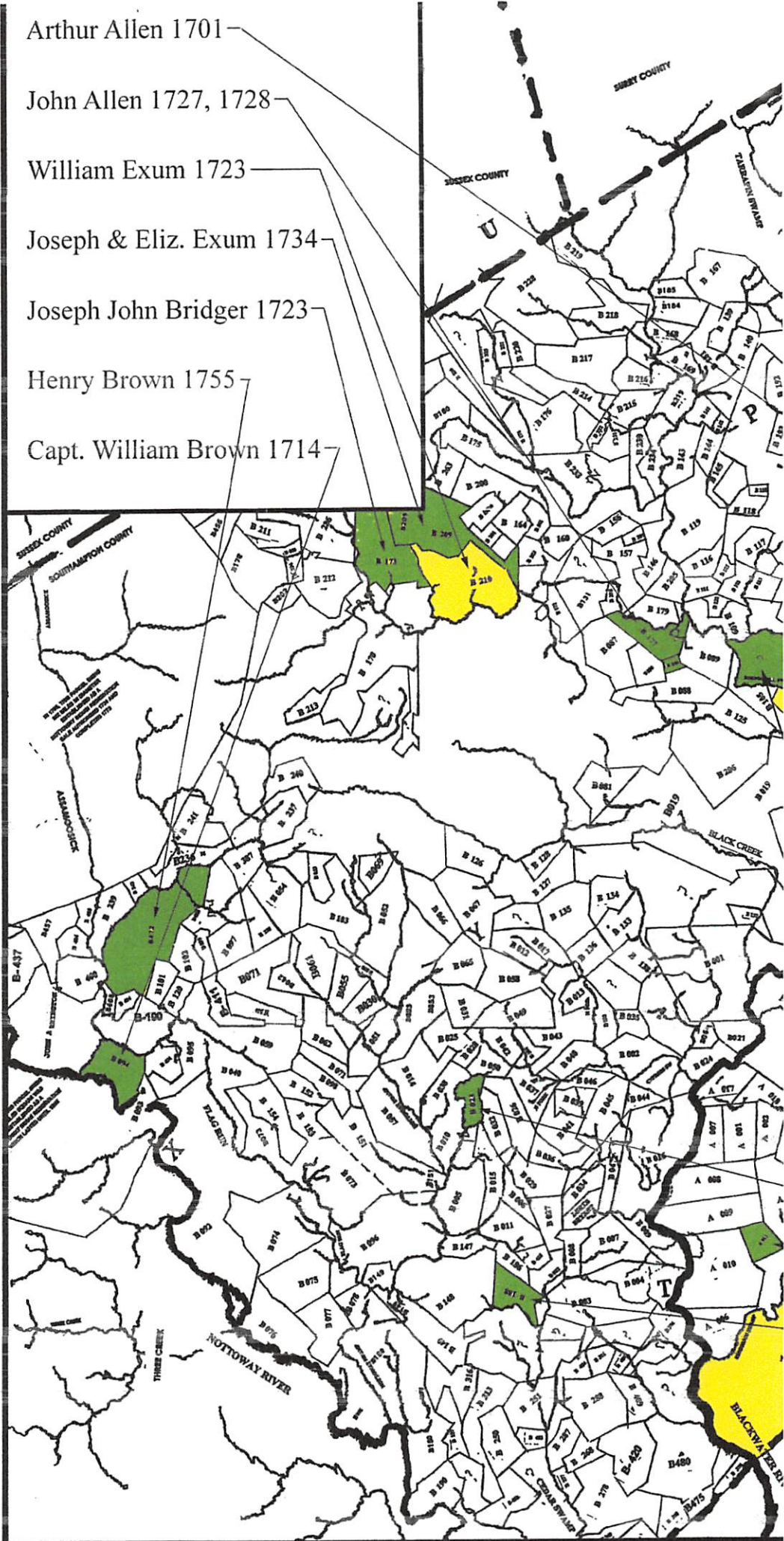
William Exum 1723

Joseph & Eliz. Exum 1734

Joseph John Bridger 1723

Henry Brown 1755

Capt. William Brown 1714



PEARCE FAMILY OF JOHNSTON CO, NC

THE PEARCE FAMILY OF JOHNSTON CO, NC A MEMBER OF WHICH MARRIED INTO THE CHALK FAMILY OF YOUNGVILLE, FRANKLIN CO, NC - RPA 15 JUN 2013

1850 CENSUS - NC
JOHNSTON CO.
DIST 10

Iredell Pearce 1819 31
Bethany Pearce 1811 39
Hardy Pearce 1840 10
Sarah Pearce 1845 5
James Pearce 1846 4
Joseph Pearce 1849 1

1870 CENSUS - NC
JOHNSTON CO.
BEULAH

Bethan Pearce HD 1811 59
Joseph B Pearce 1849 21
Viea Pearce 1853 17

1900 CENSUS - NC
JOHNSTON CO.
BEULAH

Joseph B Pearce HD 1863 37
Josephine Pearce WIFE 1862 38
Helen Pearce DAU 1882 18
Cleveland Pearce SON 1884 16
Chas Pearce SON 1897 13
Alma Pearce DAU 1893 7
Mattie Pearce DAU 1895 5
William Pearce SON 1898 2
Louise Pearce DAU 1899 10/12

1880 CENSUS - NC
JOHNSTON CO.

BEULAH SINGLE

Joseph B. Pierce HD 1849 31
Bethana Pierce MOT 1811 69

CHILDREN: HARDY,
SARAH, JAMES, JOSEPH B.
VIEA

1910 CENSUS - NC
JOHNSTON CO
BEULAH

| Name, MO 1 YEAR | Age |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Joseph B Pierce HD | 24 1849 [61] |
| Maggie Pierce WIFE [1,1] | 1887 23 |
| Alma Pierce DAU | 1893 17 |
| Mattie Pierce DAU | 1895 15 |
| Willie Pierce SON | 1897 13 |
| Louise Pierce DAU | 1900 10 |
| Lola Pierce DAU | 1909 0 [9/12] |
| WRITE Cames Deans SVT | 1888 22 |

I. ARGIE IREDELL
PEARCE 1819-1852
MDC (1) BETHANY
WILLIAMSON
MDC (2) JOSEPH B. PEARCE
MDC (1ST) JOSEPHINE - MDC (2ND) MAGGIE
EDWARDS

i. CLEVELAND PEARCE
ii. HELEN PEARL PEARCE
MDC (1) WILLIAM B.
CHALK 1887-1931
[UNCLE OF HARVEY FERRELL
CHALK]
iii. CHARLES PEARCE
iv. ALMA PEARCE
v. MATTIE PEARCE
vi. WILLIAM PEARCE
vii. LOUISE PEARCE
viii. LOLA PEARCE

Adams Family Tree

Joseph B Pearce
Birth 2 Jan 1849 in Johnston
Death 4 May 1925 in North Carolina,

Parents

No Father

Bethana Pierce
1811 -

Spouse & Children

Josephine Pearce
1861 - 1943

Cleveland Pearce
1884 -

Helen Pearl Chalk
1885 - 1956

Chas Pearce
1886 -

Alma Pearce
1892 -

Mattie Pearce
1895 -

William Pearce
1897 -

Louise Pearce
1899 -

Jones/Rowe Family

Argie Iredell Pearce
Birth 1819 in Johnston, North Carolina,
Death 1852 in Johnston, North Carolina

Parents

Simon Pearce
1764 - 1827

Sarah (Sally) Unknown
1781 - 1850

Spouse & Children

Bethany Williamson
1811 - 1880

Hardy Pearce
1841 -

Sarah Pearce
1845 -

James Raeford Pearce
1846 - 1900

Joseph Battle Pearce
1849 -

Nicey Pearce
1851 -

1850 Residence
Age: 31 District 10, Johnston, North Carolina

1840 Marriage to Bethany Williamson
Age: 27 25 Feb Johnston, North Carolina, United States

PEARCE FAMILY

THE PEARCE FAMILY OF THE MOCCASIN CREEK AREA OF NC - INTERACTIONS WITH THE UPCHURCH FAMILY

2-15-82
H. T. Pearce
C. Pearce

I. ~~NATHANIEL~~ ^{NATHAN} PIERCE b 9 JUL 1735 d 26 FEB 1821

MD 24 JUN 1756 SARA

MD NANCY WEBSTER (WESTER) WESTER

There were 7 children including 4 boys. This family moved from VA to NC and the 4 boys eventually changed their name to PEARCE and moved to the Moccasin Creek Area of NC

A. PHILIP PEARCE b 24 JUL 1754 bur Bryant-Stallings Cem

MD 1778 NANCY BONN

He was a Rev. Was soldier - Battle of Alamance & Kings Mtn

1. HENRY PEARCE b 16 MAY 1779

2. NATHANIEL PEARCE (NATHAN) b 23 MAY 1783

MD SUSAN UPCHURCH

II →

DAU OF LEACY U AND BENJAMIN PEARCE

a. BURREL PEARCE

b. THOMAS PEARCE MD LOTTIE PERRY

c. ACREL PEARCE MD BE DIE DENTON

i. JOHN CLIFTON PEARCE MD JANE PEARCE

(I) JONAH R. L. PEARCE MD THEODOSIA PHILLIPS

(A) CLAUDE E. PEARCE, SR (BUDDY)

d. FRANKIE PEARCE MD MOLLIAN DOYLE

e. SIMON PEARCE MD ~~ROENY~~ ROENY PERRY

f. JANE DOYLE PEARCE

g. PETER PEARCE FEB 1824

h. PAUL PEARCE MD MARY CROSS

i. SILAS PEARCE MD MARTHA PRIVETTE

j. SUSAN PEARCE MD W. K. PHILLIPS

k. SOLOMAN PEARCE

l. NANCY PEARCE

3. ELI PEARCE b 30 AUG 1785

[X10-4203]

4. JOHN PEARCE b 10 NOV 1787 d 1860's

[2] → MD 1 DEC 1808 FRANCES (FRANKIE) UPCHURCH^I [2814]^{XED}
PRESUMED DAU OF BENJAMIN U (HEAD OF CLAN)

a. HARRIET PEARCE → X10-163

[3] → MD 1 JAN 1840 (1841) AMBROSE U [SON OF BURKELY U & GS OF RICHARD U III (HEAD OF CLAN)]

i. ELIZA JANE UPCHURCH

[4] → MD BURKLEY MOSES ALFORD [SON OF MARTHA M. U & GS OF BURKELY U]

(I) MARTHA HARRIET ALFORD

MD JOHN NEVERSON MEDLIN

(A) ALBERT VANCE MEDLIN, SR

(U) EDYTHE LEE MEDLIN

b. BENJAMIN PEARCE

[5] → MD (IST) 17 NOV 1836 LECY (LEESIE) UPCHURCH
[DAU OF BURKELY U & GD OF RICHARD U III (HEAD OF CLAN)]

MD 2ND 1856 LINDA DENTON

MD 3RD BETTY FASDA

i. WILLIAM PEARCE

MD FRANCES PRIVETT

(I) ORA PEARCE

[6] → MD RICHARD UPCHURCH

(A) DENA BELLE U

(B) BERKLEY U

(C) MILTON U

(D) LINDA U

(E) JIMMIE U

(F) BILLY U

(II) → add Geneva Jane Pearce et al

5. HARDY PEARCE b 12 MAY 1789

6. HALEY PEARCE

7. TERRY PEARCE

8. CHLOE PEARCE

B. ARTHUR PEARCE

MD (LIASLOW) ELIZABETH STALLINGS
1. CALVIN STALLINGS PAGE 3
2. BRYANT WESTER STALLINGS

C. STEPHEN PEARCE
MD (1ST) ELIZABETH _____

1. CHERRY PEARCE (\$)
MD _____ DENTON

2. MARY PEARCE
MD _____ PERRY

3. ELIZABETH PEARCE
MD _____ CARPENTER

4. CHARLOTTE PEARCE
MD _____ UPCHURCH

7 →

a. CALVIN UPCHURCH
MD AGNES YOUNG (DAU OF FENNER YOUNG)

b. CHARLOTTE UPCHURCH
MD JOHN SAUNDERS

c. LITTLEBERRY UPCHURCH
MD 10 OCT 1824 ELIZABETH WILLES

d. STEPHEN UPCHURCH
MD 20 JUL 1828 REBECCA CHAMBLEE

e. JOHN UPCHURCH

8 →

D. JOHN PEARCE (REV WAR VET) [XID-2997]
MD FRANCES CLARA UPCHURCH [DOR CLARA FRANCES U] [XID-72]
[DAU OF RICHARD U III (HEAD OF CLAN)]
This couple moved to IN after the Revolution

E. ELIZABETH PEARCE
MD THOMAS RAY
This couple moved to IN after the Revolution

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NOTE: ELIZABETH PEARCE b ca 1811 MD 13 JUN 1832 [XID-995]
JAMES U SON OF JAMES U GS OF RICHARD U III (HEAD OF CLAN)

PEARCE
Family

① See pt 5 MAR 1982 Edythe Lee Mullin to RCI

" I don't know how much of the Pearce information I sent to you. I have an idea I copied all of the Colby book to which the Pearce were attached carrying the family back to England. Colby wrote by the New England Pearce and then a lady here attached her Pearce family to Colby's New England Pearce. We have found this miswed and I have discarded the Colby information.

PEARCE FAMILY

See # 7 MAR 2000 Flora Pauline U to RPU for
an 87 page download she obtained on the Pearce
Family. As of 18 JUN 2000 RPU had completely
extruded this document and on this date called
Pauline to thank her again for this significant
document. We will try to get the name of the
originator of most download from this source
- RPU - # 20 JUN 2000 Pauline reports the Author
is Tony Brooks Pearce, Sr, whom see

PEARCE FAMILY

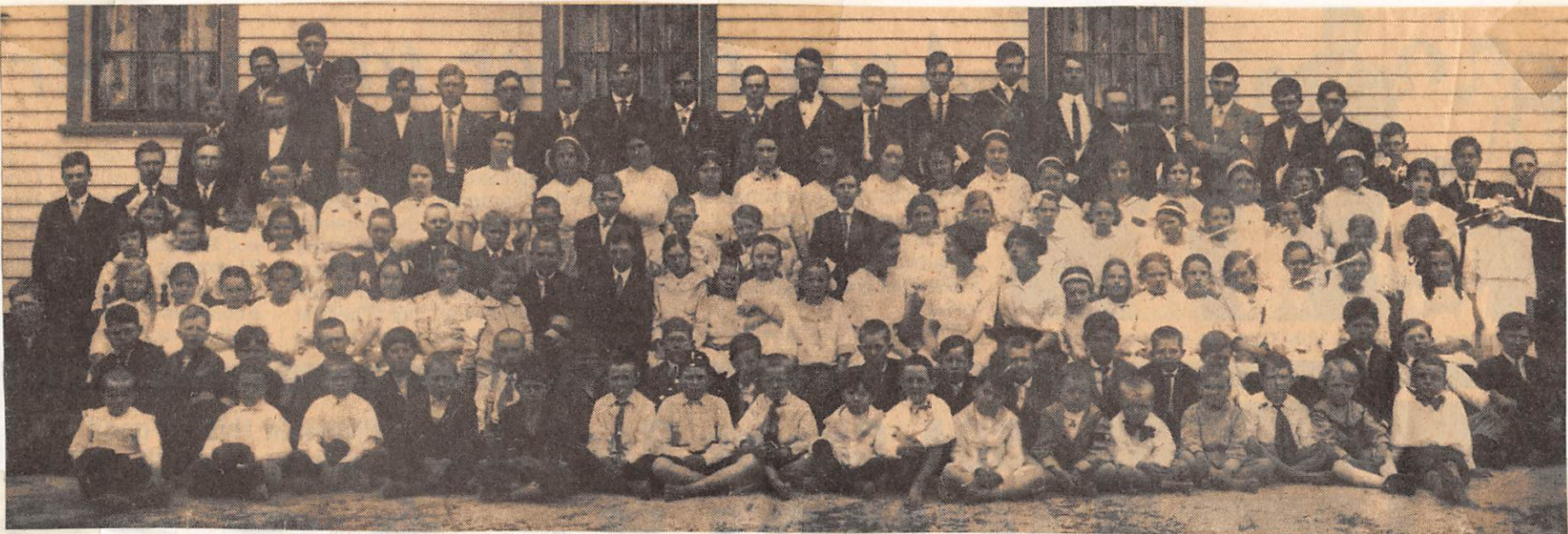
NOTE AS OF 20 AUG 1988 - There are three batches of Pearce in NC.

1. The Halifax Co, NC Pearce - See Joseph Pearce Sr d ca 1763 for an unextracted outline. Reference = Joseph Adolphus Pearce, Jr²
2. The Johnston Co, NC Pearce - see David Lee Pearce¹ for reference
3. The Pearce of Moccasin Creek (Franklin Co, NC) - including four brothers: Arthur, Stephens, Philip & John

These three groups of Pearce may be related but if so it must include ancestors who lived in the 1600's - RPH

1) Address: (AS OF 1988)
DAVID LEE PEARCE "DAVE"
224 BAYLEAF DRIVE
RALEIGH, NC 27615
(919) 846-1944

2) Address: (AS OF 1988)
JOSEPH A. PEARCE
934 N. MAIN ST
LOUISBURG, NC 27549



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PEARCE FAMILY

Pearces, 1914

This photo was taken at Pearce Elementary School. Some of the students in the back row are Buddy Pearce, Herbert Privette, Jim Ray, Adison Pearce, Luther Pearce, Robert Pearce, Floyd Gay; second row from back, Zoie Pearce, Addbell Pearce, Vernice Privette, Maude Pearce, Rosia Gay, Lillie Pearce Johnson, Maggie Pearce Ray, Flora Pearce Carter, Bertha Medlin Up-

church, Ina Medlin; third row from back, Mable Pearce, Etha Pearce, teacher Maude Langston, Avon Privette, Otha Pearce, Margaret Pearce, Mary Pearce Perry and Hubert Amos.

The Zebulon Record welcomes old photos and will publish them when possible.

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PEARCE

DEED:

FRANKLIN CO, NC

4 OCT 1787

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Obtained by RPA &
John Lee W, Jr
on 15 OCT 1990

Thomas Gay to Thomas Ray

73 Acres

Both sides of Moccasin Swamp

Adjoining

— Strickland

— Pearce ↑

witness: Mose Upchurch

James Price

Charles Upchurch

EXTRACT OF "THIRTY-FOUR
GENERATIONS - A THOUSAND YEARS
OF PERCIES & PIERCES FROM
972 TO 1967" Compiled by
Barnard L. Cally 1947 with
later insertions

△ = Extract in
Biofile 8 OCT 77

SEE PG 8 FOR
25 JAN 2011 UPDATE
BY RPU

①

Copy rec'd by RPU with 2 OCT 77 ltr from Mrs Edythe
Tippett with notes as follows: N.C. part starting on pg
17 done by Andelia Pearce U, now deceased. The local part
for immediate vicinity done by Mrs David Clyde Pearce
daur-in-law of Mr & Mrs Clyde Pearce (Cornelia). T. (Thelbert)
H. Pearce (name on front) says he did not do much
but his Aunt Andelia did the work. Mrs Tippett says
insertion seems correct except that there is some doubt
that the Nathaniel who and Sarah Preire is the same
Nathaniel who was father of Phillip Stephens, John &
Arthur.

UPCHURCHES INCLUDED.

- △ SUSAN U - pg 18 (and △ NATHAN PEARCE)
- △ FRANKIE U (♀) pg 21 (wife of △ JOHN PEARCE)
- △ BEN U pg 21 (and △ NANCY LEDBETTER)
- △ FRANKIE U (♀) pg 21 (AUNT OF FRANKIE ABOVE)
- △ BETTY U pg 21
- △ NANCY U pg 21
- △ JUBBLE U pg 21
- △ LEESIE U pg 21 (WIFE OF △ BENJAMIN PEARCE)
- △ AMOS U pg 21 (HUS OF △ HARRIET PEARCE)
- △ RICHARD U pg 25 (HUS OF △ ORA PEARCE)

Note: Buddy Pearce whom RPU
visited in SEP 77 is on pg 24

- △ DENA BELLE U pg 25
- △ BERKLEY U pg 25
- △ MILTON U pg 25
- △ LINDA U pg 25
- △ JIMMIE U pg 25
- △ BILLY U pg 25

[NOTE: MOCCASIN CREEK
AREA INFORMATION
IS ON PAGES 17-28.
MUCH OF THIS DETAIL
IS IN RPU BIOFILE
SYSTEM FROM OTHER
SOURCES AND THIS
IS MARKED - RPU
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CC TO
JLM
25 JAN
2011

RE "PEARCE 34 GENERATION" DOCUMENT - CONTINUED

② UPDATE - 25 JAN 2011 - RPU

Upon the arrival of this document on 2 OCT 1977 I took it at face value and embraced all the entries. Over time information gradually accrued about a particular problem with the document.

To describe the problem there is copied below #3 & #4 from Pg 17 of the document.

#3 First child by the second marriage was JOSEPH (24), born April 7, 1714. He married Mary Martin Oct. 3, 1734, and lived at Rehobeth. He died May 5, 1787.

#4 First of his 12 children was NATHANIEL (25), born July 9, 1735. He married Sarah Pierce June 24, 1756, and moved to Northampton County, North Carolina. They had seven children, four sons - PHILLIP, STEPHEN, JOHN and ARTHUR. These four boys changed the spelling of their name to Pearce and in 1771 moved to what then Bute County, later Franklin, and settled on the east side of Moccasin Creek. Nathaniel died Feb. 26, 1821.

The original of this document was by Barnard L. Colby of CT. When the document reached Franklin Co., NC where Andelia Pearce Uychinski and associate inserted local Pearce information which we now know does not belong. Andelia (or associate) entered a footnote on Pg 17 stating in effect that the local information inserted began with the underline shown above in #4 [I think the entire #4 was inserted locally, which insert runs to Pg 28. My belief is that the entire insert is valid (more or less) for the Franklin Co., NC Peaces.

In an attachment of a 7 JAN 2017 email to RPU Janet Lynn (Morgan) Hess presents convincing information that the Nathan Pearce, father of the 4 sons listed in #4, was a son of Phillip Pearce of the Isle of Wight, VA - not a son of Joseph in #3.

Further we now know that our Franklin Co., NC Nathan Pearce was b 1724±4 and d < 1796 (Franklin Co., NC). Some records show a Nathan Pearce b 1710 had a son Nathan Pearce b 1735 d 1821. They may have existed somewhere - but they must be purged from Franklin Co., NC records.

Mrs. Richard Pearce

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A Thousand Years of
PERCIES & PIERCES
from 972 to ~~1948~~
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INTRODUCTION

My original intention was to gather in typewritten, or at the most mimeographed, form for the benefit solely of my children, nieces and nephews genealogical data bequeathed to me by my great uncle, Curtis Irish Fierce, and my grandmother, Cannie Belle Fierce Ledward. But by the time I had completed this task I had engaged in many hours of research which clarified, substantiated and expanded the information handed down to me. The knowledge of the family I acquired in this work revealed that I possessed facts which would be of great interest to thousands of other members of the clan. Thus was born this volume.

Although considerably larger than some "family histories" I have seen advertised (and, to my disappointment, have ordered) this book nevertheless is small in size compared with some genealogies. On the other hand, it is also selling for considerably less than any genuine genealogical book that has ever come to my attention.

The number of pages in this book do not begin to suggest the months of work consumed in their preparation. I have spent considerably more time and money in research, letter writing, traveling and prowling about libraries than I ever intended when I embarked upon this effort. Furthermore, the demand for such a volume as this is limited quite obviously to members of the family and accordingly this is a limited edition in the strictest sense of the word.

When volume is low, the cost per copy is correspondingly high. Despite this, the printing cost is below average because of a fortunate connection I have in the printing trade. Most of the expense in such a venture as this, however, lies not in the actual printing, but in postage. Sending out letters to the thousands of members of the family I have been able to locate is expensive. But happily I am not writing and peddling this so much for profit as for the pleasure it gives me to corral all the early history of the family between two covers for whatever satisfaction it may give my descendants and contemporaries.

My main, but by no means only, sources of information are two books by Colonel Frederick Clifton Fierce, published in 1888 and 1889, out of print and now selling at a premium as collectors' items. All efforts to locate heirs of Colonel Fierce have been fruitless, but Joel Munsell's Sons of South Norwalk, Conn., who published both books at Albany, have given me permission to quote from them. Family members seeking additional information are referred to the publishers, who have some copies of both of Colonel Fierce's books for sale.

Neither book gives the whole lineage contained herein and much additional data have been added to the facts found in them. These two books and other sources to which I am indebted are:

Fierce Genealogy by Col. Frederick Clifton Fierce, 1888, being a record of the posterity of Richard Fierce, an early inhabitant of Portsmouth, R. I., who came from England and whose genealogy is traced back to 972.

Fierce Genealogy No. IV, by Frederick C. Fierce, 1889, being the record of the posterity of Captain Michael, John and Captain William Fierce who came to this country from England.

New England Genealogy and Antiquarian Register; New England Historical and Genealogical Register.

The May-Flower and Her Log, Azel Ames, 1901.

Reliques of Ancient English Poetry, Thomas Percy, 1765.

The Bradford History, 1898.

The Lincoln, Pearce, Porter, Ayers and Related Families, William Ensign Lincoln, 1930.

The Master of the Mayflower, Henry Justin Smith.

Directory of Ancestral Heads of New England Families, 1620-1700, Frank R. Holmes, 1923.

English Exploration and Settlement in North America, 1497-1689, Winsor's History of America, III.

Thanksgiving, Its Origin, Celebration and Significance, edited by Robert H. Schauffler.

Fast and Thanksgiving Days of New England, W. DeLoss Love, Jr.

Bancroft's History of the United States.

Arthur's Etymological Dictionary of Christian Names, 1857.

The Percy Chartulary, Publications of the Surtees Society, Vol. 142.

The Captain Michael Pierce Fight, 1908.

Dugdale's Baronage; Collins' Peerage.

Quarterly Review.

Shakespeare's Henry IV, V and VI.

Encyclopedia Britannica, 1895 and 1929.

Joel Munsell's Sons, South Norwalk, Conn.

Goodspeed's Book Shop, Boston, Mass.

Life Magazine, newspaper clippings, etc.

While this volume traces the direct line from Manfred de Percy, a Danish chieftain, born about 972, down to my children, it is valuable as a family record to thousands of Pierces (however spelled) in the United States. Another Fierce may have only to trace his line back a few generations to link with the direct line traced herein; then he too will have a complete record from 972 to the present. The very least that can be said for this book is that it gives the early history of a great family with which all Pierces, however spelled, are probably connected in some way.

The thirty-one generations in direct descent from Manfred de Percy are designated by numbers in parenthesis.

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New London, Connecticut
November 4, 1947.

CHAPTER I

THE FAMILY

Let me warn inveterate ancestor worshippers at the outset that for every family hero who struts these pages there is a traitor or a knave lurking in the binding.

Let me caution my children not to be too exhilarated to learn that they are descended from a follower of William the Conqueror and from Charlemagne (742), king of the Franks and emperor of the Romans, from warriors related to royalty who set kings on thrones and cuffed them off, from noblemen prominent in the minstrelsy of England and immortalized by Shakespeare. For while some were great and good men, others were rogues of the highest order!

I have placed as much emphasis on the villains, such as John Pierce who owned the Plymouth Colony patent (some say the Mayflower herself) and sought to make the Pilgrims his vassals, as upon the heroes, such as his brother William, captain of the Mayflower on her second voyage to this country, prominent in the early affairs of the Colonies and regarded by some as having been instrumental in bringing about the first official Thanksgiving day!

Those of you who seek names that will make a stir when dropped casually into a dinner conversation will not be disappointed. But I warn you: Some may make more of a stir than you bargain for! Our ancestors were a bold, adventurous and warlike lot, as brave as any, but no more virtuous and honorable than any other family--and no less avaricious and deceitful.

Of the characters you are about to meet, one was hanged, drawn and quartered for treason, another was beheaded; three dwelled so long in the dreaded Tower of London they must have come to regard it as home, and one of them was shot there; two were slain trying to depose a despotic king; three others perished on the battlefield, one was murdered by a mob, another felled by a Spanish ball on the deck of his own ship, yet another killed by Indians.

But take heart! There is not another English noble house so distinguished throughout the whole range of English history as the Percies, according to no less an authority than the Encyclopedia Britannica, it being remarkable alike for its "long, unbroken line, its high achievements and its general culture of arts and of letters."

The Quarterly Review for May, 1843, says: "The House of Percy stands pre-eminent for the number and rank of the families which are represented by the present Duke of Northumberland, whose banner consequently exhibits an assemblage of nearly 900 armorial designs, among which are those of King Henry VII, several younger branches of blood royal, the sovereign houses of France, Castile, Leon and Scotland, and the ducal houses of Normandy and Brittany, forming a galaxy of heraldic honors altogether unparalleled."

The Pierce coat of arms, reproduced on the cover, consists of three ravens rising sable, fesse-hummette, crest of dove with olive branch in its beak, and the motto: "Dixit et Fecit" (He said and he did). The Percy shield was a coat of gold on blue. Life Magazine in its May 26, 1917, issue, reproduced in color the Percy shield and the complex shield of the Northumberland branch of the family.

"This renowned family of Northumberland, England," says Arthur's Etymological Dictionary of Christian Names, "derived their name from Percy forest in the Province of Maen, Normandy, whence they came, which signifies a stony place, from 'pierre'. It may signify a hunting place, from 'pirsen' (Teutonic) to hunt; 'percer' (French) to penetrate, to force one's way."

Both "Percy" and "Algernon," which was popular in the family as a given name, are effeminate to American ears but "Percy," we note here, bears a connotation of hard masculinity, and "Algernon" is a nickname meaning "with the whiskers" and was first applied to William de Percy, a follower of William the Conqueror.

After the family name was changed from Percy to Pierce (or Peirce or Pearce) it is found in any one of these three spellings. The ancestor who made the change in the family name was called Pierce, Pearce and Peirce, probably because of the lack of uniformity in spelling in those days, and the three spellings apparently were used interchangeably by many of his descendants. Pierecs, Pearcecs and Peirces, it seems, all trace their lineage back to this Richard and, through him, to the Percys.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register lists after the family name Percy these variations: Pearcey, Peirsey, Percey, Percie, Percye, Persie, Piercy and Piersey.

After Pierce are listed: Parce, Parse, Pearce, Peares, Peare, Pearse, Pearss, Peerce, Peeres, Peers, Peerse, Peirc, Peirce, Peirs, Peirse, Perce, Pers, Parse, Perss, Piers, Pierce and Pirce.

Nine of the ten chapters in this book are devoted to the early history of the family; that is, the period from 972 to and including the three famous brothers who were so prominent in the affairs of Plymouth Colony. Only Chapter IX is concerned with the descent from Michael Pierce to my children. All the other chapters deal with ancestors through whom thousands of family members in this country, however they spell the family name, may trace their descent.

In the interest of uniformity, the Percy and Pierce spellings will be used herein.

CHAPTER II

THE BEGINNING - 972 to 1299

This story begins nearly a thousand years ago. Turn your mind back a thousand years to the early Middle Ages: It would be 500 years before Michelangelo dipped brush in paint; Joan of Arc stood at the stake or Columbus decided to prove the world is round; 300 years before Marco Polo would pack a grip, 200 before Robin Hood would lead his Merry Men, a century before knights would set forth on the first Crusade!

Our story starts in 972 with the birth of a male infant named MANFRED (1). We know little of him except that he grew up to become a Danish chieftain and that he, with his son GALFRED (2) and other associates and their families joined forces with Ralph the Ganger, son of a Norwegian Viking who was leading his people to a warmer climate. The emigrants sailed up the River Loire and settled in the Province of Maen in Normandy. Here Manfred and his family adopted the name Percy.

"Brave Galfred to Normandy with vent'rous Rolla came;
"And, from his Norman castles won, assumed the Percy name."
(Hermit of Warkworth by Thomas Percy).

Two sons of Galfred, William and Serlo de Percy, with 50,000 others crossed the English channel in the army of William the Conqueror in 1066 and took part in the great Battle of Hastings, fought in September of that year, near Southampton, England. The Directory of Ancestral Heads of New England Families says one man bearing the name of Percy was captain of the Conqueror's fleet, but proof that it was either William or Serlo is lacking.

For his part in the conquest of England, WILLIAM (3) received large holdings in Hampshire, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. By the time of the Domesday Survey, the family held 86 lordships in the North Riding. William refounded the Abbey of Whitby which the Danes had destroyed and his brother Serlo became abbot. William's wife Emma, daughter of Hugh de Port, a great Hampshire baron, gave him several sons.

The eldest, ALAN (4), succeeded him. Alan's son WILLIAM (5) had a son also named WILLIAM (6). William had a son of the same name who died, and the family inheritance finally fell to his sister, AGNES de PERCY (7) from whom all later Percies descended.

For eight generations the family was to be headed by a Henry, "a remarkable continuance of a single Christian name" which "would have been less surprising in later and more peaceful times." The first four Earls of Northumberland of this name and one heir apparent were killed in battle or died violent deaths.

Agnes married Josceline de Louvaine, younger son of Godfrey, reigning duke of Brabant, and brother of Adela (Alice) of Louvaine, King Henry I's second queen. Josceline boasted a noble heritage, having descended through Gerberga, the daughter of Charles, Duke of Lorraine, from Charlemagne (born 742), king of the Franks and emperor of the Romans and, in the male line, from the ancient dukes of Hainault.

Yet the proud Agnes demanded that he give up either his family name or coat of arms. Josceline decided by assuming the name Percy, thus keeping alive this illustrious family, and the ancient royal arms of Brabant were incorporated into the Percy shield.

Josceline, through his sister and king-brother-in-law, received the great estate of Petworth in Sussex. He held several important posts including castellan at Arundel. A son, Richard, (1170-1244) was one of the barons who rose against King John and Henry III and was one of the 25 barons named to enforce the Magna Carta.

Josceline and Agnes had another son HENRY de PERCY (8) who married Isabel de Bruce of Skelton, whose family later supplied Scotland with kings. By marrying Isabel, Henry fell heir to the privilege and duty of escorting the lady of Skelton castle to Christmas mass each year and afterward dining with her.

Their son, WILLIAM de PERCY (9), third territorial lord of Petworth, was twice married, the second time to Ellen de Baliol, who added to the family holdings Dalton in the bishopric of Durham, probably the Percies' first English possession north of the Tees.

She also gave him a son, HENRY de PERCY (10) who married Eleanor, daughter of John Plantagenet and a descendant of the Count of Anjou, second husband of Maid of England, empress of Germany.

Their youngest son, HENRY de PERCY (11) (1272-1315) inherited the family honors and riches. He was most active during Edward I's Scottish wars as Governor of Galloway until Robert Bruce drove him out of Turnberry castle and back into England. (In 1297 he was sent to Scotland in command of forces of his uncle, Earl of Warren and general of all the armies north of the Trent. Dugdale's Baronage, Vol. I, P. 272). He was one of the victors at Dunbar. He was in fact a warrior from youth to old age and for the success of his arms King Edward rewarded him with the Scotch Earldom of Carrick, declared forfeited by Robert the Bruce, later king of Scotland, and governorships of the Castles of Bamborough and Scarborough.

Having been summoned in 1299 to the House of Lords which created for him the Baroncy in fee of Percy, he later acquired Alnwick in the county of Northumberland which William Tyron, Saxon baron, had owned when he was slain in the Battle of Hastings. He procured also the Lordship of Corbridge in Northumberland where his descendants presided over a princely court. ("Barons and those knyghtes bold, and other gentlemen with hym entertayned in fee, as menyall men of his household whom he as lord worshiply maintayned." From Skelton's Elegy on the death of the Fourth Earl of Northumberland, Dugdale's Baronage.) Henry died in 1315, leaving by his wife, the Lady Eleanor Fitz-Alan, a son, HENRY (12), second Baron Percy of Alnwick (1299-1352).

CHAPTER III

1299 to 1364

This second baron, before he was 21, received a grant of the Northumbrian fees which had belonged to Patrick de Dunbar, Scotch Earl of Dunbar and March, who had risen against King Edward II. (A fee, or fief, under the feudal system, was land held from a superior in return for a specific service.) He joined in 1326 with Prince Edward, Queen Isabella and other barons in suppressing the Spencers and when the grateful prince took the throne as Edward III he gave Percy custody of the castle of Skipton in Yorkshire and the castle and barony of Warkworth in Northumberland (See the Hermit of Warkworth). Because he was one of Edward III's favorites, he received from Edward Baliol, whose claim to the Scottish crown had been supported by the English king, large Scottish grants of the forfeited estates of David Bruce's followers. Shortly afterward he received a grant of 500 marks a year out of the old customs at Berwick.

In 1346 he defeated the Scots at Neville's Cross and took prisoner their king, David Bruce. The Douglas clan fought with the Scots and perhaps that storied rivalry in arms of these two great border names started here. By his wife, Idonea de Clifford, daughter of Robert Lord Clifford, whose line had such a claim to beauty, Henry had several children, including Thomas de Percy who at 22 became Bishop of Norwich, and Matilda de Percy who married John Lord Nevill of Raby and became mother of the first Earl of Westmoreland. His eldest son, HENRY de PERCY (13) (1322-1368) who became third Lord Percy of Alnwick in 1351-2, went with Richard III on his expedition to France which culminated in the victory at Crecy. He held important positions in later life. He married, when she was only 14, Lady Mary Plantagenet, daughter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster and grandson of King Henry III. He left two sons, Thomas, who became Earl of Worcester, and HENRY (14), who was made Earl of Northumberland at the coronation of King Richard II when he served as marshal of England - "two names which the drama has vied with history in rendering illustrious."

"The near alliance of the two brothers by blood to the reigning family," writes Colonel Pierce, "and the stirring times in which they lived insured them the opportunity of distinction while their own ability and enterprise urged them to profit by it. Both served with honor in the French wars of Edward III, both long enjoyed the favor of his weak successor, Richard II, and by him were elevated to their earldoms; both deserted his failing fortunes and combined to place the able and domineering Henry of Bolingbroke on the throne; and both, unable to endure the severe sway with which he wielded the rod of empire they had placed in his hand, endeavored by open war to depose him and perished in the bold attempt."

(Before the break with King Henry, Worcester, in Henry IV, Part 1, p.3, reminds him of his family's services: "Our house, my sovereign liege, little deserves the scourge of greatness to be used on it; and the same greatness to which our hands have help to make so portly").

Worcester, when only Sir Thomas Percy, was admiral of the English fleet sent to Spain in 1387 to take the Kingdoms of Castile and Leon on behalf of John of Gaunt (fourth son of Edward III and first Duke of Lancaster from whom that house descended) who claimed them by virtue of his marriage to Constance of Castile. He went to Paris in 1392 to make peace with Charles VI of France who, according to Froisart, "made a dinner to the English knights and called Syr Thomas Percy to sytte at his borde and called him cosyne, by reason of Northumberlande's blood."

His brother Henry, as Lord Percy, had with John of Gaunt been a prominent supporter of the early religious reformer, John Wickliffe, and had stood by him when he was cited before the arch-bishop at St. Paul's. Showing an independence characteristic of a northern baron, he disregarded a summons by Richard II to appear in court, was banished, and fled to Scotland. He joined Henry of Lancaster after he had landed at Ravenspur and helped lead King Richard into his clutches at Conway. For this King Henry gave him the life-long post of Constable of England, plus a gift of the Isle of Man, high posts in Cheshire, Wales and on the Scottish border and a commissionership for the marriage of Henry's daughter Blanche with Louis, Duke of Bavaria.

CHAPTER IV

1364 to 1403

But his life is so closely entwined with that of his celebrated son, HENRY (15) "Prince Hotspur of the North," that duplication will be avoided and continuity better preserved if we follow their progress together.

Hotspur, the first Northumberland Earl's eldest son by his first wife, Margaret Nevill, sister of the first Earl of Westmoreland, was born May 30, 1364. His nickname was probably given him by the Scots with whom he spent most of his life fighting. First armed at 14 when the Castle of Berwick was besieged by the Scots, his spur was never cold. (Shakespeare's Henry IV thought so highly of him that he says in Part I, Act I, Scene I: "Oh, that it could be proved that some night-tripping fairy had exchanged in cradle clothes our children, where they lay, and called mine Percy--his Plantagenet!").

Hotspur was despatched to Calais in 1386 to make raids on France but was recalled within a short time to defend his country against a French naval attack. When the Scots sent a force under James, second Earl of Douglas, and the Earls of Moray and Mar to invade England through Carlisle in 1388, Hotspur and his brother, Sir Ralph Percy, were sent against them by their father, the earl.

They met the Scottish forces at Newcastle-on-Tyne where Douglas captured Hotspur's banner. The Scots, however, beat a retreat and Hotspur, swearing he would recover his pennon, led the pursuit. He attacked the Scots at Otterburn (August of 1388) and is said, perhaps erroneously, to have slain Douglas with his own hand. Thus, in ballad and story, Percy came to be one of the heroes of Otterburn or Chevy Chase.

("At Otterburn began this spurn upon a monnyday; Ther was the doughti Douglas slain, the Persi never went away." From the more ancient version of Chevy Chase, "The Percy was a man of strength, I tell you in thys stounde; he smote the Douglas at the sworde's length, that he felle to the grouynde." From the ballad, Battle of Otterboarne. See Reliques of Ancient English Poetry by Thomas Percy. The ballad writers apparently confused two battles.)

But when the fighting had ended Hotspur was the prisoner of Sir John Montgomery and his brother Ralph was held by Sir John Maxwell. Hotspur's captor freed him in return for a handsome ransom which included 3,000 pounds donated by Richard II. In further recompense, the king extended to five years Hotspur's term as warden of Carlisle and the West March.

Nevertheless, when Henry of Lancaster landed at Yorkshire in 1399, Hotspur and his father and uncle threw their powerful support to him and helped make him King Henry IV. The new king rewarded Hotspur with Roxburgh, Berwick and Banburgh castles and made him warden of the East March which carried a peacetime salary of 3,000 pounds and a wartime salary of four times as much. His father was placed in charge of the West March. In addition, Hotspur was named Constable of the castles of Flint, Conway, Chester, Carnarvon and Denbigh, appointed justiciar of North Wales, and presented with the island of Anglesey with Beaumaris castle.

The next year, April 1, 1401, his castle of Conway was captured by William and Rees ap Tudor. Once again Hotspur set forth to do battle, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, but himself financing the expedition. He took Merioneth, Conway

and Carnarvon by the end of May after which he applied for back salary which was refused. About the same time Hotspur asked his monarch's permission to ransom his brother-in-law, Sir Edward Mortimer, who had been taken prisoner by Owen Glendower who claimed descent from the ancient princes of Wales and had been trying to persuade the Welsh to renounce their allegiance to King Henry. The king denied permission, retorting that Mortimer had gone voluntarily and no loyal subject could wish him back. It is often dangerous to place someone too deeply in your debt; King Henry owed so much to the Percy family that the gnawing awareness of it must have distilled to bitterness.

Hotspur let this last rebuke pass and when the Scots under the third Earl of Douglas and Murdock Stewart, the Duke of Albany's son, raided England through Northumberland in 1402, he and his father intercepted them in their flight homeward toward the border. They roundly defeated the Scots September 14 at Halidon Hill (also Humbladon and Homildon) and took prisoner their general, Earl of Douglas, and other Scottish nobles. (See Sir Walter Scott's drama of Halidon Hill in which the scene is with poetic license transferred from Homildon to the earlier battlefield of Halidon.)

This pleased the king, who wanted to use the prisoners in bartering for an agreeable peace with Scotland. But Percy regarded them, especially the Douglas, as his personal property and refused to surrender them to any such scheme. The king summoned Percy to explain at court. Hotspur appeared and when Henry demanded Douglas, Percy demanded Mortimer. Angered, the king struck Percy in the face, drew his sword and called him a traitor. "Not here, but on the field," Percy replied, and got away with it.

The Percies had now had their fill of King Henry, on whose head they had placed the crown, and they began plotting to remove it. Hotspur joined forces with his erstwhile enemies, the Earl of Douglas and Owen Glendower, and his uncle Thomas, Earl of Worcester, and, in 1403, Hotspur proclaimed the young Earl of March King of England.

The fight was on. Hotspur took command of the revolutionists, his father being confined by illness at Berwick, and marched with Douglas toward Shrewsbury where they were to join Glendower. Hotspur's uncle, Worcester, was the king's lieutenant in South Wales but he too revolted and joined them, bringing reinforcements.

Arriving the morning of July 21, 1403, at the Castle Foregate in Shrewsbury and demanding provisions, they were startled to discover that King Henry's forces had arrived before them. Hotspur's army retired about three and a half miles toward Whitchurch. There, in the afternoon, the royal army joined battle. An arrow killed Hotspur. The Earls of Douglas and Worcester and other rebel nobles were captured and their army scattered. Worcester was executed the following day. Hotspur's body was buried at Whitchurch but two days later was dug up and displayed at Shrewsbury; the head was cut off and suspended on the gates of York.

CHAPTER V

1403 to 1590

Hotspur's father, despite his illness, had set out to aid his son and brother but arrived too late. With both now dead, he had only his young grandson, HENRY PERCY, (16), son of Hotspur and Elizabeth (the "gentle Kate" of Shakespeare and sister of Sir Edward Mortimer). Perhaps because he hoped to salvage something for the boy, the Earl went peaceably to King Henry. He was taken in custody but his power and influence were still great and he was acquitted of treason in full parliament, with all honors and possessions restored to him. So powerful had the family become that the king "lest all the north should revolt to the Scots," commanded the Earl of Northumberland and Ralph Nevill, Earl of Westmoreland, who had stood by the Lancastrian standard, "in token of perfect amity to kiss each other in open parliament."

But confidence was lacking between king and earl from this time on, and in 1405 Northumberland joined the insurrection of Arch-bishop Scrope. Scrope, be-headed as a rebel, was later venerated as a martyr throughout the north of England. Northumberland fled to Scotland, taking his grandson. Leaving the lad with the family's old enemies, the Scots, the Earl returned to Northumberland in 1407, his ancient tenantry and retainers rallied to his standard and he proclaimed that he had come to relieve the nation of tyranny and oppression. His forces advanced as far as Karnesborough in Yorkshire where, at Bramham Moor, he was defeated and killed. His white-haired head was sent to London as a trophy.

His estates confiscated and his titles attainted, HENRY PERCY, the second Earl (16), was brought up with kindness by the Scots "as if he had not been the whelp of the lion breed that had been the defense of the English and the terror of the Scottish border." Early in the reign of King Henry V, while young Percy was still an exile, the Earl of Cambridge conspired to return him to England along with Thomas de Trumpington, the imposter who bore a remarkable resemblance to the king, hoping to raise an insurrection. The plot was discovered and Cambridge was executed for treason.

About this time the name Henry de Percy, Knt., was listed in Henry V's retinue on the voyage which led to the victory at Agincourt. (See Shakespeare's Henry V.) It is not in the list of battle casualties which probably means he was either wounded previously at the siege of Harfleur or had remained there in garrison. This knight, however, was probably a son of Sir Thomas Percy, younger brother of Hotspur; according to other records the Henry de Percy under consideration was summoned from Scotland by the king and his family's former high position restored to him.

The fact that Percy had married Lady Eleanor Nevill, the monarch's cousin, explains the king's act at least in part. King Henry had been led to forgive the Percies also by his aunt, Countess of Westmoreland and daughter of John of Gaunt, but it is probable that the king also recognized the value of having the Percies' merits and influence to draw upon. "For this much of its facts the beautiful ballad, The Hermit of Warkworth, of which Percy and his bride are hero and heroine, has its warrant in history." (See Collins' Feerage, Pp. 70-1.) The House of Lancaster found no cause to regret its kindness to Percy; although his grandfather and father had died fighting against it, he and four of his sons were to die fighting for it.

"In the third year of King Henry VI," says Collins' Peerage, "he, for the better confirmation of the dignity of the Earl of Northumberland, obtained a charter of creation thereunto, with the yearly fee of 20 pounds, 'nomine comitis,' out of the profits of that country." Some 11 years later a private feud is said to have flared up between this Earl of Northumberland and Earl William Douglas of Angus at Pepperden, near the Cheviot Hills. This is suggested by Brydges' edition of Collins' Peerage to have supplied the story of the ballad of Chevy Chase. If so, it would seem that Northumberland had violated the law of the border by crossing to Scotland to hunt without the Scottish warden's leave and that the Douglas had attacked the hunting party, the resulting skirmish, too unimportant for historians, being embellished by the bards.

Although a soldier first, this earl seems to have had an interest in literature, for he is commemorated among the benefactors of Oxford for having founded three fellowships at University college there for those born in the diocese of Durham, Carlisle or York.

The earl had been appointed Constable of England by Henry VI by the time the war of the Roses broke out. He was slain in the Battle of St. Albans in 1455 while fighting beside the king and was buried in the abbey at St. Albans. Shakespeare, in Henry VI, Part I, Act. 2, Scene 4, says the selection of the white and red roses as badges in this conflict occurred at a meeting of some great lords in the Temple garden. Richard Plantagenet, afterward Duke of York, exclaims: "In dumb significance proclaime your thoughts--Let him, that is a true-born gentleman, and stands upon the honor of his birth, if he suppose that I have pleaded truth, from off this brair pluck a white rose with me." To which John Beaufort, Earl of Somerset, in behalf of his own kindred of the House of Lancaster, replies: "Let him that is no coward, nor no flatterer, but dare maintain the party of the truth, pluck a red rose from off this thorn with me."

A son of the earl, SIR RALPH PERCY (17) (1425-1464) was seneschal of his father's court at Alnwick. He died on the battlefield of Hedgeley Moor in April 1464. Percy's Cross was erected there to honor his gallantry when he refused to save his skin by fleeing, at the expense of "the bird in his bosom."

Ralph's son, PETER (18), who was born in 1447, was standard bearer for Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485.

Peter's son, RICHARD (19), founded Pearce Hall in York.

His son, RICHARD, Jr. (20) changed the family name from Percy to Fierce (also Peirce and Pearce).

CHAPTER VI

JOHN PIERCE, ADVENTURER

We come now to the "Modern" or American branch of the family. Richard Pierce of Bristol England changed the family name from Percy to Pierce, also variously spelled as Pearce, Peirce. He had four sons, three of whom came to New England, or the New World, from London and Bristol, England. The four sons of Richard were:

Richard, Jr., (21), the eldest, was born about 1590 and came to Portsmouth, R. I. from Bristol, England, in 1654. He had a wife, Martha, who bore him eight children.

His brother, John (21), citizen and colothworker of London, never came to America. He was a leader of the Merchant Adventurers and owned the Plymouth Colony patent. So little was known of the Pilgrims that for years they were known only as "Mr. Pierce's Company." John procured the patent for New England, superseding the Wincob patent, on Feb. 12, 1620. It conveyed with self-governing power a tract of land to be selected by the planters near the mouth of the Hudson. It gave 100 acres of land to each planter but confined them within no boundaries. Rent, to be paid after seven years, was set at two shillings per hundred acres, but 1,500 acres were guaranteed to each "undertaker" for support of schools, churches and hospitals.

John, it appears, was something of a knave. His original patent had effect for only a year and in April of 1622 he surreptitiously supplemented it with another granting him additional powers with which he attempted to make the Pilgrims his vassals, but without success. He planned to have no associates but to make himself sole proprietor of the country, making the settlers his tenants and himself their lord, subject to his laws and courts. Other adventurers sought to buy his claim, which had cost him only 50 pounds, but he held out for 500 and the deal fell through.

In December of 1612 he equipped the ship Paragon and set sail to take possession of his kingdom, taking along many passengers and much freight. As if in retribution, wind and waves attacked the vessel and 14 days later she was back at London for repairs. She started a second time the following February with yet more freight and passengers crowded aboard to help cover the losses. A tempest fell upon the ship in mid-ocean, felled her mainmast, washed away her upper works and nearly sank her. Again the Paragon limped back to port. She was repaired a second time and set sail under command of Capt. William Pierce, John's brother. John's losses had been so great he was obliged to make a deal whereby he assigned his patent to the Plymouth Colony.

Bradford's History of Plimouth Plantation (by William Bradford, governor of the Colony from 1621 to shortly before his death in 1657, with the exception of five years) chronicles the Colony's history in detail up to 1646 and is studded with references to both John and William Pierce.

Recording the Paragon's ill-fated voyages, he wrote: "This ship was brought by Mr. Johb Peirce, and sent out at his own charge, upon hope of great maters. These passengers, & ye goods the company sent in her, he took in for fraught, for which they agreed with him to be delivered hear. This was he in whose name their first patente was taken, by reason of acquaintance, and some aliance that some of their friends had with him. But his name was only used in trust. But when he saw they were hear hopfully thus seated, and by ye success God gave them had obtained ye favour of ye Counsell of New-England, he goes and sues to them for another patente of much larger extente (in their names), which was easily obtained. But he meant to keep it to himself and allow them what he pleased, to hold of him as tenants, and sue to his courts as chief lord, as will appear by that which follows."

Bradford then quotes from a letter written April 9, 1623: "Now with great trouble & Loss, we have got Mr. John Peirce to assigne over ye grand patente to ye companie, which he had taken in his owne name, and made quite voyd our former grante. I am sorie to writ how many hear think ye hand of God was justly against him, both ye first & 2. time of his returne; in regarde he whom you and we so confidently trusted, but only to use his name for ye company, should aspire to be lord over us all, and so make you & us tenants at his will and pleasure, our assurance or patente being quite voyd & disanuled by his means...."

Some sources indicate that John Pierce owned the famour Mayflower. A newspaper clipping of a recent year pictures Sall, Pierce of Seattle and describes her as a lineal descendent of "Capt. John Pierce who owned the Mayflower." William Ensign Lincoln states flatly and unequivocally that John Pierce was the owner of the vessel. Other sources add that Thomas Weston was his agent, suggesting that it may not have been known even at the time that Pierce was the real owner.

John Pierce certainly was the "recognized representative" of the Merchant Adventurers (See the May-Flower and Her Log) and Weston just as certainly acted as agent for Pierce and his company in engaging Capt. Christopher Jones to make the voyage and in procuring Pierce's patent (See The Master of the Mayflower). Thus a gesting that it may not have been known even at the time that concerned is certainly not illogical.

Ames in The May-Flower and Her Log, presents a good circumstantial case to support his statement that the owner of the Mayflower was "probably" Thomas Goffe, Esq., a shipowner and one of the adventurers. He makes a convincing argument, but it still remains that the ownership of the famous vessel is one of those vexing questions which history has not settled. It apparently would be just a difficult to prove that John Pierce was not the "silent" owner of the Mayflower as it would be to prove he was.

CHAPTER VII

WILLIAM FIERCE - 1595 to 1641

Capt. William Pierce (21) born in England about 1595, brother of Richard and John Pierce, and captain of the Mayflower on her second voyage to New England, is as much the hero of this piece as John is the villain.

The regard in which he was held is indicated by this excerpt from Bancroft's History of the United States: "The captain of the Mayflower (on its first voyage), named Jones, had agreed to take them (the Pilgrims) only across the Atlantic. He is said to have been bribed by Virginian and Dutch colonists not to bring the Pilgrims to Virginia or New Amsterdam. Capt. William Pierce would have landed them where they wished, and if he had commanded the Mayflower on that voyage New England might have been settled in Virginia or New York. The Pilgrims had planned to go to the Hudson river."

Although it was not until her second voyage that he was captain of the famed Mayflower, Capt. William had more than his share of "firsts." He brought the first cattle to New England from England (Ship Charity, 1624). He brought from the West Indies to New England the first cotton (1633) and the first sweet potatoes (Ship Desire in 1636). He published the first bound book in English to be printed in North America - Pierce's (Peirse's) Almanac of 1639 calculated for New England and printed by Stephen Day, "an exceedingly illiterate printer," on a press brought to Boston in 1638 by the Rev. Mr. Glover, English clergyman.

Although the first Thanksgiving Day is commonly considered to have been that celebration following the first Pilgrim harvest in 1621, it has been suggested that Captain William Pierce was instrumental in bringing about the first real Thanksgiving observance ten years later!

The winter of 1630-31 was severe, game was scarce, the corn supply was nearly gone, even acorns and ground nuts were concealed by heavy snows. Women of the Colony were set to digging clams; a ration of five kernels of corn a day for each person was ordered. The Colonists were on the verge of starvation and had designated Feb. 22, 1631, as a fast day of prayer.

Governor Winthrop, anticipating a hard winter, had sent Captain Pierce to England for provisions in the ship Lyon the previous fall. Pierce was delayed when he came upon the ship Ambrose, dismasted, and towed her home to Bristol. The Colonists had about given up hope of his return when the Lyon was spied, in the words of Cotton Mather, "just as Winthrop was distributing the last handful of meal in the barrel."

The Lyon was loaded with beef and pork, wheat, peas, oatmeal, cheese, butter, suet and lemon juice. The scheduled fast day was joyfully turned into a Thanksgiving day. Mary Lowe in Thanksgiving, edited by Robert H. Schauffler, calls this "the first Thanksgiving day of which any written record remains in the Colonial records of Massachusetts" and adds, "We may justly claim this as the origin of Thanksgiving day." Lincoln writes: "This appears to have been the origin of Thanksgiving day." W. deLoss Love, Jr., in Fast and Thanksgiving Days of New England, calls the 1621 celebration "a harvest festival...not a Thanksgiving at all...not a day set aside for religious worship, but a whole week of festivity." Mary Lowe agrees, stating many deny the 1621 celebration was the first Thanksgiving day and pointing out the lack of any religious service during this week of feasting.

Described as the most celebrated master of ships to come into the waters of New England during the Colonists' early history, Captain William was an intimate and confidant of both Gov. William Bradford and Edward Winslow, a founder of the Colony, thrice Governor and later commissioner of the United Colonies of New England.

According to Lincoln, Captain William was master of the Mayflower on nine different voyages. He certainly was captain of these ships: Paragon, 1622, (owned by Brother John); Anne, 1623, third ship to arrive from England; Charity, 1624, carrying Winslow and the first cattle from England; Jacob, 1625; Mayflower, 1629; Lyon, 1630, with Roger Williams and wife; Lyon, 1631, with John Elliot and Governor Winthrop's wife; Lyon, 1632, with Winthrop, Rebecca, 1634; Narragansett, 1634.

He was in the West Indies in 1635 and the same year rescued refugees from the Connecticut Valley. He sailed to Block Island in the Desire in 1636 and the next year took supplies from Boston to soldiers fighting the Pequot War. He sailed the Desire from London to Boston in 1638 and the next year sailed her back to London in a record 23 days. In 1641 in the same ship he commanded an expedition carrying dissenters to the West Indies. The Spaniards were hostile and he turned back, stopping at New Providence, an island in the Bahamas, to bring away a congregation there.

Says Colonel Pierce in his Pierce Genealogy: "Though finding the Spaniards already in possession he stood gallantly in, hoping to rescue his countrymen. When the enemy opened upon him with cannon, he sent his people into the hold for safety, retaining on deck but one man to aid in working the ship. While lying in the caboose watching the sails, the captain and this sailor were fatally wounded by the same shot (July 13, 1641). The Desire headed for home, her noble master finding a fitting grave in the blue sea upon which so much of his life had been spent. His death was much lamented in the two colonies, which had so long known him as a skilful navigator and a Christian gentleman."

One of the "two colonies" referred to certainly was Massachusetts, and the other may be Virginia. Lincoln states that Pierce lived briefly (1623-4) at James City, Va., with his wife Jane and 34 servants and that he served as Burgess from James City to the Virginia general assembly, later moving to Boton. Colonel Pierce, however, gives as William's addresses only Bristol, England, Boston and Providence in the Bahamas.

CHAPTER VIII

MICHAEL PIERCE, 1615 to 1676

The fourth brother, CAPT. MICHAEL PIERCE (21), was captain of the Colonists' militia after serving as ensign under Miles Standish, and perished March 26, 1676, "in the greatest calamity to befall Plymouth Colony during King Philip's War." He was born in 1615 in England, probably Bristol, and moved to Boston about 1647, settling at nearby Scituate. While there is evidence in the town records of his participation in public affairs he is best remembered for his military accomplishments.

The military in 1666 nominated James Cudworth to the Colony court for ratification as captain, Michael Pierce as Lieutenant. The court replied the selection of Cudworth "is directly against the advice of the court, and as to Mr. Pierce, he is a stranger to us; therefore Sergt. John Daman is directed to take command till further orders." During the next three years the court apparently came to know Pierce for it commissioned him captain in 1669.

In 1675 Pierce made a will which started: "Being now, by the appointment of God, going out to war against the Indians..." He took part in the Narragansett fight in December of that year and escaped with his life. During the spring of 1676 the Narragansetts ravaged settlements in Rhode Island and even penetrated to Plymouth and killed a number of inhabitants. Captain Pierce, with about 55 English and some 20 Christian Indians, was ordered to pursue them. He tracked them to the Blackstone river, near Pawtucket, R. I., where on Sunday, March 26, 1676, the Captain Michael Pierce fight took place, ending in what was to stand as the greatest massacre of whites by Indians until Custer and the Little Big Horn, just 200 years later.

Spying a few Indians on the opposite bank, limping as they ran into the woods, he led his men across the river. The company fell into an ambush with some thousand Indians on three sides and the river at its rear. Pierce formed his men in a circle and they fought for two hours, managing to withdraw across the river only to be surrounded on that side by 400 more redskins, who killed all but a few who escaped and nine who were taken prisoners. These last were led a short distance away and tortured and killed at what is now called Nine Men's Misery.

Captain Pierce fell early in the battle, and about 50 other English and 11 friendly Indians perished, but not before they had despatched 140 of the enemy. Pierce had sent a messenger from Rehobeth, Mass., to Providence, requesting assistance, after learning that Indians had been reported at Pawtucket, but the messenger attended divine service before delivering the message and reinforcements were too late.

The rest of the enemy band went the next day to Rehobeth and burned 40 dwellings and, two days later, set the torch to 29 at Providence. Pierce's defeat and the Indians' boldness caused the United Colonies to send into the field almost their entire strength. The Indians retreated to the west but the English captured Canonchet, son of Chief Miantonomi, and took him to Stonington, Conn., where he was put to death. His head was sent to Hartford and his body burned. When told what was in store for him, Canonchet grunted: "I like it well. I shall die before my heart is soft, or I have said anything unworthy of myself."

For whatever it may signify there is an entry in the records at Plymouth, dated March, 1669, stating that "Miche. Peirse of Scituate, was presented at the court for unseemly carriages toward Sarah Nichols of Scituate." The court remitted the presentment because there appeared only one testimony to it and it was written and not read to the deponent.

Captain Fierce was twice married, the second time to Annah James. He had eight daughters and one son. It is through Capt. Michael Pierce's son that my line descends. (IN FRANKLIN COUNTY)

Sons Name - EPHRAIM

CHAPTER IX

1650 to 1821

Michael's son, EPHRAIM (22), born probably at Scituate, Mass., about 1650, Married Hannah Holbrook, daughter of John Holbrook of Weymouth. They moved to Warwick, R. I., and in 1681 Ephraim was made freeman of the Colony from Providence. His will, dated July 18, 1718, was proved at Warwick, Sept. 23, 1719. He died Sept. 14 of that year. He had eight children.

His eldest, Azrikim (23) was born Jan. 4, 1671, and married Sarah Heywood (or Howard) Dec. 31, 1696. She died Aug. 12, 1712, and he married Elizabeth Esten May 6, 1713, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Esten. He lived at Warwick until he moved about 1720 to Rehobeth, Mass.

First child by the second marriage was JOSEPH (24), born April 7, 1714. He married Mary Martin Oct. 3, 1734, and lived at Rehobeth. He died May 5, 1787.

First of his 12 children was NATHANIEL (25), born July 9, 1735. He married Sarah Pierce June 24, 1756, and moved to Northampton County, North Carolina. They had seven children, four sons - PHILLIP, STEPHEN, JOHN and ARTHUR. These four boys changed the spelling of their name to Pearce and in 1771 moved to what then Bute County, later Franklin, and settled on the east side of Moccasin Creek. Nathaniel died Feb. 26, 1821.

Phillip (26), Nathaniel's son, fought in the Revolutionary war and was in the battles of Alamance and King Mountain. In 1778 he married Nancy Bunn and they had six children. Henry, born May 16, 1779; Nathaniel (Nathan), born May 23, 1783; Eli, born Aug. 30, 1785; John, born Nov. 10, 1787; Hardy, born May 12, 1789, and Haley, birthdate unknown. Phillip died and was buried in the old Bryant Stallings Graveyard, near Moccasin Creek in Franklin County.

The first land Deed recorded in Franklin County Courthouse reads as this:

Philip Pierce to Stephen Pierce 50 lbs. specie 300 acres beginning on Moccasin Creek on the branch of Blackjack Oak to lightwood stake to black oak to post oak to hickory to sweetgum. Part of track of Hud granted to Joseph Norris by great of kin, state of North Carolina. And from Hud Norris to Philip Pierce. Date Feb. 7, 1788.

Some more Deeds recorded:

1791 Stephen Pearce to Elisah Strickland

Nov. 23, 1791 - Ersha Strickland to James Pearce of Frankly - 20 acres on Mockasin Creek.

1792 - 1793 - Wm. Pearce to Wm. Sandes and Soloman Dovey

1794 - Phillip Pearce - Stephen Pearce to Arti Pearce

1794 - John to Arti

Phillip to John June 1, 1794

CHAPTER X

NATHAN PEARCE

NATHAN, (27), Phillip's son, married Susan Upchurch the second time (no information found on first marriage). To this union was born 11 children, 8 sons and 3 daughters. Burrell, 8-27-1806; Thomas, 6-30-1812; Aaron, 6-12-1814; Francis, 11-11-1816; Simeon, 3-22-1819; Peter, 6-7-1821; Paul, Feb. 1824; Silas, 9-18-1826; Soloman, 6-16-1821 and Nancy, 10-20-1833. Six of these boys served in the Confederate Army with four being killed. Nathan Pearce died _____ and is buried in the Nathan Pearce Graveyard, two miles north west of Pearce's church. (There is some confusion at the spelling of one child's name born June 12, 1814, it is either Aaron, Acron, or Acrel).

Burrell (28), (Nathan's 1st child) born Aug. 27, 1806, married Rebecca Robertson. Their Children were: Jane, born 1839; Nathan, birthdate unknown, went to Alabama; Mary Robertson; Helen; Julia; Mary Rebecca; William Bryant; Sidney; George and Robert.

Thomas (28), Nathan 2nd son, born 6-30-1812, married _____
Four children, M. J., born Aug. 9, 1833; Fern P., born Oct. 30, 1836; J. S., born April 5, 1849.

Fern Pearce (29) married Jane Phillips, they raised six children, Jack, Eddie, David, Addie, Susan, and Frank.

Jack (30) married Bettie Holden and raised five children, Oscar, Bobby, Andrew, Nell and Josephine.

Oscar (31) married Maye Williams, one child, Richard.

Andrew (31) Married Mary Ferguson, three children, Margaret, Elizabeth and Maurene.

Eddie (30) married Belle Holden, five children, Maggie, Flossie, Minnie Belle, Robert and Richard.

David (30) married 1st Sallie Cawthern, 2nd Ida Badley, 3rd Fannie Pearce. Eight children by first wife, Willie D., Ivy, Furney, Linwood, Clyde, Mabel, Myrtle and Wilmon.

Frank (30) married Florence Poole. There were eight children, Thetie Belle, Mary, Margaret, Rebecca, Franklin, Paul Hampton, Swain, and Wayne.

Addie (30) Married Calvin Pearce. There were three Children, Ruby, Thomas and Linda.

Ray (31) married 1st Mae Hood, 2nd Jannie Privett,
3rd Ralph Seipel.

Thomas (31) married Dali.

Linda (31) married Frank Young.

Susan (30) married Hason Bell, there were five children,
Ethel, Annie, Carl, Royal, and Davis.

Etzel (31) married _____ Hicks, there were two
children, Alvin and George.

Alvin (32) not married. Lives with mother in Pilot, N. C.

George (32) married Sylvia, one son, Dewey

Annie (31) married Raymond Madlin, five children, Evangelina,
Raymond, Jr., Ethel, Goloria, and Earl, & Josephine.

Evangelina (31) married A. H. Lee, two children,
Johnnie, born Feb 19, 1955, and Lisa, born Aug.
19, 1959.

Josephine (31) married John Pentecost, four
children, Calvin, Mike, Nicky and Donald Ray.

Goloria (32) married Bobby Guilcoat, no children.

Earl (32) married Davis Bryant, two children,
Pearl and Dennis.

Raymond Jr. (32) married Gladys Smith, two
children, Ferris and Norma Doll.

Carl (31)

Royal (31)

Davis (31)

Soloman (28), Nathan's 8th son, born June 16, 1831, married Sarah Lindsay of Edgecombe County in 1850. Their children were: Agnes, 1851; William Burrell (Bob), 11-24-1852; Andrew, 10-28-1854; Benjamin Lawrence, 8-15-1857; and Andelia, 1859. Soloman was in Company K of the 24th N. C. Regiment and was killed at the battle of Sharpsburg Sept. 17, 1862. Brother Paul was in the same company. Soloman's wife Sarah was killed March 10, 1863 when accidentally shot by Sim Doyle who had just returned from squirrel hunting.

Benjamin Lawrence (29), born Aug. 15, 1857, married Emily Young of Franklin County Dec 11, 1888. Their nine children were: Richard Soloman, Oct. 27, 1889; Andelia Florence, Jan. 22, 1892; Howard Simeon, April 6, 1894; Rubert Benjamin, May 10, 1896; Mattie Francis, March 12, 1898; Maude, Aug. 25, 1900; Evie Lee, June 15, 1902; William Isham, Jan. 22, 1905; and Annie Laurie, Jan. 16, 1908.

Howard Simeon (30), born April 6, 1894, married Ella Cornog in 1916. They had two sons, Warren Lawrence, born Feb. 14, 1917 and Thilbert Howard, born July 1, 1921.

Thilbert Howard (31), born July 1, 1921, married Grace Giddings of Wayne County in 1942, they had one son (32) Thilbert Howard II, born April 25, 1943. They are living in Franklinton now (1967).

Warren Lawrence (31), ~~never married. Lives with Mother in Florida (1967).~~

CHAPTER XI

JOHN PEARCE

JOHN (27), (Phillip & Nancy Bunn Pearce's son), was born Nov. 10, 1787. He married Frankie Upchurch. They raised nine children, Benjamin, Jack, Cal, Clear, Sidney, Prissy, Harriet, Jane and Fan.

Frankie Upchurch, (John's wife), lived to be 82. Her mother was Nancy Ledbetter married Ben Upchurch. Nancy lived to be 85. Ben Upchurch sister's Frankie, Betty and Nancy. Frankie's brother Jubble Upchurch lived to be 80.

Benjamin (28), married the first time Leesie Upchurch, 2nd Linda Denton, 3rd Bett, Fason. He raised 11 children. Jane, Bill, John, Burrell, Cherrie, Nance, Arch, Sherman, Gus, Calvin, Mariah, Allison, Pettie Grew, Joe Turner, Francis, and Mary Bell. Benjamin lived to be 88.

Linda Denton (Benjamin 2nd wife) lived to be 47. Her father was Berk Perr., Berk Perry's father was Bennett Perry. Linda's Mother was Nancy Denton, she lived to be 45. Her father was Drew Denton. Cherry's father was Steve Pearce, lived to be 86.

Jack (28), married Jane Alford. One son, named Bryant.

Bryant (29) went to Alabama. Children: J. J. Pearce, J. A. Pearce, M. E. Pearce and Swanson.

Cal (28) married Ruthy Baker. He lived to be 85.

Sidney (28) married Pam Mitchell. He lived to be 70.

Prissy (28) married Baldy Alford. She lived to be 73.

Harriet (28) married Amos Upchurch. She lived to be 78.

Jane (28) married Clim Alford. She lived to be 75.

Fan (28) married Jo Pulley. She lived to be 70.

Clear (28) married William Gay.

CHAPTER XII

BENJAMIN PEARCE

BENJAMIN (28), John's son, children were:

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|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. Jane | 5. Cherrie | 9. Gus | 13. Pettie Grew |
| 2. Bill | 6. Nance | 10. Calvin | 14. Joe Turner |
| 3. John | 7. Arch | 11. Mariah | 15. Francis |
| 4. Burrell | 8. Sherman | 12. Allison | 16. Mary Bell |

Jane (29) married John Ake Pearce. They had three children, Winnie, Josh and Jounie.

Josh (30) married Minnie Stallings. They had two children, Jeff and Luther.

Winnie (30) married Jasper Stallings. They had ten children, Johnnie, Onnie, Joe Davis, Herbert, Rona, Lala, and Aldona, Twins died and another one died infant.

Johnnie (31) married Lillie Cowan. They had seven children, LaRosa, Beryl Lee, Cameron, John Cowan and three died infants.

LaRose (32) married Jimmy Liner.

Beryl (32) married Alec Wood

John Cowan (32) killed in wreck.

Cameron (32) married Inez Bobbit, one girl, Gayle.

Onnie (31) married Manie Alford, seven children, Ersel(or Urchel), Armed, O. D., Victor, and Vincent, three girls, Armed and Ersel dead.

Ersel (32) died young man from tooth extracted.

O. D. (32) married Mary Neville.

Vincent (32) married Pauline

Victor (32) married Coleen Pearce.

Joe Davis (31) married Lona Bunn, five children, Shirley, Cliffie, Beamon, Jasper and Dudley.

Shirley (32) married Foster Martin, two girls, Treasure and Nancy Jo.

Treasure (33) married Carrol Lewis, two boys, David and Dennis

Nancy Jo (33) married Grady Driver, two boys, Gregory and Rodney

Cliffie (32) married Gordon America, two children, Gene and Lona Carol

Beamon (32) married Belle Pearce, no children.

Jasper (32) not married as yet. Lives in Pilot, Franklin County, N. C.

Dudley (32) married Nelly Medlin, two children,

Herbert (31) married Oma Pearce, six children, Nellie Rose, Evelyn, Judith, Florence and two dead.

Nellie Rose (32) married Bennie Williams, four children, Rhonda, Edward, Ben Allen and Hugh.

Evelyn (32) married Waddell P. Horton, two children, Charleen and Herby.

Judith (32) married Johnny Alford, two sons, Chris and Jan.

Florence (32) married Milton O. Williams, one son, Chet.

Lala (31) married Walter Green, four children, Buffer, Nina Bruce, Halsy and one dead.

Bufer (32) married Red Abrams, no children.

Nina (32) married Brodie Martin, two children, Norwood and Joslyn(Jocelyn).

Norwood (33) married Hetty Creech, two children, Neal and Jenifer. Now living in Wilson, N. C.

Jocelyn (33) married James Perkerson from Jackson, Miss.

Halcy (32) married John Davis, one girl, Betsy John.

Betsy John (33) married Vernon Pearce, two boys, Quentis, born Jan, 27, 1964 and Hilary, born May 17, 1965.

Rona (31) married Spencer Cone, three children, Kenneth, Cadwin and Winnie Frances.

Kenneth (32) married Faye Morgan, two girls, Debbie and Brenda.

Cadwin (32) Not married as yet.

Winnie F. (32) 1st married Kearney Privett, one son, Van. 2nd married Dexerel Phillips, one son, Spencer.

Aldona (31) never married, died at 18.

Peggy Joyce (32) married Hoyt Bunn, no children.

Elaine (32) married Gerald Lewis, two children, Timothy, born Sept. 16, 1962, and Evette, born April 17, 1965.

Etha (31) not married.

Russell Pearce (31) married Mae Rue Batchlor, five children, Cloye Mae, Lawrence, John Russell, Carolyn and Margaret Ann.

Cloye Mae (32) married Jimmy Baker, two sons and one daughter, Russell, Susan, and .

Lawrence (32) married Sue Wallace, one son and two daughter,

John Russell (32) married Peggy , one daughter, .

Carolyn (32) married Glenn Perry, one daughter, Linda.

Margaret Ann (32) married Robert O'Neal, one daughter, .

Elbert Pearce (31) married Dorothy Richards, two children, Faye and Tony B.

Faye (32) married

Tony (32) married

Haywood (31)

Sherman (31)

Willard (31)

died young.

Jounie (30) married Docia Phillips, 12 children, Bessie, Claude E. (Buddie), Maggie, Robert, Otho, Etha (twins), Elbert, Haywood, Sherman, Willard, and baby girl stillborn.

Bessie (31) married John Ray, seven children, Everett, Artis, Alvin, Shirley, Waitzel, Lindberg and Earl.

Earl (32) married Swanee C., three children, 2 boys and 1 girl,

Everett (32) married Lettie, two sons,

Artis (32) not married.

Alvin (32) married Millie Vaughn, one boy and one girl,

Shirley (32) married Auther Tesinear, no children. Shirley died ____.

Waitzel (32) married Betty, two sons,

Lindberg (32) married Betty Lou Backley, one son,

Claude E. Pearce (Buddie) (31) married Beatrice P. Pearce, two children, C. E. Jr. and Jane.

C. E., Jr. (32) married Jane Baker, one girl, Diane.

Jane (32) not married.

Maggie (31) married James A. Ray (Jim), six children, Roseline, Thurman, Thurston, Joseph Lee, Helda, Delano.

Roseline (32) married Charlie Smith, no children.

Thurman (32) married Pauline, three sons and one daughter,

Thurston (32) married Margie Rae, two sons and one daughter,

Joseph Lee (32) married Maxie Johnson, two sons and one daughter,

Helda (32) married James Perdue, no children.

Delano (32) married Nell Bryant, four sons,

Robert P. Pearce (31) married Zoie Pearce, two children, Robert P. Jr. and Baxter.

Robert, Jr. (32) married _____, one son and one daughter,

Baxter (32) married _____, one son and one daughter,

Otho Pearce (31) married Rozella Gay, two children, Peggy Joyce and Elaine.

Bill (29), Benjamin's son, married Frances Privett, seven children, Ed, Lessie, Rosa, Menda, Daisy, Garland and Ora.

Ed (30) married Louie Williams, five children, Fannie, Zedrie, William Avery, Theatie Bell and Alvin.

Lessie (30) married Charlie Murray, four children, Roxie, Rella, Nannie, and a boy not known.

Rosa (30) married Pet Denton, one child, Clellia .

Menda (30) married Mark Alford, six children, Herald, Lee Earl, Linna Mae, Madrid, Tom and Frances.

Daisy (30) married Eddie Alford, two children, Millard and Roy.

Garland (30) married Saddle Carter, two children, Alma and Jessie Lee.

Ora (30) married Richard Upchurch, six children, Dena Belle, Berkley, Milton, Linda, Jimmie and Billy.

(28)

John Pearce, Benjamin's Son, married Norah Anderson, seven children, Ophelia, George, Jones, Gertie, Lee, Ronald and Johnnie.

Burrell (28), Benjamin's son, married Grah Poole, one boy died in infancy.

Nancy E. (28), Benjamin's daughter, married Bob Pearce, eight children - six living, William, Arthur, Otho, Artis, Nannie, and Bessie.

William (29) married Ella Sazier, three children, Jewel, Marion, Hellen.

Arthur (29) married Siddy Slazier, three children, Laura May, Ruth and Albert.

Otho (29) married Mary McLendon, one child, Robert Sherman.

Nannie (29) married Orville Grant.

Bessie (29)

Arch (28), Benjamin's son,

Sherman (28), Benjamin's son,

Gus (28), Benjamin's son) married Geneva Denton, nine children - seven living, Mavis, Earl, Alton, Ray, Crama, Aileen, and Anna Beryl.

Mamie (29) married Troy Bunn, six children, Carmen, Jewell, Frances, Archie, Merle and a infant.

Carmen (30) 1st married Harvey Holding, two children, Harvey Royall and Harry Bunn. 2nd married

Jewell (30) 1st married Aubrey Bullock, two children, Ronald Taylor and Diane. 2nd married Coleen Hussey, no children.

Ronald (31) married Monica Thomas (a German), two children, Tommy and Gabrielle.

Frances (30) married Emmitt Wiggins, four children, Earl, Candace, Fran and Bruce.

Archie (30) married Pansy Bunn, four children, Sonja, Debbie, Miley, and Michelle (Mickey).

Merle (30) married James B. Alford, two children, James B. Jr. (Jim), and Gus.

Earl (29) married Louise Robinson, no children.

Alton (29) married Ruby Jones, no children.

Ray (29) married Lucille Moore, two children, Alice Raye and Larry Moore.

Alice Raye (30) married Billy Taylor, one child, Billy Ray.

Larry Moore (30) married Nell Suggs.

Crama (29) married Denimal Privette, three children, Michael, Louise and one infant died at birth.

Michael (30) married Betty Jean Brantley, three children, Armina Sue, Kenny and Joey.

Louise (30) married Wiley Perry, one boy, Brian.

Aileen (29) married Brodie Privette, two children, Miriam and Willis Grady.

Miriam (30) married Ronald Pearce, one son, Chris. Now divorced.

Willis (30) married Edna Pearce, two children, Grady and Gary.

Anna Beryl (29) married Cliff Marsh.

Calvin (28), Benjamin's son, married 1st Lucy Williams, one child, Bennie Pearce. His 2nd wife - Addie Pearce, three children, Ruby, Thomas and Linda.

Bennie (29) married Meta Poole. Bennie died in his early twenties.

Ruby (29) 1st married Dee Hood, 2nd Junie Privette, 3rd Ralph Seipels. no children.

Thomas (29) married Doll (from Texas), one child, died at two yrs old.

Linda (29) married Frank Young.

Mariah (28), Benjamin's daughter) married Joe Pearce, three children, Edgar, Joe Turner, and Benjamin. (girl not known)

Edgar (29) married Louise Frazier, one girl, Sandra Diane. Edgar lost one arm at the sawmill.

Sandra Diane (30)

Joe Turner (29) married Lona O'Neal, eight children, Wilbur Charles, Katrina, Robert Earl, Harriett, Reginall, Pea Roach (real name unknown), killed in service, Linwood and one child killed in street by car at the age of 8.

Wilbur Charles Pearce (30) married Louise Crisp, children - Kimbely Yvonne.

Katrina (30) married Joe Baily, children - Spright, Peggy Jo and Diane.

Spright (31)

Peggy Jo (31) 1st married Self Raybon, one girl, 2nd Charlie Bennett.

Diane (31) married

Robert Earl (30) married Annelle Perry, two children, Randall and Rhonda.

Linwood (30) married Carolyn Langley, one child, Anita.

Cherrie (28), Benjamin's daughter, married John Alford, eight children, Fanny, died at 3, Hattie, Pattie, Frankie, Ora and Corinna. Two died in infancy.

John Alford married 1st Izzle Lancaster, two children, Idace and a boy which lived six months. Idace married West Baker.

Hattie (29) married Alec Denton, one child, Macon, she was killed by lightning at 12. Adopted Eugene Williams at her sister, Pattie, death at his birth.

Eugene (30) married Nell Strickland, two children, Charles and

Charles (31) Married , one child, a girl,
Charles committed suicide in 196__.

Pattie (29) married Charlie Williams, six children, Ava, Carlton, Herley, Noyelene, Russell and Eugene.

Ava (30) married Red Winstead, two daughters, Ann Kay, and Susie.

Ann Kay (31) married Wilson Wall, one son, Mark.

Susie (31)

Carlton (30) married Mozelle Pace. He died in 196__.

Herley (30) married and divorced.

Noyelene (30) married Al Glossop, one daughter, Gayle.

Russell (30) married Pat Perry, two daughters,

Eugene (30) adopted by his Aunt Hattie Denton.

Frankie (29) married Bud Ray, four children, Linister Curtis (Curt), Wayne, John Burton and Hallie.

Curt (30) 1st married Crama Brantley, 2nd Marj Coppege. There were two sons by the first marriage. John Curtis and Bobby. One son by 2nd, Michael. Curt was shot and killed accidentally 19__.

John Curtis (31) married Audrey Horton, no children

Bobby (31) married Sue Bunn, two children, Cindy and Curtis Lynn.

Wayne (30) married Hazel Oakley, two children, Billy Wayne and Alice.
2nd married Melba Duke Baker.

Bill Wayne (31) married Jeanette Price, one child, Wanda

Alice (31) married Fred Elkins, one daughter, Laura Ann. Live in Calif.

John Burton (30) never married, lives in Pilot near Moccasin Creek.

Hallie (30) married Waylon Frasier, no children.

Ora (29) never married, lives in Raleigh, N. C.

Corinna (29) married Levin Clyde Pearce, nine children, Cheerie Una, born March 5, 1918; LaRue, born Jan. 22, 1920; baby girl still born March 5, 1922; Rachel Juanita, born April 3, 1923; James Madison, born June 9, 1925; Frances Louise, born Jan. 11, 1928; Rebecca Alice (Teeny), born March 19, 1930; baby girl in infancy March 13, 1932; David Clyde Pearce, born Dec. 19, 1934.

Cheerie (30) married Rudy Averitte, born Aug. 6 19... May 8, 1948. One child, Cheerie Joy, March 14, 1951, one stepson, Robert O. (Bob), Aug.

Bob (31) married Sandy, one child, Cathy.

LaRue (30) married Robert H. Hudgin, born June 6, 1917, Jan. 23, 1943, five children, Amelia Frances, July 29, 1944; Martha Sue, July 26, 1948; Robert H., Jr. (Robin), Nov. 17, 1950; Jeffrey Lance, June 30, 1954; John Bruce, Dec. 9, 1957. They live in Statesville, N. C.

Rachel (30) married F. Shelby Alford, born Aug. 2, 1923, June 1, 1946. Three children, Beverly Jean, Oct. 19, 1948; Floyd Shelby, Jr., Jan. 9, 1952; Rachel Annette, Dec. 30, 1959. They live in Raleigh, N. C.

James (30) married Sylvia Brady, born Dec. 8, 1933, in Florida, Nov. 12, 1950. Three children, James M. Jr. (Jamie), March 4, 1952; Gayle Lynn, June 18, 1953; Linda Sherril, June 10, 1960. Live in Pilot, N. C.

Louise (30) married Thomas (Tommy) Griffin (born Nov. 2, 1925) Sept. 2, 1949. Four children, Thomas Jr. (Griff), March 10, 1952, died Dec 2, 1957; Nancy Lou, Oct. 5, 1955; Jill, Nov. 25, 1958; and David Thomas, May 12, 1961. Lives in Elizabeth City, N. C.

Rebecca (Teeny) (30) married Harry Wilder (born March 12, 1927) April 8, 1950. Two children, Rebecca Susan, Nov. 29, 1954; and Jeannie Alice, July 30, 1958. Lives near Louisburg, N. C.

David Clyde (30) married Shirley Broadaway, (born Nov. 26, 1936) April 14, 1957. Two children, baby girl died at birth, April 12, 1959 and David Wilson, June 26, 1960. Live in Pilot, N. C.

CHAPTER XIII

COUSINS

(26)
AARON was born Sept. 20, 1865. He married twice, first on November 14, 1793, Klipha Bliss, daughter of Capt. Samuel Bliss, and second, on Jan. 23, 1800, Nancy Rounds. Like his father, he lived at Rehobeth.

Second of his ten children also was named Aaron.⁽²⁷⁾ He was born Sept. 11, 1810, and he, too, was twice married. His first wife was Emily Brown whom he married March 10, 1845. She died July 6, 1854. He married Frances E. Bailey April 16, 1855. Curtis Irish Pierce was his son by the first marriage. Cannie Belle Pierce was his daughter by the second marriage. Aaron lived at Westerly, R. I.

(28)
CANNIE was born March 27, 1862, and on April 9, 1883, married Charles H. Ledward (born April 9, 1883; died Nov. 6, 1924). He held the rank of captain in the Spanish-American War and during World War I rose in the National Guard to the rank of colonel. He was superintendent of the Smith Granite Co. at Westerly. Cannie, intelligent and well informed, died at New London, Conn., Nov. 5, 1946, at the age of 84, after expressing the opinion the unseasonably hot weather was attributable to the atomic bomb and asking me, with a grin, to pray for her to die quickly.

(29)
MADELAINE with the exception of a son who died in infancy, the only child of Cannie and Charles, was born Feb. 15, 1887, at Westerly. She married Dr. Irving Colby, osteopathic physician, June 23, 1909, and they moved shortly afterward to New London, Conn. (Irving, born Oct. 20, 1877, at Warner, N. H.; died ; is descended from Leonard Harriman who came to this country from England in 1638. One of his ancestors was killed in the King Philip war, one died in 1690 on the expedition against Quebec, one was governor of New Hampshire. He is a past president of the Connecticut Osteopathic Society and is prominent in Masonic bodies.) He and Madelaine had three children, all of whom celebrate their birthdays on February 28th. They are Barnard Ledward Colby, born Feb. 28, 1911; Chester Harriman Colby, born Feb. 27, 1915; and Norma Colby, born Feb. 28, 1922.

(30)
CHESTER, a Purple Heart veteran of World War II, is thus far unmarried.

(3c)
NORMA married William L. Darrow, Jr., of New London, also a combat veteran captain of World War II, on March 21, 1942, at Hattiesburg, Miss. Their children are Carolyn, born Jan. 8, 1944, at Orville, Calif.; William L. Darrow, III, born Dec. 21, 1946, at New London.

(3c)
BARNARD, was graduated from Lafayette College in 1933 and the same year went to work as a reporter for the New London Day, where he is still employed as city editor. He married June 23, 1937, at New London, Ruth Marie Andrews, daughter of Orvin G. and Ethel D. Andrews, and they have three children: Robert Andrews Colby, born Sept. 25, 1941; and twins, David Pierce and Dorothy Louise Colby, born Jan. 8, 1945.

CHAPTER XIV

COUSINS

Here are some glimpses of fascinating characters in the family who, though not in my direct line, are included because they led lives that make good reading and will be of interest to other family members who may trace their descent from them. This chapter follows another limb of the tree from Sir Ralph Percy (17) mentioned in Chapter V.

Eldest surviving son of the second Earl of Northumberland and brother of Sir Ralph Percy (17) was another Henry, who became third Earl. His great uncle was Cardinal Beaufort. He is the Earl of Northumberland who appears in the third part of Shakespeare's King Henry VI. In the War of the Roses he stood with the House of Lancaster and fell at Towton.

His son Henry was not yet 21 when his father died but Edward IV, fearing the family, confined him in the tower for eight years. Later restored to honors and possessions, he served as Lord High Chamberlain of England under King Richard. Under the Tudors he was assigned to collect an unpopular tax and was murdered (1489) by a mob which mistakenly thought him the author of it.

His eldest son, Henry Algernon Percy, became fifth Earl of Northumberland at 11. Later he received the honorable assignment of conducting Princess Margaret Tudor from Northamptonshire to her fiance, James IV, in Scotland. A son-in-law, Henry, eleventh Baron Clifford, later Earl of Cumberland, led the life of an outlaw in his youth, heading a band of freebooters and demanding contributions from frightened monks and villagers.

The fifth earl's son, Sir Thomas Percy, in response to shouts of "thousands for a Percy," let himself be talked into leading an uprising against the King. He was arrested, found guilty of treason and hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn in June of 1537.

Henry Algernon Percy, sixth Earl of Northumberland, while in the retinue of Cardinal Wolsey, fell in love with one of Queen Catherine's ladies in waiting, Anne Boleyn, unaware that King Henry VIII was his rival. Anne returned his affection and it has been said by some to have resulted in their engagement. But the king took her as his wife, later sending her to the tower on a charge of adultery. When the lord steward, Anne's uncle, gave sentence that she was to be burned or beheaded at the king's pleasure, the Earl of Northumberland left the court "seized with sudden illness". She was beheaded May 19, 1536. The Earl died the following year.

The seventh Earl, Henry, was with many other nobles sympathetic to the captive Mary, beautiful Queen of Scots, and with the Earl of Westmoreland led an uprising in her behalf against Queen Elizabeth. It was unsuccessful and he fled to Scotland but was captured by the Scottish Earl of Morton and handed over to Elizabeth. She had him beheaded Aug. 22, 1572 and paid Morton in gold the price of blood. (Sir Walter Scott wrote: "It was an additional and aggravating circumstance that it was a Douglas who betrayed a Percy; and when the annals of their ancestors were considered, it was found that while they presented many acts of open hostility, many instances of close and firm alliance, they never, till now, had afforded an example of any act of treachery exercised by one family against the other.")

The seventh Earl's brother, Henry (later eighth Earl of Northumberland) was in the plot but escaped with a fine of 5,000 marks. Later, however, he was suspected of planning a joint rebellion and invasion to put Mary on the throne and was sent to the tower where, on June 21, 1585, he was shot in bed. Whether he died by an assassin's hand or his own has never been proved but it is suspected he chose suicide "to balk Queen Elizabeth of the forfeiture" of his estates. (By dying before judgment was pronounced he was not attainted of treason and his lands thus could not be forfeited to the crown.)

Henry, ninth Earl, sought distinction by enlisting as a volunteer in the naval expedition which destroyed the Spanish armada (1588). He was later prominent in the proceedings which led to the union of England with Scotland but only two years after the accession of King James was fined 20,000 pounds and sent to the tower for 15 years on suspicion of complicity in the "gunpowder plot." The suspicion was based only on his kinship to Thomas Percy, his constable of Alnwick castle, who was a conspirator.

Algernon Percy, tenth Earl, occupied the dignified office of Lord high constable at the coronation of Charles II.

Joscelin Percy, eleventh Earl, died while traveling at Turin, May 21, 1670. His son, and heir apparent, had died in infancy and the earldom, later raised to a dukedom, was conferred upon George Fitzroy, illegitimate son of Charles II. He died without issue and the title went to the Lady Elizabeth Percy, daughter of the tenth Earl of Northumberland. Her son, Algernon Seymour, Duke of Somerset and Earl of Northumberland and of Egremont, had a daughter, Lady Elizabeth Seymour, who married Sir Hugh Smithson, a Yorkshire baronet. He assumed the name Percy and obtained the Dukedom of Northumberland.

Newspaper clipping dated 1898: "The Duke of Northumberland who died on Monday will be interred in St. Nicholas chapel, Westminster Abbey, where the Percy family have the right of burial...The late Duke lived the life of a recluse during recent years. Earl Percy, the eldest son, succeeds to the dukedom, which carries with it nearly 200,000 acres of land in Northumberland and many thousands of acres in Surrey and Middlesex, the income being nearly 250,000 pounds (\$1,250,000) a year."

Another newspaper clipping, undated but presumably of the period between the two World wars: "The late Duke of Northumberland--Percy he was to the British military intelligence over which he presided at one time in the World war--was a great collector of arms and armor. Among his swords he considered his most valuable possession to be a second century blade of unknown composition with bronze scabbard and hilt which was found in the River Whitham below Lincoln in 1826..."

Thus ends the tale of the Percies and the Fierces. "Concerning this nebular history, then," as Harvard Professor Benjamin Pierce once asked, "is it a human invention, or is it a Divine record? Is it 'a tale told by an idiot, signifying nothing,' or is it a plan of infinite imagination, signifying immortality?"

THE END

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PEARCE FAMILY OF FRANKLIN CO. NC PG 1 of 3

From Email 23 JAN 2011 Janet Lynn Morgan to RPU

NOTE: I have extracted that part of the outline she provided that pertains to FC, NC Pearce & their heritage. This document originally created to relate DNA Groups

ID 30876 (Group F)

1. GEORGE1 PEARCE was born in England, and died April 09, 1705 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. He married ANN. George, a blacksmith by trade, came from Bristol, England to "Nanzemon Towne" in Lancaster County, Virginia. Here his name appears on a land grant dated June 2, 1664. On August 12, 1675, Robert Lawrence, Jr., deeded to George Pearce, Smith of Nansemone, 300 acres of land by Beaver Dam Swamp in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. In the years following, he acquired several thousand acres of land by patent and deeds of sale. His will was appraised by Arthur Whitehead, William Johnson, and Henry Pope.

Child of GEORGE PEARCE and ANN is:

2. PHILLIP2 PEARCE (GEORGE1) was born Abt. 1670 in Isle of Wight Co., VA, and died March 20, 1727/28 in Isle of Wight Co. VA. He married SARAH.

Children of PHILLIP PEARCE and SARAH are:

- i. NATHAN3 PEARCE, b. Abt. 1710, Isle of Wight Co., VA.
- ii. RICHARD PEARCE, b. Abt. 1712, Isle of Wight Co., VA; d. Aft. 1790, Johnston Co., NC.
- iii. SIMON PEARCE, b. Abt. 1717, Isle of Wight Co., VA; d. Johnston Co., NC. Moved to Johnston County, NC and received a land grant in 1756.
- iv. EDWARD PEARCE, b. Abt. 1719, Isle of Wight Co., VA.
- v. ARTHUR PEARCE, RS, b. 1723, Isle of Wight Co., VA; d. October 02, 1792, Johnston Co., NC.

3. NATHAN3 PEARCE (PHILLIP2, GEORGE1) was born Abt. 1710 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. In 1757, Nathan indentured land which he owed in Isle of Wight Co., VA to Robert Holland. At the time he was living in North Hampton Co., NC. He may have later moved to Cumberland Co., NC.

4. NATHAN4 PEARCE (NATHAN3, PHILLIP2, GEORGE1) was born July 09, 1735 in VA, and died February 26, 1821 in Franklin Co., NC. He married SARAH WESTER June 24, 1756.

Notes for NATHAN PEARCE: *Other more correct data shows NATHAN PEARCE b 1724 d < 1796 (FC, NC) - Possibly SARAH d 26 FEB 1821 (FC, NC) - RPU 26 JAN 2011*
1st of 12 children - moved to Northampton Co., NC Nathan and Sarah had 7 children 5 sons. These 5 sons in 1771 moved to what was then Bute Co., later Franklin Co., NC and settled on the east side of Moccasin Creek. Nathan Pearce was No. 80 on the Muster Role of Captain James Fason of North Hampton Co. NC 1732-1744 in Colonial Soldiers of the South.

Children of NATHAN PEARCE and SARAH WESTER are:

- i. ARTHUR5 PEARCE, d. Abt. 1795, Franklin Co. NC.
- ii. PHILLIP PEARCE, b. July 24, 1754; d. February 25, 1812, Franklin Co., NC.
- iii. STEPHAN PEARCE, b. Bef. 1756.
- iv. JAMES PEARCE, b. Abt. 1758; d. Franklin Co., NC.
- v. JOHN PEARCE, b. Abt. 1766; d. Shelby County, Ind..
- vi. ELIZABETH PEARCE, b. Abt. 1767, Franklin County, NC; d. November 13, 1844, Shelby County, Indiana.

5. ARTHUR PEARCE (NATHAN4, NATHAN3, PHILLIP2, GEORGE1) died Abt. 1795 in Franklin Co. NC. He married NANCY PEARCE. :

Children of ARTHUR PEARCE and NANCY PEARCE are:

- i. CORDIE PEARCE, b. Abt. 1794.
- ii. WILLIS PEARCE, b. Abt. 1794.

6. CORDELIA "CORDY" N. PEARCE, b. Feb. 24, 1792 North Carolina; m. MARY GABBIE Feb. 19, 1824 South Carolina; d. August 7, 1856 Tn.

7. JOHN CULLEN PIERCE, b. April 29, 1826 York, South Carolina; m. Dec. 23, 1880; d. May 2, 1910 Fayette Co. Tn (Oakland).

8. JOHN CALVIN PIERCE, b. May 2, 1883 at Fayette Co. Tn; m. Feb. 5, 1911; d. Nov. 10, 1970 Memphis, Tn.

ID 31840 (Group F)

- 1. George Pearce b. in England; m. Ann. d. April 9, 1705 in Isle of Wight Co., Va.
- 2-5. Same pedigree as in ID 30876 (Group F) above.
- 6. Cordelia "Cordy" N. Pearce, b. Feb. 24, 1792 North Carolina; m. Mary Gabbie Feb. 19, 1824 South Carolina; d. August 7, 1856 Tn.
- 7. John Cullen Pierce, b. April 29, 1826 York, South Carolina; m. Dec. 23, 1880; May 2, 1910 Fayette Co. Tn (Oakland).
- 8. Grover Pierce

NOTE: A summary 1-8 are sequential descendants
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ID 78774 (Group F)

- 1. Nathan Pearce b. 09 July 1735 in Va. m. Sarah Wester 24 Jun 1756 d. 26 Feb 1821 in Franklin Co., NC.
- 2. Arthur Pearce m. Nancy. He d. Abt. 1795 in Franklin Co., NC.
- 3. Cordelia N. Pierce b 14 Feb. 1792 in NC. m. Mary Gabby 1824 in York District, South Carolina. d. 1856 in Fayette Co., TN
- 4. John Cullen Pierce b. April 1826 in SC. m. Emma Williams. d. Oakland, Fayette Co., TN
- 5. Surrey Edward Pierce b. 22 Mar 1886 in TN. m. Myrtle Inez Stanton April 1915 in Hardeman Co., TN. d. 1962 in Oakland, Fayette Co., TN.
- 6. Edward Stanton Pierce b. 30 Jan 1916 in Burnsville, Tishomingo Co., MS. m. Avis Louise Ford 12 July 1941 in Burnsville, MS. d. 17 Dec. 1950 in Laurel, Jones Co., MS.

NOTE: The information on this page was segregated into ID groups for DNA analysis purposes. It all pertains to Arthur Pearce - see next page for reassembly of the data into a conventional outline for Arthur Pearce - 26 JAN 2011 - RPH

○ Record for the Arthur Pearce Family of Franklin Co, NC
 - created from DNA presentation in email 23 JAN 2011
 Janet Lynn Morgan to RPH - Note - A related extract of
 a larger part of the presentation appears in RPH File
 on the Pearce Family - Entry 23 JAN 2011 - RPH 26 JAN 2011

I George Pearce b England d 9 APR 1705 (Isle of Wight Co, VA)

A. Phillip Pearce b About 1670 (Isle of Wight Co, VA)

1. Nathan Pearce b About 1710 (Isle of Wight Co, VA)

a. Nathan Pearce b 9 JUL 1735 (should be b 1724 ± 4 - RPH)

m d 24 JUN 1756 () Sarah Westler (Note: The best
 evidence is that this couple moved their young
 family from Northampton Co, NC to the DUNN TWP
 area of present day Franklin Co, NC about 1770 ±
 - RPH - 26 JAN 2011)

i. Arthur Pearce d About 1795 (Franklin Co, NC)

m d () NANCY - - - b () d () Franklin Co, NC

(I) CORDELIA N. PEARCE "CORDY" "CORDIE" b 24 FEB 1792
 (NC) d 7 AUG 1856 (Fayette Co, TN) m d 19 FEB 1824 (SC)
 MARY GABBIE

(A) JOHN CULLEN PEARCE b 29 APR 1826 (YORK CO, SC)
 d 2 MAY 1910 (Oakland, Fayette Co, TN) m d 23 DEC
 1880 () EMMA WILLIAMS

(1) JOHN CALVIN PEARCE b 2 MAY 1883 (Fayette Co, TN)
 d 10 NOV 1970 (Memphis, TN)
 m d 5 FEB 1911 () - - -

(2) GROVER PEARCE

(3) SURREY EDWARD PEARCE b 22 MAR 1886 (TN)
 d 1962 (Oakland, Fayette Co, TN)
 m d APR 1915 (Hardeman Co, TN) MYRTLE INEZ
 STANTON

(a) EDWARD STANTON PEARCE b 30 JAN 1916 (Burnsville,
 Tishomingo Co, MS) d 17 DEC 1950 (Lumb, Jones Co, MS)
 m d 12 JUL 1941 (Burnsville, MS) AVIS LOUISE FORD

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Pearce History drawn from F.P. Pearce's Bible

Minervia Jane Pearce, born 1839 and married A.S. Nelms.

Jane Pearce's father was Burrell Pearce and her mother was Rebecca Ribertson, she had one brother, Nat. Pearce, who ~~warrk~~ went to Alabama. Jane had one sister named Mary Roberson, another Helen Pearce married William Carr, her second husband was Caleb Dennis. Jane's sister Julia Pearce married Ben Dulana now lives in Bonham, Tex. Sister Mary Rebecca Pearce married Ed Thornton now lives in Bonham, Texas.

Brothers to Jane Pearce: William, died in Alabama; Bryant, died in Texas; Sidney died in Savoy, Texas; George, not known; Robert, now living.

Jane Nelms raised six of her nine children; Helen and William, (her husband) had two childre; Helen and Caleb Dennis (her second husband) had seven children; Julia married Melana had six children three living. Mary Thorill married -- eleven children; ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Nathan, brother of Jane is dead; Bryant, brother of Jane is dead; Sid. Pearce raised nine children; George Pearce raised two children by first wife, and second wife nine children; Robert Pearce six children.

Nathan Pearce and wife Nancey Wester and their four sons Stephen Pearce, John, Arter, and Phillip came from Northampton County N.C. several years before the Revolutionary War, 1771, and settled on the east side of Moccasin Creek in Bute County now Franklin County, N.C.

Names and ages of the children of Phillip Pearce and Nancy Bunn his wife, Theyny Pearce was born May 16, 1779; Eli Pearce was born August 30, 1785; Nathan Pearce was born May 23, 1783; John Pearce was born Nov. 10, 1787; Hardy Pearce was born May 12, 1789; Haley Pearce's age not known.

Nathan Pearce married Susan Upchurch the second time born to this union was Burrell Pearce August 27, 1806; Thomas, June 20, 1812; Acrel, June 21, 1814, Frances, November 11, 1816; Simon, March 22, 1819; Peter, June 7, 1821; Paul, Feb. 1824; Silas, Sept. 1826; Susan, Oct. 24, 1828; Solomon, Feb. 16, 1831; Nancy, Oct. 20, 1833.

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Thomas Pearce married Charlotte Penny to them was born F.P. Pearce, Oct. 30, 1836; M.J. Pearce was born Aug. 9, 1838; M.F. Pearce, Nov. 9, 1842; J.S. Pearce, April 5, 1849.

Salmon Pearce raised five children -- Agnes, Bob, Drew, and Adlia. Salmon died in the war.

Sollon Pearce, 30 killed in the war; he was born Feb. 16, 1831.

William Burrell Pearce born, Nov. 24, 1853, had nine children, six living at time of this writing -- Percy Pearce married Shadric; Sallie married Young (dead) Mary dead; Ilda Pearce married Edwards; John married Dsngotf (dead); Lura Pearce married twice Cadlie and P____; Berry Pearce married Mitchell; Luther Pearce married William; Nora Pearce married Mitchell.

Oct 1904?

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- 2. Philip Pearce

Philip Pearce was born July 24th, 1754. He married Nancy Bunn. To them were born; Therry, Eli, Nathan, John, Hardy, Hailey, and Chloe.

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- 3. Nathan Pearce

Nathan Pearce was born May 23, 1783. He married Susan Upchurch. To them were born; ~~Burrell~~, Thomas (Lottie Perry), Acrel (Bedie Denton), Frankie (Millican Doyle), Simon (Roeny Perry) (Jane Doyle), Peter, Paul (Mary Cross), Silas (Martha Privette), Susan (W. K. Phillips), Solomon and Nancy.

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- 5. John Pearce

John Pearce was born October 26, 1838. He married Lenora Jane Pearce. To them were born; Joshua (Martha Baker) (Minnie Stallings), Winnie (W. Jasper Stallings), Jonah R. L. (Theodosia Phillips).

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13 John P

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D Phillips P
md Nancy Burn

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1. Therry P 16 MAR 1774

2. Eli P 3 AUG 1785

3. Nathan P 23 MAR 1783

4. John P 10 NOV 1787

5. Hardy P 12 MAR 1785

6. Nancy P b?

md (1st) ---

md (2nd) Susan G

a. Burrell P b 27 AUG 1806

b. Thomas P 20 JUN 1812

c. Abel P 21 JUN 1819

d. Fanny P 11 NOV 1816

e. Simon P 28 MAR 1813

f. Peter P 7 JUN 1821

g. Paul P Feb 1824

h. Sarah P SEP 1822

i. Susan P 24 OCT 1828

j. Solomon P 16 FEB 1831

k. Nancy P 20 OCT 1833

(B)

Perry

(A) (b 1806)

md Charlotte Perry

i. P. P. 30 OCT 1836

ii. M. J. P 9 AUG 1838

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iv. J. S. P 5 APR 1849

i. Agnes P.

ii. Bob P

iii. Drum P

iv. ADLIA P

A. Wm Burrell P b 24 NOV 1853

1. Percy P
md Chadwick

2. Sallie P
ma -- Young (Dec'd)

3. Mary P - Dec'd

4. Pella P
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5. John P
md - DSN GOTF
(Dec'd)

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1. ^{Nathan} ~~Nat~~ Pearce - went to "NAT"
2. Minerva Jane Pearce m1839
 ma (1) A. S. Nelson
~~ma (2) Gator Deans~~
 - 3. Mary Pearce md ~~Robertson~~ - 11
 PHORIE
 - 4. Helen Pearce md Wm Carr - 2
 - 5. Julia Pearce md BEN DUBINA - 6 children
 live in Benham, TX
6. Wm Pearce dnd in AL
7. Bryant P dnd in TX
8. Sydney P dnd in Va, VA - 9 children
9. George P
 - 2 wives (2nd wife)
 - 9 children (2nd wife)
10. Robert P - still living - 6 children

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 9 children

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J. Draw Denton
md Cheryl
Denton 73
A. Nancy
Denton 45
1. 417

J. Benjamin U
md Nancy Laddell
A. Frankie U

I Fill P [B 1987]

A. John P - 80 ma Frankie U 82

1. Benjamin P b 11 Nov 1816 - 88 ma (C) Linda Denton 47

MA 1st Gillie Norwood
2. John P 80 ma Jane Alford

3. Cal P 85 ma Ruthery Baker

4. Cecil P. Long ma WM GAY

5. Sandy P 70 ma Clem Alford

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7. Harriet P 78

8. Jack P 75

9. Fan P 70 ma Joe Pulley

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1st Bill
md John
Pearce
s/o
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(TX)
ma Nora
Anderson

C²) France P

d³) John P

e²) Bunell P

md Alex Denton
(M) MACOW Denton

md Arch Poole

f²) Cheryl P ma John Alford

g²) Nancy P ma Bob Pearce → TX

h²) Vicki P Nancy ma

i²) Sharon P - Nancy ma

j²) Gene P ma Geneva Denton

k²) Calum P ma L. vey
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l²) Marshall P
② Addie Pearce

m²) Albin P
md Joe Pearce

(C)

- md Redmond
Hensford
- (A) ANN
KAY W
- (B) SUSIE
W
- ma Charles
Hull ma
- (I) AVA W
- (II) Carlten W
- (III) Hurley W
- (IV) Naglen W
- (V) Russell W
- (VI) Sargent W

- x¹) Hattie A
- ← i¹) Patte A
- ii¹) Frankie A
- i¹) Arch A - NM
- iii¹) Corinna A
- ma (C) Clyde
Pearce
- (I) Cherrie P
- (II) La Rue P
- (III) Rachel P
- (IV) James P
- (V) Louise P
- (VI) Rebecca P
- (VII) David P

- ma Bud RAT
- (I) L. water R
- (II) Wagner R
- (III) John Denton R
- (IV) Halie R

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- g. Nancy Pearce and Bob Pearce → TA
i. W M P and Ella Glasgow → (I) James (II) Marjorie (III) Helen
ii. Arthur P and Liddy Glasgow → (I) Laura M. ^{J. R. R. R. R.} (II) Albert
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iv. Nannie P
v. Beulah P.

- f. Eusee Pearce and Genevieve Bentas
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iv. Ray Dams P and Luvella Moore
v. Cranna P
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Unconnected Groups on Pg 3

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A. Full Pearns - 80 md (l) Nancy - -

- 1. Halley P 70
- 2. Nathan P 86
- 3. Eley P 80
- 4. Hardy P → AZ

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A. Jack Pearns

- 1. Bryant Pearns → AZ
- a. J. F. P. (m)
- b. J. A. P. (m)
- c. W. E. P. (m)
- d. Susan P. (F)

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- b. Babine P i Richard Pearns
- c. Andrew P md Mary FERGUSON
- d. Neil P
- e. Josephine P i. Margaret P in Elizabeth P

2. Eddie P md Bell Holden ii. Maurice P

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A. Brunell Pearns

- 1. Wm P d. TN age 21
- 2. Bryant P d. TX - age 72 Bas Barkham
- 3. 2nd Pearns md Susan B.

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A. Gordon Pearns md

- (md) 1st Dorothy - - 2 chrs
- (md) 2nd - NO ISSUES
- (md) 3rd Clementine 21
- 1. B. P
- 2. English P
- 3. Charley P (Tami)
- 4. Neil P (Tami)

- 1. M. P. MACON
- BELL
- a. Tehel B
- b. Annie B
- c. Carl B
- d. Royal B
- e. DAVIS B
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- 5. SUSAN P
- 6. FRANK P md Florence POOK

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- d. Robert P
- e. Richard P
- 3. David P md Sallie Cauthern
- a. Willie P
- b. IVY P
- c. FRUNNY P
- d. Linwood P
- e. Clyde P
- f. Mahel P
- g. M. Yette P

- a. Thelma Belle P
- b. Mary P
- c. Margaret P

- a. Rebecca P
- e. Franklin P
- f. Paul P
- g. Susan.

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- a. Ruby P
- b. LINDOTT
- c. THOMAS P

- md Dee HOOD
- md Frank Young
- md Dollie MAPPINE

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- 1. Ophelia P - and Floyd Harris → a. Frankley
Sears Harris
- 2. George P b. Bweda
Nell Harris
- 3. James P
- 4. Curtie P → and Hascal Wilkins → a. J. D. Wilkins
b. - - Wilkins (M)
- 5. Lee P
- 6. Randal P
- 7. Johnnie P

~~I - - Pearce~~ [b 1898]

B. A. Burrell Pearce and Sarah Poole

- 1. James Madison Pearce - died at birth

[3/0 Benjamin Pearce b 1816]