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4 OCT 1992

BENNY L. PERRY
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Dear Cousin Ben,

Thanks so much for the family details that arrived 29 SEP 92. I have spent several hours entering the details and updating the master outline. Your input has resulted in a great improvement. A copy of the updated master outline sections for Jane (Phillips) Pierce is enclosed. Don't let me be a bother, but if you or anyone else has more of the missing details for the family of Jane (Phillips) Pierce, I'll be glad to continue upgrading the master outline and sharing it with anyone who is interested. The missing details on your mother's part of this family are very few and are listed on an enclosed sheet. Don't worry about these but if you happen to have or get the answers I would be happy to have them.

I was interested to note that your GGF Furney Pierce had the middle name "Perry" Does this mean he was descended from the Perry family? Also

The name FURNEY is a little unusual. I knew Furney Todd who died a year or so ago. He was a Tobacco specialist at N.C. State when I was a professor there 1953-1965. I wonder if this Furney Todd got his "Furney" from the same place as your GGF?

For years I have noted that the name of the Pearce Family of Franklin Co, NC was sometimes written PIERCE. I had assumed that it all settled down to the spelling PEARCE. From your words it is now clear that the branch headed by Thomas [Father of Furney Perry Pearce] spelled their name PIERCE. This has helped me a great deal and I will try to look more carefully for this spelling distinction. Do we know who the father of Thomas Pearce was and whether his name was spelled PIERCE or PEARCE?

Ben, don't fret over any of the above. We have made great strides in setting out the kinfolks of the Neocosin Creek Area. You have been most helpful. The 1975 Perry Book is a great help.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY
O. F. MARY LUCILLE (PIERCE) PERRY

4 OCT
1992

- 1) For Mary Lucille Pierce
 - a) when did she die
- 2) For Benny Foster Perry
 - a) For Jerry Wayne Miller
 - i) when was he born?
 - ii) where was he born?
- 3) For Mary Lucille Perry
 - a) For Eddie Clayton Richards
 - i) when did he marry?
 - ii) where did he marry?
 - iii) what is the full maiden name for Judy Holt and when was she born?
 - iv) when and where was Andrew Clayton Richards born?
 - b) For Margaret Charlene Richards
 - i) when did she marry?
 - ii) what is the full name of Anthony Shanahan and when and where was he born?
 - iii) where was Jonathan Henry Shanahan born?

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MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY 19 SEP 1992
OF JANE (PHILLIPS) PEARCE

23 SEPT. 1992
OLD FAMILY BIBLE
RECORDS ONLY HAVE JANE -

- Δ 1) For Jane Phillips
 - a) what was her full maiden name? FRANKLIN CO., NC 1-30-1848
 - b) when & where was she born? FRANKLIN CO., NC 12-17-1890
 - c) when & where did she die? YOUNGSVILLE, NC
 - d) where is she buried? 10-30-1866 FRANKLIN CO. NC
 - e) when and where did she marry?
 - Δ+Δ+Δ } f) what are the names of her children?
 - Δ+Δ+Δ } PRESLEY JACKSON - 1- JACK - WENT TO TEXAS (WHITENIGHT)
 - ROBERT EDMOND - 2- EDDIE - YOUNGSVILLE, NC
 - DAVID DISCON - 3- DAVID - PERIZES, ZEPHULAN, NC
 - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN - 4- FRANK
 - HONORA ADELAIDE - 5- ADDIE - YOUNGSVILLE
 - ELIZABETH SUSAN - 6- SUSAN - PILOT, NC
 - Δ g) For FURNEY PIERCE
 - i) Is FIERNEY the correct spelling? FURNEY
 - ii) what is his full name? FURNEY PERRY PIERCE
 - iii) when & where born? 10-30-1836 FRANKLIN CO., NC 9/17/62
LT. IN CONF. ARMY - CO. K 24 TH. REGT. - LOST LEFT EYE BATTLE OF SHARPSBURG 6-21-1903
 - iv) when & where died & where buried? YOUNGSVILLE, NC
 - Δ v) who was his father? THOMAS

- Δ 2) For Frank Pierce [Benjamin Franklin Pierce]
 - a) what is his full name? BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PIERCE
 - b) when & where born? FRANKLIN CO., NC 8-19-74
 - c) when & where died & where buried? 5-19-1947 RALEIGH -
FAMILY CEMETERY YOUNGSVILLE, NC
 - Δ+Δ+Δ } d) when and where was he married? 12-13-1899 FRANKLIN CO., NC
 - Δ+Δ+Δ } e) what are the names of his children?
 - Δ+Δ } THETTIE BELL, MARY LUCILLE ABOVE
 - MARGARET STANLEY (MARGARET) (ALL DECEASED)
 - REBECCA GLENN - REBECCA, FRANKLIN PERRY PIERCE, PAUL HAMPTON PIERCE, SLON SWAIN & MYRON (WAYNE DECEASED)
 - f) For his wife
 - i) what was her full maiden name? ADA FLORENCE POOLE
 - ii) when & where was she born? 12-14-1880 WAKE CO., NC
 - iii) when and where died? RALEIGH, NC 9-24-66
 - iv) where buried? YOUNGSVILLE, NC
 - Δ+Δ v) who was her father? SION POOLE
MOTHER, THETTIE TRUELOVE

2-
PIERCE

(4)

Δ3) For Mary Louella Pearce

- a) when & where was she born? FRANKLIN Co., NC 7-28-1904
- b) Is she still living? If not, when & where died & where buried? No - PEARCE CHURCH CEMETERY
- c) where did she marry? FRANKLIN, Co. NC
- d) Did she have just two children? YES
- Δ e) For Clifton Laster Perry
 - i) where was he born? PEARCES 10-1-1900
FRANKLIN Co., NC
 - ii) where did he die? DUKE MEDICAL CENTER
DURHAM, NC 4-2-72

□4) For Benny Laster Perry

- a) where were you born? FRANKLIN Co., NC 1-30-1924
- b) Did you have just two children? YES
- Δ c) For Hilda Rose Lewis
 - i) when and where born? ZEBULON, NC 5-6-1928
- Δ d) For Amelia Rose Perry - R.N. - MEM. MISSION HOSP., ASHEVILLE, NC
 - i) where was she born? RALEIGH, NC 3-18-49
 - ii) when & where married? COLLEGE PARK, MD 2-11-71
 - Δ iii) Full name of Jerry Miller & when & where was he born? JERRY WAYNE MILLER
HE & AMELIA DIVORCED 1989
 - iv) Does she have just one child? SHE HAS 2-
 - Δ v) Full name of Alyssa Miller & when & where was she born? ALYSSA ROSE MILLER
MIAMI, FL 5-26-73
MARGARET ELIZABETH MILLER
ASHEVILLE, NC 4-4-79
- Δ e) For Frankie Laster Perry PH.D. FBI HOOVER BLDG., WASHINGTON
 - i) Is Frankie his legal name or is it Frank or Franklin? YES FRANKIE LASTER PERRY
BUT ALWAYS KNOWN AS FRANK
 - ii) when and where was he born? 8-13-52
RALEIGH, NC
 - iii) Did he marry / have children? WIFE, JO ANN FOUNDERS 5-9-56
BORN IN ENGLAND
MOTHER, ENGLISH - FATHER, CLAY CO. ALABAMA

Δ + Δ + Δ + Δ

If so details?
~~3~~ FLP & JAP MARRIED IN OLLANDS, FL. 12-17-77
 3 SONS, BRECK LASTER - 2-8-79 MIAMI - LANDON OLIVER GREY 2-14-82 RUSTON, LA
 KIP MATHAN 7-12-85 MANASSAS, VA

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5) For Mary Louille Perry

a) where was she born? RALEIGH, NC 8-7-30

b) Did she have just two children? YES

c) For E. G. Richards

i) what is his full name? EDDIE GODFREY RICHARDS
(ALWAYS KNOWN AS E. G.)

ii) when & where was he born? WAKE CO. 4-30-28

d) For Eddie Richards

i) what is his full name? EDDIE CLIFTON RICHARDS

ii) when & where was he born? RALEIGH, 7-8-51

iii) when & where did he marry? —

iv) Full maiden name of Judy Holt JOHNSON
CO., NC
and when & where was she born? —v) Does he have children? If so details?
YES - ANDREW CLIFTON

e) For Charlene Richards

i) what is her full maiden name?
MARGARET CHARLENEii) when & where was she born? LOUISBURG, NC
4-4-57

iii) Did she marry/have children?

If so, details?

ANTHONY SHANAHAN - FARMING
Co., NC
PEARCE BHP. CHURCH
SON, JONATHAN HENRY 4-30-84
DAUGHTER, MARY KATHLEEN 1-15-88

THANKS FOR ALL THE INFO YOU SENT TO ME.

Ben

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19 SEP 1992

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Dear Benny

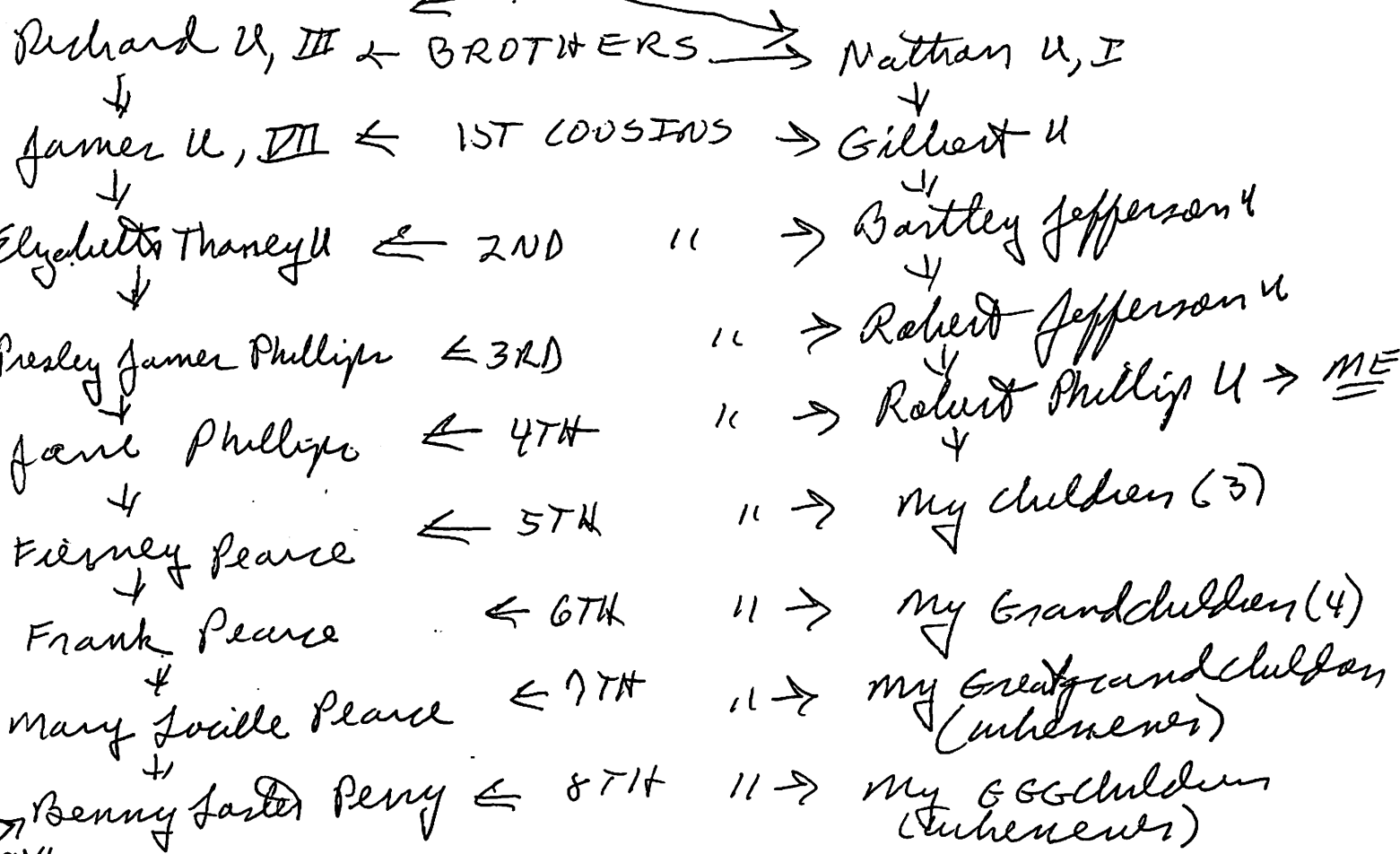
It was great to talk with you on 13 SEP 92.
We will keep working on the exact location
of your land in Franklin Co, NC. I think
Jerry Boswell will be a big help. Hope I
can afford to keep him working on the
project

I think it was clear to you and me that
we had to be related somehow and most
likely through several lines. Since we talked
I have worked up our relationship based
on your great grandmother Jane (Phillips) Pearce.
She is of the Richard U, III / James U, VII Subclan
and of the Elizabeth Thaneey U line. To put
you more in the picture I enclose herewith
the Master Outline for the Richard U, III / James U, VII
Subclan (13 pages) + the follow-on sections for
your GGM Jane (Phillips) Pearce. Also enclosed is

a list of missing details on her family. Any of these details you have or can get will be appreciated.

Here is how you and I are related based on your GGM Jane (Phillips) Pearce:

Michael U, I (b 1620 - England)
 ↓
 Richard U, I
 ↓
 James U, II
 ↓
 Richard U, II (moved from VA to present day Franklin Co, NC 1755)



So your GGM (Jane Phillips) and I are 4th cousins, while you and my GGGchildren will be 8th cousins and you and I are 4th cousins 4 times removed.

This is not much but it is some. I have more detail on some of the people in your direct line if anyone is interested. As you look over some of the enclosed outlines I am sure you will recall something about some of these people. If you think of any living person who would have an interest in any of the lines represented I would be glad to correspond with them.

It begins to look like I will not be able to travel to NC this fall. There are just too many things going on here in Arizona that demand attention. We will slip away for a few days in Missouri to see how our farm there is doing. In due course we will get to NC but it is hard to say just when - maybe next spring.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours
Phil Gribb

[ROBERT PHILIP UPHORN]

MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY
OF JANE (PHILLIPS) PEARCE

19 SEP
1992

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1)

For Jane Phillips

- a) what was her full maiden name?
- b) when & where was she born?
- c) when & where did she die?
- d) where is she buried?
- e) when and where did she marry?
- f) what are the names of her children?

g) For FIERNEY Pearce

- i) Is FIERNEY the correct spelling?
- ii) what is his full name?
- iii) when & where born?
- iv) when & where died & where buried?
- v) who was his father?

2) For Frank Pearce

- a) what is his full name?
- b) when & where born?
- c) when & where died & where buried?
- d) when and where was he married?
- e) what are the names of his children?

f) For his wife

- i) what was her full maiden name?
- ii) when & where was she born?
- iii) when and where died?
- iv) where buried?
- v) who was her father?

3) For Mary Louella Pearce

(10)

- a) when & where was she born?
- b) Is she still living? If not, when & where did & where buried?
- c) where did she marry?
- d) Did she have just two children?
- e) For Clifton Foster Perry
 - i) where was he born?
 - ii) where did he die?

4) For Benny Foster Perry

- a) where were you born?
- b) Did you have just two children?
- c) For Nelda Rose Lewis
 - i) when and where born?

a) For Amelia Rose Perry

- i) where was she born?
- ii) when & where married?
- iii) Full name of Jerry Miller & when & where was he born?
- iv) Does she have just one child?
- v) Full name of Alysia Miller & when & where was she born?

2) For Frankie Foster Perry

- i) Is Frankie his legal name or is it Frank or Franklin?
- ii) when and where was he born?
- iii) Did he marry / have children? If so, details?

5) For Mary Louille Perry

(11)

a) where was she born?

b) Did she have just two children?

c) For E. G. Richards

i) what is his full name?

ii) when & where was he born?

d) For Eddie Richards

i) what is his full name?

ii) when & where was he born?

iii) when & where did he marry?

iv) Full maiden name of Judy Holt
and when & where was she born?

v) Does he have children? If so, details?

e) For Charlene Richards

i) what is her full maiden name?

ii) when & where was she born?

iii) Did she marry/have children?

If so, details?

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Notes of RPA call 13 SEP 1992 to Benny Laster Perry.

Re land sold in 1903 by John Buckenridge Perry to James Wesley U¹⁹⁴⁹ → Otho NNU - 95 Acres on North side of N. Prong of Moccasin Creek in Franklin Co, NC

△ I. Nathan Pearce

△ md Susan⁴

△ A. Simon Pearce

△ I. Moses Pearce

△ a. Mattie Florence

△ Pearce md Emma

— Laster Perry

△ i. Clifton Laster

△ Perry md Mary Louella Pearce

□ (I) Benny Laster Perry

△ I. Presley James Phillips

△ md Mary Pearce [CHILDREN]

△ A. Jane Phillips

△ md FURNEY [FURNET] Pearce

△ I. Frank Pearce

△ a. Mary

— Louella Pearce

←→

The cemetery of Moses Pearce lies just East of the 95 acres. Moses Pearce owned quite a bit of land which passed down to Benny Laster Perry

The land Benny Laster Perry now owns came down through the family from Moses Pearce

Note that some of the Peaces changed their name to Pierce - but they go back to one of the four Pearce brothers - Nathan, Arthur, Philip, Stephen

Benny says the 1840 Joseph Budger document describes all plantations in Franklin Co, NC. It is in Mill Book K Pg 247 on. The 1869 map is in the Archives in Raleigh, NC 13-F(?)

○ Notes of call from Ben Perry to RPH 28 SEP 1991

Ben is calling in response to my most recent letter. Says he has given me most of what he can that would be useful.

The land his FAT bought in 1937 was the Perry Pond and not the farm which Ben owns adjoining Uphurch Road (Fatts Uphurch farm). The farm came from his FAT & MOT and at one time may have been owned by W. K. Phillips. The Fatts U farm has certainly been owned by Fatts - Otha & family all of this century.

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Knowledge that the old cemetery to the west of his farm is an Uphurch cemetery is based on information handed down by word of mouth. In Ben's memory the only physical evidence in this cemetery was a field stone with a date on it.

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Ben recommends that I obtain a copy of the Joseph Budger document for Franklin Co, NC. Joseph Budger performed a survey of the county in 1840 and this was revised in 1869 by Fuller. This gives metes and bounds and is known as Will Book K. Some Uphurch info is on pages 247-250. This reference shows Calvin U owned land N of Perry Pond - prob on Hwy 98

○ 28 SEP 1991 - CONTINUED

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Ben is aware of the four Pearce brothers and
 Δ says Nathan Pearce owned a large amount of
 land in the vicinity of present day Perry's Pond.
 Δ One of his sons Acrel Pearce owned the Pond
 Δ at one time. Steven Pearce owned land further
 south around Moccasin Creek.

□ + Δ Ben refers to Simon Roger, about 60, who
 Δ is a Phillip descendant. Simon is a good friend
 of Ben and does not have much written info
 Δ but has many details in his head. He lives in
 Δ the Wake Forest area with his sister. Simon owns
 a large farm between Brang's Pond and Riley on
 Δ both sides of road to Pearce. near James U's
 Δ old store. James U's store was at the intersection
 of SR 1720 & SR 1721

Δ + Δ J. W. K. Phillips had a son Johnnie Phillips who
 Δ and Betty U. They are buried at the old Phillips
 cem which is on the south side of the road
 from Riley to Poplar (Springs?) - & on the east
 side of the road that runs south to Bear Farm.
 This is called Roger Road.

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Ben expressed deep appreciation for the words
 I had written to him about the beauty of
 the area in which he lives and in answer
 for me to visit him

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10 SEP 1991

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Dear Benny,

I have just returned to your letter of 28 JUL 1991 and have now completed the processing. The Perry Family History is excellent and I have extracted details on key individuals and placed them in a separate file for each family member involved. The Zebulon Quadrangle Map would be welcome. I did not have such a map. Let me know if you want it back. I can have an original ordered from a local map store here in Tucson.

My Profile sheet on Kearney Perry is enclosed for your information.

I am still actively seeking the location of property in Franklin Co, NC owned by Richard Upchurch, II and his descendants. He arrived in the Moccasin Creek Area about 1755 and Upchurches have been there ever since. Joe Elmore is working with me on this project. I have just sent him a packet

of reference.

Here are some items you may be able to help with:

- ① Re your farm (Marked BLP Farm). Do I understand correctly your father acquired this in 1937? Who did he buy it from? Do you have a deed showing particulars including the adjacent land owners. I am interested especially because of the possibility of adjacent land being owned by an Upchurch at that time or earlier.
- ② Re the old Upchurch cemetery to the west of your property (BLP Farm). I recall that you said there are no Upchurch markers present. Are there any markers still present? How do you conclude this was an Upchurch cemetery? (word of mouth from ---?)
- ③ Do you have any more details (deeds, maps, etc) about the old Perry Plantation. Again, I feel Upchurch property adjacent this at some time. Are markers still standing in the family cemetery on the old Perry Plantation?

Any help you can provide on this alone will be appreciated. I can't wait to get back for a visit and see some of the places you have marked on the map. You live in a lovely part of the world and Perry's Pond is an especially beautiful place. I hope you take a few minutes each day to reflect on the beauty of your surroundings. wish I could live there.

The data continues to come in from various locations about the upshinder of the Moccasin Creek Area - past and present. I am sure we will find more Perry-upshinder connections as time goes by.

Thank you for your interest and help

Sincerely yours
Phil Upshinder

[ROBERT PHILIP UPSHINDER]

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PHIL -

7/28/91

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1 AUG 91

(18)

I'M SORRY THAT I CANNOT
ANSWER YOUR QUES. PERHAPS THE
MAN THAT STILL OWNS THE OLD CASCINE
PLANTATION (APPROX. 1300 AC.) CAN HELP YOU.

MR. BENNETT PERRY
ATTY. AT LAW
180 CHURCH ST.
HENDERSON, NC 27536

I HAVE ENJOYED OUR CONVERSATIONS.
IF I FIND FURTHER HELP I'LL CONTACT YOU.
YOUR FRIEND, BEN

Note: Ben returned my
3 pages of 14 questions
dated 21 JUL 1991 - with
none of them answered.
He did provide a copy
of the Family History
"The Family of Wesley
B. Perry" 1975 for me
to copy & return &
also a copy of a map
showing certain
tracts in the Molasses
Creek Area of Franklin
CO, NC.

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Also included in
this letter was
a map of the
Zebulon Quadrangle.
- placed in map
file - copy of
annotated section
attached.

RDU



(2) 10 SEP 1991

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ADDED
TO THE ANNOTATED SECTION OF
THE ZEBULON QUADRANGLE. (ORIGINAL
PROVIDED IN LTR 28 JUL 1991 BENNY
LASTER PERRY TO RPU. RPU
ADDITIONS BELOW 10 SEP 1991)

- ① ^Δ Kearney Perry burial site. Searched entire
set of profiles held by RPU. only one
Kearney Perry found.
- ② Map shows Perry cem site on the old
Perry Plantation. Two names listed:
Δ E. L. PERRY = EMMA LASTER PERRY
Δ J. B. PERRY = JOHN BRECKENRIDGE PERRY
- ③ Copy of map made for file on Land Holdings
of Richard W. II & Descendants in Franklin
Co, NC

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See Reference 179

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I. Wesley B. Perry

A. Emma Laster Perry

1. Clifton Laster Perry

a. Benny Laster Perry

Benny Laster Perry

Benny Laster Perry, son of Clifton Laster Perry and his wife Mary, was born January 30, 1924.

While attending Wake Forest College, he was drafted into the U. S. Army on September 13, 1943. Ben fought with the 78th Lightning Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, participating in the Battle of the Ardennes Forest, Battle of the Belgian Bulge, Central Europe and Rhineland. He received two Bronze Star Medals during these battles. He helped to interrogate and translate the German language from prisoners. He majored for three years at Wake Forest in German. Ben was honorably discharged April 21, 1946. He is a Master Mason, serves on Franklin Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, a Sunday School Superintendent for 10 years and deacon for 20 years. He owns the Perry's Mill Pond and lives along the side of it. Before retiring due to health, he worked for 17 years with the Westinghouse Meter Plant in Raleigh.

Benny Laster Perry and Hilda Rose Lewis were married in the Zebulon Baptist Church November 29, 1947. To them were born a daughter Anelia Rose Perry on March 18, 1949, and a son Frankie Laster Perry on August 13, 1952.

Anelia Rose Perry, a graduate nurse, is married to Jerry Miller, a law student in Birmingham, Alabama. They have a small daughter Alyssa.

Frankie Laster Perry is a graduate of Wake Forest University and at the present time (1975) in graduate school at the University of Miami, Miami, Florida.

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Dear Ben:

Thanks for your letter of 2850691 and for the Perry book and the map. I will write you again about the map and the book but I wanted to send the book back right away. The original of the book is enclosed. I have made myself a copy and three copies are enclosed for your use. They are not fancy copies but they serve a purpose. The book is a valuable contribution to family history.

The map you sent is just great. Did you want this returned. If so, just let me know. I have other topo maps of the area but not this one. I can purchase it from a local map store that orders such things. I am delighted to know the location of the old Perry Plantation as Upchurch land adjoined it or is now close by.

Also enclosed is the map referred to in my earlier letter but not included. I had mistakenly attached it to my

copy of your letter. It has only shown two of the parcels which are outlined on the big map you sent.

Penny's Pond is a wonderful place and I know you enjoy it. I only visited it once and that was on a quick stop. I'll hope to see it and you again in due course.

I'll keep digging on Penny-Upchurch relations or regards land and marriage. Since you and I have a common interest in the land and people of the Meadows Creek Area I am sure there will be ways we can help each other in the future. Please do contact me anytime you think I can help you or anytime you have information you think might be of interest to me.

Sincerely yours
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Sun. July 21, 1991

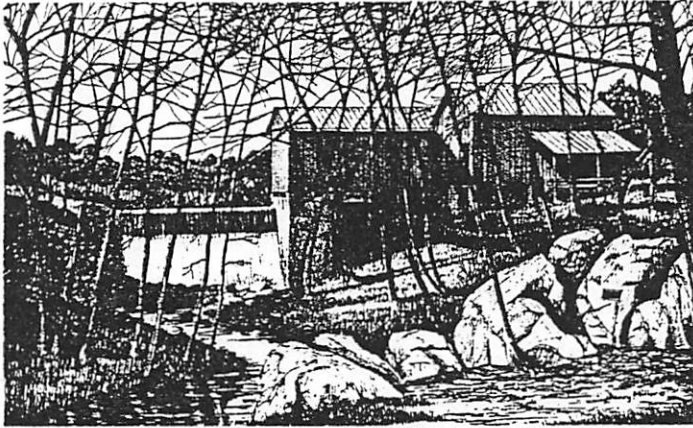
DEAR PHIL,

I WANT TO THANK YOU
FOR CALLING ME THIS AFTERNOON.
I ENJOYED OUR CONVERSATION
ALTHOUGH I DON'T THINK I
HELPED YOU VERY MUCH. I
HOPE THAT JOE ELMORE WILL
BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH LOTS
OF INFORMATION FROM DEEPS, ETC.
HE IS A MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON
ON FRANKLIN COUNTY AND IT'S
PEOPLE.

AGAIN, PLEASE COME BY
AND VISIT US WHENEVER YOU'RE
IN THIS AREA. ~~IF I CAN~~ IF I CAN
HELP YOU - CALL ME -

SINCERELY,
Benny

PH. 919-269-8108

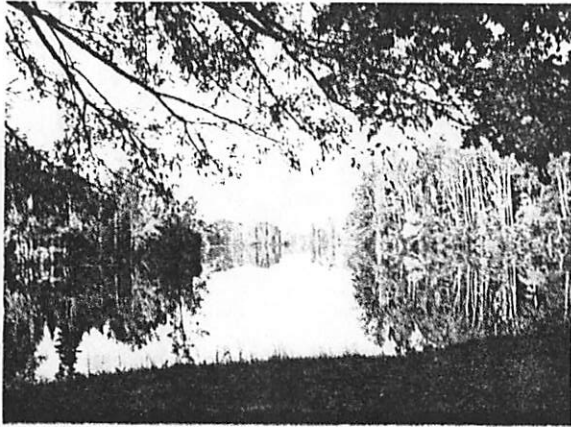


PERRY'S MILL POND, Est. 1778
Pond Over 1 Mile Long With 2 Islands. Listed In The N. C. Dept. Of
Archives And History As A Popular Site And Historic Landmark.
Also Listed With The Old Mills Of The U. S. A.

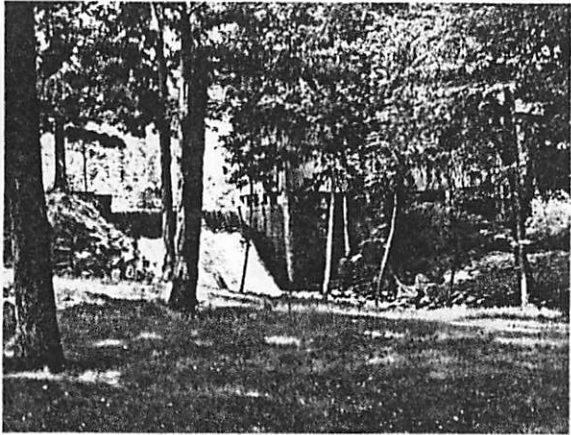
OPEN FOR FISHING YEAR-ROUND
Stocked with Bass, Bream, Catfish and Crappie



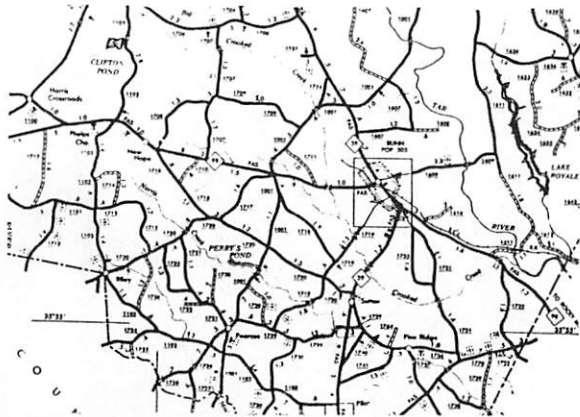
B. L. PERRY, Owner
Ph. 919-269-8108 - Route 2, Franklin Co., Zebulon, N. C. 27597
RPR 1001



A view from the Mill area looking west up the pond toward the first island.



A view of the Dam and Mill looking north in the springtime.



A section of Franklin County Map with Perry's Pond identified.

(Color photographs by Ray Strawbridge)



"Happinees" Fred Johnson & G. H. Harding with their Bass, Bream, & Crappie from Perry's Mill Pond.



A section of the official N. C. Road Map depicting Perry's Pond.

PERRY'S MILL POND
FRANKLIN COUNTY
DUNN TOWNSHIP

Route #2, Box 368

ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA 27597

*Original of this color
 brochure placed in
 Franklin Co, NC File*

Perry's Mill Pond

Est. 1778



A view of Perry's Mill and Dam in the snow from the bridge over Norris Creek on R P R 1001.

According to the oldest book in the Register of Deeds Office of Franklin County, Louisburg, N.C., there is a transaction recorded whereby Joseph Norris acquired land along Little Crooked Creek in Bute County, Franklin since 1779, from the State of North Carolina May 22, 1778. This was the establishing point of time when Mr. Norris started one of the first industries in this county consisting of a dam, pond, and grist mill that is now known as Perry's Mill Pond on Norris Creek. Little Crooked Creek became known as Norris Creek being named after the founder of this mill and pond. At this time in our history, General George Washington and his troops were quartered in Valley Forge where they had just endured a bitter and very cold winter. The American Revolution lasted eleven more years. This is one of the oldest mill pond sites in Franklin County. However, the original rock dam and mill house washed away during a flood in the latter part of June 1913.

Farmers, consisting of Pearces and Perrys, began to settle along this creek and to Moccasin Creek in the 1770's. For the farmer and his family, the mill was more than a place to get his grain ground, it also afforded a pleasant diversion from backbreaking labor. A visit to the mill was usually an all-day affair. It was an enjoyable occasion which sometimes included a picnic, fishing, and swimming. The production of these staple crops of corn, wheat, rye, etc., increased and many other dams and mills were constructed on Tar River, Crooked Creek, Cedar, Moccasin, Cypress, Buffalo, Sandy, etc., through the 1800's. Most mill ponds, now standing in Franklin County, were built from mid 19th century.



Pen and Ink Sketch of Perry's Mill and Dam.

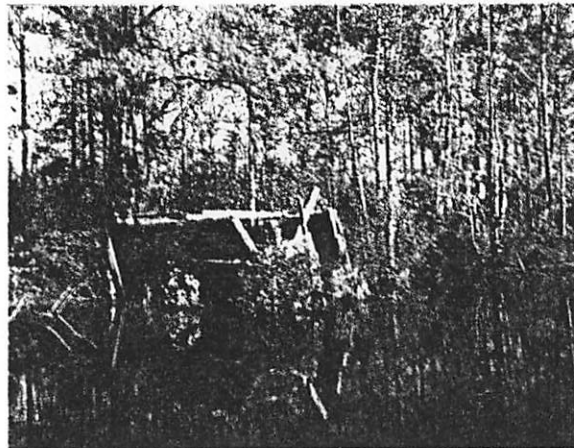
By Jerry Miller

This property went to Joseph Norris' son, John, in 1806. In 1810 John Norris sold the mill and pond to William Harrison who owned the Cedar Creek Plantation west of present day Royal and US 401 highway. From 1810 to 1860 it was known as the Old Harrison's Mill and Pond. Dr. Edward Alston Crudup purchased this property in 1860. Dr. Crudup was married to Seth Jones' daughter, Columbia, of near Neuse River and Raleigh. Mr. Jones had a very large plantation as did Dr. Crudup whose land holdings were North and West of what is now the town of Bunn. Branson's North Carolina Business Directory after the Civil War lists a grist mill, flour mill and saw mill at this site owned by Dr. E. A. Crudup. The Crudup family owned this property until 1904 and it was known as Crudup's Mill and Pond. The chain of title lists a few other short-term owners to the year 1934.



Aerial photo of Perry's Mill Pond.

By Malcolm Martin

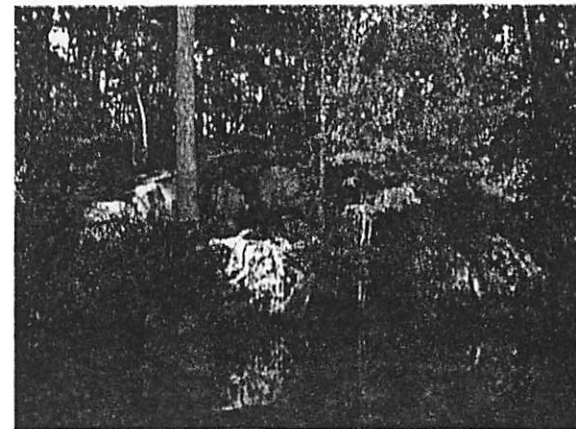


"Bud's Old Boat House" beyond the second island.

In 1934 the Zebulon Oil and Ice Co. purchased this property and planned to re-build the dam and pond in order to have an ice plant constructed instead of another milling business. These plans failed to materialize. In 1937 C.L. Perry, who lived and farmed all of his life as did his forefathers near the head of the pond, purchased the property from Zebulon Oil and Ice Co. He was successful in having a new concrete reinforced dam built in 1937 and 1938, a larger grist mill house accommodating 2 turbine water wheels that would furnish much more horsepower than an overshot wheel for 6 sets of mill stones, 3 millers' houses, a commissary with a 4-room apartment for the store operator's family, a shop and log cabin complete with a furnace and pit for barbeques, picnics, recreation, etc. Just after World War II Mr. Perry modernized the operation with a shuck and sheller machine for corn, a feed mill and a hammer mill to grind and mix feeds for livestock; a diesel engine was installed for supplemental power and to use during periods of drought when the water was low. A smaller gasoline unit was used at times for pulling only one of the above machines. He also gave land on which a church was built.

Shortly after the mid 20th century, the milling industry started to decline. Modern farm machinery harvested the grain, mobile feed mixers would go right to the farm, housewives would pick up small quantities of flour and meal at the supermarkets and so the farmer had less need now to go to the mill. This business closed down in 1965 bringing an end to the first industry in this area 11 miles South of Louisburg, 7 North of Zebulon and 22 Northeast of Raleigh.

The mill pond property is still in possession of the Perry family. B. L. Perry had the grounds around the dam and mill area landscaped along with the Norris Creek near the bridge and road 1001 frontage in 1975 so that it would be beautiful for the 1976 Bicentennial. It proves to be a very scenic place in its natural state. High school students from several schools have had pictures made here for their year books. A statewide award was won here for the best outdoor pictures of the Seniors in 1978. Many paintings have been made, pen and ink sketches, and thousands of photographs including aerials. There have been several newspaper articles about this place. It is a reminder of a bygone era. This is a wonderful wildlife habitat in over 1.3 miles of water with 2 pretty islands. The mill pond is open for fishing to the public the year-round. It abounds with bass, bream, catfish, and crappie. It is a good place to enjoy a picnic and just a great place "to get away from it all." Many weddings have been performed here over the years.



A view of "The High Rocks" about halfway up the pond on the south side.

Perry's Mill Pond has a long and rich history. It is listed on permanent file in the N.C. Department of Archives and History as a popular landmark and historic site. It is also listed with the Old Mills of the U.S.A. It is identified on numerous estate maps and county maps such as Fuller's, May 1869, Stout's Franklin County Historical Map, the U.S. Geological Survey Topographical Map, Bunn West, N.C. and it is one of the few ponds depicted on the official N.C. Road Map.

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21 JUL 1991

MR BENNY L. PERRY
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Dear Ben,

I really enjoyed our chat over the phone today. It is always great to meet another person who has a keen interest in family history.

My ancestor Richard U, II arrived in the Meccasin Creek Area with a young family from VA about 1755. His ancestor Michael U, I had arrived in VA ca 1649. I have been back twice to the place in England where Michael U, I lived. The children of Richard U, II were: Richard U, III, Francis U, Benjamin U, Moser U, Charles U, Betty U, Nathans U, I [My GGGF], Nancy U, James U, ~~II~~, Jubal U & Abel U, ~~II~~. Many descendants of some of these 11 are still in the area today.

on an enclosed map I have shaded ^{in green} what I think is your 100 acre farm. Is this correct? How much did your father buy in 1937 and who did he buy it from? I have drawn a red line around what I think was the James W. U Farm (Father-in-law of Father U). Is

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 this about right? Can you show about where the old graveyard is? I don't know when James W. U got the farm or from whom but in due course I'll figure it out. Maybe Sattie knows. James W. U was the son of Ambrose U & the gr of Richard U, III. Richard U, III owned about a 100 acre in the Mexican Creek Area but I don't know where. Ambrose U inherited about 18 acres of this. Ambrose U owned land at Pilot on old 64 just across the road from the Uphurch Cem.

I have Biopiles on about 250 members of the Perry Family [Not all Uphurch related]. I have copied 13 of these Biopiles which are enclosed for your files. Questions on these 13 are enclosed. There is a fair amount of Uphurch/Perry interaction. Perhaps you will have answers for one or two of these questions. Anything you send will be appreciated.

Details on Uphurch Bulletin are enclosed. I don't expect you to subscribe. Just thought you might like to have an idea of what I am doing. How many pages are there in your Perry Family History?

I called Joe Elmore. He will get deeds for me.

Sincerely yours
 Phil Uphurch
 (ROBERT PHILIP UPHURCH)

- ① Allen C. Perry - born ca 1852. Who was his Father. He and Martha U of the Richard U, III / Bushely U subdam.
- ② Bennett Perry
 - a. How was he related to Robert Perry?
 - b. who is the Father of the Roena U?
 - c. who is the Father of the Robert Perry?
 - d. Do you have any details on the descendants of Robert & Roena (U) Perry?
- ③ Charles Wesley Perry
 - a. Who is Father of Charles Wesley Perry?
 - b. Do you have details on his descendants?
 - c. who was Roeny [Roena, Roena] Perry who and Simon Pearce.
 - d) who was the Father of Susan U who and Nathan Pearce?
- ④ For E. M. Perry
 - a) who was she
 - b) who is W. I. U.
- ⑤ For Emily Perry
 - a) Presume she is dau of your ancestor John Perry.
 - b) I have a lot of detail on she & her descendants.

⑥ For Flossie R. Perry (32)

- a) what was her maiden name?
- b) who is Father of Walter V. Perry?
- c) Is the couple linked to the U family?

⑦ For Frankie Perry

- a) which Perry was her 1st husband?
- b) what was her maiden name?

⑧ For Erasmus W. Perry.

- a) who was his Father
- b) Was he linked to the U family?

⑨ For John Perry

- a) where was the land which formed the 300 Acres More U bought in 1801?

⑩ For John Sidney Perry

- a) who was his father?
- b) who was Mary A. U? (Her Father?)
- c) Do you have details on children of this couple?

⑪ For Kearney Perry

- a) who was father of Kearney Perry?
- b) Do we have details on his children?
- c) who was father of Susan U [same as 3d]

⑫ For Fattie Perry

- a) who was her Father?
- b) Do we have details on her children?

⑬ For Menzie Perry

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a) who was her father?

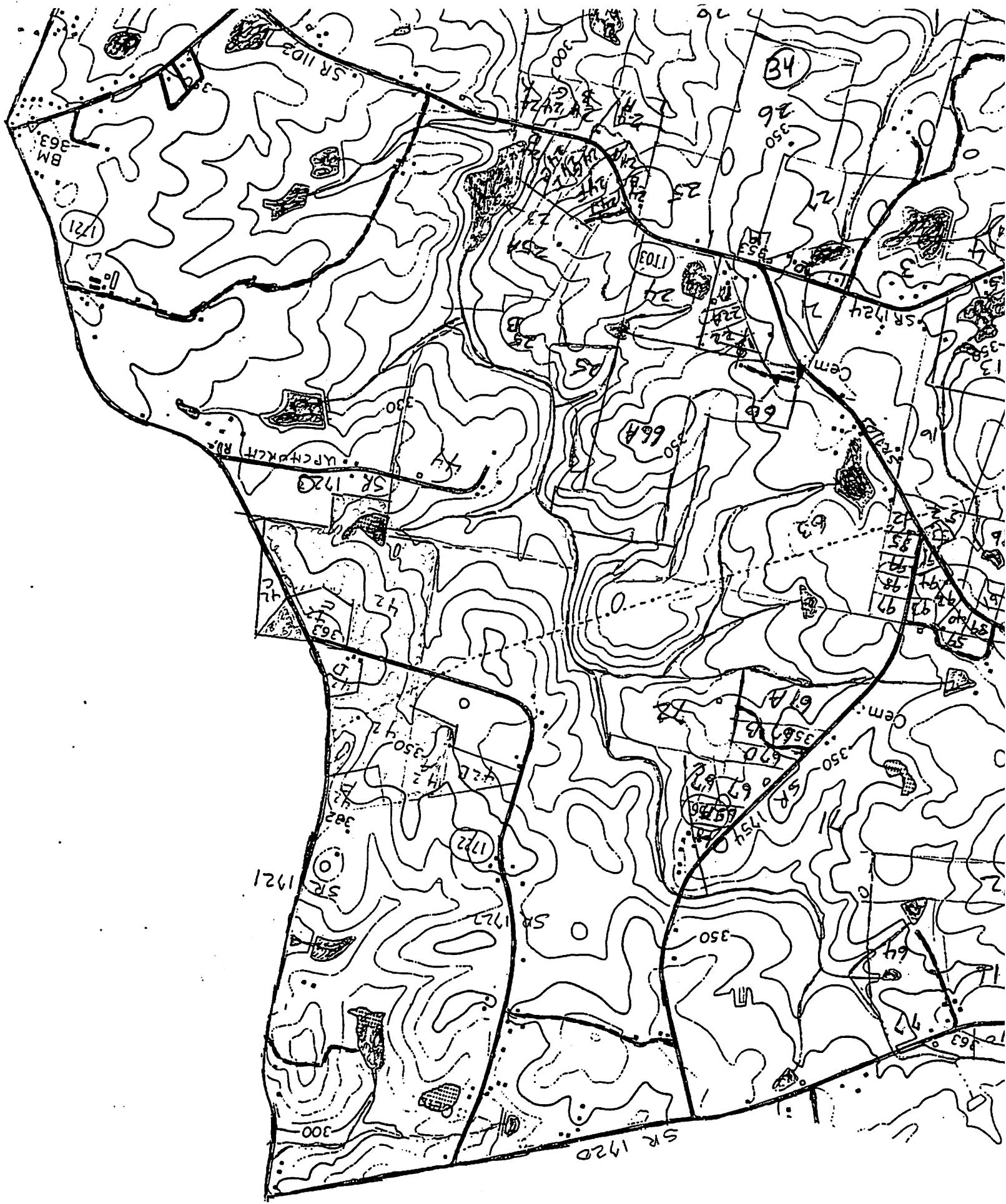
b) Did she & Solomon have children?

⑭ For Miley Perry

a) who was the father of REDDEN Perry [Redden?]?

b) who was the father of Nancy Denton?

c) [Miley Perry - was my Uncle !! - R. P. W.]



① Notes of call 21 JUL 1991 - continued (35)

Δ+Δ. BLPA recommends for Elmore to copy deed

His NOM no = 919-496-5168

(Wife = Rebecca - related to Perry)

- BLPA recalls seeing deeds that linked property of Jabal H & Isaac H to Nonie Creek [called Little Crooked Creek up to 1778 when a mill was built on this creek]

② see Franklin Co, NC File - entry 1 MAY 1986

"Historical Society Visits Casine"

on 19 APR 1986 members & friends of the N.C.

Little River Historical Society visited the Casine Plantation in Franklin Co, NC. The tour was

conducted by Hattie Perry Stalling and Ben Perry descendant of one of the 7 brothers who came to Franklin Co, NC from VA in 1746.

Jeremiah Perry was the brother who established the 2000 acre plantation of which 1500 acres is still in family hands.

③ 26 JUL 1991 - BLPA called RPH upon receipt of packet. I was not in but called him back. He did not receive map. He will loan me his Perry book. He & Hattie Stalling (still

living) wrote the Perry book. Charles Wesley

Δ+Δ Perry & Emma Lister Perry are sons of Wesley B. Perry.

BENNY LASTER PERRY PG1 (36)

① Notes of RPU Call 21 JUL 1991 to BLPA of Franklin Co, NC - 919-269-8108 (I called at suggestion of Tony Gay - see Lane NMN Mungia who reports BLPA is member of Little River Historical Society)

His full name = Benny Laster Perry "BEN"

△ I. Jeremiah Perry - one of 7 brothers - They had a plantation just south of Louisburg, NC - 1500 acres still in the family

△ A. John Perry

△ + △ I. Walter Perry md Armenia Sanders

△ a. Wesley Perry - CSA - KIA md Elizabeth Hoban

△ i. Emma Laster Perry (♀)

Purchased in 1939 by Clifton Laster Perry ← (I) Clifton Laster Perry (A) Benny Laster Perry

□↑ • BLPA owns 100 acres between SR 1721 & SR 1722 [JAMES W. W. CEM.]

△ There is an old Upchurch Cemetery on the property which adjoins the farm. There are no stones labeled Upchurch

• BLPA lives at Perry's Mill. His address RT 2 Box 368 Zebulon, NC 27591 (lives on SR 1001)

• There is a Perry Book - out-of-print. but he will show me a copy - 1975 date

• He knows of name of his ancestor who md W's or Sledge

• BLPA reports that SR 1723 terminated at a farm owned by Jethro W, uncle of Ethel W & originally owned by his FAT. SR 1723 = Upchurch Rd