

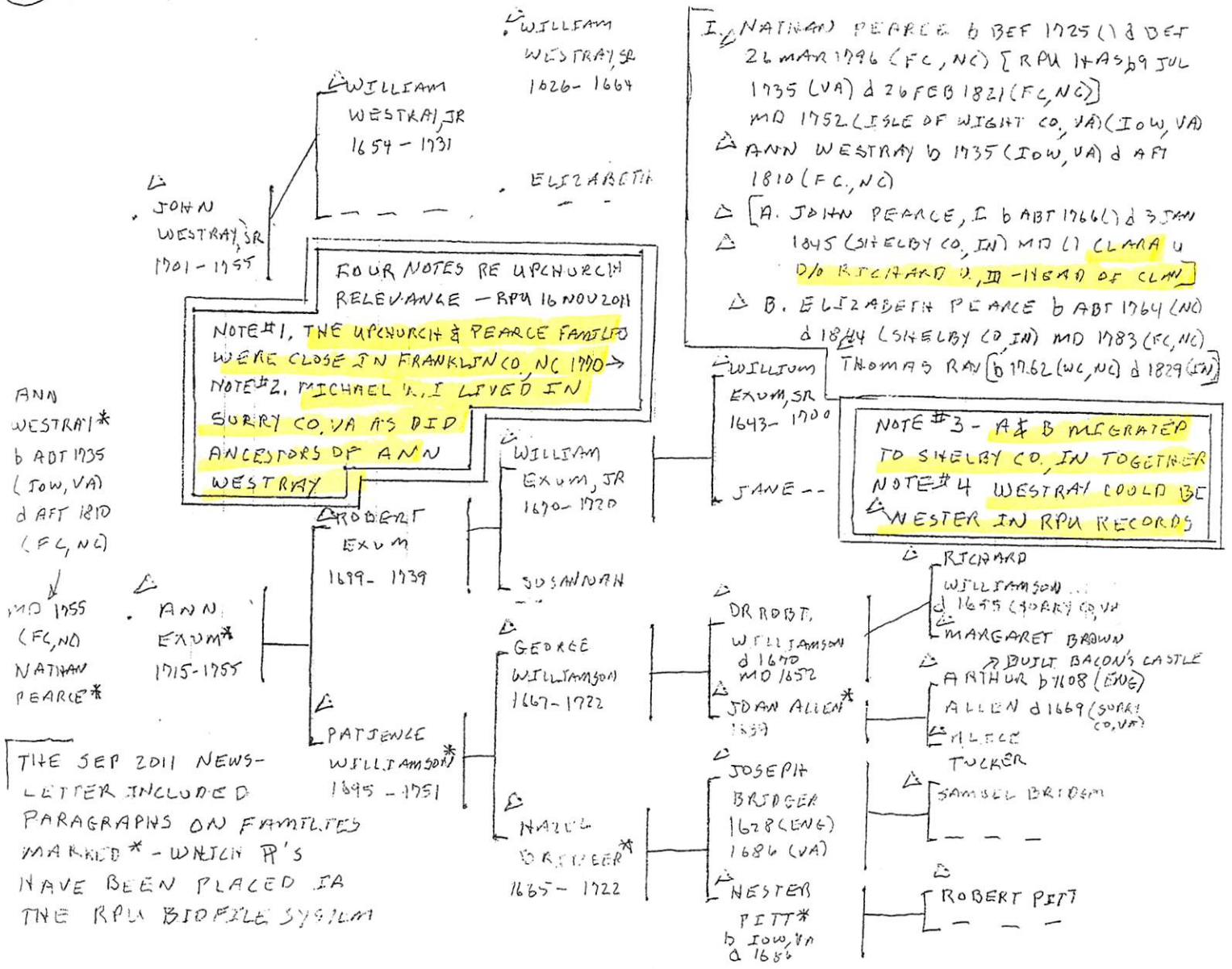
RAY COLLABORATION

RE: ^Δ NAIL-RAY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is in RPU files under Family History - Publications (FH/PUB). The main force behind this publication is Cooper at Dr Janet Ross
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 - nee JANET LYNN MORGAN

The Extract of the SEP 2011 Newsletter below shows the relevance to the Upchurch Family - ^Δ RAY COLLABORATION

○ FROM NAIL-RAY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - SEP 2011 - RPU 16 NOV 2011



THE SEP 2011 NEWSLETTER INCLUDED PARAGRAPHS ON FAMILIES MARKED * - WHICH R'S HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE RPU BIOFILE SYSTEM

A PROPOSED RAY RESEARCH PROJECT 1.

PROPOSED, CONSIDERED AND ABORTED

JUN 2012

RE 1790 RAY FAMILIES

I. BACKGROUND

In a phone conversation in perhaps APR 2012 with Debbie Scott Spencer it occurred to me she might help us sort out the Ray families on the 1790 Census. This gave me an idea for a project as outlined in II. Below. While in NC 23 MAY - 11 JUN 2012 both Gene Ray and Mark Perry said they would contribute to this effort

II THE "PROPOSAL SENT TO FOUR RAY RESEARCHERS 13 JUN 2012

Subject: A Possible Ray Project

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, Jun 13, 2012 3:55 pm

To: "Janet Ross" <janetross@verizon.net>; William Ray <williamoray@verizon.net>; Cindy Mize <cindymize@verizon.net>; Gene Ray <genaray@verizon.net>; Mark Perry <markperry@verizon.net>

Hi Four Ray Researchers---

As if we all did not have enough to do there is a Ray itch I am inclined to scratch. I'll try this out on you four and see if you tell me to sit down and be quiet.

The broad question is that we Ray descendants have trouble tracing our lines back into the 1700's and earlier. Over a several year period I have come to know and have visited in the home of Debbie Scott Spencer who lives close to N C 98 near Wake Forest. She does work for hire but gets personally involved and sometimes ignores her bottom line. She has recently surveyed several Ray cemeteries in northern Wake County and has given copies to me. In a recent phone conversation I asked on the spur of the moment if she would take on a project of sorting out the Rays on the 1790 census +- two generations. She said yes and that she would contribute some of her time. I asked how much for the project and she said \$ 500. My thought is to see if several of us are willing to pledge some \$ to get this Project underway. I think we need to have in sight a minimum of \$1,000. I have mentioned this to two others who said they would contribute. I will pledge \$100.

It is worth noting that Debbie came to the Upchurch Reunion in Cary, NC recently because I gave a talk on my Grandmother Aurora (Ray) Upchurch

If we get this underway we need some boundaries. The 1790 census shows 337 Ray (all spellings) households in America. There were 73 in North Carolina (22%) so I think we should limit the Project to the 73 and maybe limit it even more to central N. C. or perhaps to Wake, Franklin, Granville, and Orange Counties. The idea is to take the names of the heads of the 1790 census Households and to try to document their fathers and grandfathers and their children and grandchildren. This could be an endless project but one hopes the initial effort would yield some useful information and perhaps define areas that would be most promising to follow.

Certainly, if we pursue this Project we must supply the Researcher information already produced such as Cousin Bill Ray's chapter on the Early Ray's of Wake County.

Do let me have your thoughts and if you think we should proceed perhaps you can later provide names of other potential sponsors.

If you think this is too much of a wild idea just let me know and I will set it aside.

Phil Upchurch

III. Responses to the Proposal

A. CINDY MIZE email 14 JUN 2012

"get someone in the ray families to do a dna it would be much cheaper"

B. Sue Harvey [Cathy Sue Priner

Subject: Re: A Possible Ray Project
From: "Sue Harvey" <~~hsuevxxx@bellsouth.net~~>
Date: Wed, Jun 13, 2012 7:38 pm
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Mr. Upchurch
Sounds like a worthwhile project. As I have no known direct Ray ancestors I'll need to put my limited resources in other research.
Best of luck with the project.
Sue Harvey

C. Janet Ross

Subject: Re: A Possible Ray Project
From: "Janet Ross" <~~jmorganross@verizon.net~~>
Date: Mon, Jun 18, 2012 3:30 pm
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Phil,

Much of the information that you are interested in on the Ray families is probably already available but fragmented by family.

1. William C. Ray's book on his family is certainly very useful for your project!
2. I believe that Inez Brown has data on her Ray family who descends from Daniel Ray, who was living in Wake Co., NC, during the Revolutionary War and continued to live in Wake and maybe also Franklin Co., NC.
3. I have information on some members of the family of William Ray, the father of my Thomas Ray, who was living in Wake Co., NC, by 1779 and moved to Chatham Co., NC, just after the 1790 census and died there in the early 1790s. (I can identify William Ray, Sr., William Ray, Jr., and Thomas Ray in the 1790 Censuses from Wake and Franklin Co., NC.)
4. From the records in Wake, Franklin, and Nash Co., NC, I believe that other Rays in the area can be assembled.

I really believe that my Ray family came into North Carolina from Virginia around 1750. Ray/Wray Y-DNA evidence seems to be supporting that the family lived in Brunswick Co., VA, before moving to North Carolina. However, there are gaps in the genealogies of the Ray men whose Y-DNA matches that from our family, and so I am still not completely sure what those

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III C- Janet Ray - CONTINUED

matches are indicating right now. So, I would urge you to keep an eye on the FT-DNA Rea-Ray-Wray Surname Project at (<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/rea-ray-wray/>) and the associated site at (<http://rea-ray-wray.org/>) that should be posting ancestor charts, etc.

So, I would suggest that you first collect data from the family genealogists first, assemble those genealogies into larger family groups, and assess what you have before proceeding. Much of the data may already be available.

This past month has been very busy for us. We started with a trip to Raleigh to collect Xerox copies of books from the Library of North Carolina for a cousin who is applying for membership in the Jamestowne Society (via Joseph Bridger, an ancestor of the Pearce family of Franklin Co., NC). Then we attended the meeting of the Bridger Family Association in Suffolk, VA. Next, we went to Florida for a wedding. Then David's first grandson was born in Denver, CO, and so we had to go and meet him! It is so good to be home!

Let me know if you want data from me.

Best regards,

Janet

D. Re Bill Ray - No response from him as of 21 JUN 2012

E. while in NC I pitched the idea of this project to Inez Hodge Brown. She made little response & definitely did not offer money

IV EVALUATION - 21 JUN 2012

No money was offered from the 4 who were sent the proposal. Although Gene, Mark & I had offered \$ - this is not enough. It is true that the DNA approach has a lot of potential but I am not into that. Also all seem to think it is "my" project rather than "our" project. The only response I need to make is to Janet - see copy attached

V. CONCLUSION - About the Project 21 JUN 2012

V Report to Janet Ross 21 JUN 2012

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Subject: Abortion of Proposed Ray Project.
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Thu, Jun 21, 2012 11:34 am
To: "Janet Ross" <jmorganross@verizon.net>

Hi Janet---

Thanks for your fulsome email reply of June 18 to my email proposal of June 13. I have now had a chance to review responses and to reflect on how this proposal might play out and regretfully report that I have decided to "set it aside". This is not a reflection on you or on anyone else as there are many ideas that can be proposed but not all can be implemented for sundry reasons.

I think that the Proposal itself was a good idea but the devil is in the details. I had hoped to float the idea, offer to contribute some money, hope others would contribute, and serve as an interface with Debbie Spencer who would do the actual work. As you say a lot of data is available but needs to be assembled and evaluated. That is a role Debbie would play. Given my many obligations including many to Upchurch work it is not possible for me to take on more than a facilitating role. You and others have indicated that DNA work needs to be a part of the approach. I agree. However, I am not into that and do not know if Debbie is.

I hope you will not let this little bump in the road hamper the good relations you and I have had with it's potential for us to be able to help each other going forward.

Phil Upchurch

VI. MORE ON THE PROJECT

- A. 22 JUN 2012 - Bill Ray responded & I admitted his negative input 26 JUN 2012
- B. Janet & I had exchange 22 JUN 2012
She provided contact info for Stephanie Ray.

RAY COLLABORATION

A key item in this file is a 23 DEC 2008
letter to Dr Janet Ross (nee Janet Lynn Morgan, PhD),
Bill Ray & Mark Ray & Karen Ray. As of
27 JUL 2010 I note there has been little
follow up. I have continued to submit
with Janet - but now file such items
under her maiden name - Janet Lynn Morgan.
- RPA - 27 JUL 2010

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A PROTOCOL TO GUIDE THE
COLLABORATION OF MEMBERS
OF THE RAY AND UPCHURCH
FAMILIES AS THEY JOINTLY
EXPLORE MUTUAL INTERESTS
IN FAMILY HISTORIES IN
NORTHERN CAROLINA

BY ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH "PHIL"
DECEMBER 20, NC

In recent weeks three groups of family history researchers have agreed to pool their efforts to add additional clarity to the histories of the families that interest us. The purpose of this document is to identify the collaborators, to present condensed versions of our state of knowledge on aspects of mutual interest and to identify some of our initial objectives.

Our research interests are focused on two North Carolina localities. One is in northern Wake County on both sides of the Neuse River including Barton Creek and New Light Townships with possible spillovers into nearby jurisdictions. The other is the Moccasin Creek Area which contains parts of eastern Wake County (Little River Township) and southern Franklin County (Dunn Township - especially the southern part of Dunn TWP) with possible spillovers into nearby jurisdictions, especially Nash County.

Collaborators:

GROUP 1 - Headed by Janet Morgan Ross of Springfield, VA. She was Editor-in-Chief of the monumental book "The Families of Henry Nail and Mary Keller & Thomas Ray and Elizabeths Pearce" published by the NAIL-RAY Association in 1997 and continues as Treasurer of the Association and as an active researcher. Thomas and Elizabeth lived in the Moccasin Creek Area and named there in MAR 1783. Janet seeks more information about this couple, their relatives & neighbors in Moccasin Ck. Area.

GROUP 2 - Headed by William Canall Ray "Bill" and Marl Ellis Ray and daughter Karen Inez Ray of Raleigh, NC. Bill lives in Leesburg, VA. Bill, Marl, Karen and Phil Upchurch are all descendants of Buckner Ray 1818-1881. Bill did yeoman work in researching and publishing in 1999 "The Ray Family of Wake County, NC. Buckner Ray was the s/o Wainley Rose Ray and the Gs/o Natthan Ray, head of one of seven Ray households on the 1790 NC census. Group 2 is especially interested in documenting the ancestor of Natthan Ray and in learning more about Ray and other families of Northern Wake County, NC.

GROUP 3 - Headed by Phil Upchurch. In 2009 Phil will complete 30 years of publishing UPCHURCH BULLETIN. He has a heritage in Northern Wake County being a descendant of Buckner Ray and thus a cousin of Bill, Marl, and Karen. He also has a heritage in the mountain creek area being a descendant of Richard Upchurch, II who moved to DOWN TOWNSHIP in southern Franklin County, NC about 1750. Phil continues a very active program of researching the families of southern Down Township. While Phil is not descended from the RAY or PEARCE families of DOWN TWP he has a keen interest in these families as Richard Upchurch, II and his descendants lived close to, interacted with, and intermarried with the RAY & PEARCE families.

References:

To facilitate this Ray/Upchurch collaboration some condensed abstracts of the relevant research by Phil, Janet and Bill have been created and made a part of this protocol. Since given names are often used repeatedly in a family leading to confusion an effort has been made here to append a birth date or death date or other signal to names to facilitate communication.

The several References created are described below along with a few clarifying remarks.

REFERENCE No. 1 - Pages 34-38 The Early Rays of Wake County, NC - From Bill's Ray Family Book.

Bill provides valuable information on the seven Ray households that were listed on the 1790 census in N.C. Note that Nathan Ray b. 1765 was head of one of the seven households.

He is the GF of Buckwalter Ray who was the ancestor of Bill, Mark, Karen, and Phil. Bill suggests our Nathan may be a son or grandson of Francis Ray who acquired land on the Neuse in 1759. Need proof. Also note that the 7 families provide one starting point for thinking about the heritage of the RAY families of the Moccasin Creek Area.

Of the 7 Ray Households in 1790 note that Bill Mowson 4 - John, Joseph, Luke, and Nathan are closely related and form the core of our Ray family of Northern Wake. The other 3 - Daniel, William, Sr and William, Jr are, presumably, of the Moccasin Creek Area. Bill draws upon Nail-Ray records to report on William Sr & Jr.

Bill brings some other early Rays into the picture - Francis Ray & wife Rachel, James Ray possible patriarch of the Orange County, NC Rays and James Ray possible s/b Luke Ray.

Reference No 2. Pages 490-494 - From Nail And Ray Families

For this Protocol Reference 2 clearly shows that William Ray, Sr [R1] and his two presumed/women sons William Ray, Jr [R11] and Thomas Ray [R12] were members of the Moccasin Creek Area in the 1778-1785 era. It was Thomas Ray R12 who married in 1783 (Wake Co, NC) Elizabeth Pearce and served as the ancestor of the bulk of the Rays reported in the Nail-Ray book.

The joint interest contemplated by this Protocol as regards the family of William Ray, Sr R1 will concentrate on the approximate period 1770-1810 when we may expect to find facts related to the family in the Moccasin Creek Area. Phil and Janet will be interested especially in any RAY facts and Phil hopes these facts will be instructive for Upchurch, Pearce and related families of this place and time. Janet will be hopeful that more hints will surface re William Ray, Sr R1 and his ancestors. Bill will hope that more will be learned about the father of his ancestor Nathan Ray.

As the William Ray, Sr R1 family & his children fade from the Wake/Franklin scene in the early 1800's the joint interest visualized by this Protocol will diminish. However, Phil will have some interest in the RAY records of Chatham Co, NC as he continues to research Upchurch families that appeared in Chatham from 1785 onward.

The Land Grant map in Reference No 2 is a powerful beginning tool for our joint project. Benjamin Upchurch, 5/8 Richard U., II, is shown for one of the Grants. Before 1800 Upchurches were found to have acquired land represented by some of the Grants shown. In a separate venture Cooperator James P. Jones of Raleigh, NC is developing a more complete Land Grant record for this area

Reference No 3 Pages 474 and 484-488 - From Nail And Ray Families

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For the purposes of this joint effort we will start with the family of Nathan Pearce, I 1735-1821 and his wife Nancy Melton and proceed forward. The study of records for the ancestors of this Nathan Pearce are beyond the scope of this joint effort. However, Attachment No 1 hereto presents information on this subject from pages 482-484 of Nail and Ray Families.

The Uphrunch Family headed by Richard U, II became intimately associated with the Pearce Family headed by Nathan Pearce, I in the Moccasin Creek Area from about 1770 onward. A study of these associations may reveal additional facts about the daughter Elizabeth who married Thomas Ray, R 2 which will be of special interest to Janet. It is certain that they will reveal facts of great interest to Phil. These Pearce studies are not likely to be of great interest to Bill.

In Reference No 4 a brief description will be given of the Pearce-Uphrunch association and Phil's present interest in this matter.

Reference No 4 - Excerpts from Records of Phil Upchurch (6)

After 25 years of researching families of The Moccasin Creek Area Phil on 15502000 prepared a document entitled UPCHURCH/PERSPECTIVES excerpts of which constitute Reference No 4. There are three chapters in UPCHURCH/PERSPECTIVES. Reference No 4 includes all of Chapter One (Introduction) and the first page of Chapter Two concerning A master outline for the Family of Nathan Pearce, I (born 1735) including his children and grandchildren. (A full copy of Chapter Two is available upon request - 22 pages)

Chapter Three (About 50 pages) consists of a Master Outline for The Family of Nathan Pearce, II and his descendants. Nathan Pearce, II is a 5/8 Philip Pearce b. 1754 and a 3/8 Nathan Pearce I b. 1735.

This family is of been traced to R14 as Nathan U, II married as his first wife Susan Upchurch, whose father is yet to be identified, but she was almost certainly a granddaughter of Richard U, II. The Master Outline includes hundreds of descendants of Richard U, II on the presumption that they all stem from his first marriage and therefore belong in the Upchurch Fold. Pages 1 and 2 of Chapter Three in Ref 4

One notes that Nathan Pearce, II was a nephew of the Elizabetha Pearce that married Thomas Ray R12.

To illustrate further the close relationships between the Upchurch and Pearce families of The Moccasin Creek Area Attachment No 2 lists provide some examples excerpted from the extensive profile system maintained by Phil

REFERENCE No. 1

FROM: "The Ray Family of Wake Co., NC" pgs 34-38 By Bill Ray (7)

◆ EARLY RAYS OF WAKE COUNTY ◆

Wake County was formed in 1771, but the first fourteen years of its deeds and tax lists were destroyed by a fire in the Register's office in 1832. Many documents were destroyed. For unknown reasons, other early court records are missing including early tax records. These missing documents prevent conclusive identification of the parents of Nathan Ray who drowned in the Neuse River in Wake County on or about the first of January 1822.

The Rays were well established in Wake County by the conclusion of the Revolutionary War in 1781. The first United States census prepared in 1790 reveals there were seven Ray families in Wake County containing 46 persons as listed below. The average Ray household in Wake County contained 6.6 people in 1790.

Head of Household	Free White Males 16 and Older Including Heads of Households	Free White Males Under 16	Free White Females Including Heads of Households	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
1. Daniel Ray	1	3	4	--	--
2. John Ray	1	2	6	--	--
3. Joseph Ray	1	1	6	--	--
4. Luke Ray	2	--	2	--	5
5. Nathan Ray *	1	1	1	--	--
6. William Ray, Sr.	2	3	6	--	1
7. William Ray, Jr.	1	--	2	--	--
Totals	9	10	27	--	6

* Nathan Ray is the father of Wormley Rose Ray
 grandfather of Buckner Ray
 great grandfather of Von Ray.

Thorough research of the surviving deeds, tax lists, wills, estate, census, marriage records, and court orders yields the tentative conclusion that Luke, Joseph, John and Nathan are related with Nathan being the youngest of the four. Nathan's property bordered land owned by Luke, Joseph and John. It is believed, but not proven, that Luke, Joseph, John and Nathan are descendants of Francis Ray and his wife, Rachel, who acquired 100 acres on the south side of the Neuse River in 1759. Nathan may be the son of Luke Ray from his first marriage and the grandson of Francis and Rachel Ray. Additional research is required to confirm the actual family relationships.

1. Daniel Ray

Little is know of this Daniel Ray. The 1790 census shows Daniel as the head of a family of four males and four females. Daniel is not thought to be a relative of Nathan Ray. Daniel is not documented in the early Wake County court records. A Daniel Ray owned 118 acres in adjoining Franklin County in 1820. On January 10, 1825, a Daniel Ray deeded land to James Ray in Franklin County.

2. John Ray

John married Martha (Patty) _____, had twelve children, and he died September 28, 1806. Their twelve children are:

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| 1. Mary Ray married William
Rochell Feb. 17, 1801 | 4. Ephraim Ray married Nancy
Rochell Aug. 7, 1819 | 9. James Ray |
| 2. Martha Ray married
George Jackson
Dec. 26, 1804 | 5. Charity Ray | 10. William Ray |
| 3. Gilliam Ray | 6. John Ray | 11. David Ray married
Edith Joplin Jan. 23,
1824 |
| | 7. Elsey Ray | 12. Susanna Ray |
| | 8. Thomas Ray | |

When John Ray died in 1806, Luke Ray (probably his brother) became the guardian of John's seven underage children (John, Elsey, Thomas, James, William, David and Susanna). Luke Ray died four years later in 1810 leaving five infant children of his own.

John Ray is first mentioned in the Wake County Court records when he witnessed a September 13, 1787 sale of land to Joseph Ray adjoining property on the Neuse River owned by Luke Ray. John is thought to be a brother of Luke, Joseph and, perhaps, Nathan Ray. When John died in 1806 he owned 184 acres on Shad Island Creek. This property included Shad Island in the Neuse River which is now inundated by Falls Lake.

3. Joseph Ray

Joseph married Frankey _____, had nine children and he died in December 1805. Their nine children are:

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| 1. Robert Ray (married Fanny Tomerson Dec. 18, 1815) | 6. Rachel Ray |
| 2. Joseph Ray (married Nancy Harrison Dec. 17, 1803) | 7. Penelope Ray |
| 3. Mark Ray | 8. Sarah Ray |
| 4. Jane Ray | 9. Franky Ray |
| 5. Elizabeth Ray (married Alexander High March 3, 1812) | |

Joseph Ray is first mentioned in the Wake County Court records when he entered a caveat for 400 acres on March 2, 1778, so he was born prior to 1757. On September 14, 1778, Joseph Ray acquired 250 acres by grant on the east side of Mill Fork Branch. On August 9, 1779, Joseph acquired another 180 acres by grant on the Mill Fork Branch of Horse Creek. The 1781 Wake County Tax List (Captain Robert High's District) shows Joseph Ray as the owner of 100 acres, 2 horses and 6 cattle valued at 36 pounds. The 1799 Wake County Tax List shows Joseph Ray as the owner of 125 acres.

4. Luke Ray

Luke married twice, had at least seven children, and he died in 1810. The name of Luke's first wife is unknown. Luke married his second wife, Ruthy Cape, on January 9, 1804. The names of seven of his children are:

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| 1. James Ray | 5. Beddy Ray (married John Harrison
Jan. 1, 1823) |
| 2. Polly Ray (married Isham Davis Nov. 9, 1819) | 6. Winnafred Ray (married Joseph Davis
Nov. 1, 1825) |
| 3. John Ray (married Fanny Little Feb. 15, 1813) | 7. Charles Ray |
| 4. Rachel Ray | |

When Luke died in 1810, he left five infant children (John, Rachel, Beddy, Winnafred and Charles).

Luke Ray is first mentioned in the Wake County Court records when he purchased land on February 3, 1778 so he was also born prior to 1757. Although this is the earliest surviving record of our Ray ancestors owning property in Wake County, there were probably earlier deeds that were destroyed by the 1832 fire in the Register's office. The 1781 Wake County Tax List (Captain Robert High's District) shows Luke Ray as the owner of 100 acres, 4 horses and 12 cattle valued at 116 pounds. On March 4, 1783, Luke acquired by grant 158 acres on the north side of the Neuse River. On November 16, 1791 by State Grant #1103 Luke Ray acquired 150 acres on the north side of the Neuse River and on both sides of Horse Creek adjacent to Stafford's Corner, Cedar Hill and a small path. The 1799 Wake County Tax List shows Luke Ray as the owner of 300 acres and 4 slaves.

Luke and Joseph are thought to be sons of Francis and Rachel Ray. They both named daughters Rachel, an indication that their mother's name was Rachel.

Luke's widow, Ruth, remarried Buckner Nipper (Knipper) by bond dated December 31, 1810.

5. **Nathan Ray**

Nathan Ray was born circa 1765, married Elizabeth Kilgo on January 5, 1790 and they had at least one child, a son, Wormley Rose Ray (father of Buckner Ray), born in 1794. Nathan and Wormley drowned in the Neuse River on or about the first of January 1822. Nathan was about 57 and his son, Wormley, was 27 at the time of their accidental deaths.

Deeds were registered in Wake County on September 3, 1793 and 1794 in which Hammon Mobley conveyed property in Wake County to Nathan Ray. The acreages and locations of the property were not stated in the court minutes. The 1793 Wake County Tax List shows Nathan as the owner of 50 acres. The 1794 Tax List shows his land holdings increased to 107 acres. In 1799, Nathan owned 182 acres located on the north side of the Neuse River. On February 18, 1800, Nathan Ray executed an Indenture to purchase a 75-acre parcel in Wake County from John Ray for 100 pounds "current money" (1.33 pounds/acre). This 75-acre parcel was located on the north side of the Neuse River adjacent to other property already owned by Nathan Ray on the river adjacent to Cedar Point. Nathan's property bordered land owned by Luke Ray, Joseph Ray, and John Ray suggesting a family relationship.

6. **William Ray, Sr.**

The following information on William Ray, Sr. is primarily summarized from a 1997 book entitled, "The Families of Henry Nail and Mary Keller, and Thomas Ray and Elizabeth Pearce." This thoroughly researched and documented book is a publication of the Nail-Ray Association of Shelbyville, Indiana.

William Ray, Senior, was a Wake County farmer during Colonial and Revolutionary times. William Ray, Sr. owned a 500 acre plantation on the south side of Moccasin Creek, about 17 miles northeast of Raleigh in what was Craven County before 1746, Johnston County between 1746 and 1770, and Wake County thereafter. Moccasin Creek has been a boundary dividing Wake and Franklin Counties since 1779. The land owned by William Ray, Sr. in Wake County is east of the property owned by Luke, Joseph, John and Nathan Ray. This William Ray, Sr. is not thought to be related to Nathan Ray, unless a connection can be proven in an earlier generation.

William Ray, Sr. is the parent of at least six children (William, Jr., Baker, Thomas, Hudson, Charles and Chesly ? — birth order unknown). William Ray, Senior was too old to fight in the Revolutionary War, but three of his sons were just the right age. Late in 1779, William's son, Thomas, about 17, left home to join the Continental Army for the first of seven 3-month campaigns. Twenty-one months later, Thomas returned from the war. Two of William's other sons, Hudson and Charles, also served and died in the conflict for American independence. Hudson Ray was a soldier in the North Carolina Continental Line and died of wounds in the Battle of Eutaw Springs in September 1781. Charles Ray was a soldier in the North Carolina Militia and died of smallpox while a prisoner of the British, probably during 1781.

7. **William Ray, Jr.**

William Ray, Jr. lived in Wake County after the Revolutionary War and moved to Chatham County, North Carolina shortly before his death in 1792. When William Ray purchased 145 acres in Chatham County in October 1790, the deed was witnessed by Baker Ray and Mark Ray. William Ray, Jr. married Patty _____ and they are the parents of at least five children (Nancy, Annie, Winnie, Milly and John born in 1772), with the possibility of another unnamed son. It is difficult to distinguish between William Ray, Sr. and William Ray, Jr. in the surviving records, so the family of William Ray, Jr. may instead be additional family of William Ray, Sr.

William Ray, Sr. and William Ray, Jr. originated from Brunswick County, Virginia. Land records reveal that in July 1763 William Ray, Sr. of Maherrin Parish conveyed a deed of gift of 100 acres to his son, William, Jr. Two years later in October 1765, William Ray, Sr. conveyed another son, Baker, a deed of gift for 140 acres adjacent to Cold Water Creek. William Ray's name is variously spelled Rae, Wray and Ray in Brunswick County records.

Some researchers concluded the first Rays in the Neuse River Valley which became Wake County are James Ray who died in 1819 and his wife, Rachel Ray, who died in 1826. Rachel Ray made her will February 12, 1826 and it was probated after her death in the May Term 1826. Rachel Ray's will names a son, Zadoc,* a daughter, Elizabeth High, and a granddaughter, Sarah Ann Parsons, suggesting she had a second daughter who married a Parsons. The 1826 will of Rachel Ray confirms that this James and Rachel Ray are not the parents of Nathan Ray. This James Ray is probably the son of Luke Ray described on page 35. There were actually two Nathan Rays in Wake County in the 1820's which doubles the complication in tracing the family. The younger Nathan Ray married Lydia Brown on August 21, 1826 and they are not direct ancestors of Alfonzo Columbus Ray.

* This Zadoc Ray married Cloey High on August 15, 1816.

The July 17, 1764 Johnston County, N.C. Court Minutes (Volume I, page 192) has an entry which states "...ordered that the following persons work on the Road from the sand bar of Neuse River to the Falls of Little River...James Ray..." Johnston County was formed in 1746 and borders Wake County to the south east (See the map on the following page). Part of Johnston County became Wake County in 1771. It was suspected that this James Ray was the first Ray in the area and may be the father of Nathan Ray. However, additional research reveals that the Little River associated with James Ray is in Orange County (present day Durham County) rather than the other Little River in northeastern Wake County that flows south into Johnston County near the area inhabited by our Ray ancestors. This James Ray is probably the patriarch of the many Orange County Rays. The Orange County Rays are well documented and there is no known connection to the Neuse River Rays.

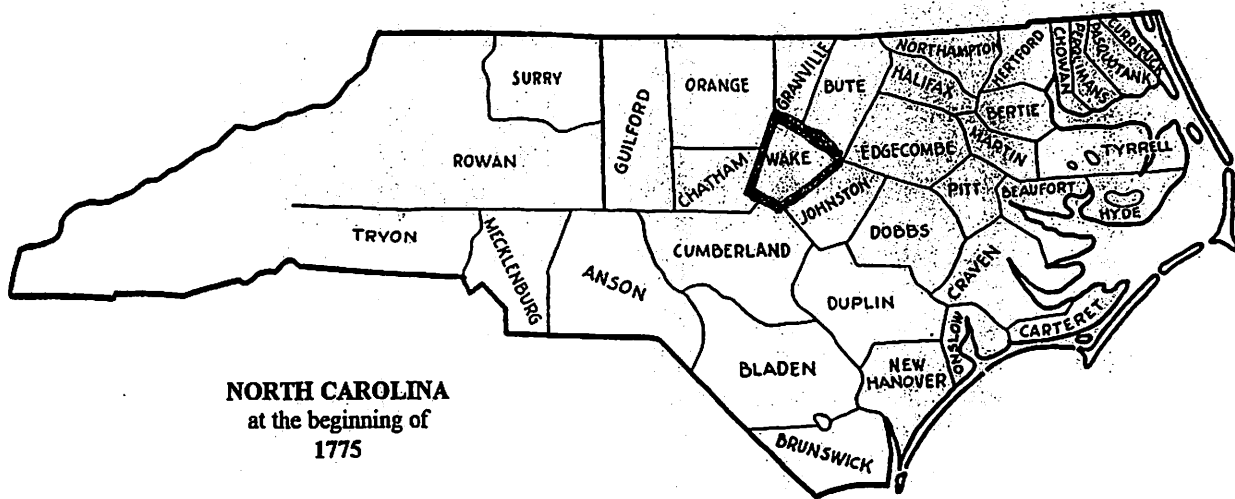
The earliest record found of a Ray in the Neuse River Valley is a July 21, 1759 Johnston County deed where Francis Ray of Johnston County purchased 100 acres on the south side of the Neuse River from Reynold Allen for a price of 15 pounds. Francis Ray and his wife, Rachel, may be the parents or grandparents of Nathan Ray.

According to family tradition, the Rays came from Virginia to Wake County and settled along the Neuse River. The first settlers arrived in Wake County in the 1740's. We know that Rays were living in Wake County prior to 1778. It is also known that Virginians traveled south and west settling the area that became Wake County. Francis Ray and his wife, Rachel, lived in Prince George County, Virginia until 1728, in Brunswick County, Virginia from 1728 to 1746 and Lunenburg County, Virginia from 1746 to 1759. Francis Ray (born circa 1700) was a prominent farmer, blacksmith, and he kept an ordinary (tavern) in his home in Lunenburg County. He was also active in purchasing and selling property in Virginia and North Carolina. Additional research is necessary to conclusively identify the parents of Nathan Ray.

Some of these early settlers of North Carolina were second or third sons of Virginia families who, because of the colonial Laws of Primogeniture (The first born son inherited his father's estate. An estate could not be divided; it had to be handed down from father to eldest son.), had little hope of inheriting family estates. These younger sons traveled to obtain their own property in unclaimed lands to the south. The Laws of Primogeniture ended in Virginia in 1776 with reforms introduced by future president Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson left the Continental Congress in Philadelphia and returned to Williamsburg, Virginia in the fall of 1776 to become a member of the First Virginia House of Delegates.

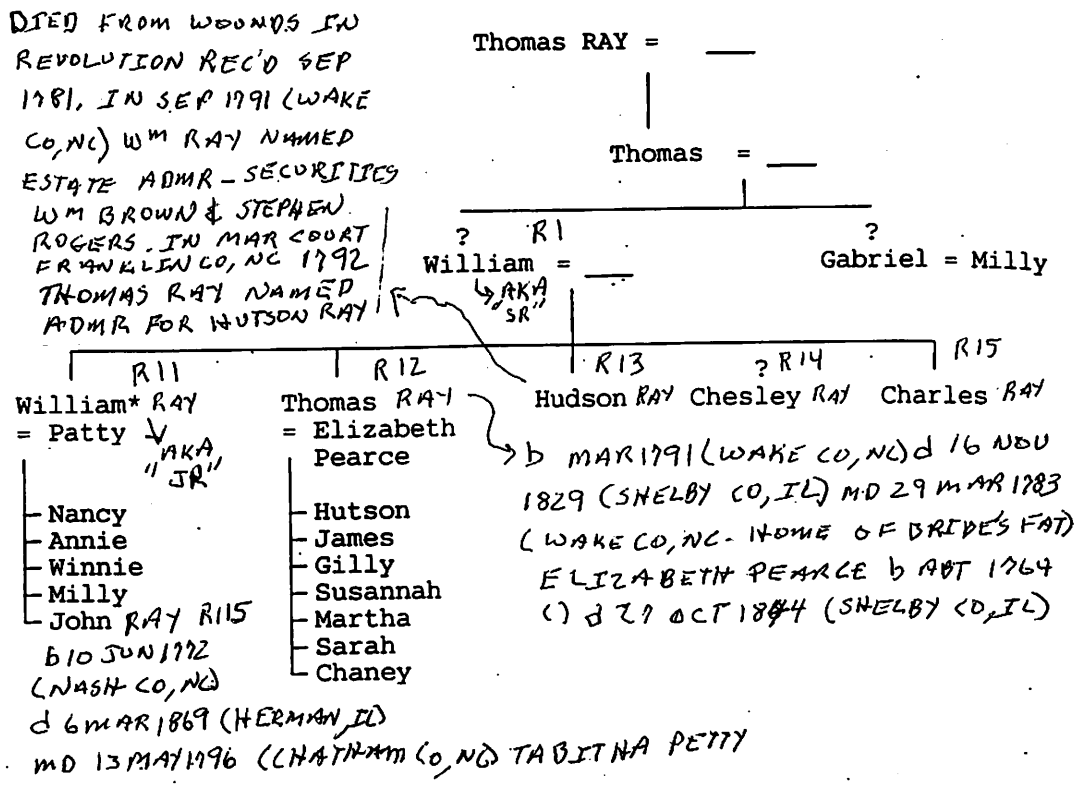
Two other factors played an important role in Virginians settling in North Carolina. By the 1740's the majority of the desirable agricultural land had been claimed in Virginia and new land grants were not readily available. In addition, farmland in Virginia was losing its fertility from being overworked from a century of heavy planting. Colonial farmers were unaware of the benefits of crop rotation. The availability of new farmland in the Colony of North Carolina was a strong attraction for the farmers who left Virginia and settled in North Carolina.

Reproduced below is a map showing the counties of North Carolina at the beginning of 1775. Wake County is shaded in turquoise.



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Chart of Thomas Ray's Family and Suspected Ancestors



*Because we have not been able to distinguish between William Ray, Sr., and William Ray, Jr., by using the existing records, the family of William Ray, Jr., may instead be additional family of William Ray, Sr.

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R11 William Ray, Jr. (William lived in Wake Co., NC, after the Revolutionary War and moved to Chatham Co., NC, shortly before his death in 1792. His son John Ray [R115] lived in Randolph Co., NC, near Thomas Ray [R12] and his family. We believe William, Jr., was the son of William Ray, Sr., because in March 1791 a deed from William Ray, Sr., to William Ray, Jr., was proved by Thomas Ray (Wake Co., NC, Court Minute Book, pg. 81). On 17 October 1790, Chatham Co., NC, Deed Book 1790, pp. 210-211, William Ray of Wake Co., NC, bought land in Chatham Co., NC, from John Christian. Because this deed identifies William as being from Wake Co., NC, we believe that he was the brother or father of our Thomas Ray. He carries the Henry number of a brother but he could also be the father and the children listed below would thus be more children of William Ray [R1].) D. after May 1792 (Date of will, Chatham Co., NC, Will Book B, pp. 41-42) M. to Patty _____

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We believe that the father of Thomas Ray [R12] was William Ray [R1]. William Ray [R1] owned land on Moccasin Creek in Wake Co., NC, during the American Revolution.¹⁴⁸ Elizabeth (Pearce) Ray said in her application for a Revolutionary War pension that Thomas [R12] lived with his father across the creek dividing Wake and Franklin Counties (Moccasin Creek) from the land her father owned. William Ray [R1] is the only Ray in Wake Co., NC, who owned land that could fulfill this description (see map of land grants in this section of Wake and Franklin Counties). Further, in 1791, William Ray [R1] deeded land to Thomas Ray [R12]¹⁴⁹ and to William Ray, Jr. [R11].² This circumstantial evidence suggests that William Ray [R1] was the father of Thomas Ray [R12] and that Thomas Ray [R12] had a brother named William Ray, Jr. [R11]. Thomas Ray [R12] was also involved in administration of the estate of Hudson Ray [R13], where someone named Chesley Ray (another sibling?) [R14] is also mentioned.¹⁵⁰ Thomas Ray [R12] has not been associated with any other Rays in the records reviewed so far in Wake or Franklin Co., NC (see the chapter *Family Records and Abstracts*).

William Ray was presumably a farmer in North Carolina during Colonial and Revolutionary times. His plantation was located on the south side of Moccasin Creek, about 17 miles northeast of Raleigh, in what was called Craven County before 1746, Johnston County between 1746 and 1770, and Wake County thereafter.¹⁵¹

The family into which William Ray was born has not yet been identified with confidence, but by using circumstantial evidence we can begin to investigate his origins. If we assume that William Ray was in the same area before he obtained his land in Wake Co., NC, then he could be the same William who on 23 May 1760 acted as a chain carrier in Granville Co., NC, for the surveyor Thos. Person when he surveyed the land of Hezekiah Terrell in St. John Parish on both sides of Sandy Creek (a chain carrier was generally a neighbor and often the son of a neighbor or the person whose land was being surveyed). Gabriel Ray, another survey cable carrier in Granville Co., NC, in 1761,¹⁵² may have been a brother of William because they worked for the same surveyor along Sandy Creek. Gabriel bought 235 acres from Thomas Ray of Granville Co., NC, for 20 pounds in 1762.¹⁵³ This land was in an area that was to become Franklin Co., NC, where Gabriel and his wife Milly sold a 335-acre tract in 1786,¹⁵⁴ apparently including the land that Gabriel bought in 1762, presumably from his father Thomas Ray.⁷

Whatever William's origins, he was established in Wake Co., NC, before the Revolution. Near the midpoint of the Revolutionary War, in January 1779, William Ray bought 300 acres on the south side of Turkey Creek to his existing land holdings.¹ Our William's main holdings in the 1778-1785 time period consisted of 500 acres south of Mockason/Moccasin Creek.¹

William was too old to fight in the Revolution, but three of his sons were just the right age. Late in 1779 William's son, Thomas, about 17, left home to join the Continental Army for the first of seven 3-month campaigns. Twenty-one months later Thomas returned home from the war. Two of William's other sons, Hudson and Charles, also served, but both died in the conflict.

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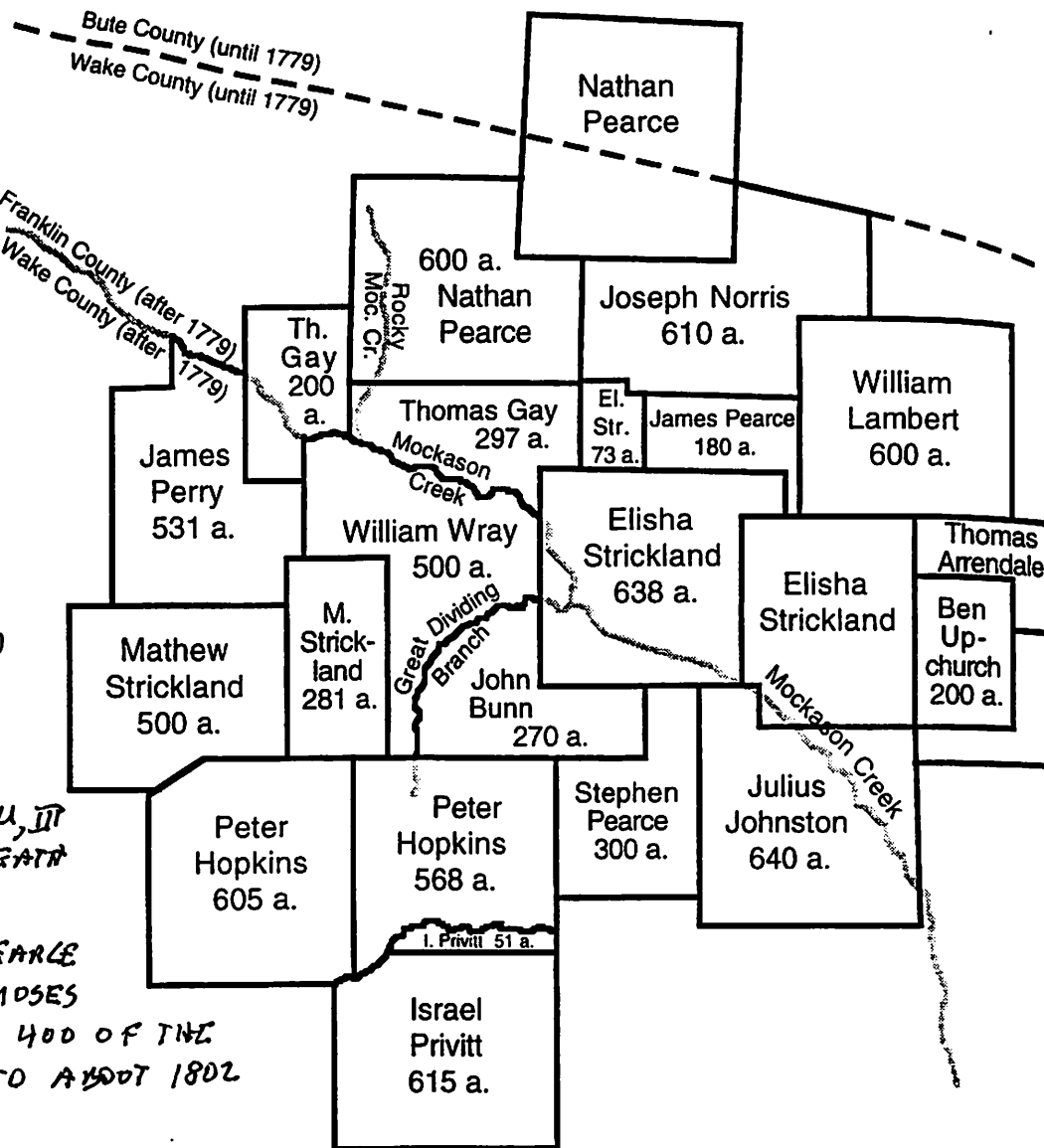
William acquired and sold land in Wake Co., NC, in the late 1780s, although it is not always clear if the transactions pertained to the father or the son. A grant of 300 acres to a William Ray on the south bank of Turkey Creek near the Nash county line, dated 13 September 1785, was sold to Jacob Heartsfield for 20 pounds on 14 February 1786.¹⁵⁵ William Wheeler bought 100 acres on the west side of Mockerson Swamp for 30 pounds on 10 September 1787,¹⁵⁶ and on the same day Jesse Hammon bought 100 acres for 30 pounds.¹⁵⁷ William Ray, Jr., was a witness to the last two transactions. A William Ray's land boundaries near Turkey Creek and the Nash county line were cited in two land grants 1789.¹⁵⁸

In 1791, a year after he (presumably, although this could have been William, Jr.) was declared insolvent for tax purposes, William transferred land to two of his sons. William Ray, Jr., and Thomas Ray received land from their father, and each witnessed the transaction between his brother and his father.²

In 1792, William Ray of Chatham Co., NC, died and left a will mentioning a wife and several children. We are confident that this William is either Thomas Ray's brother or father, because when William purchased his land in Chatham County in 1790, he was identified as being from Wake Co., NC; he was probably the William who was listed as being insolvent for tax purposes in Wake Co., NC, in 1791. He could have been our Thomas Ray's [R12] father or brother. It could be argued that since Thomas and William, Jr. were not mentioned in his will, William Ray of Chatham must be the brother, William, Jr. [R11]. However, William Ray [R1], the father had given both Thomas and William, Jr., land in Wake Co., NC, in 1791, which could be their portion of his estate and so there was no need to give them anything in his will. The ages of the children mentioned in William's will might provide a clue, but we know the age of only one child mentioned in William Ray's will. John Ray, the son that William did name in his will was born in 1772, a date that is compatible with him being a younger brother or a nephew of our Thomas Ray; however, William also mentions two grandchildren in his will suggesting that he had at least one older child that he did not mention in his will. Thus, it is also reasonable that William Ray of Chatham County was old enough to be Thomas Ray's father. Perhaps more research will clarify the relationships.

In 1793, William Ray purchased purchased land from Elisha Strickland in Wake Co., NC,¹⁵⁹ and presumably remained there for a while. In 1795, Thomas Ray [R12] sold his land to Thomas Gay¹⁶⁰ in preparation for his move to Randolph Co., NC, where he bought land in 1797.¹⁶¹ In 1802, John Ray, son of William Ray of Chatham County, bought land in Randolph Co., NC,¹⁶² and sold his land in Chatham Co., NC, in 1804.¹⁶³ John lived near Thomas and his family in Randolph Co., NC, and even acted as the agent for James Wray [R122] when James sold slaves in Randolph Co., NC, in 1824,¹⁶⁴ after he had moved to Indiana. Interestingly, John Ray named one of his sons Chesley Ray (named for John's uncle or brother Chesley).

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RPU NOTES:

1. WILLIAM WRAY = WILLIAM RAY, SR

2. ELISHA STRICKLAND 638 A. THE SE PORTION OWNED BY RICHARD U, III AT HIS DEATH IN 1811

3. NATHAN PEARCE TRACTS - MOSES U OWNED 400 OF THE 600A UP TO ABOUT 1802

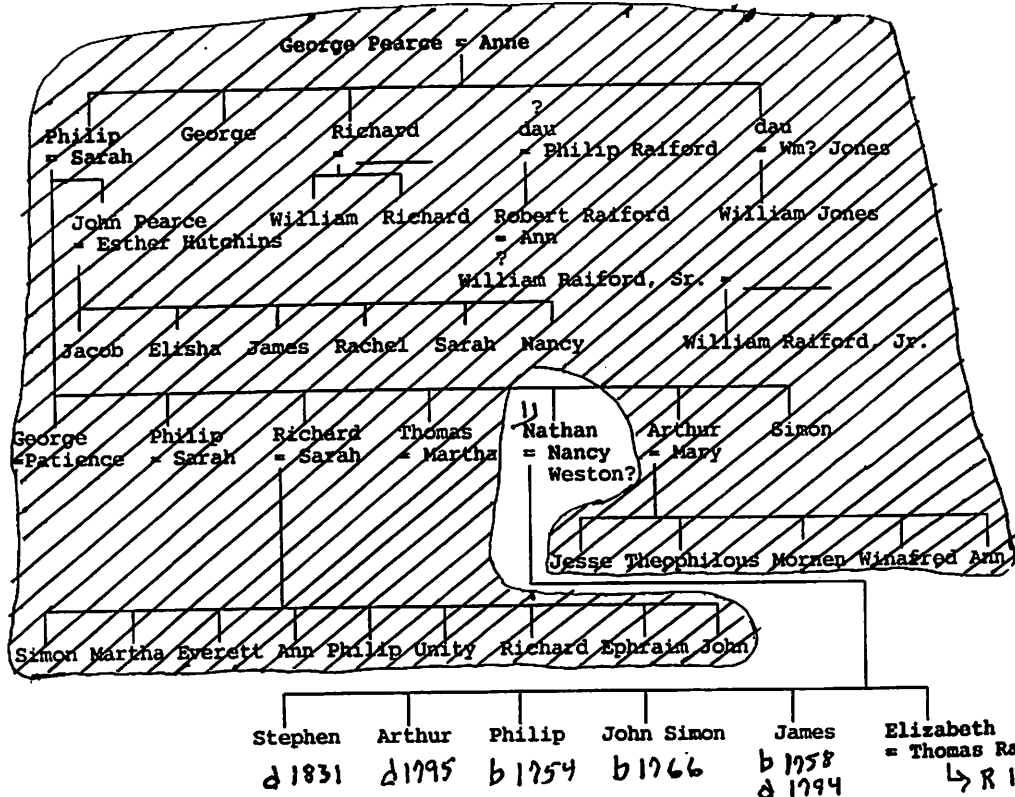
Plat Map of the Moccasin Creek area of Wake and Franklin Counties in North Carolina between about 1778 and 1785. The plat map shows the land grants in the area that Elizabeth (Pearce) Ray said she and Thomas Ray lived with their parents during the American Revolution. In her Revolutionary War Pension Application, she said that she "resided at that time with her father's family, on a plantation adjoining to the plantation of said Thomas' father except that a creek being the line dividing Wake & Franklin Counties ran between them." The land of William Ray (Wray) is the only Ray land that satisfies this condition, indicating that Thomas Ray's father is William Ray, a hypothesis supported by other records in Wake and Franklin Counties. There are two Pearce parcels across Moccasin Creek, the dividing line between Wake and Franklin Counties, the lands of Nathan Pearce and James Pearce. We believe that Elizabeth Pearce's father was Nathan Pearce and that James Pearce was her brother (see the *Pearce Family* chapter for a detailed presentation of our reasons for this conclusion). This map was drawn by Janet Wray Thomason and Janis Wray McCord in 1989 from the original surveyors plats. Abstracts of the surveys are in the chapter *Family Records and Abstracts*.

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Chart of the Ancestors of Elizabeth Pearce

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1) NATHAN
PEARCE, I
b 1735
d 1821



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Nathan Pearce was a land owner in Wake Co., NC, before March 1775, when the report of the processioning of his land was recorded.¹⁰¹ A deed to Nathan Pearce from Joseph Perry and his wife Martha was proved on 05 December 1775 by the oath of [Nathan's son] Stephen Pearce, a subscribing witness.¹⁰² On the same day in Wake County Court, a deed to William Segraves [Nathan's former neighbor in Northampton County] was proved by the oath of [Nathan's son] Phillip Pearce, a subscribing witness.¹⁰³ Nathan added 600a to his Wake County holdings on Moccasin Creek in 1778.¹⁰⁴ This tract was immediately east of [his former Northampton County neighbor] William Seagraves and not far north of the Moccasin Creek boundary of the land of William Ray,¹⁰⁵ whose son Thomas would later marry Nathan's daughter Elizabeth.

Nathan may have died before January 1794, when his son Philip (probably named after his paternal grandfather) was involved in land transactions in which he owned property jointly with his brothers Stephen, John, and Arthur (probably named after a paternal uncle).¹⁰⁶ This land was presumably conveyed by Nathan (or his executor) to his sons, but records of the transactions have not been found.

Nathan probably also had a son James, who owned land near his.¹⁰⁷ James Pearce died before 1795, when the guardian account for his orphans was assumed by Philip Pearce [probably James' brother] from the former guardian, John Martin, and when Mary Pearce [presumably James' widow] received one-third of the estate.¹⁰⁸ Thomas Ray, husband of Elizabeth (Pearce) Ray and, therefore, probably James' brother-in-law, was the administrator for James Pearce's estate.¹⁰⁹ James's orphans, all minors at the time of their father's death, required Philip Pearce as their guardian at least through 1812, when Will Book C terminates. Orphans named were Willie, Beedy, Betsey [possibly named after her aunt, our Elizabeth], Penny, and Patsy.¹¹⁰

[Nathan's son] Philip Pearce was the head of a household in 1800 that included two males (under 10), two males (10-16), two males (16-26), one male [Philip] (26-45), one female (under

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10), one female (26-45), and one female (over 45). Philip had sons Nathan [probably named after Philip's father] and Eley/Eli, to whom he gave land in 1812,¹¹¹ and daughters Chloe/Cloye and Hailey, to whom he gave land in 1826, 1827, and 1829.¹¹² Philip was taxed on various amounts of property in Franklin County as follows:¹¹³

<u>Year</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>White Polls</u>
1798	300	1
1799	300	1
1804	777	1
1805	777	1
1806	1337	
	186 (as guardian for orphans of Arthur Pierce)	
1807	777	1
	200 (as guardian for orphans of Jas. Pearce)	
1809	300	
	200 (as guardian for orphans of J. Pearce)	
1810	586	

[Nathan's son] Stephen Pearce was the head of a household in 1800 that included one male (16-26), one male (26-45), two females (under 10), one female (16-26), and two slaves.¹¹⁴ Stephen had a daughter Nancy [probably named after Stephen's mother] to whom Stephen gave land in 1814.¹¹⁵ Stephen was taxed on various amounts of property in Franklin County as follows:¹¹⁶

<u>Year</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>White Polls</u>	<u>Black Polls</u>
1798	810(?)	1	1
1799	810	1	1
1804	650	1	3
1805	650		3
1806	650	1	3
1807	693		3
1809	690		4
1810	690		6
1820	310 (\$465)		6

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Elizabeth "Betsey" Pearce was born in 1766-67,¹¹⁷ a daughter of Nathan Pearce and Nancy Weston. We have not found the record for the marriage of Nathan and Nancy, but it probably occurred in Isle of Wight Co., VA. A possible relative of Nancy Weston was Benjamin Weston, house carpenter, who sold two tracts in Isle of Wight on 23 July 1739, each 70-80a, to Nathan Bagnall of Isle of Wight County, planter. The first tract, in Isle of Wight County, was bounded by the land of Mrs. Charles Norsworthy, formerly the land of Christopher Holmes, the Cart Path, [and] Peter Best. Wits: Jona. Godwin, John Neuieall. The second tract was in Nansemond County. Most of this tract was bounded by a "pint" [point] near the plantation which belonged to Charles Norsworthy but was lived on by Wm Whitfield. This land was formerly deeded by Abraham Burse of Nansemond County to Daniel Sanbon of Isle of Wight County on 04 April 1682. Wits: John Newieall, Jona. Godwin.¹¹⁸

Nathan Pearce's wife Anne was sometimes referred to by her English nickname¹¹⁹ Nancy, and at other times as Ann, Anne, Anny, or Anna. The Franklin County Will Book B has entries on Nancy Peirce that introduce a bit of confusion. On the inventory of the estate of Arthur Pierce, dec'd, there was a note appended and dated 29 May 1795, witnessed by Moses Upchurch, which stated that Nancy Pierce, widow of Arthur Peirce, relinquished her right to administer the estate to Philip Peirce.¹²⁰ If this record is accurate, and Philip and Arthur are both sons of Nathan and Nancy Pearce, then there were two Nancys, and this tends to be confirmed on another day.

"Dower for Nancy Peirce. March 26, 1796. Widow of Nathan Peirce. Granted her 62 acres, 1/3 of the acreage to be divided. The next transaction on the same day states she was the widow of Arthur Peirce, and so entitled to a third which amounts in this case to 41 acres."¹²¹

If a single Nancy were the widow of both Nathan and Arthur, that would suggest they were brothers, not father and son. But we already know that Nathan's brother Arthur was married to Mary when he died in Johnston Co., NC, in 1792.¹²²

Anne was taxed on land in Franklin County until at least 1810.¹²³ In 1798 Anne Pierce was taxed on 47a [her dower from Arthur Pearce?] in Capt. Upchurch's district.¹²⁴ In 1799 Anny Pearce was taxed on 43a in Capt. Wm Dun's district.¹²⁵ The tax lists in 1798 and 1799 are not listed alphabetically, and Anne is listed immediately after Philip Pearce for both years, indicating that their properties were adjacent.

Five years later Anne Pearce was still in Capt. Dunn's district. In 1804 she was taxed on 63a [her dower from Nathan Pearce?].¹²⁶ In 1805 and 1806 Anna Pearce's 63a was in Capt. Strickland's district, as it was in 1807 when she was listed as Ann Pearce.¹²⁷ In 1809 she was taxed on 63a as Anna Pearce, and in 1810 Anne Pearce's 63a was again listed in Capt. Dunn's district.¹²⁸

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Elizabeth Pearce

Elizabeth "Betsey" Pearce was born in 1766-67,¹²⁹ probably in Northampton Co., North Carolina, a daughter of Nathan Pearce and Nancy Weston of Wake/Franklin Co., NC, and had brothers Stephen, Arthur, John, James, and Philip, all of whom moved from Northampton Co. to Wake Co. before the Revolution.¹³⁰ James Pearce, who owned land next to Nathan, was very likely another brother of Elizabeth's.¹³¹ Betsey married her neighbor Thomas Ray in her father's house in Wake or Franklin County, which was located across the creek from the Ray plantation, and died in Shelby Co., IN, in 1844.¹³²

"Betsey" Pearce, married our Revolutionary War veteran Thomas Ray of Wake County in late March 1783.¹³³ The first child of Elizabeth and Thomas, Hudson/Hutson Ray, was born in August 1784. Hudson was almost certainly named after Elizabeth's brother-in-law, Hudson Ray, who was mortally wounded in the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

Three years later, on 13 January 1787, James Ray was born. A daughter, Guillia "Gilly" Ray, was born in 1789. The following year the Federal census recorded Thomas Wray in the Halifax District of Franklin County. In 1795 her husband sold 118 acres to Thomas Gay for 50 pounds Virginia money. This transaction is the last one identified in Wake County and may be an indication that Thomas was ready to leave the area. In 1797 another daughter, Susanna Ray, was born to Elizabeth and Thomas. In this year also, Thomas began acquiring land in Randolph County. Another daughter, Martha "Patsy" Ray, was born on 30 July 1803. The oldest child of Thomas and Elizabeth, 19 year old Hudson Ray, married Margaret Byerly on 9 August, probably in 1804. A daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas, Sarah Ray was born about 1805, and Chaney Ray, another daughter, was born in 1806.

In 1806-07 her husband Thomas had an account in a store in the northwest corner of Randolph County, near the Rowan¹³⁴ County line, within the present Trinity Township. In 1810 the family was still in Randolph County, where Thomas was listed as head of the household in the census. Thomas added 56 acres to his Randolph County holdings in 1813, and sold 11 acres to Thomas Pearce, probably one of Betsey's relatives, in 1814. Three years later, in 1817, Thomas Ray, now about 54, sold his 300 acres on the waters of Uharie to Richard Bekerdite for \$275, and the family moved to Rowan County.

On 18 October 1818, the family was living on Bear Creek in Rowan (later Davie) County when Elizabeth's firstborn, Hutson/Hudson Ray, purchased 35 acres of a tract farmed but not owned by his father. The tract was once part of a 640 acre grant belonging to Squire Boone, Sr., the father of Daniel Boone. Thomas was counted in the 1820 census of Rowan County, and his

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household included one male over 45 [Thomas was about 57], one woman over 45 [Elizabeth], and two women 26-45.

Indiana, which received its first settlers in large numbers after the War of 1812 and attained statehood in December 1816, became an irresistible attraction for the Rays in the early 1820s. Thomas' son Hudson Ray journeyed there in 1821, and returned to sell his last North Carolina land in 1824 before moving to Indiana permanently.

Elizabeth and Thomas followed their son's path to Indiana and settled first in Wayne County about 1822 or 1823. They soon moved to the northwest corner of Addison Township in Shelby County. Her husband died there, at about the age of 66, on 16 November 1829, and is buried in the Brandywine Center or Ray Cemetery, Brandywine Township, Shelby County.

Widowed at about age 63, Elizabeth outlived Thomas by almost fifteen years. She died 27 October 1844, and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband.

UPCHURCH/PEARCE PERSPECTIVES

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DOCUMENTATION OF INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE UPCHURCH AND PEARCE FAMILIES OF THE MOCCASIN CREEK AREA¹⁾ OF PRESENT-DAY FRANKLIN AND WAKE COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA - ASSEMBLED BY ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH (RPU) & COOPERATORS
15 FEB 2000

CHAPTER ONE - INTRODUCTION

RICHARD UPCHURCH²⁾, II (XID-152)³⁾ b abt 1725 (BRUNSWICK CO, VA) d abt 1795 (FRANKLIN CO, NC) MOVED TO THE MOCCASIN CREEK AREA OF PRESENT-DAY FRANKLIN CO, NC ABOUT 1755. THERE HIS ELEVEN CHILDREN GREW TO ADULTHOOD. MANY OF THEM MARRIED AND HAD ISSUE. RICHARD U, II WAS THE GREATGRANDSON OF MICHAEL U, I (XID-146) WHO MIGRATED FROM ENGLAND TO VA APT. 1638. THE CHILDREN OF RICHARD U, II WERE:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| RICHARD U, III (1750-1817) (XID-63) | ; FRANCES U (XID-169) |
| BENJAMIN U (1752-1816) (XID-163) | ; BETTY U (XID-2816) |
| MOSES U (1753-1853) (XID-1) | ; NANCY U (XID 2817) |
| CHARLES U (1755-1842) (XID-164) | ; JAMES U (1868-?) (XID 153) |
| NATHAN U, I (1759-1835) (XID-78) | ; ABEL U, SR (1775-1846) (XID-589) |
| JUBAL U, I (1775-1836) (XID-158) | ; [DATES ARE APPROXIMATE] |

RPU IS A GREATERGREATGRANDSON OF NATHAN U, I

NATHAN PEARCE, I b 9 JUL 1735 (VA) d 26 FEB 1821 (FRANKLIN CO, NC) (TREATMENT OF HIS ANCESTORS IS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS COMPILATION). THE SPELLING MAY HAVE BEEN PIERCE AT ONE TIME. FOR A TIME HE LIVED IN NORTHAMPTON CO, NC BUT IN 1771 HE, HIS WIFE & CHILDREN REMOVED TO THE MOCCASIN CREEK AREA OF PRESENT-DAY FRANKLIN CO, NC. THERE WERE SEVERAL CHILDREN FOR WHOM THE NAMES WERE:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| STEPHEN PEARCE (? - 1831) | ; ARTHUR PEARCE (- 1795) |
| JOHN PEARCE, I (1766 -) | ; PHILIP PEARCE (1754 -) |
| ELIZABETH PEARCE | ; JAMES PEARCE (1758-1794); + ? |

1) THIS AREA IN PART OR ALTOGETHER WAS VARIOUSLY IN JOHNSTON, WAKE, GRANVILLE, BUTE & FRANKLIN COUNTIES OF NC. SINCE 1787 MOCCASIN CREEK HAS DIVIDED WAKE & FRANKLIN COUNTIES.
2) UPCHURCH IS SOMETIMES ABBREVIATED AS "U" HEREIN.
3) XID NUMBERS ARE IDENTITY NUMBERS FOR THE UPCHURCH FAMILY.

THE UPCHURCH AND PEARCE FAMILIES AND THEIR DESCENDANTS HAVE LIVED NEAR EACH OTHER IN THE MOCCASIN CREEK AREA FOR OVER 230 YEARS. THE PATRIARCHS OF THESE TWO FAMILIES - RICHARD U, II b abt 1725 AND NATHAN PEARCE, I b 1735 WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSE NEIGHBORS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE REVOLUTION. THESE TWO, THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WERE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN LAND TRANSACTIONS, WILLS AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. THERE WERE NUMEROUS INTERMARRIAGES BETWEEN THE TWO FAMILIES. (19)

THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS TO REVEAL MARRIAGES BETWEEN THE TWO FAMILIES AND THEREBY TO STIMULATE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AMONG THOSE INTERESTED IN THE TWO FAMILIES AND THEIR RELATIVES. THE DOCUMENT COULD ALSO ATTRACT OTHERS WHO HAVE FAMILY ROOTS IN THE MOCCASIN CREEK AREA.

THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE ORGANIZED ON THE BASIS OF THE PEARCE FAMILY WITH UPCHURCH IMPLICATIONS BEING MENTIONED AS THEY APPEAR. CHAPTER TWO OF THIS DOCUMENT WILL RECORD COMPLETELY, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE FAMILIES OF NATHAN PEARCE, I, HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN THE DESCENDANTS OF EACH GRANDCHILD WILL BE COVERED IN INDIVIDUAL SUBSEQUENT CHAPTERS TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS WILL HELP REVEAL LINKAGES BETWEEN THE PEARCE & UPCHURCH FAMILIES. HOPEFULLY THIS PROCESS WILL BE USEFUL TO PEARCE & UPCHURCH FAMILY RESEARCHERS ALIKE.

ONCE PEARCE/UPCHURCH MARRIAGES ARE ENCOUNTERED THE READER WILL BE REFERRED TO UPCHURCH MASTER FAMILY OUTLINES MAINTAINED IN DETAIL BY RPU. COPIES OF THESE OUTLINES WILL BE SHARED ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS

DETAILS ON UPCHURCH FAMILY PURSUITS ARE GIVEN IN APPENDIX A OF THIS DOCUMENT

CHAPTER TWO

A MASTER OUTLINE FOR THE
 FAMILY OF NATHAN PEARCE, I¹⁾ 2)
 (born 1735) INCLUDING HIS
 CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

[NOTE: RPU MAINTAINS A LARGE BIOFILE SYSTEM IN WHICH UPCHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS RELATED BY MARRIAGE, BIRTH OR BY GEOGRAPHICAL OR INCIDENTAL ASSOCIATION ARE INCLUDED. SOURCES OF INFORMATION ARE SHOWN. THE FILE INCLUDES DETAILS ON SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS AND CONTINUES TO EXPAND. IN THESE FILES THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF EACH PAGE INCLUDES AN XID NUMBER IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A DOCUMENTED MEMBER OF THE UPCHURCH FAMILY. WHERE ANY INDIVIDUAL IN THE BIOFILE SYSTEM HAS BEEN ENTERED IN THIS UPCHURCH/PEARCE PERSPECTIVES DOCUMENT, A CODE "XPEA" HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE BIOFILE SHEET(S) FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL. THE BIOFILE FOR A GIVEN INDIVIDUAL OFTEN CONTAINS MUCH MORE DETAIL THAN IS SHOWN IN THIS "PERSPECTIVES" DOCUMENT. COPIES OF BIOFILES FOR SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS.]

1) NATHAN PEARCE, I b 1735 WAS POSSIBLY THE SON OF JOSEPH PEARCE b 1714(d) 1787(L) & MARY MARTIN WHO MD IN 1734 - OR WAS HE THE SON OF NATHAN PEARCE b ?

2) NATHAN PEARCE, I AKA NATHANIEL PIERCE

CHAPTER 3

DESCENDANTS OF NATHAN PEARCE, II

(SON OF PHILIP PEARCE b 1754 AND

GRANDSON OF NATHAN PEARCE, I b 1735)

AND HIS SECOND WIFE SUSAN UPCHURCH

OR DAUGHTER

PRESUMED GRANDDAUGHTER₁ OF RICHARD

UPCHURCH, II.

I. * NATHAN PEARCE, II^Δ b 23 MAY 1783 (WAKE CO, NC) d 11 DEC 1867 (FRANKLIN CO, NC) (BUR-OFF LASITER PERRY)
 [6 OF HIS SONS SERVED CSA, 4 WERE KILLED IN THE WAR] (RD, FRANKLIN CO, NC)

MD (2ND) 4 MAY 1861 (FRANKLIN CO, NC) MARY A TIPPETT b 1834

[ISSUE OF THIS 2ND MG, IF ANY, ARE UNKNOWN]

← MD (1ST) () SUSAN UPCHURCH^U b 1790
 (FRANKLIN CO, NC) d (FRANKLIN CO, NC) (BUR-) [ALL CHILDREN ARE OF SUSAN U]
 [SUSAN IS A GRANDAUN OF RICHARD U, II; HER FATHER IS LIKELY BENJAMIN U]

A. BURRELL PEARCE^Δ b 27 AUG 1806 (FRANKLIN CO, NC)

VS
 FRANKIE MD 17 AUG 1829 () REBECCA ROBERTSON
 PEARCE

OR VS
 ROBERT B. PRICE
 b 27 OCT 1805 (FC, NC)
 1. MINERVA JANE PEARCE^Δ b 1839 (NELVIS)
 MD () A S NELMS
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- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.
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* SEE BIOFILE OF MILEY ALBERT PERRY 8 NOV 2007 FOR ANCESTRY.COM LISTING OF 13 CHILDREN WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE BURRELL PEARCE b 1806 BUT DOES INCLUDE 3 NEW TO RPU:
 FRANKIE PEARCE, FRANKLIN PEARCE b 1820, & ROBERT B. PRICE b 27 OCT 1805 (FC, NC) ONE OF THESE 3 COULD BE BURRELL - RPU]

i. NO FURTHER ISSUE
 2. MARY ROBERSON PEARCE^Δ

3. HELEN PEARCE^Δ
 MD (1ST) () WILLIAM CARL^U
 MD (2ND) [) CALEB DENNIS^Z
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Nathan Pearce

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Nathan Pearce was a son of Philip and Sarah Pearce of Isle of Wight Co., VA, whose earliest appearance in the records is in his father's will of 1728.^{85,86} As one of the younger sons, Nathan was in line to receive his mother's 200a inheritance when she died, but he was willed no land directly.

He received land in Isle of Wight County on 10 June 1746 when [his suspected oldest brother] John Peirce and his wife Esther deeded to Nathan Peirce 239a on Cypress Swamp (being part of a patent granted George Peirce 09 September 1684) adjoining William Seagrave.⁸⁷ Later the same year, on 13 November 1746, John Pierce and Nathan Pierce deeded 1.5a to the churchwardens of Newport Parish, "whereon the two chapels now stand."⁸⁸

In 1752 Nathan Pearce witnessed a deed on 23 November for 100a from Robert and his wife Mary Coggen to John Stephens. The land adjoined Mr. Beverly.⁸⁹ Four years later Nathan (X) Pierce, still living in Isle of Wight County, witnessed a deed for 110a from Jacob Stephens to William Seagraves, Jr., on 2 February 1756. The land adjoined Pierce, John Stephens, Peter Stubbs, and the Poley Bridge Branch.⁹⁰

Nathan Pearce bought 160a in Northampton Co., NC, in April 1756 from William Burne. The land was bounded by Joseph Smith and Corriroy swamp and was once part of a 1755 Granville grant of 761a to William Burne.⁹¹ Nathan bought the land for 11 pounds current Virginia money. Witnesses were John Wade and William Burne.

Nathan sold some of his Isle of Wight land in March 1757, after he had moved to North Carolina. The land once belonged to his father Philip and grandfather George, but it is not clear that this tract was part of the one deeded to Nathan in 1746 by John Pearce.

We can be confident that Nathan was the son of Philip and the grandson of George Pearce the blacksmith of Isle of Wight Co., Virginia, because all three parties are mentioned in the record of Nathan's sale of land in Isle of Wight in 1757.⁹² The importance of this deed is such that it is worth quoting in some detail.

This indenture made the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven between Nathan Pearce of North Carolina and County of Northampton of the one part and Robert Holland of Isle of Wight County of the other

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part. Witnesseth that the said Nathan Pearce for and in consideration of the sum of eleven pounds current money to him in hand paid by the said Robert Holland ... a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Isle of Wight County and on the east side of the main Black-water containing one hundred acres ... begining on the Dirty Branch at a gum up the said branch to a corner tree and so along a line of marked trees to a red oak a corner tree and thence along a line of marked trees to a corner tree a pine standing in Thomas English's line and so along a line of marked trees across the main road and thence along a line of marked trees to the said Dirty Branch to the first station being part of a patent granted to George Pearce black-smith and the said George Pearce gave the said land unto Philip Pearce in a deed of gift bearing date the ninth day of September sixteen hundred eighty four which deed was proved in the Isle of Wight County Court -- as more fully may appear also the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of us

Testis

John Eley

Edmund Westray

William Segraves

his

Nathan [N] Perce

mark

Robert Holland and his wife Patience didn't keep this land long. Two years later, on 3 May 1759, they sold the 100a Holland had bought from Nathan Pearce to a neighbor, Nathan Bracey; the land adjoined the Dirty Branch, Seagraves, English, Landford, Jones and Bracey.⁹³ Somehow they got it back, however, for they sold it again on 5 March 1767 to Gale Eley.⁹⁴

Another tract of land in Isle of Wight was sold by Nathan (X) Pierce of North Carolina on 19 March 1760, when 40a on Cypress Swamp adjoining the Main Road and William Seagraves was sold to Mathew Edwards of Isle of Wight County.⁹⁵

The second of three tracts of land Nathan Pearce purchased in Northampton Co. was acquired 31 January 1763, after he had been in the North Carolina for about seven years. For three pounds Virginia money, Samuel Hayes sold Nathan Pierce 102a bounded by Pierce's line, Murfrees Road, Joseph Smith, and Pierce's line. Witnesses were John Wade and William Seagraves.⁹⁶ References to Pierce's line indicate that the new property was adjacent to his existing land.

Additional land bordering his own was purchased in Northampton Co., NC, three years later. On 26 April 1766, Nathan Pierse bought 238a more or less from John Wade, Sr., bounded by Long Branch, Park's line, Wild Cat Swamp, Nathan Pierce's line, and Corriray Swamp. Witnesses were Hardy Powell and John Wade, Jr.⁹⁷

The references to Northampton County watercourses tell us that Nathan's lands were located in the central part of the county near US Highway 158. Coriroy Swamp and Rogers Swamp flowed into Kerby Creek, a tributary of the Meherrin River.⁹⁸ Coriroy/Corriroy is known today as Corduroy Swamp, which flows mostly east to west, north of and parallel to Highway 158.

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Wildcat Swamp flows for some distance parallel to and south of the same highway.⁹⁹

After spending about 18 years in Northampton Co., Nathan and his wife Ann Pierce sold all his land for 150 pounds proclamation money to Lawrance Smith. Witnessed by George Barkley and Warren Hart, the indenture was made 02 December 1774 and transferred the three parcels acquired earlier. Bounds were described as follows: 160a bounded by Lawrance Smith's line and Correroy Swamp; 102a bounded by Pierce's line, Murphrey's Road, Smith's line, and Pierce's old line; 298a bounded by Long Branch, Robt. Parkes's line, Wild Cat Swamp, Murphrey Rode, and Correroy Swamp.¹⁰⁰

Special Citations of Uphurchs/ Pearce/ Ray Interviews from the Profile System of Phil Uphurchs

Moses U s/o Richard U, II

Deed 14 FEB 1794 - Franklin Co, NC - Philip, Arthur, Stephen
Pearce sell to Arthur Pearce 160 Acres - adjoining Moses U
In 1795 Moses U + Arthur Pearce new Patrollers in
Capt Arendell's District in Franklin Co, NC

Deed 1801 - Franklin Co, NC Moses U purchases from Philip, John,
Stephen + Arthur Pearce 300 acres

MAR 1799 Court - Franklin Co, NC - Records that Arthur
Pearce died leaving minor children Cordy & Nellis Pearce
with Philip Pearce to be guardian. Subsequently Moses
U was appointed to serve in place of Philip Pearce
December 1787 Court - Franklin Co, NC - Moses U and
Stephen Pearce to serve a juror.

Note: Moses U moved from Franklin Co, NC to the
eastern section of Chatham Co, NC about 1803

Nathan U, I s/o Richard U, II (Nathan U, I = GECF of Phil)

Deed 26 MAY 1802 Kenneth Strickland sells 300 Deer adjacent
land given by him to his father Eliza Strickland -
land lying on both sides of Moccasin Creek - Adjacent
land of Richard U, III; Parker U, III; Diane Pearce,
Grave Rock in Wake Co; Stephen Pearce; Nathan U, I;
William Ray.

Note: Nathan U, I moved from the Moccasin Creek Area
about 1803 to Green Bend in Western Wake Co., NC

Abel U, Sr s/o Richard U, II

1804 Tax List Dunn TWP, Franklin Co, NC shows Abel U, Sr
with 175 Acres - Other Uphurchs: Benjamin 451 1/2 A;

James U 400 A; Jubal U 525 A - Peaces: Philip 177 A;
Ann 63 A; Stephen 650; John - no land - 1 White Pole

13 OCT 1801 - Abel U, Sr buys 75 A from Nathan Massey in
Wake Co, NC - Adjacent William Ray, five south side Moccasin
Creek.

Abel U, Sr + Stephen Pearce attended the estate sale of Richard
U, III following his death in 1817

1825 Tax List - Wake Co, NC Abel U, Sr listed 308 1/2 Acres

Edgerney Stephens Pearce

Abel U, Sr moved to Green Co, AL about 1825

1804 - William Ray of Wake Co, NC to Abel U, Sr of Franklin Co, NC - land on the south side of Moccasin Creek in Wake Co, NC - witness William Ray

Richard U, III s/o Richard U, II

1782/1785 Tax list - Wake Co, NC - Richard U, III 150 A - other U's Charles U - 70 A; Benjamin U 661 A; Richard U, II - 100 A, only 4 Pearce listed: Nathan Pearce - 440 A, Philip Pearce - 250 A; Stephen Pearce - 250 A; Richard Pearce - 0 A only 1 Ray (or Wray) listed = Daniel Ray - 0 Acres.

(NOTE - The tracts listed here were in Wake Co, NC 1791-1787 and in Franklin Co, NC after 1787)

8 SEP 1818 John Pearce of Randolph Co, NC (Henry married Clara Frances Popchuck d/o Richard U, III) appeared William Rhea (RAY?) of Wake Co, NC to serve as attorney to recover his interest from the estate of Richard U, III. (Note: John Pearce was the s/o Philip Pearce b. 1754, a brother of the Elizabeth Pearce who married Thomas Ray - RPA)

26 MAR 1796 - Franklin Co, NC - Nancy - widow of ~~Nathan~~ Pearce, granted downer land. Richard U, III & James U, VII, Benjamin U were jurors

7 FEB 1794. Richard U, III & William Ray witnesses to will of James Pearce - names wife & 5 children Thomas Ray, Executor

Charles U s/o Richard U, II

Charles U lived as an adult in the Moccasin Creek Area from 1770-1810 and owned some land. We have numerous citations for him but, so far, nothing striking as related to PEARCE or RAY families. He removed to GA between 1810 and 1820

Benjamin U s/o Richard U, II

Benjamin U obtained several Land Grants in the Moccasin Creek Area - DUNN TWP and from about 1780-1815 was taxed on 600+ acres. Benjamin U

John Pearce, Mary Pearce, Philip Pearce, and Richard Pearce were buyers at the 27 MAR 1794 estate sale of the late James Pearce held ~~at the~~ in Franklin Co, NC MAR 1792 Court Franklin Co, NC Benjamin U was security for Thomas Ray, Executor of the estate of Hutson Ray, deceased.

Jubal U, I s/o Richard U, II

1795 - Franklin Co, NC Jubal U, I buys 50 A from John Pearce

1801 - Franklin Co, NC Jubal U, I buys 160 A from Stephen Pearce

Jubal U, I and Chellette Pearce d/o Stephen Pearce to 1756 & 60% Nathan Pearce, I to 1735.

Jubal U, I d. about 1836 in Franklin Co, NC. He owned as much as 2500 ac of land at one time or another in Franklin Co, NC.

James U, II. s/o Richard U, II

DEC 1803 - James U, II and John Pearce attended an estate sale in Franklin Co, NC

James U, II owned land 1798 - 1820 and beyond in the Moccasin Creek area of Danner Twp

UPCHURCH- RAY COOPERATION PE1

Subject: Ray-Upchurch connection?
From: "Janet Ross" <jmorganross@verizon.net>
Date: Sun, Jul 05, 2009 6:27 pm
To: "Robert P. Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

①
5 JUL
2009

Dear Phil,

Hope your research is going well.

The 2009 Nail-Ray meeting is over and so I have time to catch up on correspondence.

My husband and I have been investigating Ray families in various Virginia Counties as we look for the family of William Ray, our Thomas Ray's father. We have not found a good candidate family, yet. Also we have not found a Ray family in the neighborhood of an Upchurch family. Sigh!

As we have looked for records in these counties, we have been sensitive to people named Upchurch. The only Upchurch families that we've come across have been in Isle of Wight and Surry Counties---where the Pearce family and possibly some of their allied families lived. In those records, Upchurches and Heaths seem to have had some sort of relationship. Unfortunately, I have not yet found any records that hint at a relationship between Pearces and Upchurches. I'll keep looking, though, and let you know if I find any.

Good Luck,

Janet Ross

Subject: [FWD: Ray-Upchurch connection?]
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, Jul 07, 2009 10:38 am
To: "Karen Ray" <kiray@EARTHLINK.NET>, "william ray" <williamcraype@verizon.net>

②
7 JUL
2009

Hi Bill and Karen---

Note the forwarded email from Janet Ross. I thought it best to remind you that this is her followup of my letter of 23 DEC 2008 to her re cooperation a copy of which was sent to youall. The prospects of a breakthrough pertaining to our interests from working with Janet is not great-but nothing ventured, nothing gained.

I'll copy you on my reply to her.

With All Best Wishes!

Phil Upchurch

Subject: COOPERATION
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, Jul 07, 2009 11:19 am
To: jmorganross@verizon.net
Cc: "Karen Ray" <kiray@EARTHLINK.NET>, "william ray" <williamcraype@verizon.net>

③
7 JUL
2009

Hi Janet---

Thanks for your update of 5 JUL 2009. Like you, I go from project to project hoping to finish one someday.

I do not know of any Pearce -Upchurch relationships in Surry Co.,VA although that is where our Ancestor Michael Upchurch,I arrived in 1638 and where he died in 1681. The Pearce-Upchurch interactions flourished in Franklin Co.,NC starting in the late 1700's. I have had a look at my Heath Biofiles and find quite a few interacting with Upchurches in several States but only one reference in VA. In Southhampton Co.,VA on 12 JUL 1749 John U.,I and wife nee Elizabeth Hunnicut sold 100 acres to Ambrose Griswold on the north side of Great Swamp. It adjoined William Heath.

I was in Franklin Co.,NC in May and continue to cultivate relationships and to search for data. Currently, I am in the process of spending several hundred hours extracting details from the Franklin County NC Heritage book that issued in 2008. You never know when you might find a gem.

Let's stay in touch. Let me know if we need to prepare a written focus statement on our mutual interests.

Phil Upchurch

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UPCHURCH - RAY COOPERATION P62

④
7 JUL
2009

Subject: Re: COOPERATION
From: "Janet Ross" <jmorganross@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, Jul 07, 2009 1:59 pm
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Phil,

Thanks for your email. You might be interested in a book of land grant maps from "Pete" Joyner covering the section of Isle of Wight Co., VA, and some neighboring counties that was published last year and is available from the Southampton Co., VA, Historical Society. Its title is "From the Pagan to the Nottoway." We are finding it very useful for the Pearce family He plots the land grant plat maps on USGS maps.

There are several Upchurch-Heath references in Surry and maybe also Isle of Wight Co., VA, that I've encountered. I promised to send them to another cousin who is descended from the Heath line from Jones and Lenoir Co., NC---and Virginia in the 17th century. So, I'll send the file to you also when I finish it in a few months. Remind me if you haven't heard from me in a while.

I'd like to have a copy of that Heritage Book from Franklin Co., NC. Could you send me information about purchasing a copy (if any are still available)?

Thank you,

Janet

⑤
8 JUL
2009

Subject: Re: RE: COOPERATION
From: Janet Ross <jmorganross@verizon.net>
Date: Wed, Jul 08, 2009 11:39 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Dear Phil,

Rats! I'm sorry to hear that the first volume is sold out, especially since the first person listed on that web page was named Pearce! I'll see if I can find a copy in a library in the DC area. I'll also contact Joe Pearce to see if he would like a short article about Elizabeth Pearce and Thomas Ray in the next volume.

I'll also look into joining the Franklin County Historical Society so that I do not miss out again on one of their publications!

Thank you,

Janet

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8 JUL
2009

Subject: RE: COOPERATION
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Wed, Jul 08, 2009 7:19 am
To: "Janet Ross" <jmorganross@verizon.net>

Hi Janet---

Thanks for your input. The Franklin County Heritage Book is sold out but I understand a reprint is in the works. Also, they plan a Volume II with a deadline of next January for articles. Perhaps you would want to enter an article. They are also starting a Franklin County Society which I will join but no details are yet available. You can go on line and get more details. If you have trouble let me know and I will try to come up with an email address.

Looking forward to our continued collaboration.

Phil Upchurch

⑦
18 JUL
2009

Subject: Nail-Ray: Dues Acknowledgement
From: "Janet Ross" <jmorganross@verizon.net>
Date: Sat, Jul 18, 2009 3:47 pm
To: "Robert P. Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Phil,

Thank you very much for your Nail-Ray dues for 2009!

I hope that you can join us for our meeting in Isle of Wight Co., VA, in 2011. Although all of the places that we will visit are not yet planned, I expect we will be visiting Bacon's Castle in Surry Co., VA, and maybe other sites in Surry County. We have not yet completely ruled out the possibility that our Ray family came from the Surry or Brunswick County. Do you know where your Upchurch family lived in Surry Co., VA?

Janet Ross

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19 JUL
2009

Subject: RE: Nail-Ray: Dues Acknowledgement
 From: phil@upchurchstory.com
 Date: Sun, Jul 19, 2009 6:33 am
 To: "Janet Ross" <jmorganross@verizon.net>

Hi JANET---

Good luck in planning the 2011 meeting. Re your question about where Uchurches lived in Surry I will send you copies of a few pages dealing with this matter in a few days. Right now my copier is waiting for toner to be delivered. I will look forward to learning more about the 2011 meeting.

Phil Upchurch

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26 APR
2010

Subject: Ray-Pearce-Upchurch Connection
 From: "Janet Ross" <jmorganross@verizon.net>
 Date: Mon, Apr 26, 2010 9:06 pm
 To: "Robert P. Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>
 Cc: "Bev Knoll-Hegstrom" <BevHegt@aol.com>, "Tom Plymate" <TomPlymate@missouristate.edu>, "Bethany Roberts" <bethanyr@charter.net>, "Carol Masse" <carolbus@comcast.net>

COPY TO BIOFILES OF
JOHN PEARCE b 1766 & CLARA
FRANCES U. D/O RICHARD U., II

Dear Phil,

I had one of those "ah-ha" moments when I read your letter dated 23 April 2010. Your Upchurch/Nail-Ray collaboration is paying off for Nail-Ray.

So, my John Pearce/Pierce married Clara Frances Upchurch in 1808 in Franklin Co., NC! I had not made the connection because I/we had initially assumed that John went to Randolph Co., NC, shortly after he married Selah Sims on 06 March 1786 in Wake Co., NC, but when John showed up in Indiana he was married to Clara/Clarissa (last name unknown). Clara Francis Upchurch would fit though because his two youngest children were born after 1808—Martha in 1812 and Sion in 1816. The birth date that her family has for Clara is 14 October 1764 and the 1850 Census in Shelby Co., IN, has that she was born in Virginia and the 1860 Census in Jefferson, Poweshiek Co., IA, has North Carolina. She died 04 November 1869 and was buried in Poweshiek Co., IA. She was 50-ish when she had her two youngest children—which might/would/could be explained by her being married in only 1808. (John's oldest daughter, Sarah who was born about 1792 in North Carolina, would then have been his child with his first wife Selah Sims.) Okay, that works for me!

Phil, Bev Knoll-Hegstrom, Bethany Roberts, and Carol Masse are descendants of Clara's daughter Martha Peirce who married Zebedee Ray (grandson of Thomas Ray of Franklin and Wake Co., NC). Please fill us in on Clara's Upchurch ancestors!

Best regards,

Janet

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30 APR
2010

Subject: RE: Ray-Pearce-Upchurch Connection
 From: phil@upchurchstory.com
 Date: Fri, Apr 30, 2010 6:51 am
 To: "Janet Ross" <jmorganross@verizon.net>

COPY TO BIOFILES OF JOHN
PEARCE b 1766 & CLARA FRANCES U
D/O RICHARD U., II

Hi Janet---

With your message in hand it appears we may have the option of doing some digging to get a few things straight. Note that the attachment to my 23 APR 2010 letter to you states that the 1808 marriage of John Pearce b. 1766 was to an Upchurch lady presumed to be the GD/O Richard Upchurch, II. called by various names—Clara Frances U., Frances A. U, and Frances U. My feeling is that there are two ladies here, one a daughter of Benjamin U and one a daughter of Richard U., III. Both of these first cousin females married a Pearce. As I study the matter I am now unsure which Frances married which Pearce. One of the husbands was John Pearce b. 1766 he being the son of Nathan Pearce, I b. 1735 and being the brother of the Elizabeth Pearce who married your Thomas Ray. The other husband was John Pearce, II b. 1787, son of Philip Pearce b. 1754.

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 Δ v. Robert H. P. 7 DEC 1900 - 11 JUL 1970 md 1927
 Δ Evelyn Price
 ΔΔΔΔ i. Gloria P. ii. Robert H. P. / iii. Betty Jean Phillips iv. Tammy Phillips

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One of the couples stayed in NC and I have a large collection of descendants of this couple the uncertainty of the parentage of both husband and wife notwithstanding.

The other couple moved to IN and it is from this couple that a daughter Martha Pierce appeared and for whom you have contact with living descendants. I am assuming that you or they have good records for this family. If I can be provided with an outline of this family I will study it going backwards to see if I can get to the point where we begin to learn more about the two couples and their parentage. If you have all ready sent what I request just give me a clue and I will go over the data.

I feel we may be close to peeling back a few pages of history. If my comments above need to be set straight in any way please let me know.

Please be patient with me as I have two major out-of-state trips planned between now and June 15 and that always clutters mind and desk.

Phil Upchurch

(11)
30 APR
2010

Subject: Re: RE: Ray-Pearce-Upchurch Connection
From: Janet Ross <jmorganross@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, Apr 30, 2010 9:07 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Dear Phil,

Thank you very much! I've found the two John Pearces in one of the censuses—1800 or 1810 in Franklin Co., NC. So, it would be great to assign them to their families!

I'm at work and will send the data on the John Pearce family in the Nail-Ray database tonight.

Good luck!

Janet

(12)
30 APR
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- Email 7:12 PM from Janet Lynn (Morgan) Ross - placed in her profile & moved from there. Contains great detail on John Pearce whose sister Elizabeth Pearce mtd Thomas Ray & moved to OH - + other details