

James Bradley**XID – 43911**

Commentary: James Bradley, b 1818 in NC, married Elizabeth Banther. Elizabeth was the daughter of Nancy Upchurch and the granddaughter of Sherwood Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan #10.

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(1) From email 20 May 2016 Polly Kaye Heisinger to RPU.

I. Sherwood Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Nancy Upchurch

married () Michael Banther (was Painter – RPU)
Seven children, 3 shown below

3. Elizabeth² Banther (Michael¹ Painter), born 16 Apr 1821 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 26 Jul 1918, married **James Bradley** 18 Apr 1839 (Rutherford Co., NC). **He** was born in 1818. **He** died 1884.

James Bradley and Elizabeth Banther had the following children:

- a. George³ Bradley
- b. Michael Bradley
- c. Monroe Bradley
- d. Mary Bradley
- e. Sherrod Bradley
- f. William Bradley
- g. Archille Bradley
- h. Caroline Bradley
- i. Sarah Bradley
- j. John Bradley
- k. Francis Bradley

4. Eve² Banther (Michael¹ Painter), born 16 Apr 1823 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 26 Jul 1918, married William Bradley 01 Jul 1841. He was born 25 Oct 1821, died 1920. William Bradley and Eve Banther had the following children:

- a. Eva³ Bradley
- b. Nancy Bradley
- c. Ruth Bradley
- d. Martha Bradley
- e. Charles Bradley
- f. William Bradley
- g. Emma Bradley
- h. Sarah Bradley, married Moses Parker

5. Sherod Upchurch² Banther (Michael Painter¹), born 1830 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 1861-1864, married Mary Jane Queen (Rutherford co., NC). She was born 1831, died 1911.
Notes for Sherod Upchurch Banther:
He was killed during the Civil War, body was never returned.
1850 census: living at home
Sherod Upchurch Banther and Mary Jane Queen had the following child:
a. Mira³ Banther, born 1857

(2) From email 20 May 2016 Polly Kaye Heisinger to RPU.

Descendants of Michael Painter Banther
(Polly later deleted the "Painter" part.)

- I. Sherwood Upchurch – Head of Clan
 - A. Nancy Upchurch, married () Michael Banther
children 1-7 listed below

Descendants of Michael Painter Banther
[Polly later deleted the "Painter" part.]

Generation 1

1. Michael Painter¹ Banther, born 18 Jul 1781 (Rockingham Co., VA), died 1870 (Rutherford Co., NC), married Nancy Upchurch, daughter of Sherwood Upchurch and Elizabeth Tomerlin 4 Sep 1813 (Rutherford Co., NC). She was born 1799 (Rutherford Co., NC), died (Rutherford Co., NC).
Notes for Michael Painter Banther:
Michael Banther (Johann Georg's 1st child), born 1780 (Rockingham Co., VA), died after 1870 (Rutherford Co., NC),
married Nancy Upchurch 4 Sep 1813 (Rutherford Co., NC)
children of Michael and Nancy (Upchurch) Banther (all born Rutherford Co., NC):
 - A. George J. Banther, born 15 Aug 1815, died 27 Oct 1872
married Mary Ann Nanney 26 Nov 1834
 - B. Elizabeth Banther, born 16 Apr 1821, died 26 Jul 1918
married James Bradley 18 Apr 1839 (Rutherford Co., NC)
 - C. Eve Banther, born 16 Apr 1823, died 26 Jul 1918,
married William Bradley 1 Jul 1841
 - D. Barbara Usilla Banther, born 1826 (death date unknown),
married John Hall 10 Mar 1847
?. Hardin, born about 1829 (Rutherford Co., NC)
 - E. Sherod Upchurch Banther, born 1830 (killed during Civil War, body never returned), married Mary Queen (Rutherford Co., NC)
 - F. Nancy E. Banther, born 1832 (death date unknown),
married Moses Hall 19 Oct 1854 (Rutherford Co., NC)

<http://www.banther.com/JohannGeorg'sDescendants/2ndGeneration/01.Michael.htm>

1840 Census – He was in Rutherford Co., NC.

1850 Census – He was in Cathies Creek, Rutherford Co., NC.

1870 Census – He was living in Morgan, Rutherford co., NC.

Notes for Nancy Upchurch:

1870 Census – She was living with Michael.

Michael Painter Banther and Nancy Upchurch had the following children:

- A. George Johan² Banther, born 15 Aug 1815 (Rutherford Co., NC, died 27 Oct 1872 (Transylvania Co., NC), married Mary Ann Nanney, daughter of Shadrach Nanney and Mary Wheeler, 26 Nov 1834 (Rutherford Co., NC). She was born 25 Oct 1820 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 1898 (NC)
- B. Elizabeth Banther [was Painter – RPU], born 16 Apr 1821 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 26 Jul 1918, married **James Bradley** 18 Apr 1839 (Rutherford Co., NC). **He** was born 1818. **He** died 1884.
- C. Eve Banther, born 16 Apr 1823 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 26 Jul 1918, married William Bradley 1 July 1841. He was born 25 Oct 1821, died 1920.
- D. Barbara Ursilla Banther, born 1826 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 1905, married John Hall 10 Mar 1847. He was born 1821, died 1853.
- E. Hardin Banther, born about 1829 (Rutherford Co., NC).
- F. Sherod Upchurch Banther, born 1830 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 1861-1864, married Mary Jane Queen (Rutherford Co., NC). She was born 1831, died 1911.
- G. Nancy E. Banther, born 1832 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 1859, married Moses Hall 19 Oct 1854 (Rutherford Co., NC). He was born 1830.
Notes for Nancy E. Banther: 1850 Census – living at home.

(3) Additional notes regarding Nathaniel Carter in letter 28 Sep 1999 from June Carter to RPU.

Nathaniel Carter – Patent 1 Aug 1762 sold to Francis Bradley 24 May 1765 – SS of Crooked Creek, adj Bradley, Norriss, and Perry Reg by James Alford 5 Nov 1766.

20 Jun 1766 Francis Bradley sold 100 acres to Joseph Nonis (Norris?) adj plantation where Edward Hatheach once lived, bought from Nathaniel Carter 24 May 1764, part of a grant to him 1 Aug 1762. Witnesses: James Alford, B. Perry.

How did Timothy Ryal Medlin obtain 100 acres of land that had belonged to Nathaniel Carter, who sold to Francis Bradley, which he Medlin sold to John Gay 29 Oct 1779. Witnesses: Robert Norris, Julius Alford. When did Julius die and did he have a son Julius as well as one named John? See John Alford to Charles Amos.

John Gay to Abraham Rogers 100 acres 18 Mar 1780. Witnesses: Thos. Jones, Thos. Gay, James Lassiter.

Granville Deeds 15 Jan 1763 William Wilder of Johnston Co., NC to Nathaniel Carter for 18 pds, 300 acres on S side of Flat Rock Creek in William Mainer's line. Witness: William Owen Medlin 24 Jan 1763.

24 Jan 1763 William Wilder of Johnston Co., NC to Williamson Medlin of Granville Co., NC for 7 pds, 100 acres on N side of Flat Rock Creek in William Mainer's line in Granville Co., NC. Witnesses: Nathaniel Carter, William Mainer.

Nathaniel Carter, planter of Bute Co., to John Hunicut (Hunnucut) of Cumberland Co., NC 80 pds proclamation money for 300 A in Bute Co. on SS Flat Rock Creek, adj. William Manner. He to pay Quit Rents. Witnesses: James Alford, John Frankland, John Rose. Proved by James Alford, Bute May Court 1768. Ben McCulloch, C.C. Reg 27 Sep 1768 by William Johnson, P.R. Marginal notation: Deld to James Alford, Esq, 15 Feb 1769.

Who was James Alford? Why were so many of these deeds deld to him? Look for will of Julius Alford, father of John and ? Julius.

William Utley, witness to deed of William Carter, son of George, to Joseph Lane in 1749. Turners?

1752 Joseph Bradley to **James Bradley** of Charles City, 440 acres on little Northumberland and the river, joining Robert Reynard. Witnesses: Robert Reynard, Robert Carter (his mark), Benjamin Bradley.

(4) From letter 26 Feb 1998 James F. Panter to RPU (page 17). This article originally from The Heritage Book of Rutherford Co., NC, Volume 1, 1984. Note that the last line on both columns did not reproduce and the third column was not included. Hence the authors name is missing. – RPU

Upchurch parts:

- I. Nancy Upchurch [daughter of Sherwood Upchurch – Head of Clan] married 4 Apr 1813 (Rutherford Co., NC) Michael Painter.
 - A. Elizabeth C. Painter, died 1918 (McDowell Co., NC), married 18 Apr 1839 **James Bradley**, [See Note 1.] born about 1818 (Rutherford Co., NC), died 1884 (McDowell Co., NC) [lived in McDowell Co., NC, formed 1841 from Rutherford]
 1. George Bradley
 2. Michael Bradley] twins
 3. Monroe Bradley] twins
 4. Mary Bradley
 5. Sherrod Bradley
 6. William Bradley
 7. Arcilla Bradley
 8. Caroline Bradley
 9. Sarah Bradley
 10. John Bradley

11. Francis Bradley
- B. Eva Painter married William Bradley, [See Note 1.] born 25 Oct 1821 (Rutherford Co., NC), died (McDowell Co., NC), lived in Monford's Cove
 1. Eva Bradley
 2. Nancy Bradley
 3. Ruth Bradley
 4. Martha Bradley
 5. Charles Bradley
 6. William Bradley
 7. Emma Bradley
 8. Sarah Bradley, lived to be 108, married Moses Parker

Note 1: Sons of Willis Bradley, born 1790 (NC), married 17 Nov 1812 (Lincoln Co., NC) Ruth Self

[photocopy of book]

California Descendants of Willis Bradley

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My great-great-grandfather, Willis Bradley, was born about 1790 in North Carolina. He married Ruth Self on 17 Nov 1812 in Lincoln County and the 1820 census shows them living in Rutherford County. The 1850 census places them in the Montford's Cove District. They have five known children: James, John, William, Hampton and Caroline. I have been informed by several living relatives that Willis and Ruth are buried near Old Fort in now McDowell county but no one knows the exact location.

James, the first son born about 1818, married Elizabeth C. Painter, daughter of Michael and Nancy Upchurch Painter, on 18 Apr 1839. Their children were: George, twins Michael and Monroe, Mary, Sherrod, William, Arcilla, Caroline, Sarah, John and Francis. In 1850 they lived in McDowell County where James died in 1884 and Elizabeth in 1918.

John, my great-grandfather, was born 16 Feb. 1819 and married Sarah Reed, daughter of William and Mary Clements Reed on 4 Jun 1840. They raised their family on a farm in the Second Broad River District. William born 1841 married Elizabeth McCormick. Joseph born in 1843 was killed in 1863 at the Battle of Lookout Mountain. Cornelius, born 1845, married Ruth Morgan in 1873. Mary, born 1847, married John Reel in 1866. George, born 1849, moved to Indiana. James Hampton, my grandfather who was born 1852, mar [copy cut off] ... Grayson, born in 1862, married Olive Johnson; Margaret, born in 1866, married Thomas Porter; Carrie, born 1868, married a cousin John Bradley; and Logan, born 1870, married Nona. My great-grandfather John died in 1895 and his wife Sarah in 1886 in McDowell County.

William Bradley, son of Willis was born 25 Oct 1821 and married Eve Painter, a sister of Elizabeth who married William's brother. Their home was next door to his parents in Montford's Cove where they raised eight children. Eva, Nancy, Ruth, Martha, Charles, William, Emma and Sarah. "Great Aunt Sarah," as she was known, married Moses Parker and lived to be 108 years of age.

Hampton Bradley, born 1827, married Martha Glendown, daughter of Eli and Mary, on 20 Oct 1884. Hampton died in 1919.

Caroline Bradley, born 1813, married Levi York, Jr. Their six sons and two daughters were: Willis, Thomas, James, Ruth, Frances, John, Mills and George. Caroline died in 1893.

All of the children of Willis and Ruth Self Bradley were born in Rutherford County but died in McDowell County when it was formed from Rutherford in 1841.

My grandfather James Hampton Bradley and Mary Etta Leatherwood, daughter of William and Clara Welch Leatherwood, were married at the bride's home and lived in Haywood County, North Carolina until he moved his family to a farm near Kingsport, Tennessee about 1890. He worked for the railroad until he settled down to farming. His son Edward Burgin born 1883; my father Guy Wilbur, born 1884 and Annie Lou, born 1885, came with them from North Carolina while John, Walter, George, Grace, Bessie and Howard were born at the farm in Tenn.

Edward rode the train to Los Angeles, California in 1905 and married Hilda Newman in 1910. They moved north to Walnut Creek where he opened a soda and candy store on Main Street. He was also the Mayor for ten years. They had three children: Cecile, James and Paul. "Uncle Ed" will celebrate his 100th birthday 18 Aug 1983. He is the oldest living descendant of Willis Bradley as far as I have been able to determine.

My father Guy first came to California in 1905 and worked in the fields of the Imperial Valley and later drove a horse drawn bakery wagon in Covina. In 1916 he came to Walnut Creek to visit his brother and stayed to become his business partner. The business was known as "Bradley Brothers", a confectionery where people from the San Francisco Bay Area would stop for ice cream on their Sunday drive in the country.

In 1922 Guy went home to visit his parents and met Lorena Smith and on 23 Jan 1923 the thirty-nine-year-old bachelor married the niece of former Governor (1905-07) John I. Cox of Tennessee. I was born in 1924 and married Jack Fisher Varner in 1941. His parents also came from western North Carolina. Our [page cut off]

(5) *From Upchurch-Bright Family Newsletter, Volume 8, Number 2, Jun 1997*

The A-D items below are all on page 18 and presumably related. RPU presumes the Nancy Upchurch is the daughter of Sherwood Upchurch, Head of Clan.

A = a reprinted item

B = a descendency chart presented by Sue Bright Richter

C = a reprinted item

D = Sue's letter to author of C

A – *Genealogical Helper*, May-June 1991, Page 80

Selma J. McRae, 5405 West Wernett, Pasco, WA 99301 (Franklin).

Need information on George Panther, born 15 Aug 1815, married Mary (Polly Ann) Nanney 26 Nov 1834, Rutherford Co., NC. Believe parents were Michael Painter and Nancy Upchurch. Need proof.

Note: I have the family of Michael Painter and Nancy Upchurch in my database with a son George, however there is no wife entered therefore I cannot be sure it is the same person.

B – Descendency Chart

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1. Michael Painter-6134 (1781) Rutherford Co., NC
married 4 Sep 1813 in NC

- spouse Nancy Upchurch-6133
 2 George Painter-6149 (1814)
 2 Elizabeth Painter-6150 (1818-1918)
 spouse **James Bradley**-6173 (1818-1918)
 3 George Bradley-6174
 3 Michael Bradley-6175
 3 Monroe Bradley-6176
 3 Mary Bradley-6177
 3 Sherrod Bradley-6178
 3 William Bradley-6179
 3 Arcilla Bradley-6180
 3 Caroline Bradley-6181
 3 Sarah Bradley-6182
 3 John Bradley-6183
 3 Francis Bradley-6184
 2 Eva Painter-6151 (1824)
 2 Barbara Ursilla F. Painter-6152 (1826)
 2 Sherod Painter-6153 (1830)
 2 Nancy Painter-6154 (1832)

C – Source: *Family Puzzlers*, Number 1455, 1996

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Nancy Painter was heading a household in High Shoals District, Rutherford Co., NC 1820-1850. During this period she had 5 children, but at no time was a husband shown. The children were born 1814-1823.

“What circumstances during this time period would have a husband away from home? I assume there was a husband as I cannot locate any bastard(y) bonds.”

“On the other hand I cannot locate a marriage bond for a Nancy anybody. According to the census Nancy was born 1795, and her first child born when she was 19. What am I overlooking?”

John Painter was born Rutherford Co., NC, married 1871 Fannin Co., GA to Rose Ann Shope, and he died 1889 in Union Co., GA. Their children were Louisa, Jane, Joseph, Mellie, Alice, Samuel, George, Carrie, and Sarah. John married 2nd Jane Ratcliff and had two children Caty and Oliver.

“Is there someone out there who can help me find any of these children?”

D

Karen, I saw your query in *Family Puzzlers* lately. I have a Nancy Upchurch Painter in my family tree. Do the children here ring any bells with you? I have not looked for this family on the census. So do not know if Michael lived through the years that you listed Nancy without a husband. I may have some more help if this is good. My Upchurch family was in Rutherford Co., NC from 1790, when Nancy's parents were married in Rutherford Co.

(6) See pages 56-59 of Miles Philbeck article in Biofile of Leonard Painter, born 1728, bearing upon children of Michael Painter and Nancy Upchurch, daughter of Sherwood Upchurch, Head of Clan, and Michael's ancestor.

- I. Wendel Binder, married 1637 (Eschelbach, Germany) Margretha _____
- A. Michel Bender "Schaf Michel", born 1 Dec 1653, died 1735;
 married 6 Feb 1677 (Eschelbach, Germany) Margaretha Emmerich, born 22 Mar 1657 (), died 1719
1. Johann Jacob Bender, born 17 Oct 1693, emigrated to America 1752,
 married (1) 22 Nov 1717 () Maria Elizabetha Zimmerman, born 7 Nov 1700 (), died 2 Jul 1748;
 married (2) 14 Jan 1749 () Anna Margaretha (Rucker) Hartlieb, born (), died 23 May 1758
- a. Johan Leonhardt Bender (aka Leonard Painter) (See Notes 1, 2.),
 born 28 Mar 1728, emigrated to America 1752, will made 10 May 1805 (Rutherford Co., NC)
 married 1 Jan 1756 (Lancaster Co., PA) Catarina Haug
- i. Johann Georg Binder (aka George Painter) (See Notes 1, 2, 3.), born 5 Aug 1759 (PA), died 15 May 1839 (Rutherford Co., NC) buried Brittain Presbyterian Church Cemetery (Rutherford Co., NC);
 married (1) about 1780 () Eve Tanner, died 1824, daughter of Michael Tanner
 married (2) 18 Aug 1824 () Rebecca Harris Freeman (daughter of Benjamin Freeman and Catharine _____), died 28 Apr 1879
- (I) Michael Painter, born about 1781, married 4 Sep 1813 Nancy Upchurch
- (A) George Painter, born about 1814, married 26 Nov 1834 Polly Nanny
- (B) Elizabeth Painter, born about 1818, married 18 Apr 1839 **James Bradley**
- (C) Eve Painter, born about 1824, married 1 Jul 1841 William Bradley
- (D) Barbara Ursilla F. Painter, born about 1826, married 10 Mar 1847 John Hall
- (E) Sherod Painter, born about 1830, married 1 Oct 1856 Mary Queen
- (F) Nancy Painter, born about 1832, married 19 Oct 1854 Moses Hall
- (II) Catherine Painter, born about 1783, married 18 Feb 1804 James Truelove
- (III) Leonard Painter, born about 1785, married 22 Jun 1807 Lucy Smith

- (IV) Barbara Painter, born about 1787, married 12 Jul 1804 John Freeman
- (V) George Painter, born about 1791, married 10 Aug 1813 Sarah Pell
- (VI) Eve Mary Painter, born about 17 Jun 1793, died 25 Jul 1844, married 6 Mar 1812 Jacob Deck, Jr., her first cousin
- (VII) Elizabeth Painter, born about 1795, married 5 Jan 1836 William Shemwell
- (VIII) Benjamin Freeman Panther, born 11 May 1825, died 17 Jun 1859, married Jemima Short
- (IX) Joel Panther, born about 1828, married 15 Nov 1848 Jane Stewart
- (X) Sarah Panther, born about 1830, married William Brackett

Note 1: Moved from Rockingham Co., VA to Rutherford Co., NC after the Revolution.

Note 2: Provided for a Caty Burnett in his will.

Note 3: aka George Panther, George Bender