

William Bradley**XID – 43917**

Commentary: William Bradley, b 1821 in NC, married Eva Painter. Eva was the granddaughter of Sherwood Upchurch, head of Upchurch clan #10.

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(1) 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

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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]

(2) 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

(3) See letter 30 Apr 1999 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU

William Bradley married 1 Jul 1841 (Rutherford Co, NC) Eve Painter born 1825 (Rutherford Co, NC). Three children listed.

(4) From email 20 May 2016 Polly Kaye Heisingor 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, 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