

James Penny**XID – 7086**

Commentary: James Penny was the second husband of Rachel Upchurch Scroble, whose first husband had presumably died in the Civil War. Rachel in turn was James Penny's second wife. See number one below.

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(1) See letter 28 Aug 1981 Patsy Penny Horton to RPU

James Penny of Apex, NC married Rachel Upchurch born 8 Sep 1835 died 1879. **James Penny** was my great grandfather. He was married before but I don't know to whom. He had one son Jesse Penny by his 1st marriage who died 23 Jan 1865 at Petersburg, VA (CSA). Rachel Upchurch was daughter of Murray Upchurch of Moses Upchurch/Murray Upchurch Sub-clan. Rachel and James Penny had 3 children:

Renny Penny born 1829 died 1845 [Note: Error - children

Molly Penny born 1827 died 1845 born before mother – RPU]

John B Penny born 1866 died Sep 1948 [my grandfather]

James Penny died in 1895

James, Rachel, Rennie and Molly were buried on the Penny Plantation where Old US 64 and Highway 55 cross in Wake Co, NC. They were moved to the Apex NC cemetery when the highway was improved. The old James Penny House still stands in Apex, NC but the 2nd story has been moved. James Penny owned a large farm and some slaves. The Civil War ruined his family as it did so many others.

(2) See notes of RPU call 30 Aug 1986 to Patsy Penny Horton

The dates for Rennie and Molly Penny in the Apex, NC Cemetery are wrong being much too early. These are nicknames. Originally buried on the James Penny farm which was located where the Apex Funeral Home now stands on Highway 55.

(3) From RPU visit 30 Nov 2001 to Patsy Penny Horton

James Penny ↑

James Penny ↑ was born in 1814 and died in 1887. He was a farmer in Wake County, N.C. He was born in White Oak. His farm was on the outskirts of Apex, N.C. He has four children. Jesse Penny was his oldest son. I don't know who was his first wife. His second wife was Rachel Upchurch Scoble, widow of Stephen Scoble. He died in the Civil war. They had two children, Leonidas Scoble and Saphronia Scoble (Ellington). Rachel and James Penny ↑ had three children, John B. Penny, Martha Kay, and Mary R. Their nick names were Molly and Renie. Martha and Mary died of typhoid fever in 1887. Mary was 17 years and Martha was 18.

James Penny ↑ was Administrator of their estates. Charles Upchurch was Clerk of Court of Wake County and handled the Probate Court Papers. Martha K. left an estate of \$50.00. Jesse Penny enlisted in the Confederate Army in Wake County, Nov. 24, 1864. He was a private, present and accounted for until he died in a hospital at Petersburg Va., Jan. 23, 1865 of typhoid pneumonia. John B. Penny was my grandfather. He married Serena Blanche Mills, daughter of Fannie and -----Mills. Serena and John had twelve children.

Fannie Mills lived with my grandmother in her old age. She married Hinton Hobby. Fannie is buried at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Wake County.

John and Blanche had a small farm outside of Fuquay -Varina in Duncan, N.C. They are also buried at Piney Grove Baptist Church

James and Rachel Penny along with Molly and Renie are buried in the Apex town cemetery.

James Penny ↑ was named as administrator for his daughter Martha K. Penny's estate of \$50.00 It was left to her brothers and sisters, John B. Penny, Saphronia Scoble Ellington, and Leonidas Scoble. 24 Oct. 1887. Wake Co. Estate Records 1770-1841, C.R. 099.508 226, Pennington - Penny, N.C. This was money that Rachel's children inherited from their grandfather, Murray Upchurch.

In the 1790 census Edward, Caleb, and Alexander Penney were listed in Johnston Co., New Bern District. In the 1850 census James Penny was 36, a farmer, real value, \$200.00, and lived in White Oak, Wake County.

In the 1850 Census of Wake Co, NC – Western Area one finds:

James Penny #199

Jesse Penny #199

(4) Apex Cemetery observed by RPU 25 Feb 1978. There were four 1' x 2' stones matching all of Penny family, one of whom was an Upchurch.

<u>James Penny</u>	1819 – 1895
Rachel [Upchurch] Penny	1835 – 1879
Rennie Penny	1829 – 1845
Molly Penny	1827 – 1845

(no number) Information in letter Patsy Penny Horton to RPU 14 Jan 2002

Thank you for all of the records that you sent me about the Pennys. I, like you, are having a hard time placing my James [James Penny 1814 – 1887]. Mother always said that he had a brother and a son named Jesse. My feeling is that he came through either Alexander [Alexander Penny] or Claeb Penny [Caleb Penny]. I do know that he lived and paid taxes in the White Oak Community.

Rachel was buried in the Apex Cemetery with James, Molly and Martha. As I said before, James land was when the Apex funeral home is. The graves were moved into the Apex Cemetery by the states when the road was widened.

My grandfather John Penny [John B Penny 1866 – 1948] and Blanche Milly Penny [Rena Blanche Mills 1871 – 1935] are buried at Piney Grove Church outside of Fuquay on [unreadable] [smeared by RPU proposes Pine Grove Baptist Church, but is it Highway 42 or not?].

Love,
Pat

Wake – Capital County of NC, Vol I by Elizabeth Reid Murry reports:

Page 172: Piney Grove Baptist Church near Fuquay Varina was formed in 1820.

Page 327: In 1848 there was a District School in the Piney Grove Church Neighborhood SW of Fuquay Varina – Teacher Mr --- --- Whitaker = 44 pupils.