

WILLIAMS FAMILY

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(64) DANIEL WILLIAMS married URSULA HENDERSON, a daughter of THOMAS HENDERSON and the sister of SAMUEL HENDERSON who married his sister ELIZABETH WILLIAMS (See page 221 and the account of the HENDERSON and WILLIAMS FAMILIES as shown herein). Just when DANIEL WILLIAMS first came to GRANVILLE COUNTY is not definitely known, but he died in 1759 leaving a will in which he mentioned his children, but did not give the name of his wife. His son DANIEL married his first cousin ANN HENDERSON, sister of JUDAH RICHARD HENDERSON and the daughter of SAMUEL HENDERSON. After the death of DANIEL HENDERSON, JR. his widow moved to the PACOLET in SOUTH CAROLINA, where she married ADAM POTTER as her second husband. DANIEL WILLIAMS, the first, may have lived for a time in BRUNSWICK COUNTY, Virginia, for on the records there is a deed from THOMAS DENTON to DANIEL WILLIAMS in 1763 (Book 5 p. 259).

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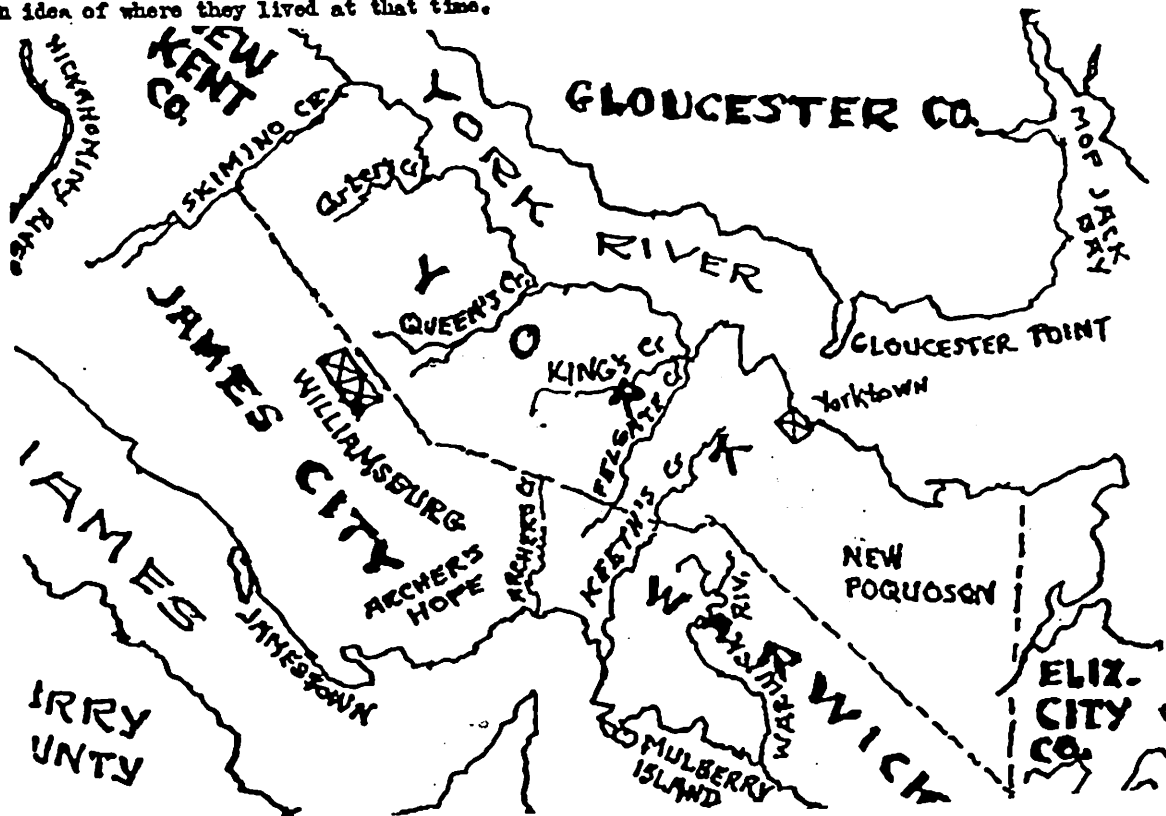
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JOHN WILLIAMS, the father of ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, who married SAMUEL HENDERSON in HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia, according to family tradition and in accord with accounts that have been published by genealogists, was not a native of VALES, born in 1679, as has been stated, but a native of YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, where the WILLIAMS FAMILY settled during the first half of the Seventeenth Century. He may have been born in 1679, though this would be in the face of the records which show that he was living on his plantation with his wife and family as late, or as early, as 1685-6. He was also the ancestor of JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS of GRANVILLE COUNTY, North Carolina. These statements are based on the actual records of YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, and as the compiler writes these lines he has before him a photostatic copy complete of VOLUME VIII, of the YORK COUNTY RECORDS, from which the facts are drawn. This photostat is, of course, a complete and exact copy of every word that appears on the record and it has been checked carefully, not in a hot, uncomfortable vault, or a dusty room, but in the quiet, cool precincts of a home library, where the examination could be made leisurely and without hindrance or interference, a boon that in the days of LYON G. TYLER and R. A. BROCK could not be enjoyed. Modern machinery and contrivance has been employed to streamline this investigation and having also the advantage of the vast store of information such men gathered in their useful lives, gives the modern investigator and advantage they did not have and it is no detractor of them to say, with the limited facilities at their command, that they made a few mistakes and on rare occasions arrived at conclusions which by later discoveries turned out to be mistakes.

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY, doubtless of WHICH descent, settled on QUEEN'S CREEK in YORK COUNTY, Virginia, sometime prior to the year 1646. The rough sketch presented below will convey an idea of where they lived at that time.



QUEEN'S CREEK in YORK COUNTY, as this sketch indicates, extends inland from YORK RIVER in a Southerly direction from its mouth. Comparing the crude scale representing a distance of FIVE MILES it may be seen that SKIMMING CREEK is about, and in some places less than that distance West of it. The latter constituted the line between NEW KENT and YORK COUNTIES. Here are the names of some of the families who lived on QUEEN'S CREEK and East of SKIMMING in YORK COUNTY:

ABBOTT	COMBS	HARRISON	WALKER
ADAMS	COMINGS	HOWLE (HOWELL)	WATKINS
ADCOCK	COLLIER	KEELING	WEST
BARBON	COPLAND	LEWIS	WHEELER
BATES	CROSHAW	PINKETMAN	WHITE
BELL	CUNNINGHAM	REYNOLDS	WILDE
BENNETT	DANIEL	SHIELDS	WILLIAMS
BURTON	DAVIS	SMITH	WILLIAMSON
BURWELL	DOWELL	TAYLOR	WILLIS
CHESLEY	KATON	TAYLOR	UNDERWOOD
CLARKE	GRAVES	WAIN	UTIE

All of the families named settled in YORK COUNTY during the first half of the 17th century. One generation after another toddled along. They intermarried and formed ties and alliances that have never been abandoned or dissolved. Show me the name on any record of any one of these families and I'll soon be able to prove to you they descend from and are related to some of the other families listed on this "QUEEN'S CREEK CLUB."

THE FIRST JOHN WILLIAMS. The compiler must, in all fairness, acknowledge his indebtedness to the inimitable BEVERLY FLEET, of Richmond, descendant of the intrepid HENRY, who has been called the "Virginia Daniel Boone" of the days of Lord Baltimore and Col. Claiborne, for the record of the first JOHN WILLIAMS, who came to YORK COUNTY and settled on QUEEN'S CREEK, at least as early as 1644-5. (See FLEET'S COLONIAL ABSTRACTS, Vol. 24 p. 90, for the records of BOOK 2, of York County, pages 138-139). The record follows:

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Nov. 5, 1639. SIR JOHN HARVEY, KNT., GOVERNOR, ETC., to SAMUEL WATKINS, deed to 250 acres in CHARLES RIVER (as YORK COUNTY was then designated), in the forest adjoining the land of JOHN UTTE extending from the head of KING'S CREEK, Westerly to the mayden swamp, and adjoining the lands formerly granted to the said SAMUEL WATKINS by patent due by assignment from JOSEPH CROSHAW, for transporting five persons. Signed, JOHN HARVEY.

One of the "five persons" transported by JOSEPH CROSHAW, referred to above was a certain JOHN DANIEL, an ancestor of that JOHN DANIEL who married ANNE, daughter of a later JOHN WILLIAMS, and the same JOHN DANIEL who left a will in GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA in 1763. SAMUEL WATKINS was the ancestor of THOMAS WATKINS, of SWIFT CREEK, whose daughter ELIZABETH married JAMES DANIEL, another member of the same family. UNITY, the daughter of JOSEPH CROSHAW, married LIEUT. COL. JOHN WEST, son of GOVERNOR and CAPT. JOHN WEST. But to continue with the record:

June 10, 1644. SAMUEL WATKINS, of QUEEN'S CREEK, assigns the above 250 acres to JOHN BELL; part of which was due to JOHN BELL by deed of gift, and now the full patent is sold to him. Signed SAMUEL WATKINS. The witnesses to this assignment were GEORGE CLARK and WILLIAM BOWBERTS.

Then follows the following item:

Oct. 1, 1645. JOHN BELL, of QUEEN'S CREEK, Planter, assigns to JOHN WILLIAMS the above 250 acres lying in HAMPTON PARISH, etc. This is signed by JOHN BELL.

Then follows a further and more particular description of the land which was thus sold to JOHN WILLIAMS in October, 1645, which description is dated April 20, 1642, saying it adjoined BRIDKY SWAMP, the land of WILLIAM TAYLOR, the land of NICHOLAS COMINGS, the land of THOMAS GIBSON and another dividend belonging to SAMUEL WATKINS.

Still another interesting deed dated JUNE 10, 1641, reads as follows: "JOHN BELL, of QUEEN'S CREEK, Planter sells SAMUEL WATKINS his plantation and house in QUEEN'S CREEK, formerly purchased from WILLIAM REYNOLDS". GEORGE CLARK and WILLIAM W. BOWBERTS, witnesses. From which it appears that one of the early comers to this QUEEN'S CREEK settlement and a possible and probable predecessor in title to the JOHN WILLIAMS land was this WILLIAM REYNOLDS. The part he plays and the role he takes in these family genealogies will be discussed later.

All of these families are interlocking and were then or later related to each other. The name of the first JOHN WILLIAMS' wife we do not know. They had several children who settled with them on QUEEN'S CREEK, including JOHN, EDWARD, OMBELIAN, RICHARD and WILLIAM WILLIAMS. The SON JOHN was known as JOHN WILLIAMS, SR. He settled on the "EASTERN SHORE" of VIRGINIA, in ACCOMAC COUNTY, as did also JOHN DANIEL, a son of the immigrant, ROGER DANIEL. JOHN WILLIAMS (the son), SR. apparently had the following children:

- (1) JOHN WILLIAMS (m. MARY KEELING).
- (2) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS (In Accomac County in 1704).
- (3) WILLIAM WILLIAMS (Minister of ST. PETER'S).
- (4) RANDALL WILLIAMS
- (5) LEWIS WILLIAMS (Of NEW KENT COUNTY).
- (6) DANIEL WILLIAMS.
- (7) SARAH WILLIAMS married WILLIAM DANIEL (Accomac County).
- (8) MARY WILLIAMS married JOHN DANIEL

JOHN WILLIAMS, SR. (Son of the first JOHN WILLIAMS) eventually returned to YORK & NEW KENT COUNTIES. He died sometime after 1688, when he was named as an executor of the will of his son in law WILLIAM DANIEL in ACCOMAC. His widow settled on lands belonging to him along the PALUNKY between NEW KENT and KING WILLIAM. She is known on the records thereafter as the "Widow Williams". Her son LEWIS WILLIAMS, or some of his descendants established what was known as the WILLIAMS FERRY, where GENERAL WASHINGTON crossed to visit with the CHAMBERLAINS and where he met the comely young widow MARTHA CUSTIS, long afterwards, whom he married.

As for (6) DANIEL WILLIAMS, he was a man of some importance and in accordance with a law passed requiring notice of trips being taken abroad we find this note in Vol. VIII of the YORK COUNTY (Va.) RECORDS:

"At a Court held for YORK COUNTY, February 24, 1686,
DANIEL WILLIAMS, JOSIAS STACKY and JOHN POINDEXTER did lett
and publish their INTENTIONS of going for OLD ENGLAND,
GOD WILLING."

(3) WILLIAM WILLIAMS was a Minister of ST. PETER'S PARISH and his name as such appears on the Church Register. He was also a school master and conducted a school in DENBIGH PARISH

(1) JOHN WILLIAMS (who married MARY KEELING) probably died on his plantation on QUEEN'S CREEK, in YORK COUNTY, Virginia, sometime during the first decade of the Eighteenth century, as some of his children were born AFTER 1700, though all of them were born much earlier than the accounts given by the genealogists. One JOHN WILLIAMS, believed to have been a son of EDWARD WILLIAMS and a cousin of (1) JOHN, died in YORK COUNTY in 1697-8, without leaving a will and probably without children, though he had several brothers.

This JOHN WILLIAMS was a man of some prominence in the County, and while the records examined do not give his life history, they do give enough to show that he was one of those men whose name not infrequently appeared on the court and other records, and it is surprising how much such entries, scarce though they were, reveal of the man.

He was sued on one occasion by JOHN CONSTANT and after a hearing of the case, judgment was rendered against him for the payment of a judgment of four pounds Sterling, "which said JOHN WILLIAMS is ordered to pay". This was on November 24, 1688.

At a meeting of the YORK COUNTY COURT in February of the same year there was a suit pending between JOHN WILLIAMS, plaintiff, and WILLIAM CLOPTON, defendant, which was passed over to the next meeting of the court. This WILLIAM CLOPTON was an important personage, who owned considerable property, both in YORK and NEW KENT COUNTY, and the presence of litigation in the courts initiated against him by JOHN WILLIAMS indicates they were probably of about equal standing in the Colony at that period.

But one of the most interesting items on the YORK RECORDS grew out of a suit for assault and battery brought by JOHN WILLIAMS in 1688 against one WILLIAM WADE, in which WILLIAMS alleged that WADE had come to his plantation on QUEEN'S CREEK in York County, in his absence from home, and abused his wife. Unfortunately the record in this suit fails to mention the name of JOHN WILLIAMS' wife, but I have no sort of doubt but what it was MARY. The record of the trial appears on page 104 of Vol 8 of the YORK COUNTY RECORDS. On March 26th a jury was empanelled by the Sheriff and returned and sworn, consisting of:

JOHN MILLS
JOHN LANKERS
HUMPHREY MOODY
HENRY LEE

JOHN BATTER
JOSEPH HIGHT
JOHN MATON
ISAAC GODDING

THOMAS BUCK
ROBERT ROBERTS
WILLIAM CLOPTON
GEORGE GLASSCOCK,

and, as the record says, "who upon their oaths returned their verdict that they find for the plaintiff 1000 pounds of tobacco and cask which said verdict is confirmed and ordered that the said WADE pay to the said WILLIAMS, the aforesaid summe of 1000 lbs of tobacco and cask and costs of suit," etc.

In the trial of this lawsuit two witnesses appeared for JOHN WILLIAMS and gave their version of the unseemly conduct of WILLIAM WADE towards MRS. WILLIAMS. Wade had some horses in the tobacco house of JOHN WILLIAMS and when he appeared on the plantation Mrs. Williams had told him "Thee should turn them out!", whereupon, enraged he abused the lady in the absence of her husband, who had brought the suit. MARY BELL, aged about 19 years (one of the descendants, of course, of JOHN BELL who had sold the land on QUEEN'S CREEK to John Williams' father, more than thirty-five years previously) swore to the details on which the jury rendered its verdict, and declared that WADE had struck Mrs. Williams with a "tobacco stick", etc. The other witness, ANN ABBOTT (a descendant of CHRISTOPHER ABBOTT, of QUEEN'S CREEK, whose deed Oct. 11, 1640, had been witnessed by WILLIAM WILLIAMS and JOHN BENNETT - Va. Col. Abs. 24) testified to still greater abuses by WADE of MRS. WILLIAMS, saying he "kneched her down and kicked her out of the house." In these deposition and in the trial of the case of WILLIAMS v. WADE no mention is made of children, and the conclusion seems reasonable that, when this cause was tried, JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife, had not been long married. This was in the fall of 1688. Between that date and the date of JOHN'S death, some twenty years later, their children were born.

They had the following children:

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| (10) JOHN WILLIAMS | (b. about 1690) |
| (11) SARAH WILLIAMS | (b. about 1692) |
| (12) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS | (b. about 1695) |
| (13) DANIEL WILLIAMS | (b. about 1697) |
| (14) JOSEPH WILLIAMS | (b. about 1699) |
| (15) ANNE WILLIAMS | (b. about 1702) |
| (16) MARY WILLIAMS | (b. about 1703) |
| (17) ELIZABETH WILLIAMS | (b. about 1705) |

This is the traditional list of their children as it has appeared in different accounts of the family. Of each of the above named children there are records available on which we have drawn, but since JOHN WILLIAMS (wife MARY KEELING) left no will listing the names of his children the traditional list must be accepted as approximately correct. That there were other children is hardly possible, though it could be; but if so, they have not been identified as belonging on the list. I have often been tempted to believe that there was another son named ZADOCK WILLIAMS (killed in Kentucky by the Indians) whose parentage I could not find, but have concluded he did not belong, at least in the generation with this set.

In attempting to set down intelligently an account of the above eight children of JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife MARY KEELING this compiler finds it necessary to dig up facts about JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS, of GRANVILLE COUNTY and his family, and the BURTONS, his descendants. Under MARY WILLIAMS facts about the GRAVES FAMILY, of Granville County; under ANNE WILLIAMS data relating to the DANIEL FAMILY, the HARRISON FAMILY, of GRANVILLE COUNTY and something about the HAUPTON FAMILY. (16) SARAH WILLIAMS, I believe, I have not facts about, but ELIZABETH, her sister, was the one who married SAMUEL HENDERSON, of HANOVER COUNTY, VA., who has already been covered herein.

(10) JOHN WILLIAMS (son of JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife MARY KEELING) who was probably the oldest son and child, according to the St. Peter's Parish Register (p. 419) was married in December, 1711, to SARAH HENDERSON, the daughter of THOMAS HENDERSON and his first wife URSULA KEELING. (See Chart p. 231). They were the parents of JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS, born in NEW KENT or HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia, perhaps about 1715, who moved to GRANVILLE COUNTY, North Carolina, where he died in 1799. JOHN WILLIAMS (father of JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS) died in HANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, in 1735, intestate, and JOHN TYLER (husband of FRANCES GRAVES) and THOMAS PROSSER gave bond for administration on his estate. JOHN TYLER belonged to an old YORK COUNTY family, and one of his nephews, WILLIAM TYLER, had married ELIZABETH KEELING, a relative of both JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife. There being no will, of course, no children are mentioned, and no record this compiler has ever found, mentions children other than

JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS, of GRANVILLE COUNTY, North Carolina. On page 163 Mr. WEFELER, the Historian says of him: "JOHN WILLIAMS was a native of HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia. In April, 1770, for some real or imaginary cause, while attending court at HILLSBORO (N. C.) he was seized by the Regulators and beaten by them. He was one of the first judges under the State Constitution in 1777, with SAMUEL SPENCER and SAMUEL ASH. He was a member of the Continental Congress in 1778. His early education was defective, as he was raised to the trade of a house carpenter. But he was eminently distinguished for his sound judgment and plain common sense. He died in October, 1799". JUDGE RICHARD HENDERSON and JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS were not only first cousins, but double cousins, at the mother of JUDGE WILLIAMS was the aunt of JUDGE HENDERSON, and SAMUEL HENDERSON (father of the JUDGE) was the uncle of JUDGE WILLIAMS and the brother of his mother. JUDGE WILLIAMS, however, was several years the senior of his cousin RICHARD HENDERSON, who studied law in his office, when a young man, when, he, himself, had been practicing law for some years; and also, the wife of JUDGE RICHARD HENDERSON was the step daughter of JUDGE WILLIAMS, she being ELIZABETH KEELING, the daughter of AGNES BULLOCK and her first husband KEELING, also a relative of both the HENDERSONS & the WILLIAMS family.

AGNES BULLOCK, who first married GEORGE KEELING, a grandson perhaps of CAPT. GEORGE KEELING, of NEW KENT COUNTY, and second, JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS, was a sister of LEONARD HENLEY BULLOCK and a daughter of RICHARD BULLOCK, the latter having died leaving a will in GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C. in 1766, his children being SARAH (m. SIMS), AGNES, WILLIAM (m. TAYLOR), ZACHARIAH, NATHANIEL, JOHN and LEONARD HENLEY BULLOCK. The BULLOCKS, like the HENDERSONS and WILLIAMS came to GRANVILLE COUNTY (N. C.) from HANOVER and NEW KENT COUNTIES. The name BULLOCK appears very frequently on the St. Peter's Parish Register. According to MR. WHEELER, JUDGE WILLIAMS and his wife AGNES had only one child born to them, whose name was AGATHA (named for AGATHA KEELING, daughter of GEORGE KEELING JR.), who married COL. ROBERT BURTON, an account of whose family will follow the WILLIAMS FAMILY HISTORY. The town of WILLIAMSBORO, seven miles West of the town of HENDERSON, N. C., was the home of JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS; (then in GRANVILLE COUNTY, but now in VANCE). About 1740 the WILLIAMS and HENDERSON and other families began to settle there and the place was called NUTBUSH. On the old county records there was a NUTBUSH DISTRICT which surrounded it. After the death of JUDGE WILLIAMS in 1799, his son in law, COL. ROBERT BURTON named the place WILLIAMSBORO, in his memory. Col. Burton fell heir to the Williams property there. The finest race track in the State of North Carolina was located in this community, and many of the State's most prominent leaders resided there.

(11) SARAH WILLIAMS (born about 1784) was one of the older children of JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife MARY KEELING. Her name is on the list of children commonly accepted by the family as correct, but this compiler has found no recognizable record as to what became of her.

(12) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS was born about 1695, probably in YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, or in the lower part of New Kent County on the West side of SKINCINO CREEK. In 1733 NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, JOHN WILLIAMS and JOHN WINGFIELD witnessed a deed in HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia, from GEORGE MATLOCK, SR. to GEORGE MATLOCK, JR., and also a deed from JOHN MATLOCK to his daughter MARY, then the wife of BENJAMIN JOHNSON. Evidently NATHANIEL at that date (1733) was living in HANOVER COUNTY. The family genealogists ascribe to NATHANIEL WILLIAMS five children:

- (20) ROBERT WILLIAMS
- (21) ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
- (22) JOHN WILLIAMS
- (23) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS
- (24) JOSEPH WILLIAMS

(20) ROBERT WILLIAMS, son of (12) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, was known in PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, where he spent the latter part of his life, as COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS, and was a COLONEL in the REVOLUTION from PITTSYLVANIA. The following account is taken from Maude Carter Clements' History of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, Virginia: "ROBERT WILLIAMS and his brother JOSEPH WILLIAMS settled in NORTH CAROLINA prior to the Revolution, and married sisters, SARAH and REBECCA LANIER, the daughters of THOMAS LANIER, an early Justice of LUNenburg COUNTY (Va.), who later moved to NORTH CAROLINA. SARAH LANIER and ROBERT WILLIAMS were married OCTOBER 10, 1774 in GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C., and moved to PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY to live, settling near SANDY CREEK, of BANISTER RIVER. Here he practiced his profession of law and served as Commonwealth Attorney for both PITTSYLVANIA and HENRY COUNTIES. He died in 1790." He left no will, but in 1799, some nine years after his death there was a division of his estate, in which the children, then living were mentioned. This list of children is not in agreement with the list that appears on the chart of the family gotten up by some genealogist, which is evidently wrong, since it says that a daughter POLLY married HON. MATTHEW CLAY, U. C. This POLLY was the daughter of COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, instead of COL. ROBERT.

The children of (20) COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS, as gathered from the division of his estate in 1799 were:

(a) COL. JOHN WILLIAMS, whose wife was ELIZABETH and to whom was allotted 617 acres of land, including the Manor plantation on SANDY CREEK.

(b) NATHANIEL W. WILLIAMS, who received 1,540 acres, beginning on the line of one JOHN WHITE and taking in the mill.

(c) SARAH WILLIAMS, who was the wife of MIGAJAH WATKINS (harking back to SAMUEL WATKINS of QUEEN'S CREEK in YORK COUNTY, Virginia), who received two tracts of land, one of 240 acres and another of 1,156 acres. (The genealogical account says she married JAMES CHAMBERS, of Halifax County, Virginia). She could have been twice married, but MIGAJAH WATKINS, her husband, was living in 1799 when the estate of Col. Robert Williams was divided.

(d) PATSY WILLIAMS, 279 acres, the balance of the land of the Manor Plantation, 147 acres the mill tract and 168 acres on Cascade Creek. PATSY WILLIAMS married JOHN HENRY, of Woodlawn, who was a descendant of the HENRY FAMILY, of ACCOMAS COUNTY, Virginia, where NATHANIEL WILLIAMS was listed on the Quit Rent Rolls in 1704, he being a Great Uncle of Col. Robert Williams.

(e) FANNIE WILLIAMS, who received three tracts of land, one of 200 acres, one of 296 acres and one of 790 acres.

From the CLEMENTS HISTORY of PITTSYLVANIA, p. 153, the following note relating to the identity of JOHN HENRY, who married PATSY WILLIAMS is taken:

"Another HENRY FAMILY of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, was that of JAMES HENRY, of ACCOMAS COUNTY, who owned large bodies of land there. The list of tithables for 1777 showed that he paid taxes on 19,000 acres of land at that time. JAMES HENRY is said to have been a grandson of ALEXANDER and JEAN ROBERTSON HENRY, grandparents of PATRICK HENRY; he married SARAH SCARBOROUGH and had sons JOHN, CHARLES and probably others. JOHN HENRY was settled on the PITTSYLVANIA lands which lay in the Eastern part of the county, and he called his home "WOODLAWN". The house is standing today and the interior woodwork is elaborately carved. The garden laid off in terraces, is called a "falling garden".

HUGH HENRY, who married MARY DONKELSON, sister of COL. JOHN DONKELSON, was also from this ACCOMAS COUNTY family and a brother of JAMES HENRY, the father of JOHN of WOODLAWN, who married PATSY, the daughter of COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS.

(21) ELIZABETH WILLIAMS. The compiler has been unable to find any identifying record of this daughter of NATHANIEL WILLIAMS. An ELIZABETH WILLIAMS is listed by the family genealogist as a daughter of COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS; and an account of her family, but the compiler believes that she was ELIZABETH, a cousin, daughter of HENRY WILLIAMS and grand-daughter of DANIEL, who lived in CASWELL COUNTY (See p. 196).

(22) JOHN WILLIAMS (son of (12) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS) was known as COL. JOHN WILLIAMS. He was a COLONEL in the REVOLUTION from HILLSBORO, N. C. according to one account. He was a first cousin of COL. JAMES WILLIAMS, who was killed at KING'S MOUNTAIN and also a first cousin of JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS of GRANVILLE COUNTY. He was not a lawyer. He married ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON, a member of a prominent North Carolina and Virginia family. The family genealogist has confused him with his cousin the Judge, as to dates, and says that he died in 1799, which is error, as he left will in CASWELL COUNTY in 1805, which was probably the year of his death. (See p. 196.) In his will he mentions his wife BETSY and children DUKE, BETSY GRAVES and HENRIETTA SIMPSON. DUKE WILLIAMS was the son MARMADUKE, who was a member of Congress from North Carolina, who married the widow of a HARRIS, who had been AGNES PAYNE. I have been unable to find a correct list of the children of COL. JOHN WILLIAMS prepared by any genealogical account, but have concluded after investigating the entire record available that COL. JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON had the following children:

- (f) ROBERT WILLIAMS (b. 1768)
- (g) JOHN WILLIAMS (d. in CHATHAM COUNTY N. C. 1816)
- (h) MARMADUKE WILLIAMS (d. in ALABAMA 1850).
- (i) GEORGE WILLIAMS (d. CHATHAM COUNTY N. C. 1833).
- (j) ELIZABETH WILLIAMS m. AZARIAH GRAVES

FROM WHEELER'S HISTORY: MARMADUKE WILLIAMS was born in CASWELL COUNTY, N. C. on April 6, 1772, and married AGNES (PAYNE) HARRIS, a widow in 1798. In 1802 he was elected to the State Senate, and the next year elected to Congress to succeed his brother, ROBERT WILLIAMS who was appointed by President Jefferson, Governor of MISSISSIPPI. He remained in Congress until 1809. In 1810 he moved to ALABAMA, settled in TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, and was a delegate from that county to the Convention which formed the Constitution for that State. In 1852 he was elected a Judge of TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA. He died October 29, 1850.

(f) ROBERT WILLIAMS, who served in Congress from North Carolina and served as Governor of the Territory of Mississippi, was born in PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, Virginia, in the year 1768. His father, COL. JOHN WILLIAMS came to what is now PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY in 1748 and settled on lands adjoining JAMES DANIEL, a brother of JOHN DANIEL who had married ANNE WILLIAMS, his father's sister. Their names appear on the tax lists together in 1748-1749 and at other times later. (See Bell's Sunlight on the Southside).

ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON, the wife of COL. JOHN WILLIAMS, of CASWELL COUNTY, North Carolina was the daughter of JOHN WILLIAMSON, of NEW KENT COUNTY, Virginia, and his wife REBECCA CHAMBERLAINE, and the sister of THOMAS WILLIAMSON (b. 1708) who married JUDITH FLEMING, daughter of TARKLETON FLEMING. (Bell's Old Free State Vol. 11 p. 376). THOMAS RANDOLPH, of TUCKAHOE, was her uncle by marriage. The father of COL. JOHN WILLIAMS (NATHANIEL) was born about 1695 and was married by 1715-16, and in 1735 his son JOHN WILLIAMS had moved to GOOCHLAND COUNTY, Virginia, and where in MARCH of that year a suit was brought against him by JOHN DANIEL, which resulted in Daniel having to give a peace bond. The Flemings, Williams and Daniels had moved to Goochland, and from there JAMES DANIEL, who had been Sheriff of Goochland, moved with JOHN WILLIAMS down into ANNEKIA, which was later erected into PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY. COL. WILLIAMS moved to North Carolina and settled in what was then Orange County (now Caswell) sometime between 1768 and 1772. GEORGE WILLIAMS and JOHN WILLIAMS, sons of COL. JOHN WILLIAMS of CASWELL COUNTY, moved down into CHATHAM COUNTY, where they both died. (See p. 199). Both of them married into the CRUTCHFIELD FAMILY, from SPOTTSYLVANIA COUNTY. HENRY CRUTCHFIELD died in CHATHAM in 1787 leaving will. He was related to STAPLETON CRUTCHFIELD and these CRUTCHFIELDS were kin of the DANIEL FAMILY from YORK COUNTY.

(23) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS (son of NATHANIEL) married, and is said to have had three children. There is some indications that he moved to LOUISIANA, where his nephew the HON. ROBERT WILLIAMS, former Governor of Mississippi died and was buried on his plantation near the town of MONROE, in 1836. Nathaniel Williams is credited with two sons, ROBERT and NATHANIEL WILLIAMS and a daughter ELIZABETH, who is said to have married a man named BALDWIN.

(24) JOSEPH WILLIAMS. This paragraph and the data that follows has reference to the JOSEPH WILLIAMS, son of NATHANIEL WILLIAMS. He may be identified more particularly as the "SHALLOW FORD" Joseph Williams, who was the ancestor of the WILLIAMS FAMILY OF TENNESSEE, particularly those who settled and lived at KNOXVILLE. From what is known as the "LOGAN MANUSCRIPT", published in Vol. III of the Joseph Habersham Chapter D. A. R. of Georgia, page 111 appears the following note, which refers to this particular JOSEPH WILLIAMS:

MAJ. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, a cousin of COL. JAMES WILLIAMS, killed at KING'S MOUNTAIN, was the youngest son of NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, who emigrated from Wales (sic) to HANOVER COUNTY, Va. JOSEPH lost his father when he was 15 years old, and was taken care of by a namesake, and kinsman, JOSEPH WILLIAMS, a merchant of WILLIAMSBORO, Granville County, N. C. JOSEPH WILLIAMS settled at the SHALLOW FORD of the YADKIN before the Revolution, and died in August, 1827, his widow surviving until 1832. The following is a letter from his son ALEXANDER WILLIAMS, of GREENVILLE, TENNESSEE, written June 28, 1845, this being the postscript:

"I expect I received a letter from the same gentleman you speak of, from Baltimore, MR. LYMAN C. DRAPER, who wishes to know something of my father, and particularly as to the battle between the WHIGS and TORIES fought near SHALLOW FORD of the YADKIN, at which battle my father headed and commanded the WHIGS. It is a little singular, history has never named this battle, although nearly 100 Tories were killed and only one Whig lost his life. A. W."

From the postscript of the above letter it will be observed that MAJOR JOSEPH WILLIAMS (son of NATHANIEL) was partly, if not mostly, raised at WILLIAMSBORO in GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C. by his cousin, a JOSEPH WILLIAMS. This JOSEPH WILLIAMS (the cousin) was the son of DANIEL WILLIAMS and his wife URSULA HENDERSON. (See Henderson Chart p. 232). This store at WILLIAMSBORO (then called NUTBUSH) was for a time known as the WILLIAMS & BURTON store, the BURTON being either COL. ROBERT BURTON, son in law of JUDGE JOHN WILLIAMS, or his father HUTCHINS BURTON. This information discloses therefore that there were TWO JOSEPH WILLIAMS, prominent merchants in this section of North Carolina; the JOSEPH, of GRANVILLE (Now YANCEY) at NUTBUSH or WILLIAMSBORO, and the MAJ. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, merchant at the SHALLOW FORD, on the YADKIN.

Since this MAJ. JOSEPH WILLIAMS of "Shallow Ford" was a brother of COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS, later of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, it is clear that they were the two partners in business, COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS owning an interest in the store on the Yadkin before he married SARAH LANIER (daughter of THOMAS LANIER, of GRANVILLE COUNTY) and moved back to Virginia and established himself as a lawyer in PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY. MAJ. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, his brother, married REBECCA LANIER, sister of SARAH. But what further complicates this entangling relationship of these two brothers to the family of THOMAS LANIER is the fact that SARAH LANIER before she married COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS, had married COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, of GRANVILLE COUNTY, the merchant of NUTBUSH or WILLIAMSBORO, who died, and upon his death, she married, as the widow WILLIAMS, COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS. Whether COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, the merchant of NUTBUSH and his wife SARAH LANIER left children by their marriage, has not been ascertained. On page 237 is given a list of the children of COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS and SARAH LANIER.

NOTE OUT OF PLACE: HON. MARMADUKE WILLIAMS, son of COL. JOHN WILLIAMS, of CASWELL COUNTY, N. C., was twice married. His first marriage was to IDY HARRIS in 1790, who was the mother of CHRISTOPHER HARRIS WILLIAMS, the father of JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, of MISSISSIPPI. (p. 197).

(24) JOSEPH WILLIAMS. (This was MAJ. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, the merchant of SHALLOW FORD, on the YADKIN). In the marriage bond of JOSEPH WILLIAMS and REBECCA LANIER in GRANVILLE COUNTY, with JOHN HENDERSON as the bondsman, he is called JOSEPH WILLIAMS, JR. The bond is dated September 11, 1772. They were probably married when he was living in GRANVILLE COUNTY and employed in the store of WILLIAMS & BURTON at NUTBURN, and his cousin, JOSEPH the merchant, being then living and much the oldest, was perhaps known as JOSEPH WILLIAMS SR. In CLEMENT'S History of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, Joseph Sr. is designated as COLONEL, which title was later conferred on JOSEPH JR., following the revolution, or before its close. (See p. 216 for the record of the marriage bond referred to).

The SHALLOW FORD, where JOSEPH WILLIAMS was in business, was evidently in ROWAN COUNTY at that time, if not now. The WILLIAMS STORE in addition to being called at the SHALLOW FORD must have been on a little stream called "PANTHER CREEK" also. It is described in one place as "on the old Shallow Ford road, out of WINSTON-SALEM". Anyway we picked up what purports to be an old family BIBLE RECORD of the children of COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS and his wife REBECCA LANIER, which gives a list of their children with dates of birth, etc., and which names, dates & other data seems to harmonize with the names of the known descendants and children gathered from other sources, histories, etc., and which is copied below:

- (30) ROBERT WILLIAMS born July 12, 1773.
- (31) JOSEPH WILLIAMS born Oct. 12, 1775.
- (32) JOHN WILLIAMS born Jan. 29, 1778.
- (33) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS born Aug. 10, 1783.
- (34) LEWIS WILLIAMS born Feb. 1, 1786.)
- (35) THOMAS WILLIAMS born Feb. 1, 1786) Twins.
- (36) REBECCA WILLIAMS born March 22, 1788.
- (37) STERLING WILLIAMS born March 10, 1791 (d. May 6, 1792).
- (38) FANNY WILLIAMS born April 20, 1796.
- (39) ALEXANDER WILLIAMS
- (40) NICHOLAS LANIER WILLIAMS born Feb. 4, 1800.

Here are a few brief facts about the above children of COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, the SHALLOW FORD merchant:

(30) ROBERT WILLIAMS (b. July 12, 1773) is said by one writer to have been born in CASWELL COUNTY, N. C. But he was NOT a "Member of Congress from North Carolina", as has been stated by some of the genealogists. That ROBERT was his first cousin and the son of COL. JOHN WILLIAMS, and was born in PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, Virginia in 1768. This ROBERT WILLIAMS came to TEXAS as a pioneer in a very early day and some of his descendants are still living in that State.

(31) JOSEPH WILLIAMS is said to have married SUSAN TAYLOR and was perhaps the JOSEPH who was Clerk of SURREY COUNTY, N. C. The genealogists give him three children, SUSAN, REBECCA and JOHN T. WILLIAMS.

(32) JOHN WILLIAMS (b. Jan. 29, 1778) was the distinguished JOHN WILLIAMS, who settled in KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, and married MALINDA WHITE, daughter of GEN. JAMES WHITE, on whose lands the original town of KNOXVILLE was built. He was a distinguished member of the bar of the State of Tennessee, United States Senator, a Judge, and Minister at one time to GUATEMALA. His brother THOMAS LANIER WILLIAMS was also a distinguished Tennessee lawyer. The following statement is copied from a widely quoted TENNESSEE History:

"Col. John Williams was one of the pioneer lawyers of East Tennessee, but his career as a politician eclipsed his legal career. He served as a member of the General Assembly, as a United States Senator, and was sent as minister to Guatemala by President Adams. He was a brother of THOMAS L. WILLIAMS who rather excelled him as a lawyer. He was most courtly and fascinating in his manners, and although not an eloquent speaker, possessed a wonderful personal magnetism."

From various sources, including the WHITE FAMILY BIBLE we know that COL. JOHN WILLIAMS, of Knoxville, Tennessee, had the following children:

- 50. JOSEPH LANIER WILLIAMS
- 51. JOHN WILLIAMS
- 52. REBECCA LANIER WILLIAMS d. y.
- 53. JAMES WHITE WILLIAMS d. y.
- 54. MARGARET WILLIAMS m. JUDGE RICHARD MUMFORD PEARSON.

(33) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, about whom no information has been identified.

(34) LEWIS WILLIAMS. The following sketch is from page 1115 of the Congressional Directory, Biographical section:

"LEWIS WILLIAMS, a representative from North Carolina, born in Surry County, N. C. February 1, 1786; was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1808; member of the House of Commons 1813-1814; elected to the Fourteenth, and to the thirteenth succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1815 until his death; received the title of "Father of the House"; died in Washington, D. C., February 23, 1842; interment in PANTHER CREEK CEMETERY, in SURREY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA."

(35) THOMAS LANIER WILLIAMS was a twin of Hon. Lewis Williams, and with his brother U. S. Senator JOHN WILLIAMS practiced law and carved out a career in TENNESSEE.

(13) DANIEL WILLIAMS (Son of JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife MARY KICKLING) was born, a near as can be estimated about 1697. He married URSULA HENDERSON, who was the daughter of THOMAS HENDERSON and his wife by his first marriage, URSULA KICKLING, daughter of CAPT. GEORGE KICKLING, of NEW KENT and his wife URSULA FLEMING. URSULA KICKLING was a sister of MARY KICKLING who married JOHN WILLIAMS and was the aunt of DANIEL WILLIAMS. DANIEL WILLIAMS settled in WUTEBURGH DISTRICT in GRANVILLE (Now VANCE) COUNTY somewhere around 1740. He died leaving a will in GRANVILLE COUNTY dated in 1759 in which he mentioned the following children:

- (60) HENRY WILLIAMS
- (61) JAMES WILLIAMS
- (62) JOHN WILLIAMS
- (63) JOSEPH WILLIAMS
- (64) DANIEL WILLIAMS.

(60) HENRY WILLIAMS died in CASWELL COUNTY in 1796, leaving a will in which he named his several children (See page 196)

(61) JAMES WILLIAMS was the Col. JAMES WILLIAMS who lead his men and was killed at the battle of KING'S MOUNTAIN. An abstract of his will in CASWELL COUNTY will also be found on page 196 giving a complete list of his children.

(62) JOHN WILLIAMS. I am uncertain about the identity of this particular JOHN WILLIAMS but believe him to be the JOSEPH JOHN WILLIAMS of GRANVILLE COUNTY whose name is mentioned several times in the GRANVILLE COUNTY records. In this I may be mistaken. (SEE NOTE BELOW).

(63) JOSEPH WILLIAMS. This is the COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS merchant of WUTEBURGH and partner in the firm of WILLIAMS & BURTON at what is now WILLIAMSBORO. He married SARAH LANIER, the daughter of THOMAS LANIER, who, after his death, married his cousin COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS, of PI SYLVANIA COUNTY, Virginia, an eminent lawyer. POLLY, daughter of JOSEPH M. HON. MATTHEW CLAY.

(64) DANIEL WILLIAMS, who married his first cousin ANN HENDERSON, the daughter of SAM HENDERSON and his wife ELIZABETH WILLIAMS. They had (according to a family genealogist) the following children: SAMUEL, DANIEL, JOSEPH, RICHARD, WILLIAM, DAVID, BETSY, NANCY, NUTTY and POLLY WASSER WILLIAMS. After the death of her first husband, ANN (HENDERSON) WILLIAMS married the FACOLET, in SOUTH CAROLINA, one ADAM POTTER. No children mentioned by this last marriage. (See page 227 herein).

(13) DANIEL WILLIAMS was living in HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia, as late as 1735, for in an old, old record book in that county this writer found that on September 2, 1735, DANIEL WILLIAMS sold to WILLIAM GOOCH land that had been granted to him in 1734, lying in ST. MARTIN'S PARISH 1: HANOVER COUNTY.

(14) JOSEPH WILLIAMS (Son of JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife MARY KICKLING) was born in YORK COUNTY, Virginia, about 1699.

Boundless JOSEPH WILLIAMS, like the other members of this family, lived for a time in HANOVER COUNTY, Virginia, but as early as 1749 he was living in LEXINGTON COUNTY, which as it was then constituted took in a lot of Territory, and his name appears next to that of COL. WILLIAM R. DOLPH on the tythe list for that year. (Bell's Sunlight on the South Side). In the year 1764, he was living in what is now MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA, and his lands, consisting of 795 acres, joined the lands (1029 acres) belonging to THOMAS WILLIAMSON'S orphans, one of whom (ELIZABETH) had married his nephew COL. JOHN WILLIAMS, of Caswell County, N. C. This writer is not sure of the names of all his children, but from an examination of these old records he thinks he was the father of the following:

- (70) JOSEPH WILLIAMS
- (71) NATHANIEL WILLIAMS
- (72) LAZARUS WILLIAMS
- (73) JOHN WILLIAMS, JR.
- (74) THOMAS WILLIAMS (d. 1783).
- (75) BENJAMIN WILLIAMS
- (76) RICHARD WILLIAMS (d. 1769)
- (77) ISAAC WILLIAMS

Possibly daughters.

DANIEL, JONES, DAVID, LEWIS, GILES and a number of other persons of the name of WILLIAMS appears on these same tax records contemporaneously with JOSEPH and his children, most of whom, it may be assumed were probably cousins of the children of JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife MARY KICKLING, but it is impossible to positively identify each one and place him where he belongs. Some may belong on this list and some may be on the list that do not belong there, but I am quite sure that (71) NATHANIEL (73) JOHN belong, and am pretty sure the others do.

NOTE: That the JOSEPH WILLIAMS whose name appears so frequently on the records of MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA RECORDS, was a son of JOHN WILLIAMS and his wife MARY KICKLING is borne out by the circumstance that a JOHN WILLIAMS, son of GEN. JAMES WILLIAMS of KING'S MOUNTAIN fame, left a will in that county in 1794, in which he is described as "Of District 96, S. C." and in it refers to "My Uncle, CAPT. JOHN WILLIAMS" of the same place. This also shows that (62) JOHN WILLIAMS son of DANIEL WILLIAMS and URSULA HENDERSON removed to 96 District in South Carolina. The records of MECKLENBURG COUNTY (Va.) reflect the presence in that section of many members and many descendants of the WILLIAMS FAMILY of YORK COUNTY, Virginia, and of other families with which they were connected, including the WILLIAMSONS, CROTCHFIELDS, BURTONS and others into which they married.

(15) ANNE WILLIAMS (Daughter of JOHN WILLIAMS and wife MARY KEELING) is believed to have been born about 1701-2 in YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA. She married JOHN DANIEL, who was born in York County also. JOHN DANIEL moved from YORK COUNTY to HANOVER, then to GOOCHLAND COUNTY, and lived for a time with cousins by the name of DANIEL in CAROLINE COUNTY, Virginia; he finally moved to GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, where he died leaving a will in which he named his children in 1762. For an abstract of this will and the names of their children see page 212 of this book. Their children were JAMES DANIEL, JOHN WILLIAMS DANIEL, SARAH DANIEL who married JOHN HARRISON, MARTHA DANIEL who married BARBER and ELIZABETH DANIEL who married CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY. James Daniel died in GRANVILLE COUNTY in 1785 leaving a will and naming his children; JOHN WILLIAMS DANIEL died in WARREN COUNTY, N. C. in 1808 leaving a will; JOHN HARRISON (the ancestor of the numerous HARRISON FAMILY of GRANVILLE COUNTY) died in HALIFAX COUNTY, Virginia, in 1761, and CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY left will in HALIFAX COUNTY, N. C. The HARRISON, DANIEL and other allied families descended from ANNE WILLIAMS and her husband JOHN DANIEL will be taken up separately herein.

(16) MARY WILLIAMS (Daughter of JOHN WILLIAMS and wife MARY KEELING) born about 1702-3 in YORK COUNTY, Virginia, married HENRY GRAVES, a member of an old YORK COUNTY FAMILY, which came originally from ACCOMAC COUNTY on the "EASTERN SHORE" of VIRGINIA, and which was very highly connected, including a relationship with MAJ. JOHN WEST, Governor of Virginia, and a younger brother of LORD DELAWARE who first settled at "WESTOVER" on the JAMES RIVER. In writing the story of the GRAVES FAMILY the writer finds it necessary to review a great deal of material accumulated about the early families in YORK COUNTY in order to show their connections. Members of this GRAVES FAMILY were numerous in GRANVILLE COUNTY, and they, like the HENDERSON and WILLIAMS FAMILIES lived for a time in HANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA. The name of HENRY GRAVES and his wife MARY (WILLIAMS) appears on the records of HANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, in the year 1734-5, and they probably came to GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C. about the same time as the HENDERSONS and others came there, somewhere around 1740 to 1745. Nobody appears to have the correct or positive date of their advent into North Carolina.

This GRAVES FAMILY will be taken up separately under its own heading, as one of the interesting old families of GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

(17) ELIZABETH WILLIAMS (Daughter of JOHN WILLIAMS and wife MARY KEELING) married one SAMUEL HENDERSON, and an account of this family has already been presented in this work, so that it will not be necessary to go into it again.

ANOTHER WILLIAMS NOTE: COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, the merchant of NUTBUSH DISTRICT in GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C. was the first husband of SARAH LANIER, daughter of THOMAS LANIER, who afterwards married COL. ROBERT WILLIAMS of PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, a cousin of her first husband by whom she had several children listed at the top of page 237. But by her first husband, COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS of NUTBUSH, GRANVILLE COUNTY, she had a daughter POLLY WILLIAMS, born JUNE 16, in the year 1770, who on December 4, 1788 married HON. MATTHEW CLAY, of HALIFAX COUNTY, Virginia, who was a revolutionary soldier and a member of CONGRESS. Her oldest son, CLAYTON C. CLAY moved to KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE and later to HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, where he became a UNITED STATES SENATOR, and his son Hon. C. C. CLAY also became a UNITED STATES SENATOR from ALABAMA and a member of the CONFEDERATE CONGRESS from that STATE.

WILLIAMS

○ EXCERPT FROM INDEX OF BOOK "THE GOODWIN FAMILY OF CENTRAL N.C." BY THOMAS JERRY GOODWIN, SR - 2009 RPU 24NOV2012. - NOTE: INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS MEMBERS OF THE _____ FAMILY - [WAKE/CHATHAM COUNTIES]

Williams

Ada Louise 638
 Aggie Vera 492
 Barbara Ann 1008
 Bernice (Mrs.) 570
 Billy Bruce 932
 Blanche 662
 Carol Jean 570
 Chloe Alyssa 933
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 Daniel Blake 933
 Daryl Frank 844
 David Augustus 846, 989
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 James Arthur 997
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 Jessica Brooke 932
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 June Ellen 853
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 Lucretia Ellen 654
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 Margaret Cathleen 703
 Martha Jane 110, 170
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 Mary Jane 89
 Mary Olivia 212, 330
 Mattie 646
 Nolia Ann 757
 Paul Peter 997
 S. L. 570
 Suzanna Joy 932
 Texanna (Mrs.) 414
 Thomas (T.J.) Jackson 575
 Timothy Eugene 932
 Tom Elmo 979
 Tommy 1008
 Una 553
 Walter Blackwell 853
 Walter Bosia 575
 Willie 330

WILLIAMS FAMILY

Subject: FW: [NCWCGS] Family Bible on eBay

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Date: Sun, Jan 24, 2010 9:02 pm

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- > From: rockyiii@bellsouth.net
- > To: ncwogs@rootsweb.com; ncwake@rootsweb.com
- > Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 15:16:24 -0500
- > Subject: [NCWCGS] Family Bible on eBay
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- > > From Hope:
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- > <<http://tinyurl.com/yg68c8b>> <http://tinyurl.com/yg68c8b>
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- > Large Family Bible - Printed in 1793 - weight equals 12 pounds - dimensions
- > are 14' x 9' x 3.75'
- > [I think these measurements are in INCHES, not FEET. HB]
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- > Holy Bible - 1793 - Williams Family - Large Leather
- > Δ
- > Williams family history - Apocrypha incl. - printed in London
- >
- > This family Bible begins with these Williams
- >
- Δ > 1. Harriot L. E. Williams (daughter of John & Edith) born Dec 1788
- Δ > 2. Medilda R. Williams born 19 February 1791
- Δ > 3. John R. Williams born 24 July 1793
- Δ > 4. Julia Williams born 23 February 1796
- Δ Δ > 5. Roland John Williams (son of R. J. Williams) born Oct 1765
- Δ Δ > 6. John Reese Williams and Corina Upchurch - Married 24 Feb 1868 in
- > Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina XRD-3041
- >
- > There are many other pages of descendants of these Williams.

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\$102.50 with the bidding
open until 30 JAN 2010.
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\$105.00 or more
- The sale is on
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WILLIAMS FAMILY

NEW RUIN TAVERN WAKE COUNTY, NC

1) FROM: WAKE - CAPITAL COUNTY OF NORTH CAROLINA
Vol I By Elizabeth Reid Murray 1983
PAGES 356-358

A descendant of John Williams has recorded the fact that a young teacher and minister's daughter, Sarah Adeline Howell, was reluctant to accept his proposal of marriage because his farm was too close to the New Ruin tavern and race track, and that he sold the property and bought land farther away before they were married in 1857. Anne Jackson Williams, "The Williams Family," 4.

CROSSFILE:

- Δ JOHN WILLIAMS
- Δ SARAH ADELINE HOWELL
- Δ ANNE JACKSON
- Δ WILLIAMS FAMILY ↑

WILLIAMS

○ FROM: WAKE CAPITAL COUNTY OF NORTH CAROLINA - VOLT
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1983

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 Recollections of Julian Herman Buffalo re the HWY 401 Area
 - 22 OCT 2007

The 2-story House where my father went to dance on the SW corner of 401 & Tryon Rd was owned by [△]RANSOM HINTON who never met. He was a "Court-House" Man. Julian thought his name was on a stone marker but later Mark & I looked & found the same marker but it was for Ramsgate. [△]Peter Williams later lived in the Ransom Hinton House

[△] Julian says my father's good friend had a he Kennedy Raynor Myatt who ran a Dairy on the east side of 401 at the Airport. The Cotton Gin was on the west side of the road. The land hereabouts was [△]MYATT Land South of here was WILLIAMS Land

Re NCSU [△]McCullers Station. It originally belonged to Dr McCullers. Julian sold NCSU the 7 1/2 Acres next to Tent 401. Julian knew [△]Bill Allbrook the Supr. & [△]Joe Rand who worked under him as foreman.

There is a [△]Cemetery near the Runtan Bld.

Cotton was the main crop in the area until Boll weevil became serious then tobacco came in.

[△] Rex Davis lived with the Garners

There was a school at [△]McCullers

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WILLIAMS FAMILY

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TO RPU (A History Prepared for the Descendants of Charles F. Williams
and Annie Johnson Williams, Wake County, N. C.)

BY ANNE JACKSON WILLIAMS 25 DEC 1947 RALEIGH, NC

The first Williams in this line to come to America, according to family tradition, was born in Wales. It is said that in one section of Wales the name is so common that a Williams must be identified by at least three distinguishing characteristics.

- △ He is referred to not merely as tall John Williams, or the tall
- △ John Williams with black hair, but as the tall, black-haired John
- △ Williams who lives by the church.

→ [JOHN ROBERT WILLIAMS II]

This first Williams, so Uncle Bob Williams said, was a weaver by trade. One fall his cottage burned down with a year's weaving inside. This was before the age of factories and it was the practice for a weaver to buy his wool, spin and weave it in his own home, and sell his cloth either on a monthly market day or at an annual fair in the nearest town. The Williams who lost his home, his working capital, and his year's income at one blow was so overcome by the catastrophe that he enlisted in the English army and came to America with General Braddock to fight in the French and Indian War in 1755. When the war was over, the soldiers were offered free land to induce them to settle in the colonies, and the weaver stayed.

Another Williams, either the son or the grandson of this first one, came down into North Carolina and married a woman with some land of her own. (This is still family tradition, as handed down by Uncle Bob.) The couple are said to have had four sons before this Williams became dissatisfied in North Carolina and wanted to move on and take up free land in Tennessee. (Uncle Bob said he got a grant of land for his services in the Revolution, but the move to Tennessee seems to have been made too long after the Revolution for this to have been the explanation.) The wife refused to leave her home in a settled

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country and in the end they divided what they had, even the children. The husband is supposed to have taken the two older boys and all the slaves, leaving the two younger sons and all his land. Hubert P. Williams met a descendant of the Tennessee branch of the family in Washington during the first World War. Some of that branch are said to have gone West with the Mormons.

△ ^{→ [JOHN ROBERT WILLIAMS, I]} John Robert Williams was one of the sons who remained in North Carolina. He was commonly known as Robin, signed his name as Robert, and sometimes referred to himself as Bill Dick. With him we come to actual records.

△ There are two legal papers on records which may refer to the father of this Robin Williams. One is a deed made Feb. 17, 1813, to Richard Olive by John Williams for one acre of land "lying and being on the south side of Big Beaver Creek" in Wake County, for the sum of ten dollars. The other is a deed dated Aug. 31, 1829, from John Williams to Robert Williams for all his land, stock, and other personal property, including negroes, tools, etc. (Book 9, page 169, Wake County Registry.) This may have been a deed from the father who went to Tennessee to the son who stayed in North Carolina.

△+△ The John Robert Williams who stayed in Wake County married Lucy Utley, the daughter of Brittain Utley of Buckhorn Township, who died in 1823 and whose will is on record. (Will Book 11, page 168, Wake County.) The will is dated July 13, 1813, and gives "to my daughter Lucy Utley one negro girl named Tempy, also one bed and furniture." It refers to his wife as Polly. The marriage of Brittain Utley to Mary Huckaby on Feb. 18, 1788, is on record. At that time Polly was a common nickname for Mary.

△+△ An interesting story is told of Robin and Lucy. One day when he was not yet twenty-one he went to the mill at Holly Springs, a considerable distance from his home. While a slave did the grinding, Robin and the miller amused themselves with a gambling game called "the royal game of fox and goose," played with red and white grains of corn. According to Uncle Bob Williams, the miller was Lucy's father and he wanted Robin's fine saddle horse, so he offered to wager

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△ Lucy's hand in marriage and her dowry of six negroes against the
△ + horse. Perhaps the miller was Lucy's brother Sion Utley, who was
△ executor of his father's will. Lucy had inherited one negro girl
in 1813 when Brittain Utley died, and this was probably somewhere
△ about 1824, so perhaps the number had increased. Anyway, Robin
won the game, went up to the miller's house to take a look at the
girl, liked her well enough, and began his courtship. We don't
know whether she knew anything about the wager before her marriage,
but she must have been teased about it the rest of her life.

△ + △ Robin and Lucy Williams lived in Wake County, not far from
Olive Chapel Church. A few years ago their old house was still
standing, though a little off the present road. The family burying
ground, in which Lucy is thought to be buried, is near the old
house, but the graves are not marked and the enclosure has grown
up in large cedars.

△ Lucy must have been an unusually strong woman. It is said she
could stand in a bushel measure and shoulder a half-barrel of corn.

△ Robin Williams was a colorful character. He was a born trader.
+ △ Uncle Bob said while Robin was still a half-grown boy he once went
to muster with a deer knife in his pocket. Before the day was over
he had accumulated a number of other articles and also had his deer
△ + △ knife back. He and Lucy prospered. He became a slave trader and
sometimes made trips as far away as New Orleans. On one occasion
he gave a corn shucking at which a jug was passed around. Someone
△ became afraid he would kick over the lantern, but he said: "Old Bill
Dick always knows what he's doing! He's not going to burn his own
barn down." On another occasion he ate salt herring with such gusto
that his cook exclaimed, "Marse Robin's et eighteen herring, feathers,
guts, and all!"

△ In time Lucy died and John Robert Williams decided to marry
again. Before making the second marriage he made a property settle-
△ ment on Lucy's children (Book 18, page 505, Wake County Registry of
Deeds) and then moved to a new home three miles away, to a better
△ house than the one in which Lucy had lived. This deed was made
△ + △ April 18, 1850, and mentions John as his second son. It gave John

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a share in the land and a negro slave named Mary. This slave lived to be very old and was known to the children of Charles F. Williams as "old Aunt Mary Williams." She claimed to be over a hundred before she died, about the beginning of the first World War, but the list of family slaves in the family Bible shows that she was born in 1821.

△ An entry in the family Bible says Amos Williams, "the son of Robert and Lucy Williams, died at the hospital at Gordonsville July 14, 1864. He got wounded at Sharpsburg 1862 and came home and then went back to his command. He belonged to the 1st North C. (an illegible word) Com. G." There is also a family tradition that Linsey Williams, John's oldest brother, was killed in the same battle in which Stonewall Jackson was killed.

△ + □ John, the son of John Robert and Lucy Utley Williams, was born Jan. 4, 1828. (Family Bible.) In 1850, when he was twenty-two, he received the slave Mary and her child named Mat from his father, along with an interest in the family land on Beaver Creek and the stock, tools, etc. The slaves of John Williams listed in the family Bible included Mary, George, Lydia, Elisha, and Catherine.

△ As a young man John Williams, though a landowner, worked for a time in a tavern by the picturesque name of New Ruin. He fell in love with Sarah Adeline Howell, the daughter of a Baptist preacher who lived a few miles away on a road known as the Jenks road or the Buttermilk Road. Sarah Adeline was a teacher. She liked John but did not like the location of his farm, which was too near the tavern and a mile of country road often used for horse races and gander pullings. Before they were married John sold the farm he had inherited and bought the land later owned by his children and then by his grandson, T. Lacy Williams. He and Sarah Adeline were married on Dec. 17, 1857, according to the Wake County marriage records; on Dec. 22, 1857, according to the entry in the family Bible.

△ There are two possessions in the family which belonged to John and Sarah Adeline Williams. One is the old family Bible, with many marginal notes and entries in her handwriting. She was left-handed.

△ The other is a sideboard, which was also used later in the homes of

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Charles F. Williams and T. Lacy Williams. A corner cupboard which matches the sideboard was made from a walnut tree which grew in Sarah Adeline's yard. The sideboard was in the John Williams home when two or three soldiers from Sherman's army appeared at the farm. The soldiers broke open the locked drawers with their bayonets, while a valiant negro woman's servant tried to run them away with her broom. The drawers at the time held nothing more valuable than candles.

When these soldiers left the farm they jumped their horses over a rail fence and one of them was thrown from his horse and killed. The others rode away, leaving the body. It was not a safe time for a North Carolina farm family to be found with the body of one of Sherman's soldiers, so he was hastily buried in an unmarked grave. The location of his grave has long since been forgotten.

The sideboard was refinished and the broken locks repaired by a Raleigh cabinet maker named Peatch shortly before World War II. The week after he returned it, local papers carried a news article referring to him as a German spy and he left town.

A + D The house in which John and Sarah Adeline Williams lived belonged later to their son John Robert Williams (the "Uncle Bob" referred to earlier), who lived in Clayton. A negro tenant was killed in the house and it got the reputation of being haunted. Tenants refused to live in it and Uncle Bob let it tumble down. Now there is nothing left except the old well, the trees in the yard, a pile of stones from the chimney, and some white narcissus, day lilies, and Spanish bayonet which Sarah Adeline planted.

A + D John and Sarah Adeline Williams are buried in their family burying ground a short distance from the site of their home. The cemetery is enclosed by a fence and the graves are marked. Buried with them are their daughters Sallie and Cloey, who died young, and a boy named + D Jeff whom Sarah Adeline took into her home after her husband died. He had tuberculosis, which Sarah Adeline contracted from nursing him and which caused her death as well as his.

A Sarah Adeline Williams is said to have been a small woman with

blue eyes and light hair. She was a great talker and a devout

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△ Christian. John Williams is said to have been a tall man. He was an upright citizen, a good farmer, a hard worker, a good manager, and one of the leading citizens in his community. Like his wife, he was charitable. There was a needy widow in the neighborhood with a number of children, and John Williams and two other men assumed the burden of supporting the family. Whenever she needed meat, meal, or any other necessity, she sent one of her children to one of these
△ three men in rotation, and always received what she asked for. John Williams did not believe in show, however, or in wasting money. His
+△ daughter Callie still complained in her old age because he never
+△ built a fine house when in her opinion he was amply able. He is said to have been stern, serious, rather stubborn--not much like his father, who enjoyed getting drunk at a corn shucking, gambling on almost anything, feasting on salt herring, or taking part in any other amuse-

△ + △ ment offered. Perhaps John was like his mother, Lucy Utley Williams.

△ + △ + △ The children of John and Sarah Adeline Williams were Callie Victoria, Charles Fabius (born July 26, 1860), John Robert, Sallie, and
△ + △ Cloey. John Robert Williams lived to be past seventy-five but never

married. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, became a teacher first and then a lawyer. He was once a member of the State Legislature. He was a trustee of the University and lived at Clayton,

△ + △ + △ N. C. Sallie died as a young woman, Cloey as a child. Callie Victoria

△ toria married John Luther. Her children were two daughters named

△ + △ + △ Mamie and Willie, and a son named John. Mamie was a teacher at Apex

△ + △ + and never married. Willie married a Mr. Curran at Oxford, John Grace

— Beckwith. Neither had any children.

The family Bible has this entry:

△ "Jone Williams departed this life on the 25th of April, 1884. He had the pneumonia and other diseases. He was a member of Olive Chapel Baptist Church. He was also a Confederate soldier. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh and blessed is the name. It is hard to give up those we love so well but the brightest blessings take their flight. So did he."

△ This entry is signed "Sarah A."

△ Sarah Adeline herself died May 2, 1895.

△ Charles Fabius Williams, the eldest son, was born July 26,
△ 1860. He married Annie Mariah Johnson on June 14, 1888. (Family
Bible.) They built a home on the land he inherited from his father.
It was a four-room house to begin with, with other rooms added as
the family increased.

△ Charles Fabius Williams was a farmer and raised very fine hogs
△ which won many blue ribbons and prizes at State fairs. His natural
preference was more for machinery or politics than for farming. In
△ his early married life he ran a sawmill, a grist mill, and a cotton
△ gin, until he was persuaded it would be better to concentrate on to-
△ bacco farming. He was a justice of the peace and his neighbors often
△ called on him for advice. He resembled his mother in being fair in
coloring, very sociable by disposition, and fond of good quality in
△ everything. He was a good workman and a great believer in finishing
△ every job right. He was an active member of the Olive Chapel Baptist
~~Church and superintendent of its Sunday school for many years. He~~
was superintendent the year it became the first A-1 rural Sunday school
in the South.

△ Annie Mariah Johnson, born Sept. 10, 1861, was a tall woman with
dark hair, eyes an unusual shade of blue-gray, and a fair complexion
△ which remained clear and pink even after she became a bedridden in-
△ valid. She grew up in a widow's household during the hard times fol-
△ lowing the Civil War and learned habits of thrift she never lost,
△ though according to her means she was always liberal in her gifts to
△ the church and wore as good clothes as she could afford. She had only
△ a country school education but her mind was alert and intelligent and
△ she took far more interest in world news than the average woman of her
△ generation. She was especially interested in politics. She loved
△ reading and her husband used to tease her by saying she ought to know
△ more than anyone else in the world because she read so much and never
△ told any of it. She had a good deal of executive ability and little
△ patience with inefficiency in others. "People ought to have system to
△ what they do," she would say.

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Williams*

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Annie
Mariah
Johnson*

The children of Charles F. and Annie Johnson Williams were:

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Juanita
Bell Williams*

Juanita Bell Williams, born Sept. 1, 1889, at the Charles F. Williams home near Olive Chapel. She attended Olive Chapel school and graduated from Meredith College in 1909. She taught in the Laurel Hill school, Scotland County, 1909-10; in Round Hill Academy, 1910-11; in the Roxboro school, 1911-1916; in the Ellerbe High School 1916-17. She was principal of the Pee Dee School, Rockingham, during the World War, and principal of the Hoffman school from 1919 until her marriage. On June 14, 1922, she was married to James Evans Nicholson of Ellerbe, N. C. Her children are:

Annie Johnson Nicholson, born 1923, married Clifton R. McLeod of Ellerbe. Children: Anne Kay McLeod.

James E. Nicholson, Jr., born 1926.

John Williams Nicholson, born 1929.

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Thomas
Lacy
Williams*

Thomas Lacy Williams, born Jan. 11, 1892. He attended Olive Chapel School, graduated from Cary High School in 1910, received a B. A. degree from Wake Forest in 1915, and then attended Wake Forest Law School. He was admitted to the bar before the Supreme Court of North Carolina in August, 1916. Thomas Lacy Williams was principal of the Ellerbe High School, 1916-17; principal of the Hoffman School from September 1917 until he entered the U. S. Army as a private, 157th Depot Brigade, Camp Jackson; attached to the 81st Division but immediately afterwards detached and sent to Training School for the 81st Division at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., then to 4th Officers' Training School, Camp Gordon, Atlanta. Commissioned 2nd lieutenant, Infantry, U. S. Army, August, 1918; assigned to Company M, 6th Replacement Regiment, Atlanta, Ga. Graduate Southeastern Officers' School, Gas Defense. Gas officer 12th Battalion. After discharge from the army on Dec. 12, 1918, he became Deputy Clerk Superior Court, Raleigh, N. C., resigning Feb. 1, 1920, to enter the private practice of law in partnership with the late Ernest P. Maynard of Raleigh. Now engaged in general practice of law in Raleigh. Member and deacon, Hayes Barton Baptist Church. For a number of years teacher of Berean Bible Class, for several years general superintendent Hayes Barton Sunday School. Member Raleigh Post No. 1, American Legion. Member Locale 620 40 Chevaux 8 Hommes. Member Wake County Bar Association, North Carolina Bar Association, American Bar Association. President Wake County Bar Association 1948. Married on Nov. 17, 1923, to Anne Cheves Jackson of Forsyth, Ga.

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Hubert
Pou Williams*

Hubert Pou Williams, born Feb. 25, 1893; attended Olive Chapel School, Cary High School, Smith Business College. Entered real estate and insurance business in Apex; entered army and attended First Officers' Training Camp, Oglethorpe, Ga., graduating as second lieutenant Aug. 15, 1917. Assigned to Camp Jackson, Greenville, S. C.; named camp contracting officer; promoted to first lieutenant February 1918; named to Contracts Advisory Board, General Staff, Washington, D. C., February 1919; discharged Sept. 20, 1919. H. P. Williams

entered real estate and insurance business in Raleigh October 1, 1919; named Veterans Placement Representative for North Carolina September, 1933, and held this position until 1937. Now in real estate business in Raleigh. Married in 1923 to Gladys Bagwell, daughter of Dr. W. H. Bagwell and wife, Nannie Spier Bagwell, of Greenville, N. C. Children:

Frances Bagwell Williams, born Feb. 19, 1924; married Capt. Floyd White. Children: Elizabeth, Judy.

Charlotte LaRue Williams, born Jan. 23, 1927; married Ralph Slaten of Atlanta.

H. P. Williams has been Adjutant American Legion, President Raleigh Real Estate Board, member Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Forty-and-Eight, Lion's Club, Country Club, William B. Hill Lodge, Y. M. C. A., and Hayes Barton Baptist Church.

Carol Jessamine Williams, born Jan. 2, 1895; attended Olive Chapel School; attended Meredith College 1912-13 and 1915-16. Taught in Mocksville High School one year. Employed by Revenue Department, Automobile License Division, until her marriage on Nov. 14, 1925, to Walter Garland Upchurch, son of George Upchurch. Children:

Nancy Carol Upchurch, born Aug. 23, 1929.

Rebecca Williams Upchurch, born July 20, 1933.

Gladys Ione Williams, born Aug. 21, 1897; graduated from Meredith College in 1920. Taught in Hoffman School 1920-1923; married John Franklin Butler, Hoffman, N. C.

The Utley Line

The first Utley to settle in Wake County was William Utley, who married Elizabeth Turner. He lived until 1794 and must have been quite old, as he had a grandson who fought in the Revolution. He lived in Panther Branch Township. (1753, Edgecombe County, 188 acres. Book 11, page 285.) Most oldtime Utleys lived to be old. One was 116. One woman married the second time after she became a grandmother and lived forty-eight years with her second husband.

John Utley, known as Captain Jack, was William Utley's oldest son. It is said that Captain Jack organized a company of militia in which seven members of the family fought at the battle of King's Mountain. Various Utleys also fought at the battle of Cowpens, at Ramsey's Mill, and other North Carolina battles. There is no record of the service of most of them, however, because they were in the militia and not in the regular army. Mr. Willis Briggs, a lawyer who has spent

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Jessamine
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a good deal of time looking up family records, says the Utleys seldom got themselves down on the books except when they bought land. ¹⁰

△ Brittain Utley, Captain Jack's fourth child, was a justice of the peace in Buckhorn Township. He is said to have married a Lovelace according to Utley family records, but the Wake County marriage records show that he married Mary Huckaby on Feb. 18, 1788. He died in 1815. His will (Book 11, page 168, Wake County) "lent" his farm to his wife for life, along with three slaves, to go at her death to his five youngest children. He ^{left} land to two sons and one slave each to three daughters, one being the Lucy Utley who later married John Robin Williams. Since this was 1813 and Lucy's son John was not born until 1828, she was presumably a child herself at the time. Her brother Sic was named executor.

Strangely enough, though the marriages of Lucy's father and of her son John are both on record, her own is not, unless it can be found in some Utley family Bible.

~~The Utley Family Association has many members in Wake County.~~
Before the second World War an annual family reunion was held each year at Holly Springs. Mrs. A. J. Fletcher and Mr. Willis Briggs, both of Raleigh, are the members who have probably learned most about the family history. There are said to be around ten thousand descendants of old William Utley now. There are 600 in the State of Utah alone.

The Howells

→ [JESSE HOWELL, SR.]

△ The first Howell we know about was a Jesse Howell who owned land near New Hill. He was a farmer, a school teacher, and a Baptist minister. He was married to Silvia Cook on May 25, 1808. (Wake County marriage records.) His son, the second Jesse Howell, said of him: "△ was well educated for his day and the owner of a good library. He taught school first and later in life preached." This son said of Silvia: "She was a praying woman." (Article in Biblical Recorder for July 22, 1896.) The first Jesse Howell's home was between Olive Chap ^{Family} and New Hill and later belonged to Att Clive and then to a Holleman.

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△ The second Jesse Howell was born May 23, 1811. He had little schooling but said later he "grew up with a book in his hand." When he was twenty-one he married Eliza Wilson, whose people were opposed to the match. She was eighteen. The story is that he stole his wife, riding up near her home at night on horseback and waiting for her to slip out, climb up behind him, and ride away. He had a farm near Olive Chapel on the Buttermilk or Jenks road. He began preaching when he was twenty-eight and became known as a great revivalist. He often baptized over a hundred converts at one baptizing, and once converted an entire church of 300 members of another denomination to his Missionary Baptist faith. This was in Sampson County. He organized a number of churches all over Eastern and Central North Carolina, including the present First Baptist Church in Durham. He was one of the founders of Olive Chapel Church. He seems to have been one of the fanatical preachers so characteristic of the camp-meeting period in North Carolina history. The Biblical Recorder says: "He had to contend with Universalism, anti-missionary spirit, and Campbellite doctrine." In another place it says: "He had to contend with preachers who were loose in their morals." Clarence Howell of Raleigh has a photograph of him in which he looks almost as lean and fierce as an Old Testament prophet. △ He died on Oct. 23, 1895, at the age of eighty-five.

His wife, Eliza Wilson Howell, seems to have been a most remarkable woman. She came from a more prosperous family than her husband and had been brought up in surroundings of comparative luxury and ease. △ She was the daughter of Asa Wilson and Sallie Busbee Wilson, whose girlhood home was near Clayton. Her husband turned out to be much more interested in going off on preaching trips and contending with various evils than in providing for his family. His own reminiscences in old Biblical Recorders say very little about his wife and her part in his career, but other articles about him and a biographical sketch of Eliza Howell which appeared in a Durham newspaper at the time of her death united in giving her high praise for "bravely taking care of the family and domestic affairs while her husband was away from home." They had ten children, of whom five daughters and one son lived to be grown.

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△ On one occasion the family supply of meat ran out while Jesse Howell was away from home and the resourceful Eliza butchered a large hog with no one to help her except small children. She drove the hog up on a platform beside the scalding barrel under his own power, killed him herself, scraped and dressed him, cut him up, and took the meat to the smokehouse piece by piece. It is said she never weighed more than 115 pounds but could "pull down 80 pounds when she was 80 years old." When she was eighty she had never worn spectacles nor had a doctor except on one occasion when she hurt her foot. She was a lively, talkative woman, given to joking and taking her troubles cheerfully. She must have been a good manager, as her daughters are described as being the best dressed girls in the community. She was described herself as being "cheerful," "energetic," and "full of life and hope." She had dark auburn hair. Every reference to her seems full of the warmest admiration and liking.

Jesse Howell is said to have baptized at least 4,000 converts, of whom twenty-five became ministers of the Gospel.

(The information about this couple was collected from the Biblical Recorder for Nov. 4, 1896, for Nov. 2, 1892, for July 22, 1896, and from articles clipped from Durham newspapers at the time of their death.)

The Johnsons

△ + △ Charles Fabius Williams married Annie Maria Johnson, the daughter of Thomas Lambeth Johnson and Jezebel Wilson Johnson. (She was called "Miss Fizzie" and was a cousin of the Eliza Wilson who married Jesse Howell.) Mrs. Thomas B. Johnson was the daughter of Sam Wilson and Rachel Olive Wilson, who lived in a two-story white house still standing in Chatham County not many miles from Olive Chapel.

△ the Thomas L. Johnson had dark hair and eyes. He suffered from rheumatism during the latter part of his married life. He and his wife were both given land at the time of their marriage, but lost it, and had to be given another start. At one time he ran a country store, being unable to do farm work. His old home is still standing, not

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Thomas L. Johnson was the son of Dempsey Johnson and his wife, born Martha Lambeth. Dempsey Johnson's farm was a square mile of land in Chatham County, near the Wake County line, in the Bell's Church community. Dempsey Johnson must have been a man of very fine qualities. There are a number of references to him in "The Life and Times of Johnson Olive," a book now out of print but which may be seen at the State Library in Raleigh. Johnson Olive, who was kin to Dempsey on both the Johnson and Olive sides, was a Baptist preacher who lost his faith and then his mind. After his recovery he wrote this book about his experience during the period when he was insane. He says that during the time when most people were afraid of him and it was not considered safe for his wife to keep him in his own home, Dempsey Johnson took him into the Johnson home, treated him with great patience and understanding, and showed no fear even when he was on the verge of becoming

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violent. Another significant fact is that the wills of both Dempsey Johnson's father and his father-in-law named him executor.

△ Johnson Olive's book describes his Johnson kin as being jovial, active, full of life and fun, great talkers, fond of children, quick-tempered, and given to teasing. He adds incidentally, "As a family, they were the greatest lovers of fish I ever saw."

△+△ John Johnson, Dempsey's father, wrote his will in 1840, when he was eighty-two years old. (Will Book C, Chatham County Records 1817-1857, Part I.) This will leaves "my loving wife, Sarah Johnson, one feather bed, bedstead and furniture," also "ten dollars in money, to her and her heirs forever," besides "my negro man Israel, to be hired amongst my children for her support." This will was not probated until △ February, 1848, so John Johnson must have lived to be ninety.

The Chatham County marriage records do not show any of the Wilson, Johnson, or Lambeth marriages.

△ + △ + △ Martha Lambeth Johnson, Thomas L. Johnson's mother and Dempsey Johnson's wife, was the daughter of Thomas Lambeth of Chatham County. △ Thomas Lambeth's will (Will Book C, Chatham County Records 1817-1857, Part I, page 15) is quite interesting. Apparently he owned considerable property, for the paragraph referring to his wife reads as follows:

△+△ "I give and bequeath my beloved wife Mary all my right and title in the tract of land whereon she formerly lived in Orange County, estimated at 500 acres, and all my stock of cattle and hogs on the said plantation; one horse of her choice of all my horses, and my gig and harness; one choice bed and furniture, and all my household and kitchen furniture at said plantation, and four negroes.....The still on said plantation excepted."

This will seems to have been probated in 1836.

△ Martha Lambeth Johnson also received an inheritance from an uncle named Richardson Lambeth. (Chatham County records.)

△ + △ This Thomas Lambeth was the son of a John Lambeth, who died in 1803, and was administrator on his father's estate. The inventory of John Lambeth's personal property, valued in English pounds at a sum estimated to be about \$3,000, can be found among the old Chatham records. The list contains some interesting items such as powdering kegs, demi-johns, second-best beds, etc.

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Δ + Δ Annie Mariah Johnson's mother, "Jizie" Wilson, was the
 Δ + Δ daughter of Mrs. Sam Wilson, who was born Rachel Olive. Rachel
 Δ + Δ was the daughter of John Olive and his first wife, a Miss Partridge.
 Δ John Olive was born in Wake County, near New Hill, and was the son
 Δ + Δ of James Olive, the first of the line to settle in Wake County. James
 — is still a popular name in all branches of the Olive family even yet.
 (The information about the Olive family given in this section comes
 from "The Life and Times of Johnson Olive.")

Δ James Olive, born in England about 1720 or 1725, was a bound boy
 Δ who worked his way over to the New World about 1740 and made his way
 Δ to Wake County, where he took up land on Crabtree Creek. It is be-
 — lieved this land was about where the northern edge of Raleigh is now,
 Δ though this was a half-century before Raleigh was founded. James
 — Olive before his death moved to the western end of Wake County and
 — made the permanent Olive settlement two miles west of New Hill, near
 Δ the Wake-Chatham line. He has many descendants still living in the
 — Olive Chapel and New Hill communities.

Δ James Olive was a farmer and came to own a large tract of land.
 — He had seven sons--and probably some daughters. The sons were named
 Δ + Δ + Δ + Δ } William, Abel, Jesse, James, Anthony, John, Southard, and Abel. One
 Δ + Δ + Δ + Δ } was a preacher. James Olive died toward the close of the eighteenth
 Δ century. His wife survived him many years.

Δ + Δ John, the sixth son of James, was born at the homeplace near New
 Δ + Δ Hill. He was probably too young to fight in the Revolution. He mar-
 Δ + Δ ried a Miss Partridge and settled near the old homestead. He had two
 Δ children by this first wife, a son named Burrell and a daughter named
 Δ + Δ + Δ + Δ Rachel, who married Sam Wilson. Burrell Olive married Polly Johnson,
 Δ + Δ daughter of John Johnson, an ancestor of Mrs. Charles F. Williams.

Δ Rachel, the lady who had six silk dresses during Reconstruction,
 Δ + Δ + Δ + Δ + Δ had sons named Benton, Dickerson, Alvin, John, and Houston; and daugh-
 Δ + Δ + Δ + Δ + Δ ters named Jane, Jezebel, and Assene (or Essene). Jezebel married
 Δ + Δ + Δ Thomas L. Johnson. There was a daughter named Adna by Sam Wilson's
 — second wife.

Summing up the little that is now remembered about these distant ancestors of the Williams family, it is clear that they belonged for the most part to the home-owning, hard-working, church-going, book-loving sort of people who were the making of our country. The Williamses have a superstition that it is bad luck to sell ancestral land and each of them held on to his inheritance. Uncle Bob Williams said during the 1920's that old John Robin Williams received 640 acres from the father who went to Tennessee and at that time every acre of it was still owned by some direct descendant, though this is not still true. All the John Williams and Charles Williams land are still in the family, however. Apparently the only Williams ancestor in any direction who ever lost any of his patrimony was Thomas L. Johnson, who had the excuse of ill health.

Most of these ancestors lived to a great age. Both men and women seem to have been sound, healthy stock. Both men and women were hard workers, good managers, and people who loved their homes and farms. They were thrifty for the most part, but they were also charitable.

- Like John Williams, who assumed a third of the burden of supporting
- a large family not related to him, and Dempsey Johnson, who cared for
- an insane cousin in his own home, and Sarah Adeline who nursed the orphan boy with tuberculosis, they did their full duty by the needy. They brought up their children in the fear of the Lord and made great sacrifices to give them a good education. To offset these more sober traits, there came from several directions a great fondness for social gatherings, good clothes, fine horses, and comfortable living. Some of them were quite witty, and both Wilsons and Howells were lively talkers. John Robert Williams had a remarkable gift for trading. In the whole family connection there is no record of anyone who was not an honest, law-abiding citizen, at peace with his neighbors and in good standing with his church. They make a group of ancestors in whom their descendants may well take great pride.

Anne Jackson Williams,
Raleigh, N. C.,
December 25, 1947.

Δ + Δ → copied Pg 16 for her

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- (1) — Williams was first wife of Ruffin U (b 1787) in Franklin Co NC. 2nd wife of Ruffin U was Patsy Goodwin. Ruffin is said to have had 22 children (28)