

Descendants of ? Stephenson

Generation 1

1. ?¹ STEPHENSON was born in British Isles. He died in British Isles. He married ??. She was born in British Isles. She died in British Isles.

Notes for ? Stephenson:

This is a yet unknown Stephenson placed here to allow grouping of the 5 supposed brothers that went to the present day area of Rockingham Co. VA in the 1735-1740 time period.

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Note's added:

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Reference this web page: <http://www.ulsterancestry.com/ShowFreePage.php?id=111>

I think it plausible that ancestors of this Stephenson clan were in Londonderry Province of northern Ireland working the lands of Sir Thomas Phillips in the early 1600's. Many surnames shown in the "Muster Roll of Dungiven Londonderry" later appear in close relationship in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia in the 1740's. Unlike other provinces in northern Ireland, Sir Thomas Phillips imported almost all of his workers from London, England (circa 1610). After the wars of 1640 in Northern Ireland, most of these surnames cease to be found there, but some do show up to the east in Antrim Province and in a sea port town directly east across the Irish Channel in Scotland. This was the town that received lumber goods by boat from Sir Thomas Phillips. From there the lumber was shipped by cart south to London. I think it's plausible that the workers on the Thomas Phillips plantation would have retreated to the east and across the channel during the Irish uprisings.

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YDNA testing is starting to ratify some of this Stephenson data. It does seem to be showing that this clan was not closely related to most all of the other Stephenson clans in the Americas. See Haplogroup Group I, Lineage 1 at this web site:

<http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/stevenson/results?raw=1>

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In this data base I tend to state present day county names, not necessarily the name of the county at the time of the event.

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The earliest dates for each the five brothers listed below are what was recorded when the immigrants signed the Importation Books of Orange County VA. These records also contain a statement supposedly by the immigrant of their place of origin. I place little confidence in the accuracy of this place of origin. This is due to conversations between James Patton and Wm. Beverley found in letters exchanged between the two dated 1737. See: <http://essexmuseum.org/archive/bulletin-vol-55.pdf> "by way of Pennsylvania" could have just been a statement inserted to satisfy presumed requirements for obtaining land. Something to think about! Could the phrase "from Ireland" have been a fabrication also? The wording of the place of origin seems to have changed not to long after these conversations. James Patton as Captain of the Walpole, brought a great number of immigrants over from both Ireland and England with the ship passengers disembarking at the port of Hobbs Hole VA in the Chesapeake Bay which was very close to the plantation owned by the father of Wm. Beverley. The reader is advised to review the above sources and make their own conclusions.

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I am beginning to believe that this clan of Stephenson's may have been in the area of Ahoghill Parrish in Northern Ireland about 20 miles west of the seaport town of Larne, Ireland. Reference "1766 Religious Census of Ahoghill Parish, Diocese of Connor, County Antrim, Ireland ". Note the Latham, Stinson, and other surnames closely allied with the clan in the Shanandoan Valley of Virginia and in SC in the mid 1700's.

? Stephenson and ? ? had the following children:

2. i. JOHN² STEPHENSON was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died in 1777 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married (1) SARAH WAITE, daughter of James Waite and Catherine Rothgab. She died in Rockingham Co. VA. He married (2) ESTHER WAITE after 1774 in Rockingham Co. VA, daughter of James Waite and Catherine Rothgab. She died about 1790 in Rockingham Co. VA.
3. ii. WILLIAM STEPHENSON was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died in 1757 in Augusta Co. VA. He married SARAH ?. She was born about 1720 in British Isles. She died after May 1771 in Rockingham Co. VA.
4. iii. THOMAS STEPHENSON was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died about 1785 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married (1) UNKNOWN ?. She died before 22 May 1740. He married (2) JANE UNKNOWN. She died before 01 Mar 1785 in Probably Rockingham Co. VA.
5. iv. DAVID STEPHENSON was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died in 1790 in Chester County, SC. He married ANNOS ? after 28 Feb 1739 in Virginia.
6. v. ROBERT STEPHENSON was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died before 12 Aug 1772 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married (1) UNKNOWN. He married (2) MARTHA RANKIN on 29 Apr 1768 in Rockingham Co. VA.

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2. **JOHN² STEPHENSON** (?¹) was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died in 1777 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married (1) **SARAH WAITE**, daughter of James Waite and Catherine Rothgab. She died in Rockingham Co. VA. He married (2) **ESTHER WAITE** after 1774 in Rockingham Co. VA, daughter of James Waite and Catherine Rothgab. She died about 1790 in Rockingham Co. VA.

Notes for John Stephenson:

The first seen of John was an entry in the Orange County VA importation records signed in 1740 where John stated that he imported himself, Sarah, and Mary from Ireland by way of Philadelphia. Some accounts have said that Sarah was a daughter but in many early court records it's plain to see that he had a wife by the name of Sarah. It is not known if John lived in Ireland or just sailed from Ireland. His wife Sarah (Waite or Crosthwaite) was possibly of Dutch descent. The ship they sailed on is unknown. Although the importation records filed in Orange Co. are dated 1740, it is thought that John and his brothers could have been in the area of present day Harrisonburg VA as early as 1735.

John homesteaded on the banks of "Stover's Mill Creek", now called Congers Creek, of present day Rockingham county VA, about 1.4 miles north of the town of Cross Keys VA. His place was on the old Indian Road that ran north to south through the entire Shenandoah Valley. His first land acquisition was for 400 acres on Stovers Mill Creek and was recorded 1 Jun 1741. John became a wealthy person over the next 37 years. His plantation had the first gravity driven irrigation system in Virginia that was patterned after many of similar build in England. Some stories say that John chose the name Meadow View for his plantation but the term does not show up in any property sales or advertisements until the flamboyant Edward S. Kemper uses the term in an

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advertising flyer in 1878. Ref:

http://originofthenamemeadowview.wikia.com/wiki/Origin_of_the_name_Meadow_View

The Old Augusta Stone Church located at present day Fort Defiance VA and the Tinkling Spring Church south of Fishersville were the first Presbyterian Church's in the Valley. The Rev. John Craig was founder and the first minister for both churches. The Old Augusta Stone church was the first church in the Valley attended by the Stephenson brothers who help build and sustain the church. Baptism records by the Rev. John Craig show Thomas, John, and Mary as being baptized and as being children of John Stephenson. About 1742 another Presbyterian church was organized at the present day site of Cross Keys VA to facilitate ease of travel for local parishioners. This was the 3rd church under the domain of Rev. John Craig. John Stephenson was one of the founders of this church called the Peaked Mountain Presbyterian Church in the early days. The first preacher was the Rev. John Hindman, a good friend of John Stephenson who also employed the Rev. Hindman as a Jockey. The cemetery there today was located beside the original church and is the final resting place for John Stephenson and Rev. Hindman. This location was about 1.4 mile south of John Stephenson's house. This church was referred to as the "Stone Church" in Court Road Orders dated 1748 indicating that the stone veneer was completed by then.

From the baptismal record of the Rev. John Craig we see: John Stephenson, Mary - Jun 16, 1745; John Stephenson, John - Jun 25, 1748; John Stephenson, Thomas - Jan 13, 1742/3. John married 2), Esther (WAITE) Taylor, widow of John Taylor and sister of John's first wife, Sarah. Note - Rev. John Craig travelled the Valley keeping records of his activities and locations. His records seem to have been the only church records in the Valley of the 1740's to have survived. Rev. Craig, in his baptism records, only stated the location of the baptism if the event did not involve a member of his churches. If the location was not stated then it was understood to have taken place "in congregation" meaning to members of either the Old Augusta Stone Church, the Tinkling Springs Church, or the Peaked Mountain Church. The latter because Rev. Craig was the senior Presbyterian minister in the middle Valley.

John was the first race horse breeder in the area and built the first race track west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It was a 1/4 mile straight track located east of his house across the old Indian Road. He liked to race on the Sabbath and used the Rev. John Hindman as his jockey. The Rev. Hindman had been ordained by the Presbyterian Church in Londonderry, Northern Ireland and had answered a call by his church to bring the faith to the frontier of the Americas. One verified story is that when the Presbyterian Church protested that the Rev. Hindman could not race on the Sabbath, John sent Rev. Hindman to Scotland to be ordained by the Church of England. Rev. Hindman completed these studies but died within a year of his return from Scotland and John Stephenson was the executor of his estate. Upon Hindman's return, the Rev. John Craig is reported to have said "I see Mr. Hindman has turned his coat". Among other things listed in the probate papers were several race horses and jockey attire. John Stephenson procrastinated considerably as administrator of Hindman's estate and was sued by Hindman's sister, Eleanor Fletcher, requesting the court to name her as administrator. Ref: Chalkley's Chronicles - Page 249, 25th May, 1750. "John and Eleanor Fletcher's bond as administrators of John Hindman, clerk, whereof John Stevenson was administrator, with sureties John Lewis, Wm. Hamilton, Jno. Graham." Eleanor was sister of Rev. Hindman.

From Chalkley's Chronicles, Court Orders, Vol. 2:

Page 414- Will records of John Stephenson dated 13th October, 1777. Wife; wife's children, Jonathan and Easter Taylor; daughter, Mary, widow of Archd. Huston; grandsons, John, Stephen, George and Nathan Huston; grand children, Ann, Abigail, Sarah, Jane, Elizabeth, Archibald Huston. Recorded in Rockingham, 23d November, 1778.

Note that sons Thomas and John were not named in the will. It is thought that John did not reach maturity and that Thomas was not named because he was the first son, and as such, entitled by laws in effect at the time to the remainder of the estate. The bulk of the estate was sold in 1783 to Mr. John Snapp who also bought the house in 1790 after Esther (Taylor) Stephenson died ("Virginia Valley Records", John W. Wayland). The house was deeded to Mr. Snapp by Thomas

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Stephenson. John Snapp used the old home as a tavern for many years. Ref: "The English system of Primogeniture" at: http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/local/rn6_localrecs.htm

In court minutes of Mar 26, 1780, it was proved that John had been a soldier in the independent company of Capt. McClanahan and also served in "Boqueter's Company". By Wife, Ester Taylor, widow of John.

Location of first cabin of John Stephenson: 38.372312° -78.827010°

Location of 2nd house: 38.371349° -78.826627°

Burial Site: 38.358326° -78.841307° (Locations as per Dan Stickley former cemetery administrator and past owner of the John Stephenson plantation)

John Stephenson and Sarah Waite had the following children:

- i. JOHN³ STEPHENSON was born in VA.

Notes for John Stephenson:

No evidence has been found that John lived to maturity. 3/21/2010 - Some hints of this guy are starting to show. He's kind of like the 'will of the wisp'. Maybe there, maybe not.

7. ii. MARY STEPHENSON was born about 1735 in PA or the British Isles. She died about 1800 in Lincoln Co. KY. She married ARCHIBALD HUSTON on 20 Jun 1749 in Augusta Co. VA. He was born about 1733 in Pa. He died in 1774 in Rockingham Co. VA.
8. iii. THOMAS STEPHENSON was born about 1740 in Virginia or PA. He died after 1795 in probably Lincoln Co. KY. He married ELIZABETH "BETTY" LOGAN on 25 Dec 1760 in the Peaked Mountain Presbyterian Church, daughter of David Logan and Jane McKinley. She was born about 1735 in Ireland or PA. She died before 1795 in Lincoln Co. KY.

Notes for Esther Waite:

Esther Stephenson was shown as owning 879 acres in Rockingham Co. in 1789. In 1790, Thomas Stephenson sold the homestead to John Snapp who turned it into a Tavern. Esther probably had use of the place till she died. As no records have been found of Esther after 1789, it can be assumed that she died 1789/90.

3. **WILLIAM² STEPHENSON** (?¹) was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died in 1757 in Augusta Co. VA. He married **SARAH ?**. She was born about 1720 in British Isles. She died after May 1771 in Rockingham Co. VA.

Notes for William Stephenson:

William is first found in the importation books of Orange Co. VA.

19 Nov 1735, pg 46 - William Stephenson...imported immediately from Great Britain into this colony.

According to records found in Chalkley's Chronicles, William had land in two different areas of old Augusta Co. VA. First was in the area of the Old Augusta Stone Church near supposed brothers David, Thomas, and Robert. Second, near the head of Dry River at a place called Gum Run Meadow. This latter place was where Dry River leaves the mountains on the western side of present day Rockingham County. William also bought land from Robert Green in Nov. 1747 near the present day site of Fort Seybert WV, "on the southermost branch of the south branch of Potomac." This latter parcel bought in 1747 for 8 Pounds was sold in 1757 for 90 Pounds.

Land Records: Title Stevenson, William. Publication 10 November 1757.

Other Format Available on microfilm. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42, reels 1-41.

Related See also the following surname(s): Stephenson. Note Location: Augusta County.

Description: 80 acres on the waters of Dry River. Source: Land Office Patents No. 33, 1756-1761 (v.1, 2, 3 & 4 p.1-1095), p. 403 (Reel 31-32).

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This following entry in Chalkley's Chronicles leads one to believe that William and Sarah did live on the property near Ft. Seybert. They probably moved there shortly after the purchase and returned to Gum Run Meadow upon selling the property in March 1757. No Stephenson's were in the area during the Ft. Seybert Massacre in 1758.

1751 - Petition for road from Widow Cobern's Mill, on the South Branch, to John Paton's Mill, on the South Fork, at least 30 miles nearer than the road we formerly traveled. A bridle road asked for: William Stephenson, Mathew Patton, Jeremiah Calkin, George West, Peter Reed, Jr., Samuel Patton, Benjamin Patton, Leonard Reed, John Reed, John Knowles, Alexander Crockett, John Patton, Luke Collins, Jacob Reed, Daniel Richardson.

Page 437.--15th March, 1757. Wm. Stephenson and Sarah () to Mathias Tise, £90, 200 acres on southernmost Fork of South Branch Potomac, part of 2640 acres patented to Ro. Green, 12th January, 1746, and conveyed by Green to William, 5th November, 1747; cor. tract sold to Jno. Patton, Jr. delivered: Mathias Tice, March, 1769.

William died in 1757 according to his will published in Chalkley's Chronicles.

Page 299.--24th September, 1757. William Stephenson's will--Wife, Sarah; ratifies former gifts to children; sons, David and Mathew; daughter, Sarah. (John Davis to advise about division of land.) (Tract of land on the Gum Run Meadow.) To sons, Adam and John, what Arthur Trader owes testator. All children, viz: Adam, John, James, William, David, Elizabeth, Mathew, Sarah, probably all infants (girls under 18). John Davis to have the care, guardianship and tuition of children. Executors, wife Sarah and son Adam. Teste: Silas Hart, Henry Smith, Jno. McCoy. Proved, Kith May, 1759, by Hart and McCoy. Executors qualify, with Abraham Smith, Mathew Patton.

Sarah, widow of William, later married Daniel Harrison and some people say she had two more children with Daniel but factual evidence of this has not yet been found.

The will of Mary Stephenson, wife of David Stephenson, tells a lot about the children of William and Sarah.

Page 307.--5th March, 1816. Mary Stephenson's will, widow of Major D. Stephenson--All slaves to be liberated and transported to some free State; all estate to be divided into two equal parts, one to David's relations and one to Mary's; 1st, to Adam Stephenson's (deceased) children, to James Stephenson's (deceased) family, to William Stephenson's (deceased) family (all three brothers to David), and to Elizabeth Herring (sister to David), and to Robert Shanklin (son to David's sister); 2d, to Catherine Gordon (Mary's sister), Mrs. Ruth Davis (Mary's sister), James Davis, Walter Davis; and the children of Robert Davis (all Mary's brothers). Executors, Charles A. Stuart. Proved, February Court, 1818. Executor qualifies.

From this will we can conclude that David, Adam, James, William and Sarah had died by 1816. It can also be inferred that John and Mathew had died since they were not mentioned in the will, and furthermore, both must have died without issue. Lastly, that Mary's maiden name was Davis. Note - It is thought that Sarah, wife of William, may also have been a Davis.

Notes for Sarah ?:

The last mention of Sarah (Harrison) in Chalkley's Chronicles was in May 1771.

Page 403.-- May, 1771. Archibald and John Hopkins' (commissioners) assignment of dower to Sarah Harrison (widow) recorded.

William Stephenson and Sarah ? had the following children:

9. i. ADAM³ STEPHENSON was born about 1740 in Augusta Co. VA. He died before 21 Nov 1789 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married REBECCA PATTERSON on 17 Mar 1763 in Peaked Mountain Presbyterian Church. She was born about 1730 in Chester Co. PA.
10. ii. DAVID STEPHENSON was born about 1744 in Augusta Co. VA. He died about 1810. He married MARY DAVIES on 11 Nov 1783 in Rockingham Co. VA. She died about 1815.

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- 11. iii. WILLIAM STEPHENSON was born in 1744 in Augusta Co. VA. He died on 29 Oct 1796 in Washington Co. TN. He married ALICE TODD HOUSTON. She was born on 14 Aug 1749. She died on 27 Feb 1832.
- 12. iv. JAMES STEPHENSON was born about 1746 in Augusta Co. VA. He died before 08 May 1813 in Pendleton Co. VA. He married RACHEL DAVIS about 1768.
- v. MATHEW STEPHENSON was born about 1748 in Augusta Co. VA.

Notes for Mathew Stephenson:

From Chalkley's Chronicles:

Page 429.--200 acres on the Bare Spring, a branch of the Dry River, at a place called the Maple Swamp, patented to William Stephenson, deceased 16th June, 1756, and 10th November, 1757 devised to son Mathew.

Teste: Robert Davis and John Stephenson. <---Note the John Stephenson. This would not be the brother of Mathew as that John would have been a minor at this time. It had to have been the uncle of Mathew.

- 13. vi. SARAH STEPHENSON was born about 1750 in Augusta Co. VA. She married ? SHANKLIN.
- 14. vii. ELIZABETH STEPHENSON was born about 1745 in Augusta Co. VA. She died in Feb 1821. She married WILLIAM S HERRING SR. about 1765 in Rockingham Co. VA, son of Alexander Herring and Abigail Harrison. He was born about 1744 in Rockingham Co. VA. He died in Jul 1806.
- viii. JOHN STEPHENSON was born about 1748 in Augusta Co. VA. He died about 1810 in Pendleton Co. WV.

Notes for John Stephenson:

Estate Division filed 8 Dec 1813 in Pendleton County WV naming children of brothers James and Adam to receive shares plus brother William to distribute the remainder of \$398. Others named to receive a share were Saly Keislin, Betsy Herrin, Peggy Panter, William Herrin, Robert Shanklin. Signed: James (+) Stephenson, Margaret (+) Stephenson. Witnessed: Robert Malcom. Recorded 6 Sep 1814 "as a codicil to the last will and testament of John Stephenson, deceased". Note - No children of John were named in the codicil.

- 4. **THOMAS² STEPHENSON** (?¹) was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died about 1785 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married (1) **UNKNOWN ?**. She died before 22 May 1740. He married (2) **JANE UNKNOWN**. She died before 01 Mar 1785 in Probably Rockingham Co. VA.

Notes for Thomas Stephenson:

The first we see of Thomas is in the Augusta Co. VA Importation records:

"22nd May 1740, Thomas Stephenson came into court and made oath that he imported himself and Rachel from Ireland to Philadelphia, and thence to this colony."

This seems like a simple statement but it raises some critical questions. How long were they in Pennsylvania? Did they live in Ireland or, as many did due to various reasons, just embark from a port in Ireland? Many English and Scottish traveled to Ireland simply to catch a ship to the Americas.

Land Records: (earliest of several)

Title Stevenson, Thomas. Publication 1 December 1740.

Other Format Available on microfilm. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42, reels 1-41.

Related See also the following surname(s): Stephenson. Note Location: Augusta County.

Description: 320 acres on the north side of Catheys River on the south branch of the Great Meadow. Source: Land Office Patents No. 19, 1739-1741, p. 823 (Reel 17).

In 1742, Thomas and his supposed brothers appeared in Augusta Co. Muster Rolls:

MUSTERS ROLLS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY - Capt. John Buchanan's List: John Stephenson, Capt. James Cathey's List: Thos. Stephenson, David Stephenson.

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Thomas appeared in various Augusta County court records found in Chalkley's Chronicles, a few of which are repeated here:

1745, May 5th--John Frame, 400 acres on the lines of Hugh Duglass, and a place of Thomas Stevenson. (on head of Fisher's Creek, a branch of North River of Shanando)

1746 - (81) Jury--John Moffet, William Bates, Thomas Stinson, Edward Hughes, etc.

1746, May 16th--Meeting House, Lower Congregation, 200 acres where it is now built, including a spring joining Thomas Stephenson's land.

(Lower Congregation is a reference to the Old Augusta Stone Meeting House founded by the Rev. John Craig. Called Lower because it was down stream from the Tinkling Sgrings Church also founded by Craig.) Thomas also gave Land for the Glebe of the Meeting House.

Page 101.--15th February, 1748. John Stevenson's bond, £500, as administrator of John Hindman, with sureties Henry Downs, Thos. Stephenson, Samuel Givins.

Page 350.--28th November, 1749. Thomas Stephenson and wife, Jane, to William Erwin. Walker's Run, a branch of Cathey's River, 241 acres. Delivered: Edward Beard, 17th October, 1755. Thomas must have married Jane (?) after importation. Note - This is the only reference to "Wife, Jane" found in any records. The place is right and the time is right so it must be presumed that Thomas married Jane AFTER his date of Importation. Rachael must have been his daughter in the importation records cause she married George Poage in 1754.

1756 - Allen vs. Rooke.--James Allen, Captain, complains because John Rook refused to answer call to go out vs. French and Indians. 1756 - Allen vs. Stevenson.--Same vs. Thomas Stevenson, Jr. 1756 -Christian vs. Thomas Shields.--Same as above.

The above is the one and only reference to a Thomas Stevenson Jr. in the court records. In 1756 there does not appear to be another Thomas in the area old enough to have an adult son. There is a later reference to a Thomas Sr.

Page 262.--16th August, 1774. Robert Stephenson's estate settled paid Thomas Stephens, Sr., Anderson Scoot.

Page 173.--1756: Processioned by James Allen, viz: For Mathew and William Robertson, for James Henderson, for Wm. Dunlap, for Robt. Craig, for Jno. Stephenson, for David Stephenson, for Thos. Stephenson, for James Allen, Jr., for Robert Kenny, for Wm. Johnston, for John King, for Wm. Erwin, for Hugh Ross, for James Allen, for Jno. Carr.

After 1756 there are to many Thomas's in Augusta County court records to distinguish them from each other. Besides Thomas possibly having a son by that name, it also appears that John, Robert, and David also had sons named Thomas.

This Thomas, along with brothers Robert, William, and David appear to have first settled in the area around where the Old Augusta Stone Church was later established. His brother John homesteaded about 8 miles away on Mill Creek. A few years later William moved to the head of Dry River. About 1763 David moved to the Turkey Creek area of York Co. SC.

In 1779 we see this entry:

DELINQUENTS - Thomas Stephenson, gone; Thomas Stephenson (2 tithables), gone to Amherst.

Lastly we see this entry:

Page 478.--1st March, 1785. Thomas Stephenson's will--To son-in-law, George Poage, 1 shilling; to grandson, George Poage, 1 shilling; to grandson, John Poage; to Agness Reed; to Joseph Hannah; to Deborah Reed; to Isabel Reed; to Alex. Reed; what money Henry King owes to be given to the poor if got from him; 20 shillings to pale in the church yard; to Robert Reed, Jr.

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Executors, Alex. Reed and David Gibson. Teste: John Campbell, Thomas Willson, Jno. Dixon. Proved, 16th August, 1785, by Wilson and Dixon. Executors qualify.

The above will is thought to be of this Thomas that imported in 1740. A son named Thomas may have not been named in the will according to laws in effect at the time. First sons, by law, received everything not named in a will. The Reed children named in the above will are thought to be the children of Robert Reed and Barbara (see Robert Reed's Will). It is assumed that they were mentioned in Thomas's will cause they were his grandchildren, hence making Barbara his daughter. This Robert Reed and Barbara did live in the same vicinity as did Thomas.

Notes for Unknown ?:

No wife was mentioned in the will of Thomas.

Thomas Stephenson and Unknown ? had the following children:

- i. THOMAS³ STEPHENSON JR. was born after 1740.
 15. ii. RACHAEL STEPHENSON was born about 1734. She died before 01 Mar 1785. She married GEORGE POAGE on 23 Jul 1754 in Augusta Co. VA. He was born in Ireland. He died in 1786 in Botetourt Co. VA.
 16. iii. BARBARA STEPHENSON was born after 1740. She married ROBERT REED in Mar 1758 in Augusta Co. VA. He was born about 1740. He died before 1785 in Augusta Co. VA.
 - iv. ANNA STEPHENSON was born after 1740. She married JOSEPH HANNAH.
5. **DAVID² STEPHENSON** (?¹) was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died in 1790 in Chester County, SC. He married **ANNOS ?** after 28 Feb 1739 in Virginia.

Notes for David Stephenson:

Importation records:

Headrights from Orange County Feb 28, 1739 David Steavenson, James, Jane, Thomas, & William Steavenson; with them Agnes, Wm & James McKay from Ireland. Note - The wife of David may have been this Agnes McKay.

David first settled in the present day area of Augusta Co. VA in the vicinity of where the Old Augusta Stone Church at Fort Defiance would later be established. Near him at this time were supposed brothers, Robert, Thomas, and William. John, another supposed brother was 12 miles north at a homestead on Stovers Mill Creek in Rockingham County..

Baptism by the Rev. John Craig:

David Stephenson, William - Nov 2, 1740
David Stephenson, Mary - Sep 19, 1742
David Stephenson, David Sep 4, 1746
David Stephenson, David - Jun 25, 1748
David Stephenson, John - Jun 25, 1748

Land Records:

Title Stevenson, David. Publication 16 June 1744.
Other Format Available on microfilm. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42, reels 1-41.
Related See also the following surname(s): Stephenson. Note Location: Augusta County.
Description: 400 acres on the north side of Cathey's River and on the north branch of the Great Meadow. Source: Land Office Patents No. 23, 1743-1745 (v.1 & 2 p.567-1147), p. 684 (Reel 21).

Several records for David were found in Chalkley's Chronicles some of which are given here:

Page 173.--1756: ProceSSIONED by James Allen, viz: For Mathew and William Robertson, for James Henderson, for Wm. Dunlap, for Robt. Craig, for Jno. Stevenson, for David Stevenson, for Thos. Stevenson, for James Allen, Jr., for Robert Kenny, for Wm. Johnston, for John King, for Wm. Erwin, for Hugh Ross, for James Allen, for Jno. Carr.

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This is most probably the children of David and Annos:

Page 190.--9th October, 1760. James Hamilton to Thomas and William Stevenson, £14, household goods. Teste: David, James and Mary Stevenson

(Stevenson's selling household good in preparation for moving to SC? It is thought that James Hamilton was the husband of Jean Stephenson, another daughter of David and Annos)

This occurred about the time David and Annos moved to the Turkey Creek area of York Co. SC. Page 681.--21st August, 1764. David Stevenson and Annos () to Jno. Burnside, £170, 400 acres on Cathey's River and on North Branch of the Great Meadow, east side Walker's Run; corner Thomas Stevenson, patented to said David, 16th June, 1744. Teste: James Bell, Hugh Hamilton, John King.

Toward the end of David's life, he moved in with daughter Anne Adair in Chester Co. SC.

Will of David Stephenson:

July 2, 1790 - Will of David Steavenson Probated July 1790 Recorded Book A Page 86 Apt. 63 Pkg-980 In the name of God, Amen, I David Steavenson of the State of SoCarolina and County of Chester, Being weak of Body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto god, Calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to Die, do make & ordain this to be my Last will and testament; that is to say, principally and first of all, I freely gave and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body to the Earth, to be buried in a Decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Blefs me in this life. I give devise and dispose in the following manner and form, First, I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Anne Adair all my track or parcel of land where on I last lived on the waters of Turkey in York County containing two Hundred Acres be the same more or less with all the improvement and advantages therunto belonging, to be disposed at her discretion

also I gave to my beloved son Thomas Steavenson the sume of five Shilling Stering, I also gave to my Beloved Son William Steavenson the sums of five Shillings like money - and I also gave to my beloved Daughter Jane Hamilton the like sume of five Shillings - also gave to the Heirs of my beloved daughter Mary Fowler Deceased the like sume of five shillings.

I do also give to my grandson David Steavenson (son of James Steavenson Deced.) the sume of five shillinngs sterling

- and do order that my Executor do pay off the Legaseys to the persons above directed - and the Remainder part of my personal property I gave to be divided amongst the children of my daughter Anne Adair, as my said daughter may think most advisable

--- I do also constitute and appoint my well beloved son in law James Adair to be the sole Executor of this my last will and testament -- and I do utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former will and testament by me made ratifying and confirming this and this only to be my last will and testament - In witness whereof I have here unto with set my hand and Seal this second day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United states of America the fourteenth -

Signed sealed and pronounced by the said David Steavenson as his last will and testament, In the presents of us, whose names are hereunto subscribed as witness- The four words - my body of land - which is enterlined in this will was dun befor it was signed. David Steavenson David Moffett Williamson Byers Edw. d Lacey.

Notes for Annos ?:

Note - "Annos" may have been an Old English spelling of Agnos or Agnes making it plausible that she may have been the Agnes McKay that imported with David. David did not show a wife in the Importation records and is assumed to have married later.

David Stephenson and Annos ? had the following children:

17. i. ANNE³ STEPHENSON was born about 1742 in Augusta Co. VA. She married JAMES

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- 18. ii. THOMAS STEPHENSON was born about 1722 in Ireland. He married MARY ?.
- 19. iii. WILLIAM STEPHENSON was born about 1722 in Ireland. He died in 1809 in Ninety Sixth District, Anderson, SC. He married UNKNOWN ? about 1760 in Possibly NC. She was born about 1735. She died in Possibly Pendleton Dist. SC.
- iv. JANE STEPHENSON was born about 1734. She married JAMES HAMILTON.

Notes for Jane Stephenson:

From Chalkley's Chronicles:

"Deed Book 10 Augusta County Virginia Page 190.

9th October, 1760. James Hamilton to Thomas and William

Stevenson, £14, household goods. Teste: David, James and Mary Stevenson."

The above James Hamilton is probably the one that married Jane, daughter of David and Annos. Thomas, William, David, James, and Mary were children of David and Annos.

- 20. v. MARY STEPHENSON was born before 19 Sep 1742 in Augusta Co. VA. She died before 02 Jul 1790. She married REV. JAMES FOWLER in Poss. Rockingham Co. VA. He was born in 1742. He died in Feb 1802 in York Co. SC.
- 21. vi. JAMES STEPHENSON was born about 1728 in Ireland. He died after 26 Oct 1773 in York Co. SC. He married ELIZABETH FOWLER.
- vii. DAVID STEPHENSON JR. was born before 25 Jun 1748. He died before 1790.
- viii. JOHN STEPHENSON was born before 24 Jun 1748. He died before 1790.
- ix. JEAN STEPHENSON was born in Ireland. She married ANDREW LATHAM.

Notes for Jean Stephenson:

This connection is pure speculation but I'm putting it here to not lose the thought!

This note was from Tommy Stephenson 02 Feb 2012.

Mike, I didn't know anything about Jean Stephenson who was married to Andrew Latham until the expert on the Darwins wrote me about them. I noticed that Andrew Latham was a witness to James Stephenson's will. I also noticed that Andrew and Richard Latham received land grants on the Broad River-Bullock Creek in 1768. Jean could easily have been a daughter of David Stephenson if I understood your question correctly. She may have married Andrew Latham in Ireland and came later to South Carolina. I have often wondered if the Jean Stephenson in my John Stephenson's will of 1773 might not have been a "Stephenson" herself. Whatever her maiden name was, I think she was the one who had the house slave named "Nelly." It's strange that John Stephenson had no field slaves.

Tim Darwin Grana wrote:

don't have much information beyond what is on the website; the 'Jean Stephenson' (at <http://darwintern.org/getperson.php?personID=10466&tree=01>) was born in Ulster, Northern Ireland, around 1728, where she married Andrew Latham (b. circa 1730); they emigrated to South Carolina in the 1760's; in any event, she would have already been "Mrs. Latham" long before she reached York County, and so I originally thought not of any kinship to other SC Stephensons. Unless, that is, those other York Co. Stephensons were also emigrants from Ulster? That is an intriguing possibility which your note (and the Deed Book record it included) raises.

The little I have on Stephensons and Lathams on the website comes from some related research: Andrew Latham is an ancestor of my great-great-grandmother, Mary E. Kidd, who married one Martin V. Darwin in 1866; I don't believe there are

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any connections between her family and the Darwins prior to that date, but one can never be entirely certain.

I do know that Andrew Latham and his wife Jean (Stephenson) Latham sailed from Belfast, Northern Ireland on board the ship "Betty Gregg", arriving in Charleston in February 1768 and claiming a land bounty as 'Protestant refugees' under the 1761 SC Bounty Act; I have these details from a local newspaper of the time, the 'South Carolina Gazette', issue 1688 (of which I did have a photocopy some years ago, but can't find at the moment); if I can find the copy of that item, which had a partial list of passengers, it would be interesting if there are other Stephensons amongst the Lathams. I'll let you know if I manage to dig it out soon

6. **ROBERT² STEPHENSON** (?¹) was born about 1710 in British Isles. He died before 12 Aug 1772 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married (1) **UNKNOWN**. He married (2) **MARTHA RANKIN** on 29 Apr 1768 in Rockingham Co. VA.

Notes for Robert Stephenson:

Robert first shows in Rev Craig's Baptismal records of 1747:

"Robert Stephenson stood sponsor for a child named Lititia Tillary born of Katherine Queen, a common strumpet, and sworn by her to John Tillary a single person and by him bound to Robert Stephenson." This shows that he was an adult, had a sense of civic duty, and owned property.

Land Records: Title Stevenson, Robert. Publication 16 August 1756.

Other Format Available on microfilm. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42, reels 1-41.

Related See also the following surname(s): Stephenson. Note Location: Augusta County.

Description: 330 acres on the head of some branches of the Middle River of Shanando.

Source: Land Office Patents No. 33, 1756-1761 (v.1, 2, 3 & 4 p.1-1095), p. 214 (Reel 31-32).

This shows that Robert lived in the vicinity of the Old Augusta Stone Meeting House:

AUGUST 19, 1767 (220) Hugh Allen appointed surveyor of highway from James Given's Mill, by his house, to Stone Meeting House, and the following to work the road: Saml. Hinds, Robt. Stevenson, Wm. Kerr, John Stewart, John Campbell, James Allen, John Anderson, Hugh Allen, William McClure, James Allen, Saml. Bell, Andrew Lockhart, John Burnside, Saml. McKee, James Searight, Thos. Storey.

This (plus the will) establishes that Robert had a son named Thomas:

Page 440.--18th March, 1770. Thomas Dixon and Elizabeth () to John Lowry 330 acres patented to Robert Stevenson 16th August, 1766 and by his will devised to son Thomas Stevenson.

Robert's Will:-----

In the Name of God Amen, This 12th Day of Augt 1772 two I Robert Stephenson of the County of Augusta and Colony of Virginia being Weak of [body] but of perfect mind and Memory, considering the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament

And first of all I recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God, and my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be Buried in a Decent like and Christian manner at the discretion of [my] Executor herein after named, and I order as it is my Will and desire that all my Legal Debts and D[eath] Charges may be paid by my Executor as soon as the situation of my affairs will admit

Imprimis, I give and Bequeath unto my Dearly Beloved Wife Martha Stephenson, one Third of my Real Estate of Lands either in Quality or Quantity During her Widowhood, together with [a] Bay Mare and Side Saddle and any three Cows she may please to Chusse out of my Cattle and the Pewter and Bedding which she Brought me, and one Third of my present Crop, and al[so] Winter provisions to be bought this year, and my great Bible

Item, I give Bequeath and Devise unto my Beloved Son Thomas Stephenson, all my Real [] of Lands except as reserved above to him his Heirs and assigns forever, together with my S[addle] and Worm, and Suit of Black Clothes

Item I give and Bequeath unto Each of my living Daughters One Dollar

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[It]em I give and Bequeath unto Mary Rankin my Daughter in Law my Black Colt
And the Residue or Remainder of my Estate if any be, I Desire that it be Equally Divid[ed] amongst
all my grand-Children, and Mary Rankin

I Likewise nominate Constitute and appoint John Poloch Esq and James Allen Ju[nr]
to be my whole and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and also ratify and Confirm
this and no other to be my Last Will, Dissanulling manner of Wills or Executors made my me any
time heretofore

Given under my hand & Seal his [Sig]ned Sealed published and pronounced Robert R.
Stephenson

by the said Robt Stephenson as his mark
Last will & Testament in presence
of us

James Anderson
Joseph (his J mark) Reaburn
[Ja]s (his mark) Allen Senr

Robt Stephenson's Last Testamt At a Court held for Augusta County August the 18th 1772
The last Will and Test of Robt Stephenson Decd was proved by the oaths of the Wits thereto & Ord
to be Recorded and on the motion of John Poage and James Allen the Executors therein named
who made oath According to law thereto as Granted them for Obtaining A Probat there of in due
form they haveing with SecYs entered into and ack'd this their Bond According to Law.

Martha was the widow of George Rankin (d. 1760) before marrying Robert. Mary Rankin was
Martha's child by her former marriage to George Rankin. The connection to the Poage family was
through George Poage Sr. who married Rachael, daughter of Thomas Stephenson who was most
probably Robert's brother. Both Robert and Thomas lived in the near vicinity of the Old Augusta
Stone Church.

The use of the suffix "Sr." surely must imply that Robert had a grandson named Thomas.
"Page 262.--16th August, 1774. Robert Stephenson's estate settled Paid Thomas Stephens, Sr.,
Anderson Scoot."

Page 295.--Patent to Robert Stevenson, 16th August, 1756, and by him devised to his son
Thomas Stevenson, and by Thomas to Thomas Dixon.

Copy of the will of Samuel Woods, dated 8th January,
1781. I, Samuel Woods, of the County of Amherst, Rockfish Settlement. To wife, Sarah, land
purchased of Thomas Patton. To eldest son, James, 350 acres in Albemarle, joining Henry Kerr
and Alexander Fretwell. To son, William (infant), two tracts in Amherst, joining Rockfish Meeting
House, formerly the property of William Patton and William Crow; and mill property, formerly
belonging to Robert and Edward Stephenson, David Black (Clack, Clark?), William Clark, and
Langsdon Depriest

1795 - Eversole vs. Bell.--Robert Stephenson had a son, Edward.

Robert Stephenson and Unknown had the following children:

- i. EDWARD³ STEPHENSON.
- ii. STEPHENSON DAUGHTERS.
- iii. THOMAS STEPHENSON.

Notes for Martha Rankin:

Martha was formerly married to George Rankin. Mary Rankin was their daughter. Mary married
John Young 05 Sep 1785 and they had 1 child. Mary died 1788. John Young subsequently
remarried.

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7. **MARY³ STEPHENSON** (John², ?¹) was born about 1735 in PA or the British Isles. She died about 1800 in Lincoln Co. KY. She married **ARCHIBALD HUSTON** on 20 Jun 1749 in Augusta Co. VA. He was born about 1733 in Pa. He died in 1774 in Rockingham Co. VA.

Notes for Mary Stephenson:

After the death of Archibald Houston, Mary's husband, Mary and her son Nathan Huston went to Lincoln Co. KY ca. 1787 where Nathan obtained a Land Settlement adjoining that of Thomas Stephenson. This land was about 2 miles east of Logan's Fort at the present day site of Stanford KY. According to noted historian, Allen R. Leach of Lincoln Co. KY, Nathan and his wife and mother lived on this land settlement until their death and are presumed buried in an old graveyard on the property. Nathan's brother, Stephenson Houston, settled at what is now Hustonville KY. Contrary to popular opinion his brother Nathan never lived at Hustonville. Stephenson Houston did have a son also named Nathan that did live there.

It is thought that the above Thomas Stephenson was Mary's brother.

Land given to them:

Page 296.--21st March, 1753. John Stephenson, farmer, and Sarah to Archibald Houston, farmer, granted to John, 1743, 367 acres. Teste: Robert Cravens. John Pickens, Andrew Baskins. Acknowledged by Sarah, 17th August, 1753.

Notes for Archibald Huston:

28 Mar 1774

David Laird [Executor] : Probate: Remarks: Archibald Huston's will -- To wife, Mary; to son, John, 200 acres, part of Pond Spring tract; to son, Stephen; to James, 250 acres of tract whereon David Gravin now lives; to son, Archibald, infant; to son, George, 360 acres whereon testator lives; t Description: Executor Book_Date: WB5-259 Prove Date: 16 Aug 1774

Note - Pond Spring is at this Lat/Lon location: 38.379383° -78.834074° This tract originally given to Archibald and Mary by John Stephenson. Stover's Mill Creek was later dammed up below the springs and the springs are now under the surface of Shenandoah Lake.

Note that son Nathan (Nathaniel) was not named in the will. He was the 1st son and by law in effect at the time was entitled to the remainder of the estate not named in the will.

21 May 1782

James Laird [Appraiser] : Probate: Remarks: Recorded. Archibald Huston's appraisement by John Young, James Laird, Robert Hill -- Due from James James, Geo. Keesil, John Logan. Description: Appraiser Book_Date: WB6-237

1 Apr 1783

James, Jr. Laird [Buyer] : Probate: Remarks: Archibald Huston's estate appraised and sold, and 21 May 1783, settled and recorded -- Sold to, viz: Stephen Huston, John Peder (Pedan), James Laird, Junior, Henry Coaler, James Waide, Michael Lease, John Hooper, Jno. Craney, Barney McMurray, George Description: Buyer Book_Date: WB6-302 Prove Date: 20 May 1783

Source unknown:

Page 259.--28th March, 1774. Archibald Huston's will--To wife, Mary; to son, John, 200 acres, part of Pond Spring tract; to son, Stephen; to James, 250 acres of tract whereon David Gravin now lives; to son, Archibald, infant; to son, George, 360 acres whereon testator lives; to son, Nathan, 100 acres, part of Pond Spring tract; to six daughters, residuary legatees. Executors, sons James and George, and Cap David Leard. Teste: James Bruster, John (his __ mark) Stephenson, Jennet (mark) Frazer, Isbell (mark) Campbell. Proved, 16th August, 1774, by Bruster and Stephenson. Mary appears and refuses to execute and renounces the will. David Laird and Geo. Huston qualify with James Bruster and John (mark) Stephenson.

Page 302.--9th September, 1774. Archibald Huston's estate appraised and sold, and 21st May, 1783, settled and recorded--Sold to, viz: Stephen Huston, John Peder (Pedan), James Laird, Junior, Henry Coaler, James Waide, Michael Lease. John Hooper, Jno. Craney, Barney

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Vol. 2 - 1779--March 22d, Anne, orphan of Archd. Huston, chose Thomas Hewit guardian. Abigail, ditto, chose James Brewster, ditto. Jno. Huston appointed guardian of Archibald Huston, orphan of Archibald Huston. Jno. Magill appointed guardian of Jane, orphan of Archibald Huston. Mary Huston (widow), ditto, of Eliz., orphan of Archibald Huston.

Note - Mill Creek is referring to what was called Mill Creek and sometimes Stovers Mill Creek in the old days. Today, it crosses highway 276 exactly 0.46 miles NNE of that highways intersection with highway 253. Today's Mill Creek crosses highway 276 just on the north side of Cross Keys. The reason for the name of Stovers Mill Creek is that it was on the southern end of the land originally purchased by Jacob Stover from Christopher Francisco before 1740.

Stovers Mill Creek and Hwy 276: 38.371582° -78.825744°

Archibald Huston and Mary Stephenson had the following children:

- i. NATHAN⁴ HUSTON was born before Jan 1759 in Stovers Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA. He died after 14 May 1804 in Lincoln Co. KY. He married (1) ANN MONTGOMERY on 21 Feb 1789 in Lincoln Co. KY. He married (2) JANE WALKER.

Notes for Nathan Huston:

According to Allen R. Leach, of Lincoln Co. KY, Nathan (and his mother) never lived at Hustonville KY. After moving to KY about 1785, Nathan and his mother lived on Nathan's 300 acre settlement about 2 miles east of Stanford in Lincoln Co. KY. Nathan's house was 1/2 mile from that of Thomas Stephenson.

A Nathan Huston appeared in Lincoln Co. KY court on 14 May 1804 acting as an appraiser for a Markham Marshall along with a William Warren and a William Patton.

Nathan was baptized at the Peaked Mountain Presby. Church in Jan 1759.

- ii. JOHN HUSTON was born about 1750 in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA. He died before 1817.
- iii. STEPHENSON HUSTON was born in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA. He died in Hustonville, KY.

Notes for Stephenson Huston:

After going to KY, Stephenson Huston obtained considerable land in the area of Carpenter's Creek and around the present day site of Hustonville. Carpenter's Creek is a tributary of Green River and it enters Green River about 9.4 miles SSW of Hustonville.

- iv. GEORGE HUSTON was born in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA. He married SASANNA SNAPP, daughter of John Snapp Sr. and Mary Ann Windle.
- v. ARCHIBALD HUSTON JR. was born about 1774 in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA. He died after 1851 in Hustonville, KY. He married SALLY GAY on 09 Jul 1792.
- vi. JAMES HUSTON was born in 1753 in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA. He died in 1774 in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA.
- vii. SARAH HUSTON was born in 1758 in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA.
- viii. ABIGALE HUSTON was born in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA. She married JACOB SPEARS on 01 Dec 1791 in Lincoln Co. KY.
- ix. ANN HUSTON was born in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA.
- x. ELIZABETH HUSTON was born in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA. She married

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THOMAS BOYD on 05 Oct 1795 in Augusta Co. VA.

xi. JANE HUSTON was born in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA.

xii. MARY HUSTON was born in Mill Creek, Rockingham Co. VA.

8. **THOMAS³ STEPHENSON** (John², ?¹) was born about 1740 in Virginia or PA. He died after 1795 in probably Lincoln Co. KY. He married **ELIZABETH "BETTY" LOGAN** on 25 Dec 1760 in the Peaked Mountain Presbyterian Church, daughter of David Logan and Jane McKinley. She was born about 1735 in Ireland or PA. She died before 1795 in Lincoln Co. KY.

Notes for Thomas Stephenson:

It is thought that this Thomas was a son of John and Sarah based on the following evidence.

- 1) John Stephenson had a son by the name of Thomas baptized by the Rev. John Craig.
- 2) Peaked Mountain Church was about 1.4 miles south of the homestead of John Stephenson.
- 3) John had a daughter named Mary that married Archibald Huston, son of David Huston. Mary, and her son Nathan, moved to Lincoln Co. KY and Nathan obtained a 300 acre Land Settlement adjoining the 1000 acre Preemption of Thomas Stephenson. Thomas Stephenson's land was next to Logan's and Montgomery's and was about 2 miles east of Logan's Fort established by Col. Benjamin Logan, brother of Elizabeth "Betty" Logan. Mary (Stephenson) Huston lived at this location which was 1/2 mile from Thomas until her death about 1800.
- 4) John Stephenson, David Logan, and David Houston lived in very close proximity to each other in Rockingham Co. VA in the mid 1700's. Elizabeth "Betty" Logan was a daughter of David Logan.
- 5) Thomas Stephenson sold the house in which his stepmother Esther had lived to a Mr. John Snapp in 1790. This John Snapp later turned the homestead into a tavern. Previously this John Snapp had purchased the John Stephenson land surrounding the homestead.
- 6) This entry in Chalkley's Chronicles: 1764, April 10, per George Francisco; April 15, per Edward Long; May 18, per Wm. Robertson, per John Stinson's son; June 7. <<<<< Note this last line.

It must be cautioned that there were other Thomas Stephenson's in the Rockingham Co. area. John's supposed brothers, David, Thomas, and Robert also had son's named Thomas. The next best candidate for the father of this Thomas is Robert. The name of Robert has been given to several descendants of this Thomas whereas the name has not been used by any of the descendants of the other early Stephenson's of Rockingham Co. VA.

Thomas Stephenson obtained a 1000 acre land Preemption Certificate (#567) in Lincoln Co. KY in April 1780 with the deed being finalized Dec 2, 1783. No evidence has been found that he obtained the corresponding 400 acre land Settlement. This might have been because he did not plant the crop that qualified him for a Settlement. Thomas sold this 1000 acres in Feb. and Mar. of 1792 to 1) Robert Stephenson 100 acres, 2) David Stephenson abt. 300 acres, 3) James McClure Jr. 200 acres, 4) Archibald McKinney 200 acres, 5) John Robeson 200 acres, and 6) Wm. Montgomery 20 acres. All appear to have been family relation of Thomas. According to Lincoln Co. court records Thomas appeared in court to verify all of the sales. This eliminates this Thomas as being the one that died at the battle of Blue Licks (1782). The initial 'plantings' in the area were thought to have been done by Benjamin Logan so his kin could claim the land. Most of the people settling around the area of Logan's Fort were kin to Benjamin Logan in some manner. The David and Robert Stephenson, above, are thought to have been children of Thomas but no factual evidence to that being the case has yet been found. Update: Sep 2011 - YDNA testing has shown that other probable descendants of Thomas are an almost exact DNA match to descendants of this David and Robert.

There is court record evidence that Thomas was in the Lincoln Co. KY area between 1780 and 1795. He gave consent for his daughter Peggy to marry in 1795. A Thomas Stephenson married a Hanna McNelly 07 Jan 1789. Does this imply that Elizabeth had died? No records have yet been found of where or when Thomas died. It is thought that he may have been buried at the Stephenson Cemetery 4/10 mile straight east of his house where marker fragments have been found above ground. Descendants did live on the original Preemption for several years after 1792. Lat/Lon coordinates of his original house location: 37.500510° -84.633907°

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Aug 2011: Evidence has surfaced suggesting that Thomas and Elizabeth went to the James River area of Botetourt Co. VA about 1770. There is historical reference to "Stephenson's Ford" on the James River three miles NE of Buchanan at the mouth of Jennings Creek. This is the area where Benjamin Logan used his inheritance to purchase property for his mother and brother Hugh ca1770. From here Benjamin Logan went to the Holston River area to purchase land near the town of Abingdon VA (note - in the same general area was an Edward and a Robert Stephenson). In 1775 Benjamin left the Holston River area to start his famous trek into Kentucky with Daniel Boone, George Clark, etc. It is thought by me that Benjamin returned to VA several times over the course of the next 10 years bringing extended family members to the KY frontier and to the area around Stanford KY.

Notes for Elizabeth "Betty" Logan:

Elizabeth "Betty" Logan Stephenson may have died before 1792 when Thomas Stephenson sold the land in Lincoln Co. KY. Her daughter Peggy (m. Wilson) was mentioned in her sister Margaret's will of 1808 filed in Lincoln Co. (See Margaret's data)

Thomas Stephenson and Elizabeth "Betty" Logan had the following children:

- i. ISABELL⁴ STEPHENSON. She married MOSES HALL on 04 Sep 1784 in Lincoln Co. KY.
 - ii. JEAN STEPHENSON. She married ROBERT REBURN on 12 Jan 1787 in Lincoln Co. KY.
 - iii. PEGGY STEPHENSON. She married JOHN WILSON on 05 Feb 1795 in Lincoln Co. KY.
 - iv. DAVID STEPHENSON. He died about 1800 in Lincoln Co. KY. He married EDITH LOGAN about 1792 in Lincoln Co. KY.
 22. v. JAMES STEPHENSON was born in 1776 in VA. He died on 23 Jul 1833 in Bedford Co, TN. He married SARAH "SALLY" HALL on 10 Sep 1798 in Garrard Co, KY, daughter of John Hall and Jane or Jenny Overstreet. She was born about 1776 in VA. She died on 01 Dec 1843 in Lincoln Co, TN.
 23. vi. ROBERT STEPHENSON. He died in Limestone Co. AL. He married ELIZABETH WHITLEY. She died in Limestone Co, AL.
9. **ADAM³ STEPHENSON** (William², ?¹) was born about 1740 in Augusta Co. VA. He died before 21 Nov 1789 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married **REBECCA PATTERSON** on 17 Mar 1763 in Peaked Mountain Presbyterian Church. She was born about 1730 in Chester Co. PA.

Notes for Adam Stephenson:

The first land purchase by Adam mentioned in Chalkley's Chronicles was dated 1759. Page 289.--26th November, 1759. Mathew Campbell to Adam Stephenson, £27.10.0, 250 acres on North Branch of South River, Shenandoah. Teste: Abraham Smith, Thos. Gordon, Ephraim Love, Wm. Cravens.

It is presumed that he had reached the age of maturity thus making him born abt. 1740. If so, then he would have been born in the present day confines of Rockingham Co. VA. He was mentioned in his fathers probate notes of 1757 as possibly being a minor.

He married Rebecca Patterson, 17 Mar 1763 at the Peaked Mountain Presbyterian Church at present day Cross Keys VA. She was most probably the Rebecca, daughter of James Patterson who lived in the immediate vicinity of the Stephenson's.

Adam probably died in 1791 as his estate was appraised that year.

Page 407.--Adam Stephenson's appraisal by Wm. Hogshead, John Erwin, John Bing. Recorded. 20th September, 1791.

MARCH 20, 1794. (66) Stevenson vs. Rebecca Stephenson, relict of Adam Stephenson, deceased, James Waddle and Ann; John Hair and Sarah;

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William, James and Rebecca Stephenson, heirs of Adam Stephenson.

Several researchers have confused this Adam Stephenson with another in Virginia. No evidence has ever been found that this Adam Stephenson ever had any military service. There was a Col. Adam Stephens that served in the Revolution but he was from the northeast area of Virginia. Update - An Adam Stephens did purchase land in the Mossy Creek area of Rockingham Co. VA. But, this was the Col. Adam Stephens of eastern VA. He apparently purchased the land simply for speculation and no records can be found that he actually lived in this area. This single entry in the land records may be the source of confusion with these similar named individuals.

Notes for Rebecca Patterson:

From Chalkley's Chronicles:

01 MAR 1749, p.336, Mathew Edmondson appointed guardian for Rebecca Patterson orphan of James Patterson with Daniel Harrison his surety.

Adam Stephenson and Rebecca Patterson had the following children:

- i. ANNE⁴ STEPHENSON was born about 1766 in Augusta Co. VA. She married JAMES WADDELL on 28 Jun 1786 in Rockingham Co. VA.

Notes for Anne Stephenson:

A county boundary change made them in Rockingham Co. before the marriage.

24. ii. SARAH STEPHENSON was born on 20 Mar 1766 in Augusta Co. VA. She died on 02 Nov 1841 in Hamilton Co. Indiana. She married JOHN HAIR on 27 Jul 1784 in Rockingham Co. VA. He was born on 25 Apr 1758 in Augusta Co. VA. He died on 09 Nov 1844 in Hamilton Co. Indiana.
- iii. JAMES STEPHENSON was born on 25 Mar 1771 in Rockingham Co. VA. He died on 19 Mar 1847 in Hamilton Co. Indiana. He married MARY ?. She was born on 10 Jul 1795 in Rockingham Co. VA. She died on 07 Mar 1850 in Hamilton Co. Indiana.

Notes for James Stephenson:

James & Mary went to Wayne Township, Hamilton Co. IN in 1823.

From the Genealogy Trails History Group Web Site:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ind/hamilton/townships.html> (June, 2008)

"In the fall of 1823, after the Finches had settled in the township, Joseph Waddle, James Hare, John Hare, Sr., John Hare, Jr., James Stephenson and William Waddle settled north of David Osborn on the north side of Story Creek. This was known for a long time as the Hare and Waddle settlement. They sent their children to school in the Finch settlement. They were not very long, however, in deciding to build a school house for themselves, which was known as the Hare and Waddle school house. The names of the first teachers cannot be learned. In this school house and at private residences the Methodists held their meetings as early as 1826, the first church in the township being built by the Methodists at or near what is now known as Bethel, in the Finch settlement."

James and Mary are buried at Sterns Cemetery, Hamilton Co. Indiana.

"Stephenson , Jas. 3-19-1847 age 75 years, 11 mos, 22 da"

"Stephenson ,Mary 3-7-1850 age 51 years"

Mary's maiden name is thought to have been Waddell.

- iv. WILLIAM STEPHENSON was born about 1772 in Rockingham Co. VA. He married SARAH FORSYTHE on 14 Mar 1797 in Rockingham Co. VA.

Notes for William Stephenson:

From Chalkley's Chronicles:

1797--March 13, Wm. Stephenson and Samuel Forsythe, surety. Wm.

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Stephenson and Sarah Forsythe, daughter of said Samuel.

1797. March 14th--By Rev. Wm. Wilson: Wm. Stephenson and Sarah Forsythe;

v. REBECCA STEPHENSON was born about 1780 in Rockingham Co. VA.

10. **DAVID³ STEPHENSON** (William², ?¹) was born about 1744 in Augusta Co. VA. He died about 1810. He married **MARY DAVIES** on 11 Nov 1783 in Rockingham Co. VA. She died about 1815.

Notes for David Stephenson:

David was captured by the British and held on a prisoner ship possibly in Charleston Harbor and later in Brooklyn Harbor. Apparently he and the others on the prisoner ship were harshly treated, starved, and repeatedly beaten.

David Stephenson - (Major 5th, 11th, 6th VA. Regiments, Continental Line 4 May 1778 - 1 Jan 1783) Ref: Heitman's Historical Registry of Officers of the Continental Army, p. 381. David was also a Capt. in the 8th VA Regiment Continental Line formed in 1776 by Rev. Peter Muhlenberg. This regiment would see action at the Battle of Brandywine, the Battle of Germantown, and the Battle of Monmouth. The regiment was merged into the 4th Virginia Regiment on May 12, 1779.

David served a total of 7 years on the "Virginia Continental Line" and was awarded Virginia Military Warrant #347 for 6,272 acres. Treasury Warrants, #12503 and #12504, each for 5387.5 acres were purchased by a David Stephenson in 1782/83. 12503 was reassigned and surveyed on Brushy Creek by Wm. Montgomery, 21 Jan 1786, in present day Casey County KY, then Nelson County. 12504 was of the same size and also was reassigned and surveyed in Fayette Co. KY. No evidence has been found that he established a residence on any of the land thus obtained. His permanent home was apparently always in Rockingham Co. VA where he obtained several parcels of land after his military years. The last land parcel apparently for this David was in Augusta Co. VA and dated 4 Apr 1799. Description: 1 acre 27po. on the S. E. side of the Middle River adjoining his own, and Stewart's and Calls land. Source: VA and KY online Land Records.

David was active in pursuing retribution against British soldiers for war crimes committed during the Revolutionary War. Records of the war crimes trials can be found in the Library of Congress.

From Waddell's Annals of Augusta County, page 345:

The Staunton Academy, a high school for boys, was incorporated by act of the Legislature, December 4, 1792. The first trustees were the Rev. John McCue, Rev. William Wilson, Rev. Archibald Scott, Gabriel Jones, Alexander St. Clair, Sampson Mathews, Sr., Archibald Stuart, Robert Gamble, William Bowyer, Alexander Humphreys, David Stephenson, Robert Porterfield, James Powell Cocke, Alexander Nelson, John Steel, James Lyle, Robert Grattan, William Lewis, and John Tate.

David is thought to have died about 1810 without will.

Notes for Mary Davies:

Rockingham Co. VA wills:

Page 307.--5th March, 1816. Mary Stephenson's will, widow of Major D. Stephenson--All slaves to be liberated and transported to some free State; all estate to be divided into two equal parts, one to David's relations and one to Mary's; 1st, to Adam Stephenson's (deceased) children, to James Stephenson's (deceased) family, to William Stephenson's (deceased) family (all three brothers to David), and to Elizabeth Herring (sister to David), and to Robert Shanklin (son to David's sister); 2d, to

Catherine Gordon (Mary's sister), Mrs. Ruth Davis (Mary's sister), James Davis, Walter Davis; and the children of Robert Davis (all Mary's brothers). Executors, Charles A. Stuart. Proved, February

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Court, 1818. Executor qualifies.

The one child, William H., shown for David & Mary is not confirmed.

David Stephenson and Mary Davies had the following child:

- i. WILLIAM H⁴ STEPHENSON was born about 1808. He married MARY CHAPMAN about 1824. She was born about 1806.

11. **WILLIAM³ STEPHENSON** (William², ?¹) was born in 1744 in Augusta Co. VA. He died on 29 Oct 1796 in Washington Co. TN. He married **ALICE TODD HOUSTON**. She was born on 14 Aug 1749. She died on 27 Feb 1832.

Notes for William Stephenson:

Wills of Washington Co. TN -

County of Washington, Territory South of the Ohio River

Wife: Alice- 1 bed, bedstead, furniture, 1/3 part of all personal estate, 1/3 part of plantation we now live on which is in 3 deeds, dwelling house and other out houses.

Attorney Ralph Loftes of Rockingham County commonwealth of Virginia empowering him to sell a tract of land in said county. After the sale give to wife 50 pounds to be paid in Virginia currency dollars and shillings.

Son: Matthew- all land on which I now live to give possession of 2/3 part at the time he becomes 21 and the other 1/3 at the time of my wife's decease.

Daughter: Elizabeth - has the right to live with Matthew on the plantation which she lives a single life. Matthew to provide a comfortable diet and lodgings.

Son: John- land and appurtenances which I purchased of William Houston, joining land of Robert Allison and others.

Daughter: Elizabeth- 1/2 whole amount of land lying in Rockingham County VA which may be sold. A good bed, bedstead and furniture.

Son: John 2/3 of residue of the sale of land in Rockingham County VA.

The remaing 1/3 to son Matthew. Each shall have a right to claim when they shall arrive to full age.

Son: Matthew and John and daughter Elizabeth will have the remaining 2/3 of my personal estate equally divided when of full age- Matthew and John age 21 and Elizabeth 18.

Phillip Hooper- if he should continue to be dutiful and obediant during the time of his service 10 pounds Virginia currency to be given to him in property which may be useful to him. Also a rifle gun.

The articles of indenture are a debt upon my estate.

Executors: Alice, Brother David Stephenson of Augusta County, VA

Witnesses: James Aiken, George Crookshanks, Patrick Shields

Officers of Washington Co. TN -

Registers- William Stephenson, 1789-1800;

From Rockingham Co. VA court minutes: March 30, 1782.

Accounts were allowed for linen, making tents, for flour, beef, pasturage, rations, etc., to the following: Among many named was William Stephenson.

Dates of birth and death found in the 1938 WPA Survey but marker not found in a 2006 survey.

Notes for Alice Todd Houston:

Daughter of John Houston. Alice Todd Houston was the first cousin of the father of General Sam Houston, commander of the Texas forces at San Jacinto.

Found at Find-A-Grave:

Alice Stephenson

Birth: Aug. 15, 1749

Death: Feb. 27, 1832

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Note: Aged 82 yrs, 6 months

Burial:
Salem Cemetery
Washington County
Tennessee, USA

Created by: Melissa Clayton Key
Record added: Nov 07, 2010
Find A Grave Memorial# 61244641

William Stephenson and Alice Todd Houston had the following children:

- i. MATTHEW⁴ STEPHENSON was born on 07 Feb 1777 in Rockingham Co. VA. He died about 1838 in Washington Co. TN. He married MARY A ?.

Notes for Matthew Stephenson:

Washington Co. TN Wills:

1-274: 12 Feb. 1838, Matthew Stephenson; charities; friends James Cowan and Mary Russe; wife Mary A. Stephenson; brother John Stephenson; sister Elizabeth McEwen; land purchased from McGinnis, McCardle and George Cunningham in Greene Co., and lots in Leesburg; partnership with Isaac McPherson and his son Matthew; wit. Seth P.M. Lucky, Harry Buchannon, James Patten. (MAD: no proved date recorded).

This implies that Mathew and Mary outlived any children they may have had.

Found in Goodspeeds History of Washington Co. TN, Part 2, Page 897 -

The first school in Jonesboro was taught about 1812, by John C. Harris, in a small house standing on a lot in town. In 1816 the trustees, in union with the Presbyterian Church, erected a building, a part of which is now occupied by Dr. Warlick as a residence. the trustees at that time were John Kennedy, David Deaderick, John Nelson, William Mitchell, Andrew Steele, Matthew Aiken, Matthew Stephenson, A. M. Nelson and George and Allen Gillespie, to whom the next year were added James V. Anderson, William B. Carter, John G. Eason, D. G. Vance, John C. Harris and Samuel Greer.

Washington Co. TN, Clerks of the county court: Matthew Stephenson, 1822-24;

DEATH NOTICES AND OTHER GLEANINGS
FROM THE WESTERN WEEKLY REVIEW
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE 1831-1840

Matthew Stephenson: Residence Washington county; born February 7th, 1777, in Rockingham county, Virginia. Emigrated to Tennessee in infancy. Occupation, a farmer, land surveyor, and a merchant.

- ii. ELIZABETH STEPHENSON was born on 19 Aug 1781. She died on 02 Jan 1841. She married JOHN M. MCEWEN. He was born on 13 Aug 1781. He died on 05 Nov 1821.

Notes for Elizabeth Stephenson:

Birth: Aug. 19, 1781 - Death: Jan. 2, 1841

Family links: Spouse: John M. McEwen (1781 - 1821)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Kingston, Roane County, Tennessee, USA

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Created by: Bill DeRossett
Record added: Aug 30, 2010
Find A Grave Memorial# 57898166

25. iii. JOHN STEPHENSON was born on 27 May 1779. He died on 24 Mar 1842. He married ELIZABETH CLOYD. She was born on 15 Oct 1781. She died on 30 Mar 1843.
12. **JAMES³ STEPHENSON** (William², ?¹) was born about 1746 in Augusta Co. VA. He died before 08 May 1813 in Pendleton Co. VA. He married **RACHEL DAVIS** about 1768.

Notes for James Stephenson:

From Waddell's Annals of Augusta County:

The first County Court of Bath was held May 10, 1791, in the house of Mrs. Margaret Lewis, at the Warm Springs. The first justices were Sampson Mathews, Samuel Vance, John Wilson, Charles Cameron, John Bollar, John Dean, James Poage, William Poage, John Kinkead, George Poage, Jacob Warwick, John White, John Peebles, John Lewis, Samuel Shrewsbury, and John Oliver. John Dickinson and Alexander Crawford were appointed, but declined. Charles Cameron was the first clerk, and Sampson Mathews the first sheriff. William Poage was recommended for appointment to the office of surveyor. The following persons were recommended as justices to fill vacancies: James Stephenson, George Messingbird, John Brown, James Robinson, William Crawford and Robert Sitlington. On the same day Archibald Stuart was "recommended to the Attorney-General as a proper person to execute the office of deputy-attorney for this county." No lawyers qualified till the June term, 1791, and then John Coalter and James Reid were admitted as attorneys. At August term, 1791, the first entry is as follows: "Ordered that the court adjourn to some trees down the lane near the highway." Upon meeting under the trees, Archibald Stuart and William H. Cavendish qualified as attorneys.

Will was probated 8 May 1813 in Pendleton Co. WV

Pg 56 Will Book 3 pg 259-262:14810 8 May 1813 Will of James Stephenson. Weak in body. Wife Rachel Stephenson: 3 good cows, bay mare she commonly rides, and a third of the sheep. Sons Adam and James to keep the increase of her stock till they are ready for sale, and she to have the money. Also, household furnishings and one-third of profit from sale of my land during her life. Son John Stephenson., dau Esther, son Adam, Jane, Margaret, James, Rebeckah, Cynthia: \$40 each above their equal share, plus whatever is coming from estate of my brother John. Son John: \$45 above the other, if he repays the borrowed money. Children at home to be made equal in property to those already married, and then share and share alike. Sons Adam and James: £200 each from the sale of my land. All living property to be appraised; Adam and James to have what they wish at the appraised value, the rest to be sold. Lands to be valued by Otho Wade, Stuart Slaven, and Valentine Bird. If Adam and James wish to buy it, at the appraised value, these men are to make the division. Adam and James may pay the other heirs the appraised value in 10 or 12 years (longer if necessary), paying first to those most in need. If the sons treat their mother and the children at home with duty and respect, Slaven and Bird may make the proper deduction accordingly from the price of the land. If the sons do not wish to take the land, it is to be sold on the best terms available, but only after my wife's death or with her consent. Executors: wife, sons John and Adam. Signed: James Stephenson. Witnesses: Stuart Slaven, Valentine Bird, John Gall, Jesse Johnson. Proved by witnesses.

Pg 58 Will Book 3 pg 291-294:14810 11 Jun 1814. Appraisal of James Stephenson. No total.

Signed: Jacob Gall Sr, Isaac Gum Sr., Jacob Bird Sr, Valentine Bird

pg 294: 15 Oct 1814 Appraisal of the value of James Stephenson's land, agreeable to his last will and testament. Value: £950. Signed: Otho Wade, Stuart Slaven, Valentine Bird.

The below is unverified data. 1) David Stephenson should be 1) William and Sarah Stephenson. Descendants of James Stephenson and Rachel Davis.

1 David Stephenson

..... 2 James Stephenson d: 1813

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..... +Rachel Davis
..... 3 Aaron Stephenson
..... 3 Sarah Stephenson
..... +Crawford
..... 3 James Stephenson
..... 3 Rachel Stephenson
..... +James Gwin m: 1799
..... 3 John Stephenson b: 1776 d: 1842
..... +Margaret J. Green m: 1799
..... 4 William Stephenson
..... +Nancy Benson
..... 5 Margaret Stephenson
..... +Abraham Burns
..... 5 Susan Stephenson
..... +Tyler Wright
..... 5 Emmeline Stephenson
..... +Reuben Hodge
..... 5 Sarah Stephenson
..... 5 Henrietta Stephenson
..... 5 Arbana Stephenson
..... +Robert H. Griffen m: 1897
..... *2nd Wife of William Stephenson:
..... +Eliza Curry
..... 4 Adam Stephenson d: 1889
..... +Sarah C. Wilson m: 1838
..... 5 Alexander T. Stephenson b: 1838 d: 1900
..... +Georgia E. Shelton
..... *2nd Wife of Alexander T. Stephenson:
..... +Allie Hull
..... 5 Lucius H. Stephenson b: 1840 d: 1911
..... +Mary L. Campbell m: 1871
..... 5 Georgia E. Stephenson
..... +W. W. Arnett
..... 5 Oscar A. Stephenson b: 1845
..... +Margaret Revercomb
..... 5 Susan E. Stephenson
..... 5 John W. Stephenson b: 1850
..... +Eliza J. Warrick
..... 4 David Stephenson
..... +Hester Gwin
..... 5 Roxanna F. Stephenson b: 1844
..... +Stephen C. Lindsay m: 1875
..... 5 Mahla P. Stephenson
..... +John W. Reed
..... 5 Mary D. Stephenson
..... +Reb. Frank Davis
..... 5 Anderson F. Stephenson
..... +Lina Hanna
..... *2nd Wife of Anderson F. Stephenson:
..... +Lillie Cleek
..... 4 Washington Stephenson
..... +Susan E. Wilson
..... 4 James Stephenson
..... 4 Andrew J. Stephenson
..... 4 Eliza Stephenson
..... +David Gwin
..... 4 Margaret Stephenson

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..... +James Ervine
..... 3 Elizabeth Stephenson
..... +Andrew Crawford
..... 3 Mary Stephenson
..... +Robert Gwin m: 1805
..... 3 Adam Stephenson
..... +Rachel Moore
..... 4 Andrew W. Stephenson
..... 4 James Stephenson
..... +Lucy Benson
..... 4 John Stephenson b: 1826
..... +Laura Woods m: 1855
..... 4 Asgal C. Stephenson
..... +Jane Steuart
..... 4 Amos Stephenson
..... +Given
..... 4 Janet Stephenson
..... +David Groves
..... 4 Julia Stephenson
..... +Arnold
..... 4 Mahala Stephenson
..... +John B. B. Wade
..... 4 Caroline Stephenson
..... *2nd Wife of Adam Stephenson:
..... +Eva C. Campbell m: 1806
..... 3 Esther Stephenson
..... +Joshua Key
..... 3 Rebecca Stephenson
..... 3 Cynthia Stephenson
..... 3 Jane Stephenson
..... +Joshua Wooddell m: 1810
..... 3 Margaret Stephenson
..... +John McNulty m: 1812

James Stephenson and Rachel Davis had the following children:

- i. AARON⁴ STEPHENSON was born about 1772 in Rockingham Co. VA.
- ii. SARAH STEPHENSON was born about 1773 in Rockingham Co. VA. She married ROBERT CRAWFORD about 1795. He was born about 1770.
26. iii. JOHN STEPHENSON was born about 1776 in Rockingham Co. VA. He died on 16 Nov 1842 in Highland Co. VA. He married MARGARET "JANE" GREEN in 1799. She was born on 13 Nov 1781 in Pa.
- iv. ELIZABETH STEPHENSON was born on 13 Feb 1776 in Rockingham Co. VA. She died on 28 Feb 1829 in Beverly, WV. She married ANDREW CRAWFORD. He was born on 09 Jan 1775 in Bath Co., Va. He died on 29 Dec 1856 in Beverly, WV.
- v. RACHEL STEPHENSON was born about 1778 in Rockingham Co. VA. She married JAMES GIVEN on 20 Jul 1799.

Notes for Rachel Stephenson:

Bath County Marriages, Bath County Marriages (either have copy of bond or this was taken from "Bath Co Marriages & Minister's Returns 1791-1853"; Matheny & Wise; 1978), p.19 1799 July 20 Bond for James Given and Rachel Stephenson. Surety, John Stephenson. James Stephenson consents for dau. Rachel. Witness,

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Jn. Stephenson.--a month earlier, James Gwin was surety for John Stephenson on his marriage to Margaret "Jane/Jennie" Green.

- vi. ADAM C STEPHENSON was born about 1780 in Rockingham Co. VA.
- vii. EASTER STEPHENSON was born about 1785 in Rockingham Co. VA. She married ? STRAYER.
- 27. viii. MARY STEPHENSON was born about 1787 in Rockingham Co. VA. She married ROBERT GWIN in 1805. He was born on 10 Mar 1785. He died in 1869.
- ix. JANE STEPHENSON was born about 1790 in Rockingham Co. VA. She married ? WOODS.
- x. MARGARET STEPHENSON was born about 1792 in Rockingham Co. VA. She married ? MCNULTY.
- xi. JAMES STEPHENSON was born about 1792 in Rockingham Co. VA. He died after 17 Nov 1821.

Notes for James Stephenson:
Apparently, from reading the Will, James never married.

Will proved in court 05 Feb 1822 Pendleton Co. WV. Will was dated 17 Nov 1821 and signed by James Stephenson

- xii. CYNTHIA STEPHENSON was born about 1798 in Rockingham Co. VA.
 - xiii. REBECCA STEPHENSON was born about 1800 in Rockingham Co. VA.
13. **SARAH³ STEPHENSON** (William², ?¹) was born about 1750 in Augusta Co. VA. She married ? **SHANKLIN**.

Notes for ? Shanklin:
Was possibly Thomas Shanklin, with a possible marriage date of November 6, 1765.

? Shanklin and Sarah Stephenson had the following child:

- i. ROBERT⁴ SHANKLIN.

Notes for Robert Shanklin:
Robert was mentioned in his Aunt Mary (Davis) Stephenson's will so it is possible his mother and father had died before 1816. Since he was the only child of Sarah mentioned it is also possible that Robert had no siblings alive at that time.

14. **ELIZABETH³ STEPHENSON** (William², ?¹) was born about 1745 in Augusta Co. VA. She died in Feb 1821. She married **WILLIAM S HERRING SR.** about 1765 in Rockingham Co. VA, son of Alexander Herring and Abigail Harrison. He was born about 1744 in Rockingham Co. VA. He died in Jul 1806.

Notes for Elizabeth Stephenson:
"Settlers by the Long Grey Trail" by John Houston Harrison has Elizabeth dying February 1821.

Notes for William S Herring Sr.:
Rockingham Wills - Virginia Valley Records, John W. Wayland (this will was partially burned on the edges rendering about 1/4 of it unreadable)

Herring, Elizabeth: 1820 (?)

....ter Elizabeth Herring one bed, &c....ter Rebecah Davis a Chest of Drawers, &c.
My daughter Edith Shanklin. My daughter Margaret Porter. My son William S. Herring....
presented to me by the late Gabriel Jones Esqr. My grandsons Wm. H. Porter Wilson Porter,
they being children of m.... Margaret Porter. To my Elizabeth S. Shanklin a child of my
daughter Sarah Huston dec'd. My granddaughter Ca.... the second daughter of my last

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daughter Sarah Huston dec'd. My grandsonsH. Huston and Wm. H. Huston and my granddaughter Sarah Husto....of my late daughter Sarah Huston dec'd. To my grandson Wm. Benja. Chipley, son of my late daughter Abegail. To my G....ter Elizabeth H. Chipley. To my granddaughter Elizabeth S. Herring, daughter.... Alexander Herring one white counterpane to her and her heirs. To my daughters Elizabeth Herring and Rachel Davis. My children Alexand.... Elizabeth Herring, Edith Shanklin, Rebecah Davis, Margaret Porter, and Willi.... Herring and the children of my daughter Sarah Huston, dec'd, and the of my daughter Abegail Chipley, dec'd.
My son William.... and my son-in-law Walter Davis exrs.
Witnesses,Lockridge,Lockridge.....S. Smith.... Smith.
Proved February 1821 by oaths of William Lockridge and Daniel Smith, motion of Walter Davis and Wm. S. Herring exrs.

William S Herring Sr. and Elizabeth Stephenson had the following children:

- i. SARAH⁴ HERRING. She married R HUSTON in 1797.
 28. ii. ABIGAIL HERRING. She married WILLIAM CHIPLEY.
 - iii. ELIZABETH HERRING.
 - iv. REBECCA HERRING.
 - v. EDITH HERRING.
 - vi. MARGARET HERRING.
 - vii. WILLIAM S HERRING.
 29. viii. ALEXANDER HERRING was born about 1766. He married MARGARET REED SMITH in 1793. She was born in 1777. She died in 1833.
15. **RACHAEL³ STEPHENSON** (Thomas², ?¹) was born about 1734. She died before 01 Mar 1785. She married **GEORGE POAGE** on 23 Jul 1754 in Augusta Co. VA. He was born in Ireland. He died in 1786 in Botetourt Co. VA.

Notes for Rachael Stephenson:

Rachael was not mentioned in the will of Thomas Stephenson but George Poage and her children were.

Notes for George Poage:

Email from Glen G. (Bud) Irwin, 14 May 2010:

I'm a descendant of Rachael Stevenson and George Poage and really appreciate your research on the 5 Stevenson brothers. Great job! I had hit a brick wall when it came to figuring out which Thomas was Rachael's father but your research has established it to my satisfaction anyway. However, I do question your inclusion of Rachael as a child of Thomas and Jane. It seems, from the information you gathered, that Rachael accompanied Thomas from Ireland and was probably a daughter by an earlier marriage.

Don't know how far you want to get into the spouses but, in case you are interested, here is the information I've gathered on George Poage:

Col. George Poage b. 1733/1734 County Antrim, Ireland, d. 1786/1787 Locust Bottom, Botetourt County, Virginia

Rachel is ancestor of compiler, Glen G. Irwin Jr.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

"The Descendants of Robert and John Poage, Pioneer Settlers in Augusta County Virginia (Robert Poage Edition)" privately printed by the McClure Printing Company, Staunton VA, 1954, pp 871-907 and 780-783.

"Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlements in Virginia" extracted from the original court records of

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Augusta County 1745-1800 by Lyman Chalkley

BIRTH: "Marriages of Some Virginia Residents" by Wulfeck states that he was born 1733 in County Antrim, Ireland.

MARRIAGE: A Marriage License was issued to George Poage in Augusta County 29 July 1754. Clerks only included men's names in the record.

MILITARY: George was Capt of Militia in Augusta Co. in 1767 (of which Botetourt was then a part). He was also commandant of Fort Dinwiddle on the Jackson River, a Major in the Cherokee Expedition, 1776-77, Colonel in the Botetourt Militia in 1779, and a Captain in the Second Battalion in 1781. In their Virginia military pension declarations, William Green stated that he served under "Capt George Poage at Warwick's Fort" in 1782 and Edward Steuart stated that he served in 1782 under "Capt George Poage at Clover Lick fort".

(Per Pendleton County History) "The county government was organized June 2, 1788. The organization was perfected by the following selections: Regimental Militia Officers: Col. Robert Poage; Lt. Col. Peter Hull; Major Henry Fleischer." (Under heading of Soldiers of the Revolution) "The muster roll now given, which contains Pendleton as well as Highland County names, was copied from the original paper in the handwriting of Nicholas Seybert..

From "Annals Of S W Virginia: "At a court held for Botetourt County the 8th of September, 1778. George Poage took the oath of Colo, in the Militia of this County accdg. to law..."

OCCUPATIONS: In addition to being a landowner and military officer he was appointed a Justice of the Peace by Thomas Jefferson May 29, 1781, qualified March 19, 1782.

DEATH: George's will, dated May 20, 1786 and probated in Botetourt Co. at the December Court, names all seven of his children but not his wife. At date of the will his son John was six years old and only Elizabeth was married. His son George Jr. thus became executor, residual legatee, and guardian for John and the unmarried daughters. "Marriages of Some Virginia Residents" by Wulfeck states that he died in 1784 at Locust Bottom, a date that is impossible considering the date of his will.

CHILDREN: George and Rachel's seven children seem to have all been born on their plantation in Botetourt County, Virginia.

RESIDENCES:

George owned "large lands" on the James River at Locust Bottom in the extreme northern apex of what became Botetourt county (now Glen Wilton). On 12 Nov 1764 (Deed Book 11, Pg 730) Thomas Hadley and Mary of Cumberland County N.C. deeded George Poage "L140, 400 acres in fork of James River and Craig's creek".

OTHER: The following are abbreviated entries from Chalkley's Augusta County court records and Register of Virginians in the Revolution :

20 Nov 1764 - Commission for examination of Mary Headley, wife of Thomas Headley, in deed to George Poage...

15 Oct 1765 - Commission for examination of Rachel, wife of George Poage.

19 Oct 1765 - George Poage appointed surveyor of highway from the Pedlar Ford on James River...

20 Nov 1767 - George Poage qualified Captain of Militia.

18 Mar 1768 - Jurors:... George Poage, Wm. Poage,...

15 Nov 1768 - Surveyors of highway: ...John Crawford, vice George Poage, from Pedler Ford to Bullett's Springs.

20 Jun 1781 - George Poage, David Givin and Peter Hole recommended to the Governor to be appointed Captains for the 2nd Battalion [Augusta Militia]; George Poage for part of the company formerly commanded by Capt. Oliver;...

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3 Sep 1778 - George Poage, Colonel, takes oath as Colonel, Botetourt Militia..

19 Mar 1782 - Tithables to be taken as follows, in Companies: By James Trimble, in Patterson's and Dickey's, vice John Poage;...George Poage, in his own and Given's Company...

18 Jun 1782 - Tithables to be taken as follows, in Companies: George Poage, in Poage's and Hamilton's;...

20 Mar 1783 - Tithables to be taken as follows:... George Poage, in Capts. Poage's and Hamilton's Companies.

16 Mar 1785 - ... and George Poage refuse to act as Justices on account of distance from Court House.

17 May 1785 - New Commission, viz:...George Poage...

[To supplement your info on the children]

George Jr. d. 23 Feb 1834 m. 1791 Mary Kyle

John m. 1803 Jane Kyle

Elizabeth m. 1774 James Shirkey

Rachel d. 17 Jul 1861 m. 1789 William Hill

Experiance d. 23 Apr 1823 m. 1770 Jacob Hansbarger

Mary d. 22 Jan 1863 m. Abraham B. Pitzer

Thanks again for the great work. Would appreciate knowing if you come up with anything more of significance.

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George Poage and Rachael Stephenson had the following children:

- i. GEORGE⁴ POAGE was born on 30 Aug 1765 in Augusta Co. VA.
 - ii. JOHN POAGE was born after 1780 in Augusta Co. VA.
 - iii. ELIZABETH POAGE was born about 1755 in Augusta Co. VA.
 - iv. WILLIAM POAGE was born about 1756 in Augusta Co. VA.
 - v. RACHEL POAGE was born on 04 Jan 1768 in Augusta Co. VA.
 - vi. MARGARET POAGE was born about 1770 in Augusta Co. VA.
 - vii. EXPERIANCE POAGE was born in 1771 in Locust Bottom, VA.
 - viii. MARY POAGE was born on 11 Jan 1774 in Locust Bottom, VA.
16. **BARBARA³ STEPHENSON** (Thomas², ?¹) was born after 1740. She married **ROBERT REED** in Mar 1758 in Augusta Co. VA. He was born about 1740. He died before 1785 in Augusta Co. VA.

Notes for Robert Reed:

Note - I believe this Robert was a son of a Robert. A Robert did enter the Rockingham Co. area ca1740. This would be Robert Sr, and his son, below, would be Robert Jr. Robert Jr. was probably born ca1740. Lastly, Robert Jr. had a son mentioned in his will below that would be Robert III.

Found in Chalkley's Chronicles -

Page 95.--26th January, 1792. Robert Reed's will--To son, Alexander, \$1; to daughter, Jean Hall, \$1; to the 3 boys, the land they bought from. Jno. Poage, i. e., Robert, John, Thomas; to son, Robert; to son, John, land adjoining Andrew Jameson; to son, Thomas, to keep his mother and the rest of the girls; to daughter, Elizabeth. Executors, sons Robert and

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John. Teste: Samuel Somervil, John Walker, Wm. Johnson. Proved, 18th February, 1794, by all the witnesses.

Page 508.--18th May, 1768. Robert Reed and Barbara to John Poage, £84, 170 acres on Linvel's Run, a small branch of Middle River of Shanandore patented to Robert 30th August, 1763; corner James Allen's land. Teste: Geo. Moffett, William Lusk, John Young.

Page 185.--10 acres, part of 89 acres patented to Robert Reed, 16th March 1771. Teste: Patrick Hamilton, Alexander Waddell, Wm. Poage, Robert Reed and Barbara (mark), Patrick Hamilton and Agness (signed Ann.

Page 64.--21st March, 1775. Robert Reed and Barbara to Alexander Reed, their son, tract on Middle River where Robert lives.
Page 221.--140 acres conveyed to Alexander Reed by Robert Reed, Sr., 21st March. 1775.

Robert Reed and Barbara Stephenson had the following children:

- i. DEBORAH⁴ REED was born after 1758.
- ii. ISABEL REED was born after 1758.
- iii. ALEXANDER REED was born after 1758.
- iv. ROBERT REED JR. was born after 1758.
- v. AGNES REED was born after 1758.
- vi. JEAN REED was born after 1758.

Notes for Jean Reed:

Married "Hall" according to will of father.

- vii. JOHN REED was born after 1758.
- viii. THOMAS REED was born after 1758.
- ix. ELIZABETH REED was born after 1758.

17. **ANNE³ STEPHENSON** (David², ?¹) was born about 1742 in Augusta Co. VA. She married **JAMES ADAIR**.

James Adair and Anne Stephenson had the following children:

- i. SUSAN⁴ ADAIR. She married ROBERT ROBINSON.
- ii. ELIZABETH ADAIR. She married ROBERT DALE.
30. iii. MARGARET ADAIR was born on 31 Dec 1780 in South Carolina. She died on 22 Nov 1872. She married GEORGE KENNEDY on 12 May 1801. He was born on 05 Mar 1767. He died on 01 Jun 1829.
31. iv. JAMES ADAIR JR..

18. **THOMAS³ STEPHENSON** (David², ?¹) was born about 1722 in Ireland. He married **MARY ?**.

Notes for Thomas Stephenson:

Deed Book 10 Augusta County Virginia Page 190.--9th October, 1760. James Hamilton to Thomas and William

Stevenson, £14, household goods. Teste: David, James and Mary Stevenson.

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Chester County Court House, SC Indenture June 14th 1792 - James Adare and Anne Adare (Thomas Stevenson's sister) to Thomas Stevenson both of Chester County, South Carolina for 50 pounds. The land was on the waters of Mill Creek. 200 acres. The land was part of a Patent grant to James Adair by His Excellency William Mouttrie Governor of SC dated February Fifth, 1787. Witnessed by James S, Gaston James Fowler (This is Thomas's Stevenson's Brother in Law) and Obediah Roberts.

Deed of Conveyance, 7 Aug 1793: "Thomas Stevenson and his wife, Mary, to James Egger, all of Pinckney Dist., Chester Co...£30 sterling..100 acres...of a tract granted 5 Feb 1787 to James Adair..."

Chester county Court House, SC Indenture Jan 20, 1795 - Hez. Alexander of Mechlenburg Co., No. Carolina, to Thomas Stevenson of Chester County of So. Carolina for sixty pounds. The property was an original patent to Mr. Alexander on September 27, 1766. The property is located on the South Fork of the SusaBowl's Branch of Turkey Creek on both sides of Floyds Waggon Road near Moses McCarters. This land would be very close to the land purchased from James Adair. The witnesses were James Eager, Hugh Stevenson, and Joel Alexander. 200 Acres

Census 1800 Chester County - SC Thomas Stephenson Pg 77 01201-10011-00 (Same page as Silas Colb and James Egger)

Thomas Stephenson and Mary ? had the following children:

- i. JAMES⁴ STEPHENSON was born in SC.
 - ii. JOHN STEPHENSON was born in SC.
 - iii. HUGH STEPHENSON was born in SC.
 32. iv. DAVID STEPHENSON was born about 1766 in SC. He died in 1841 in Lowndes Co., MS. He married MARY WHITE about 1804 in SC. She was born in 1773 in SC. She died in 1849.
19. **WILLIAM³ STEPHENSON** (David², ?¹) was born about 1722 in Ireland. He died in 1809 in Ninety Sixth District, Anderson, SC. He married **UNKNOWN ?** about 1760 in Possibly NC. She was born about 1735. She died in Possibly Pendleton Dist. SC.

Notes for William Stephenson:

Importation records for his father, David: Headrights from Orange County Feb 28, 1739 David Steavenson, James, Jane, Thomas, & William Steavenson; with them Agnes, Wm & James McKay from Ireland.

Served in the Revolutionary War. Was taken prisoner by the British. He served in the South Carolina Militia, having enlisted in what is now York Co, SC.

William Stephenson and Unknown ? had the following children:

33. i. JAMES W⁴ STEPHENSON was born in 1765 in York Co. SC. He died on 07 Feb 1817 in Spring Hill Cem., Williamson Co., TN. He married ROSANNA ALLISON in Jun 1784. She was born in 1765. She died on 22 May 1849 in Williamson Co. TN.
34. ii. DAVID STEPHENSON was born on 01 Aug 1761 in Probably Augusta Co. VA. He died on 22 Sep 1819 in York Co. SC. He married JANE MCCLUSKY on 28 Jul 1790 in Pendleton Dist, SC. She was born on 28 Feb 1770 in York Dist. SC. She died after 30 Sep 1829.
- iii. MARY STEPHENSON was born about 1763 in Probably Augusta Co. VA. She died

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after 1832 in TN. She married BENJAMIN LEE. He was born about 1760. He died about 11 Oct 1803 in TN.

20. **MARY³ STEPHENSON** (David², ?¹) was born before 19 Sep 1742 in Augusta Co. VA. She died before 02 Jul 1790. She married **REV. JAMES FOWLER** in Poss. Rockingham Co. VA. He was born in 1742. He died in Feb 1802 in York Co. SC.

Notes for Mary Stephenson:

Birth was sometime before her baptism. Death was before her father wrote his will.

Notes for Rev. James Fowler:

A James Fowler lived close to David Stephenson in Rockingham Co. VA before David and Annos moved to SC. It might be that this Rev. James Fowler was a son and making it feasible that he and Mary were married in Rockingham Co. VA.

Rev. James Fowler and Mary Stephenson had the following children:

- i. ROBERT⁴ FOWLER.
 - ii. WILLIAM FOWLER.
 - iii. STEPHENSON FOWLER.
21. **JAMES³ STEPHENSON** (David², ?¹) was born about 1728 in Ireland. He died after 26 Oct 1773 in York Co. SC. He married **ELIZABETH FOWLER**.

Notes for James Stephenson:

October 26, 1773 - The last will and Testament of James Stephenson Pg 254

In the name of God Amen, This Intenture made this 26 October 1773.

Witnesseth that I, James Stephenson of the Province of south Carolina and Craven County, being in perfect senses and memory, (as ordinary) yet low in body do testify the following particulars to be my last will and testament Viz I do resign my soul to the lord of Heaven and earth who gave it, and my body to its mother dust to be buried in a Christian like manner, believing at the great day of the resurrection, that they shall be reunited again and stand before the Judge of Quick and dead &c. As touching the things of this world, which the Lord hath bestowed upon me, First, I do will and bequesth unto my son David a certain roan horse and saddle, and my cloaths, likewise I do will and bequesth unto my daughter Jane her mother's cloaths. Likewise, I do will, that the cattle and horse and all the moveables belonging to the estate (except to my daughters, Jane and Mary each a spinning Wheel, to be sold at public vendue, the price of ad moveables to be equally divided amoung each of the children, viz, David, Jane, Mary, Annas, James, William, John and Hamilton (except as much as will make a saddle for Jane) and likewise a cow for my daughter Mary. Likewise, I do will that my land may sold and equally divided to David, James, William, John, & Hamiton my Sons, at the most convenient time as my executors shall think proper, I do will that all my just debts to be paid, Lastly I will that James Adare Senr and James Fowler be my Executors of this my last will and testament, In witness wheroof I set my hand and seal this 26th October 1773.

James Stephenson

Richard Sadler, Carpenter

Mary Fowler

Andrew Latham

Note - The Rev. James Fowler apparently raised some of the children. Where he lived was in Craven Co. at the time he died. That area later became part of York County.

This is Andrew Latham below spelled "Leathem."

Oct 6, 1774 York County Deed Book B Page 23

John Kelly Jr. & dower by Elizabeth Kelly his wife of Craven Co. in the Province of South Carolina. Land deed to Andrew Leathem... 150 a on Turkey Creek. Beginning at a path from James Stephenson's house to David Stephenson's house... being part of a tract of land granted by patent

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to Robert Adair 26 Sept 1766.
Wit. James Miles & James Fowler

Notes for Elizabeth Fowler:

We do know that Elizabeth was the wife of James Stevenson, son of David and Annos. A book called "The First Church of Paris, TX," mentions that when William Stevenson was five years old his mother converted to the Baptist religion, and was influenced by her brother James Fowler. footnote 6. This footnote based on author Walter Vernon, "William Stevenson, the Traveling Preacher." This information was based on William Stevenson's Autobiography written in 1841 and published serially in 1858 in the New Orleans Christian Advocate

James Stephenson and Elizabeth Fowler had the following children:

35.
 - i. DAVID⁴ STEPHENSON was born on 07 Aug 1761. He died on 22 Sep 1819 in Anderson Co., SC (Pendleton Dist). He married ABIGAIL KERR on 28 Jul 1790 in Pendelton District, South Carolina.
 - ii. JANE STEPHENSON.
 - iii. MARY STEPHENSON.
36.
 - iv. WILLIAM STEPHENSON was born on 04 Oct 1768 in South Carolina. He died on 05 Mar 1858 in Clairborne Parrish Louisiana. He married (1) JANE CAMPBELL on 04 Feb 1794 in Greene Co. TN. She was born on 19 Dec 1773 in Augusta Co. VA. She died on 18 Aug 1846 in Clairborne Parrish Louisiana. He married (2) ELIZABETH ANN JONES MRS HOGHLAND.
 - v. ANNAS STEPHENSON.
 - vi. JAMES STEPHENSON.

Notes for James Stephenson:

Could the following have been a reference to this James Stephenson? The Andrew Latham surely must be the son of Andrew & Jean/Jane Latham.
From the SC Online Archives:

Series: S213192
Volume: 0036
Page: 00130
Item: 004

Date: 10/28/1797

Description: CRAWFORD, ANDREW AND ALEXANDER BROWN, PLAT FOR 277 ACRES ON TURKEY CREEK, CAMDEN DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOSEPH PALMER FOR JOHN BLAKNEY ON OCTOBER 7, 1784.

Names indexed: BLAKNEY, JOHN; BROWN, ALEXANDER; CRAWFORD, ANDREW; LATHAM, ANDREW; MARTIN, LEWIS; PALMER, JOSEPH; RUTLEDGE, RUSSELL; STEPHENSON, JAMES; WRIGHT, WILLIAM

Locations: CAMDEN DISTRICT; TURKEY CREEK

Document type: PLAT

Topics:

- vii. JOHN STEPHENSON.

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viii. HAMILTON STEPHENSON.

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22. **JAMES⁴ STEPHENSON** (Thomas³, John², ?¹) was born in 1776 in VA. He died on 23 Jul 1833 in Bedford Co, TN. He married **SARAH "SALLY" HALL** on 10 Sep 1798 in Garrard Co, KY, daughter of John Hall and Jane or Jenny Overstreet. She was born about 1776 in VA. She died on 01 Dec 1843 in Lincoln Co, TN.

Notes for James Stephenson:

First let me explain that I have no 'absolute facts' that proves that this James was a son of the Thomas shown here. At the present time I would have to say there is a 90% chance that he was the son of Thomas.

James was most probably born in Botetourt Co. VA in the area of Stephenson's Ford on the James River. This was 5.4 miles downstream, by boat, from the present day bridge over the James River at the town of Buchanan. James, as a young child, would have traveled with his parents to Lincoln Co. KY about 1781 when they obtained the 1000 acre land Preemption initially improved by Col. Benjamin Logan. James married the daughter of John Hall who was their next door neighbor in Lincoln County. They were married in neighboring Garrard County. Their reason for marrying there instead of Lincoln County is unknown. James and Sarah left Lincoln County for Limestone County Alabama about 1810. They settled there in close proximity to his brother Robert Stephenson.

James and Sarah are thought to have come to Bedford Co, TN in 1822 from Limestone Co. AL. A James Stephenson was found in the 1820 census of Limestone Co. with 8 children being in the correct age ranges. Son Logan G. married in Limestone Co. AL Mary "Polly" Stinson, daughter of Robert Stephenson and Elizabeth Whitley. Elizabeth Whitley was the oldest child of the famous Col. William Whitley of Lincoln Co. KY. This Robert is thought to have been the brother of James. Both are thought to have settled in Limestone Co. AL shortly after the Treaty of Fort Jackson in 1814. Prior to that they apparently were on the Alabama border for a few years having left Lincoln Co. KY about 1810. YDNA testing of descendants of both James and Robert has shown that they were very closely related.

Bedford Co. TN Court Records - 1844 - Payton Still and wife Sarah to George D. Stephens (Stephenson), 1/10 of 95 acres, belonging to the heirs of James Stephenson, deceased; bounded by Samuel McMahan, William Eoff, and James Hoover. This confirms the existence of 10 children in 1844, one of which has not been accounted for.

James and Sarah had 2 female slaves according to the 1830 census; a woman in the 30-35 age range and a girl under 5 years old. In 1840, Sarah had 3 slaves, 2 females and a male under 5.

James is buried at the Stephenson Puncheon Camp Creek Cemetery in NE Bedford Co. TN. Location is: 35.627082° -86.285566° His grave has been registered with the Find-A-Grave web site. Ref: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=75557953> Go another 0.3 mile down the road to the location, on the right, of the old George D. Stephenson place. Nothing there now but a brick chimney about 50' off the road.

Notes for Sarah "Sally" Hall:

Tombstone in Lincoln Co. TN, Stephenson-Muse Cemetery, says - "Sarah Stephenson, d. 1 Dec 1843, Age 67 Years". The cemetery is near the town of Bledsoe in Lincoln Co. TN. Location is: 35.338410° -86.573798°

1798 - Gabriel Overstreet surety for marriage of James Stephenson and Sarah Hall, daughter of John Hall, 10 September 1798, Garrard County, KY

Sarah may have been in the 1840 census of Bedford Co. TN as Sarah Stevenson. This Sarah was living in the NE corner of Bedford Co. close to many names associated with our Stephenson line.

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Sarah was a daughter of John Hall of Lincoln Co. KY according to her marriage record. This John obtained a 1000 acre land certificate in 1782 located about 3 miles east of Stanford in Lincoln Co. This land adjoined another 1000 acre preemption also obtained in 1782 that was in the name of Thomas Stephenson.

James Stephenson and Sarah "Sally" Hall had the following children:

- i. LOGAN G⁵ STEPHENSON was born about 1800 in KY. He died on 27 Apr 1871 in Lamar Co. TX. He married MARY E. "POLLY" STINSON, daughter of Robert Stephenson and Elizabeth Whitley. She was born about 1801 in KY. She died about 1880 in Lamar Co. TX.

Notes for Logan G Stephenson:

It was thought by many for a long time that Logan was a son of Robert & Elizabeth Stephenson of Limestone Co. AL because of the way the probate records for Robert were written. However, careful analysis of the probate records, and subsequent research, has pretty much proven that Mary "Polly" was a daughter of Robert & Elizabeth, with Logan being a son of James and Sarah (Hall) Stephenson. It is thought the Robert and James may have been brothers. If this were so, then Logan and Mary "Polly" would have been 1st cousins; not all that uncommon in those times.

- ii. JOHN W. "JACK/JACKSON" STEPHENSON was born about 1804 in KY. He died in 1868 in MS. He married LETHA TUCKER. She was born in 1810 in TN. She died in 1877 in MS.
- iii. ELIZABETH "BETSEY" STEPHENSON was born about 1806 in KY. She died on 04 Jan 1870 in Lamar Co. TX. She married ISAAC JAMES. He was born about 1804 in KY.
- iv. ROBERT R STEPHENSON was born about 1808 in KY. He died before Jan 1854 in Rutherford Co. TN. He married MARINDA PAINTER, daughter of John Painter and Melinda Jacobs. She was born about 1810. She died in May 1850 in Rutherford Co. TN.

Notes for Robert R Stephenson:

Robert was found in the 1850 census of Rutherford Co. TN, Big Springs District, Household number 913. They were a few doors away from Hoover families placing them in the area called "Hoovers Gap" which is just up the highway from Beech Grove TN. He was shown as 41 years old and as having been born in KY. The spelling was interpreted as being "Sheferson" in the census index, leading to it being very difficult to locate Robert by the name of Stephenson. He married Marinda PAINTER who died of consumption early 1850 as she was in the 1850 Mortality Schedule. Their children came from the 1850 census list and from the so-called 'Philpott Papers'. Robert was not located in the 1860 census and is presumed to have died before then. He reportedly was killed by a falling tree. The children can also be proved by virtue of Probate records for John Painter filed in Rutherford Co. TN. County Court, book 17, Page 104.

Court Records -

Jan Term 1854, County Court Minute Book p 215, George D. Stephenson, admr. of the estate of Robert R. Stephenson, deceased. Source: Carolyngenealogy@aol.com

On the 1840 census page for Bedford County, TN, Roll 519, Page 4, is: Robert R Stevens - 1 male 8 to 16, 1 male 30 to 40, 1 female under 8, 2 females 8 to 10, 1 female 30 to 40

Land deed of Bedford Co. TN: 1807-1852 976.8583 R2m - Robert Stephenson to

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Henderson Stephenson - Deed 95 acres, both of Bedford Co. TN. Robert Stephenson sold Henderson Stephenson his interest in the undivided tract of land belonging to his deceased father James Stephenson; his part being one tenth of the whole. Registered 23 Jan 1838 Deed Book GG, page 344. (Note - this is William Harrison Stephenson, brother of Robert)

Robert & Marinda lived in this approximate area in Rutherford Co. TN: 35.672617° -86.275000°

- v. SARAH JANE STEPHENSON was born about 1812 in KY. She died after 1880. She married (1) PAYTON STILL. He was born about 1823. She married (2) ASA RUSHING. He was born in 1810. He died in 1837.
- vi. WILLIAM HARRISON STEPHENSON was born in May 1814 in KY. He died on 20 Jul 1890 in Petersburg, TN. He married (1) MARY "POLLY" NELSON. She was born about 1820 in KY. She died before 1857 in Probably TN. He married (2) MILDRED ADA "MILLIE" HESTER in Apr 1863 in Lincoln Co. TN. She was born in 1815. She died in 1912.

Notes for William Harrison Stephenson:

In the 1840 Bedford Co. TN census "William Stevens" had one male child under 5 and two female children in the 5-10 age range. William and his mother were on page 1 of the 1840 Bedford Co. census.

- vii. ANN STEPHENSON was born about 1816 in Alabama. She died in Probably Paris TX. She married JOE JONES.

Notes for Ann Stephenson:

Moved to Texas about 1850, lived near Paris Texas.

- viii. GEORGE D STEPHENSON was born on 23 Oct 1819 in Alabama. He died on 15 Nov 1900. He married (1) MARY JANE MORROW. She was born on 16 Oct 1821. She died on 08 Oct 1850. He married (2) ELVIRA TAYLOR on 15 Jan 1854 in Coffee Co, TN. She was born on 03 Oct 1833. She died on 24 Jun 1894. He married (3) REBECCA EATON. She was born on 01 Jan 1833. She died on 12 Oct 1853.
- ix. JOSEPH STEPHENSON was born on 03 Aug 1821 in Alabama. He died on 26 Oct 1831 in TN.

Notes for Joseph Stephenson:

Joseph's tombstone is at the Puncheon Creek Cemetery and was photographed by Earl Agee 21 Mar 2005.

23. **ROBERT⁴ STEPHENSON** (Thomas³, John², ?¹). He died in Limestone Co. AL. He married **ELIZABETH WHITLEY**. She died in Limestone Co, AL.

Robert Stephenson and Elizabeth Whitley had the following child:

- i. MARY E. "POLLY" STINSON was born about 1801 in KY. She died about 1880 in Lamar Co. TX. She married LOGAN G STEPHENSON, son of James Stephenson and Sarah "Sally" Hall. He was born about 1800 in KY. He died on 27 Apr 1871 in Lamar Co. TX.

24. **SARAH⁴ STEPHENSON** (Adam³, William², ?¹) was born on 20 Mar 1766 in Augusta Co. VA. She died on 02 Nov 1841 in Hamilton Co. Indiana. She married **JOHN HAIR** on 27 Jul 1784 in Rockingham Co. VA. He was born on 25 Apr 1758 in Augusta Co. VA. He died on 09 Nov 1844 in Hamilton Co. Indiana.

Notes for Sarah Stephenson:

Find a Grave marker: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=68207112>

Notes for John Hair:

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Possible Children according to RootsWeb's WorldConnect Project:
Ambrose and Allied Families Updated: 2005-06-26 Contact: Grace Painter
Gpain97046@aol.com

Sarah STEPHENSON b: 20 Mar 1766 Augusta Co, VA m. John HAIR b. 25 Apr 1758
Augusta Co, VA d. 9 Nov 1844 Hamilton Co, IN, Marr: 27 Jul 1784
Rockingham Co, VA

Children:

John HAIR b: 25 Apr 1785 Augusta Co, VA
Stephenson HAIR b: 1789 KY
Elizabeth HAIR b: 1792 KY
William HAIR b: 1793 KY
Rebecca HAIR b: 12 Oct 1795 KY
Ann HAIR b: 1799 OH
Eliner HAIR b: 1801 OH
Sarah HAIR b: 1801 OH
Rachel HAIR b: 1803 OH
James HAIR b: 19 Nov 1804 OH
Hezia HAIR b: 1808 OH

John Hair and Sarah Stephenson had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH C⁵ HAIR was born in Rockingham Co. VA. She died on 09 May 1856 in Hamilton Co. Indiana.
- ii. JOHN HAIR was born in Oct 1787 in Rockingham Co. VA. He died on 13 Oct 1863 in Hamilton Co. Indiana.

25. **JOHN⁴ STEPHENSON** (William³, William², ?¹) was born on 27 May 1779. He died on 24 Mar 1842. He married **ELIZABETH CLOYD**. She was born on 15 Oct 1781. She died on 30 Mar 1843.

John Stephenson and Elizabeth Cloyd had the following children:

- i. DAVID⁵ STEPHENSON.
- ii. MARTHA ALICE STEPHENSON. She married (1) WILLIAM STRAIN. She married (2) C. C TAYLOR.
- iii. CYNTHIA STEPHENSON. She married THOMAS MCADAMS.
- iv. EMILY H STEPHENSON. She married JOHNATHAN MITCHELL.
- v. MARY N. "CURLY" STEPHENSON. She married SAMUEL G WILEY.

26. **JOHN⁴ STEPHENSON** (James³, William², ?¹) was born about 1776 in Rockingham Co. VA. He died on 16 Nov 1842 in Highland Co. VA. He married **MARGARET "JANE" GREEN** in 1799. She was born on 13 Nov 1781 in Pa.

Notes for John Stephenson:

Sons Washington and Adam married Wilson sisters, daughters of William Wilson, Jr., grandson of Col. John Wilson commander of a regiment of militia at the siege of Yorktown during the Revolution.

John Stephenson and Margaret "Jane" Green had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM⁵ STEPHENSON was born about 1805 in near Bolar VA.
- ii. DAVID STEPHENSON was born on 16 Feb 1807 in Bath Co. VA. He died on 21 Feb 1878 in Jackson River. He married HESTER R "HATTIE" GWIN on 01 Nov 1841 in Bath Co. VA, daughter of Robert Gwin and Mary Stephenson. She was born about 1818. She died on 30 Jun 1873 in Jackson River.

Notes for David Stephenson:

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Death records - Highland co VA, Death records - Highland co VA; LDS film 0031997, David Stephenson, 21 Feb 1878, Jacksons R., consumption, 71, parents John & Jane, b. Bath, widower, reporter son A.F. Stephenson.

- iii. JOHN WILSON STEPHENSON was born about 1808.
 - iv. MARGARET STEPHENSON was born about 1809.
 - v. ADAM STEPHENSON was born on 15 Mar 1811 in near Bolar VA. He married SARAH WILSON.
 - vi. WASHINGTON STEPHENSON was born about 1813 in Bath Co. VA. He married SUSAN WILSON.
 - vii. ELIZA JANE STEPHENSON was born on 06 Sep 1815. She married DAVID GWIN in 1847 in Highland Co. VA, son of Robert Gwin and Mary Stephenson. He was born in 1809.
27. **MARY⁴ STEPHENSON** (James³, William², ?¹) was born about 1787 in Rockingham Co. VA. She married **ROBERT GWIN** in 1805. He was born on 10 Mar 1785. He died in 1869.

Notes for Robert Gwin:

Served as Corporal in Jones' Company, 59th Virginia Militia in the war of 1812. Source: "Early West Virginia Pioners" by George Washington Cleek.

Robert Gwin and Mary Stephenson had the following children:

- i. JANE⁵ GWIN.
- ii. DAVID GWIN was born in 1809. He married ELIZA JANE STEPHENSON in 1847 in Highland Co. VA, daughter of John Stephenson and Margaret "Jane" Green. She was born on 06 Sep 1815.

Notes for David Gwin:

Vital Records of Highland County, VA, p.349 license for David Gwin & Eliza Jane Stephenson for June 2, 1847; no return.

- iii. CYNTHIA GWIN.
- iv. JAMES STEPHENSON GWIN. He married MALAHIA PRAY in 1849 in Highland Co. VA.
- v. EMMELINE M GWIN was born on 14 Feb 1818. She died on 01 Apr 1900. She married ROBERT LOCKRIDGE on 24 Oct 1839 in Bath Co. VA. He was born on 14 Sep 1809. He died on 28 Mar 1891.
- vi. AMANDA GWIN.
- vii. ROBERT S GWIN was born in 1829. He died on 11 Aug 1859.
- viii. HESTER R "HATTIE" GWIN was born about 1818. She died on 30 Jun 1873 in Jackson River. She married on 13 Oct 1841. She married (2) DAVID STEPHENSON on 01 Nov 1841 in Bath Co. VA, son of John Stephenson and Margaret "Jane" Green. He was born on 16 Feb 1807 in Bath Co. VA. He died on 21 Feb 1878 in Jackson River.

Notes for Hester R "Hattie" Gwin:

Not sure on first name. If nickname was Hattie, then first name may have been Hester instead of Esther.

Death records - Highland co VA, Death records - Highland co VA; LDS film 0031997, Hester R. Stephenson, 30 June 1873, Jacksons R., consumption, 55, parents Robt. & Mary Gwin, b. Jacksons R., reporter husband David Stephenson.

Bath County Marriages, Bath County Marriages. Bond filed Oct 13, 1841 for David Stephenson and Esther R. Gwin. Surety, John W. Gwin. Robert Gwin consents.

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Witnesses, Thomas T. Brown and John W. Gwin. Returned Nov. 1 by T.H. Busey.
[Bath Co Marriages, p.96]

- ix. CAROLINE GWIN. She died in Died with diptheria.
 - x. MARY A GWIN. She died in Died with diptheria.
 - xi. MOSES GWIN was born in 1832.
 - xii. HOUSTON F GWIN. He married JANE SEYBERT on 16 Jun 1853 in Highland Co. VA (Minister: Henry Brown).
28. **ABIGAIL⁴ HERRING** (Elizabeth³ Stephenson, William² Stephenson, ?¹ Stephenson). She married **WILLIAM CHIPLEY**.
- William Chipley and Abigail Herring had the following children:
- i. WILLIAM⁵ CHIPLEY.
 - ii. EDITH CHIPLEY.
29. **ALEXANDER⁴ HERRING** (Elizabeth³ Stephenson, William² Stephenson, ?¹ Stephenson) was born about 1766. He married **MARGARET REED SMITH** in 1793. She was born in 1777. She died in 1833.
- Alexander Herring and Margaret Reed Smith had the following child:
- i. MARTHA DAVID⁵ HERRING was born in 1799. She died in 1866. She married GEORGE HARRISON CHRISTMAN.
30. **MARGARET⁴ ADAIR** (Anne³ Stephenson, David² Stephenson, ?¹ Stephenson) was born on 31 Dec 1780 in South Carolina. She died on 22 Nov 1872. She married **GEORGE KENNEDY** on 12 May 1801. He was born on 05 Mar 1767. He died on 01 Jun 1829.
- George Kennedy and Margaret Adair had the following children:
- i. JOHN⁵ KENNEDY.
 - ii. ADELAIDE KENNEDY.
31. **JAMES⁴ ADAIR JR.** (Anne³ Stephenson, David² Stephenson, ?¹ Stephenson).
- James Adair Jr. had the following children:
- i. EDWARD⁵ ADAIR.
 - ii. FOWLER ADAIR.
32. **DAVID⁴ STEPHENSON** (Thomas³, David², ?¹) was born about 1766 in SC. He died in 1841 in Lowndes Co., MS. He married **MARY WHITE** about 1804 in SC. She was born in 1773 in SC. She died in 1849.

Notes for David Stephenson:

Source: Wes Skinner:

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=wskinner&id=I04895> (3/26/2010)

S315 CHESTER CO, SC 1820
STEPHENSON David M-033 120 052 - 320001 21010

1825 Census Monroe Cty. , Mississippi
Males 6, Females 4

David filed a land grant in Jackson, MS on October 1, 1825 for 80 Acres of land in Monroe County, MS

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Notes for Mary White:

The last name of White has not been confirmed.

David Stephenson and Mary White had the following children:

- i. JOHN⁵ STEPHENSON was born on 27 Sep 1806 in Chester, South Carolina, USA.
- ii. HANNAH STEPHENSON was born on 09 Jun 1809 in South Carolina.
- iii. HUGH STEPHENSON was born on 04 Aug 1811 in South Carolina.
- iv. ROBERT STEPHENSON was born on 31 Dec 1813 in South Carolina. He died in 1861 in Lowndes Co., MS. He married (1) ELIZABETH COCKERHAM on 03 Aug 1837 in Monroe County, Mississippi. She was born in 1818 in Georgia. She died in 1851. He married (2) JANE E. GASTON on 09 Feb 1853 in Lowndes Co., MS. She was born on 25 Aug 1823 in South Carolina, USA. She died in 1865.

Notes for Robert Stephenson:

Found in the 1860 federal census of Lowndes County Mississippi, age 46, wife Jane with 9 children in the household. Caledonia post office.

Robert Stephenson 46, Jane Stephenson 36, Nancy Stephenson 6, James Stephenson 4, Robert Stephenson 1, Vermelia Stephenson 16, Andrew Stephenson 14, Fanny Stephenson 12, John Stephenson 10, William Stephenson 8, Ann Conn 16

Copy of his will found in Lowndes Co. dated 10 Mar 1861 naming 1st and 2nd wife and children by both.

- v. JAMES M. STEPHENSON was born in 1819 in York, South Carolina.
 - vi. ANDREW STEPHENSON was born on 04 Dec 1821 in South Carolina.
 - vii. MARY ANN STEPHENSON was born about 1823 in North Carolina.
 - viii. ATA MATILDA STEPHENSON was born on 08 May 1826 in South Carolina.
 - ix. WILLIAM DEWITT STEPHENSON was born on 10 Mar 1829 in South Carolina.
33. **JAMES W⁴ STEPHENSON** (William³, David², ?¹) was born in 1765 in York Co. SC. He died on 07 Feb 1817 in Spring Hill Cem., Williamson Co., TN. He married **ROSANNA ALLISON** in Jun 1784. She was born in 1765. She died on 22 May 1849 in Williamson Co. TN.

Notes for James W Stephenson:

From Tommy Stephenson 12 Apr 2009:

James Stevenson, South Carolina Line, Rosanna, W596, soldiers sister Mary Lee of McNairy County, TN stated she and her Brother James Stephenson were raised in North Carolina and shortly after the Revolutionary moved to Pendleton District County, South Carolina then moved to TN and she also Stated that their Father was William Stephenson who had also served in the Revolutionary War Army, and she referred to her father as being a prisoner and she also referred to her Brother David Stephenson as having served in the Revolutionary War, soldier Married Rosanna(--)) in June 1784, soldier died 7 Feb 1817 in Maury County, TN, and his widow applied there 26 Aug 1839 aged 74 years, a son William A. Stephenson aged 43 made app'dt in Maury County, TN in 1839, soldier had enlisted in York District South Carolina where he and his wife were married, widow was living in Williamson County, TN in June 1848, it was also stated that soldier was living in Davidson County TN, near the Williamson County Line.

Note - Before the boundary between the two Carolinas was fixed in 1772, the northern portion of the York County was part of Bladen County, North Carolina. It is highly likely that James lived in what is now York Co. SC.

See: "Southern Campaign Revolutionary War Pension Statements & Rosters"

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<http://southerncampaign.org/pen/index.htm>

From the "South Carolina Roster": James Stephenson served two hundred days in the Militia under Col. Roebuck after the fall of Charleston. He was in the battles of Hanging Rock, Cowpens, and Eutaw Springs.

Source: Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution by Bobby Gilmer Moss, Limestone College for Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc, page 894:

He enlisted, while residing in York District, and served as a private and sergeant under Capt. Carwford and Col. Lacey and Bratton. He was in the battles at Hanging Rock, Cowpens and Eutaw Springs. A A 7354; L393; N366 W596

Note: This is NOT the Rev. James White Stephenson.

Notes for Rosanna Allison:

DEATH NOTICES FROM THE WESTERN WEEKLY REVIEW,
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE 1841-1851

June 1, 1849

ROSANNA widow of James STEPHENSON died in residence of her son, Capt. William A. Stephenson, Williamson Co., Tenn., recently, aged 83 years. Her husband served in the American army during the Revolutionary War for 6 years, 4 months and 18 days but he had refused to apply for a pension. Methodist.

James W Stephenson and Rosanna Allison had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM A⁵ STEPHENSON was born in 1796 in Pendleton Dist, SC. He married MATILDA CAPERTON.

Notes for William A Stephenson:

William A. Stephenson and Matilda Caperton had children:

Jonathan B. b 1820

Benjamin C. b. 1821 m. Emily Ferguson/Furgerson

James W. b. 1826

Mary E. b. 1830

Sarah A. b. 1834

David G. b. 1837

Eliza F. b. 1839

Cordelia b. 1844

Most of this group lived in Williamson Co. TN but some remained in Maury Co.

William's mother died in his home in Allison Co. TN.

- ii. FRANCES STEPHENSON was born about 1785 in Pendleton Dist, SC. She married THOMAS F CHILDRESS.
- iii. MARY A. G STEPHENSON was born about 1787 in Pendleton Dist, SC. She married WILLIAM MINOR. He was born in TN.
- iv. SARAH D STEPHENSON was born in 1789 in Pendleton Dist, SC. She died before 1830 in Probably Alabama. She married SAMUEL BOYD PATTON on 31 Jan 1809 in Davidson Co. TN. He was born on 15 Aug 1787 in SC. He died on 30 Mar 1869 in Currys Creek, Kendall Co., Texas.
- v. JAMES G STEPHENSON was born about 1792 in Pendleton Dist, SC. He married (1) ANN DYER. He married (2) RACHEL CURTIS.

Notes for James G Stephenson:

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James was named in the will of his sister, Dorchas, as her sole beneficiary.
S108093: South Carolina Will Transcripts (Microcopy No 9)

STEPHENSON, DARCUS M. OF YORK DISTRICT, WILL TYPESCRIPT (ESTATE PACKET: CASE 12, FILE 523) (1 FRAME).

- vi. MARGARET B STEPHENSON was born about 1794 in Pendleton Dist, SC. She married WILLIAM "LOVELL?" LOVING on 07 Jan 1812 in Williamson Co. TN.
- vii. DORCHAS/DANCY STEPHENSON was born about 1797 in Pendleton Dist, SC. She died in Feb 1849 in York Co. SC. She married E BOND on 01 Jun 1815 in Williamson Co. TN.

Notes for Dorchas/Dancy Stephenson:
S108093: South Carolina Will Transcripts (Microcopy No 9)

STEPHENSON, DARCUS M. OF YORK DISTRICT, WILL TYPESCRIPT (ESTATE PACKET: CASE 12, FILE 523) (1 FRAME).

Names her brother James G. as the sole receiver of her estate property. Will signed 16 Feb 1849 and probated 12 Apr 1849. Will filed in York Co. SC.

- viii. ROSANNAH STEPHENSON was born about 1798 in Davidson Co. TN. She married JOSEPH BLANKS on 10 Feb 1846 in Williamson Co. TN.

Notes for Rosannah Stephenson:
Deposition in 1856 Williamson Co. TN Joseph Blanks had left Rosannah many years before.

- ix. JOHN GRAFTON STEPHENSON was born about 1800 in Davidson Co. TN. He married LUCINDA ?.
- x. CYNTHIA M STEPHENSON was born about 1802 in SC. She married HOLLIDAY "MCGUIRE?" MCEWEN on 18 Feb 1827 in Williamson Co. TN.

- 34. **DAVID⁴ STEPHENSON** (William³, David², ?¹) was born on 01 Aug 1761 in Probably Augusta Co. VA. He died on 22 Sep 1819 in York Co. SC. He married **JANE McCLUSKY** on 28 Jul 1790 in Pendleton Dist, SC. She was born on 28 Feb 1770 in York Dist. SC. She died after 30 Sep 1829.

Notes for David Stephenson:
This may be the David Stephenson whose will was recorded 03 Oct 1825 in Pendleton Dist., Anderson Co. SC. See Will Transcripts in the South Carolina Online Archives. Will filed in Will Book A, Page 310, Anderson County Courthouse.

Series: S108093
Reel: 0004
Frame: 00383
Item: 000
Date: 10/3/1825

Description: STEPHENSON, DAVID OF PENDLETON DISTRICT, ANDERSON COUNTY WILL TYPESCRIPT (MSS WILL: PENDLETON DISTRICT WILL BOOK A, PAGE 310; ESTATE PACKET: PKG. 611) (2 FRAMES).

Names indexed: BENSON, E. B.; JACK (SLAVE); STEPHENSON, DAVID; STEPHENSON, ELIZABETH; STEPHENSON, HAMILTON; STEPHENSON, JAMES; STEPHENSON, JEAN; STEPHENSON, MARRYANN; STEPHENSON, SAMUEL; STEPHENSON, WILLIAM; TAYLOR, JOSEPH

Locations: PENDLETON DISTRICT
Document type: WILL (TYPESCRIPT)
Topics: SLAVES, NAMED

DAR Records: Ancestor #: A109220 Service: SOUTH CAROLINA Rank: PRIVATE Birth:

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8-7-1761 Death: 9-22-1819 ANDERSON DIST SOUTH CAROLINA

This data provided by Tom Stephenson of Texas:

David Stephenson, South Carolina Line, Jane, R10141, soldier was born 7 Aug 1761 and he married Jane McClusky 28 Jul 1790 in Pendleton District, South Carolina, and she was born 7 Aug 28 Feb 1770, soldier lived in the Northern Part of South Carolina during the Revolutionary war, after the war he moved to Abbeville District and later he Lived in the Pendleton District the part that became Anderson District, South Carolina where he died 22 Sep 1819 and his widow applied there 18 March 1845, widow stated that she received a South Carolina Pension (no Data). Children were David McCluskey Stephenson born 18 May 1791, John Hamilton Stephenson born 7 December 1792, Mary Ann Greenleaf Stephenson born 17 October 1794, James Henderson Stephenson born 12 March 1797, Samuel McCluskey Stephenson (date blurred), Also shown were David McCluskey Parker born 16 March 1821, Alexander Parker born 14 October 1822 and Margaret Ann born 18 Aug 1825, in 1845 a Mrs Ann Pressly aged 82 and Easter Pressly aged 69 of Anderson, South Carolina had known soldier since 1785 but there relationship "if any" to this soldier and family was not given.

Notes for Jane McClusky:

From South Carolina Dept. of History and Archives:

Series: S108092

Reel: 0140

Frame: 00453

ignore: 000

Date: 9/30/1829

Description: STEPHENSON, JANE, OF ANDERSON DISTRICT, PETITION AND SUPPORTING PAPERS REQUESTING A PENSION AS THE WIDOW OF A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER. (4 FRAMES)

Names indexed: BROWNE, JAMES; HAWTHER, COL.; NEAL, COL.; SKELTON, SOLOMON; STEPHENSON, DAVID; STEPHENSON, JANE; STEVENSON, DAVID; SUMTER, THOMAS; THOMPSON, COL.

Locations: ANDERSON DISTRICT

Document type: PETITION

Topics: HANGING ROCK, BATTLE OF; PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES; ROCKY MOUNT, BATTLE OF

Series: S108092

Reel: 0140

Frame: 00457

ignore: 000

Date: 12/4/1829

Description: COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS, REPORT ON THE PETITION OF JANE STEPHENSON. (2 FRAMES)

Names indexed: POPE, SAMPSON; STEPHENSON, JANE

Locations:

Document type: REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Topics: PENSIONS, COMMITTEE ON

David Stephenson and Jane McClusky had the following children:

- i. DAVID MCCLUSKY⁵ STEPHENSON was born on 18 May 1791 in Pendleton Dist, SC. He married ELIZABETH MCCULLOUGH.
- ii. JOHN HAMILTON STEPHENSON was born on 07 Dec 1792 in Pendleton Dist, SC.
- iii. MARYANN GREENLEAF STEPHENSON was born on 17 Oct 1794 in Pendleton Dist, SC. She married DAVID PARKER.

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Notes for Maryann Greenleaf Stephenson:
Mary Ann's middle name may have been Greenleaf.

- iv. JAMES HENDERSON STEPHENSON was born on 12 Mar 1797 in Pendleton Dist, SC.
- v. SAMUEL MCCLUSKY STEPHENSON.

35. **DAVID⁴ STEPHENSON** (James³, David², ?¹) was born on 07 Aug 1761. He died on 22 Sep 1819 in Anderson Co., SC (Pendleton Dist). He married **ABIGAIL KERR** on 28 Jul 1790 in Pendelton District, South Carolina.

Notes for David Stephenson:

Served in the Revolutionary War and was wounded in the head and right knee by a sword according to a book written by William Boyce White.. Appears in DAR records as A109220. Some dates in DAR records differ slightly.

David Stephenson and Abigail Kerr had the following child:

- i. HAMILTON⁵ STEPHENSON was born on 07 Dec 1792 in SC. He died in 1883 in Tipton, Tennessee, USA. He married MARY MCCULLOUGH. She was born in 1805 in SC. She died in 1884 in Tipton, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Hamilton Stephenson:

S. E. Stephenson, county court clerk of Tipton County, was born in York District, S. C., Septmeber 1, 1846, being the youngest of twelve children born to Hamilton and Mary (McCullough) Stephenson, both natives of South Carolina and of Irish Descent. The father was a farmer, born in 1794. He moved to Arkansas in 1853, and in 1860 to Tipton County, where he died in 1883. The mother was born in 1805, and died in 1884. Our subject was raised and educated at home, and to a great extent is self educated. In 1866 he married Annie, daughter of Capt. Efford and Bridget Owen, who were old residents of the county. The father held rank of captain under Gen. Jackson. Mrs. Stephenson was born in Tipton County in February, 1847. They have six children: Mary B. Elizabeth A., William E., Lorinda B., Samuel O., and Elmer Efford. For some time after marriage Mr. Stephenson continued farming, and also taught school. December, 1873, he was elected magistrate of the Third District, and served until January, 1883, when he was appointed deputy county court clerk, and in 1886, was elected county court clerk. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson belong to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is a man of sterling good qualities, greatly liked by all who know him as a man and a citizen. <http://files.usgwarchives.org/tn/tipton/bios/s-z.txt>
Original Source: TIPTON COUNTY TN - GOODSPEED - Biographies S-Z Surnames

36. **WILLIAM⁴ STEPHENSON** (James³, David², ?¹) was born on 04 Oct 1768 in South Carolina. He died on 05 Mar 1858 in Clairborne Parrish Louisiana. He married (1) **JANE CAMPBELL** on 04 Feb 1794 in Greene Co. TN. She was born on 19 Dec 1773 in Augusta Co. VA. She died on 18 Aug 1846 in Clairborne Parrish Louisiana. He married (2) **ELIZABETH ANN JONES MRS HIGHLAND**.

Notes for William Stephenson:

It is fairly certain that this was "William Stevenson, the Travelling Preacher" who went to ARK, MO, LA, and TX and was the first of the Methodist faith to preach in Texas.

In his biography William Stevenson said he was born in the Ninety-Six District in S.C. in 1768 and mentioned going to the Nollichucky River area in Greene County, TN with his cousin Stephenson Fowler. Stephenson Fowler would have been the brother of his mother Elizabeth.

William Stephenson and Jane Campbell had the following child:

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- i. JAMES PORTER⁵ STEPHENSON. He died in Breckenridge TX.